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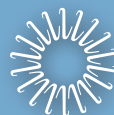
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Newport Hospital president  
Crista F. Durand welcomes  
Donald C. Christ, chairman  
of the Alletta Morris McBean  
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Since joining Newport Hospital this past August, I feel I have been embraced by a new and wonderful family. From the first day in my role as president of this tremendous hospital, I have been touched by the warm welcome from everyone — patients, staff, physicians, donors and community leaders alike.

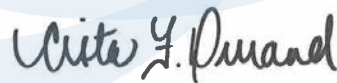
Also impressive is the generosity, passion and love our donor community has for Newport Hospital. It is remarkable to see the pride that shines through in the work that everyone connected with the hospital does to help our neighbors and further the hospital's mission.

This commitment to excellence has gained international attention once again. For the third time, Newport Hospital has been designated as a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program. This award is the top international credential for outstanding nursing care — and we are among only two percent of U.S. hospitals to achieve redesignation.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming months, perhaps at one of our events. I hope to get to know everyone whose support over the years has helped build this incredible hospital and all of our exemplary programs.

Please enjoy this issue of Benefactor, which shines a spotlight on our partnership with the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust, shares a profile of planned giving donors Barbara Epstein and Zal Newman, and introduces the Cardiovascular Institute at Newport Hospital. We have a unique role in Newport County and I am confident that with your continued support, it will maintain its position as a valued asset to our community.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment.



Crista F. Durand  
President, Newport Hospital

## Annual President's Reception Serves to Thank Long-Time Donors and Welcome Crista F. Durand

Bringing together some of Newport Hospital's most dedicated friends—members of the Founder's Society who donate \$1,000 or more annually—this year's President's Reception held extra meaning as it also welcomed Crista F. Durand as our hospital's new president. Held at Ridgemere, the home of Jay and Suzette "Suzie" Schochet, on August 6, more than 140 guests attended the gathering to demonstrate their unwavering support for our hospital's work to improve the health of residents and families across Aquidneck Island and the surrounding communities. It was the Schochet's twelfth year hosting the event.

The evening began with remarks from Arthur Sampson, who served as interim president for seven months during the search for Newport Hospital's newest president. After expressing appreciation for the opportunity to lead our hospital during an important transition, Arthur introduced Crista to a warm round of applause.

*"Newport Hospital would not be the exceptional community hospital that it is without the support of everyone here tonight, which allows us to deliver the highest quality care possible," said Crista. "A special thank you to Suzie and Jay for hosting this event—the Schochets epitomize the true spirit of philanthropy in all that they do to help our hospital."*





# A Generous Donor's Roots Run Deep in Newport

*Alletta Morris, who died in 1986, had a lifelong affection for Newport where her distinguished family lived for generations. In her will she established the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust to continue her charitable work with the purpose to “enhance the quality of life in and to perpetuate the history of the City of Newport and Aquidneck Island.” Over the years, the Trust has contributed more than \$5.6 million to Newport Hospital, most recently providing a \$405,000 grant for the purchase of laparoscopic surgical equipment. “The Trust has helped in bringing Newport Hospital into the 21<sup>st</sup> century in terms of equipment and facilities,” says Donald C. Christ, Chairman of the Trust.*

Mr. Christ was a longtime friend of the late Noreen Stonor Drexel of Newport, his predecessor as Chairman, who worked tirelessly on behalf of the Trust and Newport Hospital. *“Noreen was really a pivotal character and a great champion for Newport Hospital,”* says Mr. Christ. *“The birthing center, which obtained new beds and baby monitoring equipment from the Trust, is named after Mrs. Drexel because of her love and support of the work they do there.”*

Back in 1998 when Newport Hospital undertook its Vision 2001 campaign, *“The Alletta Morris Trust was asked to make a major contribution to kick off the campaign and we committed \$3 million for the emergency department,”* says Mr. Christ. As the campaign neared the end and the \$16 million goal had not been reached, the Trust gave an extra \$1 million for magnetic resonance imaging equipment. The Trust has also supported Newport Hospital with digital mammography equipment, ultrasound equipment in the emergency department in honor of the late Dr. Benjamin Walker, the Interventional

Radiology Challenge Grant, and more. *“All of the trustees feel that the Hospital is terribly important for Newport,”* notes Mr. Christ. *“It’s heavily used by full-time and part-time residents and visitors—and people get excellent care there. When you look at the list of donors, it’s a reflection of how important and highly regarded the hospital is viewed by the community.”*

As the only survivor of the original group of trustees of the Trust, Mr. Christ takes his responsibility to heart. *“It has been soul-satisfying to do this work,”* he says.



Alletta Morris

*“I got along very well with Mrs. McBean who asked me if I’d be willing to be a trustee for her trust.”* He adds with a chuckle, *“I think if she came back today, she’d be amazed to see how much we have been able to do with her money.”*

## Helping a Patient Get Back on Her Feet

Jan Gunzelman, age 74, had been suffering from such bad pain in her knee she could barely go up and down the stairs. She went to Newport Hospital for an MRI and was diagnosed with a torn meniscus, the shock-absorbing cartilage in her knee. *“We opted to do arthroscopic surgery,”* explains Dr. James O. Maher III, an orthopedic surgeon at Newport Hospital and Clinical Assistant Professor at Brown University School of Medicine. *“The procedure involves making two small one-centimeter incisions in the knee and using a fiber-optic arthroscope and small instruments, both manual and motorized, to look inside and repair the injury,”* explains Dr. Maher.

This outpatient procedure, which has the added benefits of less blood loss and quicker recovery time, was made possible by a \$405,000 gift by the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust in February 2014. *“All of the trustees went to the hospital to better understand the need for the new equipment and how laparoscopic machines have advanced the medical profession,”* says Donald C. Christ, Chairman of the Trust.

Mrs. Gunzelman, who had her procedure in June 2014, is grateful to Dr. Maher for her excellent results. *“There was also arthritis in my knee, and Dr. Maher got rid of it, too,”* she says. *“He is a wonderful surgeon and the entire staff at Newport Hospital is just very attentive, conscientious, and professional. For me and my husband, it is our hospital of choice.”*



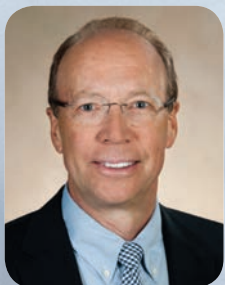
# Cardiovascular Institute

## *Expands Services to Newport Hospital*

The Cardiovascular Institute (CVI) at Rhode Island, The Miriam and Newport hospitals is enhancing cardiac care on Aquidneck Island by expanding the cardiovascular services offered at Newport Hospital. That expansion includes opening a new cardiovascular practice and adding three new cardiologists. The new practice, which will be located in the hospital's Borden Carey Building, will include the addition of cardiologists George Charlton, MD, Carl Levick, MD, and Joseph Weiss, MD, PhD. They are joining long-time Newport Hospital cardiologist Ned Gutman, MD.

*"This is an exciting time for Newport Hospital as we extend the expertise and capabilities of the Cardiovascular Institute to residents of Newport County," said Samuel Dudley, MD, PhD, chief of cardiology at the CVI. "In bringing together the strengths and talents of Drs. Charlton, Gutman, Levick and Weiss, we will offer patients direct access to all of the specialized services that the CVI offers. This greatly enhances the cardiovascular services that have been offered at Newport Hospital."*

Crista Durand, president of Newport Hospital, notes that the expansion of the Cardiovascular Institute onto Aquidneck Island will improve access to leading-edge cardiovascular care and complements the quality care the hospital delivers to residents and their families.



Carl Levick, MD

*"Newport Hospital is one of Newport's greatest assets and we are enhancing that by creating convenient access to specialists," she says. "The CVI expansion is a perfect example of how being part of a health system benefits our patients at the local level."*

Levick comes to Newport Hospital after serving for the last three years as the director of cardiology at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Bermuda. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and completed a fellowship in cardiology at Vancouver General Hospital in British Columbia. He completed both an internship and a residency in internal medicine at The Miriam Hospital.



George Charlton, MD

Charlton is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Virginia Health System, followed by a year as an attending hospitalist at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Virginia. He completed fellowships in both general cardiology and preventive cardiology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University with training at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Gutman moved to Rhode Island 25 years ago after graduating from The University of Maryland Medical School. He specializes in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine at The Miriam and Newport hospitals. He completed a fellowship at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University following his residency at The Miriam Hospital where he was also chief resident.



Ned Gutman, MD

Weiss received his MD/PhD at the New York University School of Medicine and completed his residency in internal medicine at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. He also completed a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at University of California at San Francisco as well as postdoctoral training in developmental genetics at Stanford University School of Medicine.

**For more information about cardiology services at Newport Hospital, please visit [www.newporthospital.org/cardiac-services.html](http://www.newporthospital.org/cardiac-services.html) or call 401-845-1201.**



Joseph Weiss, MD, PhD



# Newport Hospital's *Swinging on a Star*, 2014 Summer Gala, Raises \$430,606 for Life-Saving Programs



Under a majestic summer Newport sky highlighted by a near-perfect ocean breeze, more than 330 friends and supporters of Newport Hospital gathered together for the hospital's 2014 Summer Gala, *Swinging on a Star*. The event to celebrate our life-saving work with an eye toward the future of patient care, raised \$430,606 to support the most pressing needs of the thousands of patients and families who depend on us each year.

Held at breathtaking Ochre Court on July 10, the event, which has grown to become our largest annual fundraiser, also served as an opportunity for Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Lifespan to introduce Newport Hospital's new president, Crista F. Durand, who assumed her leadership role on August 1.

Offering guests the opportunity to spend an evening in Newport's second largest mansion, *Swinging on a Star* was chaired by Anne and Matt Hamilton and Ginny and Jim Purviance.

Throughout the night, guests enjoyed cuisine prepared by Russell Morin Fine Catering, dinner music by Mike Walsh & Friends, a choreographed dance performance by Able Mind and Body, and dancing to the sounds of DJ Jackie Henderson. Special floating sculptures and aerial installations created by local artist Janice Lee Kelly added to the evening's magical décor.

Making some of his final remarks as Newport Hospital's interim president, Arthur Sampson applauded the community for their unwavering commitment.

*"Each and every person who supported this year's Gala shares our vision to improve the quality of life and health for all residents of Newport County. I could not be more proud of what you've helped our hospital accomplish and how bright its future is."*

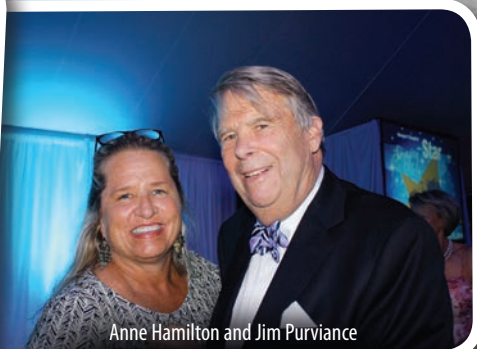
The event also featured a live auction presented by Emlen and Liz Drayton, and a special fundraising blitz. All of the money raised through both the auction and blitz will support the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Newport Hospital and the hiring of a patient navigator to ensure all of our cancer patients have one consistent person on their care team to guide them through every phase of their care, from diagnosis to survivorship.

*"Every dollar raised through Swinging on a Star, particularly the funds that will allow us to add a patient navigator to our already robust capabilities, will help us to continue to provide the highest level of care possible,"* says Peter Capodilupo, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Newport Hospital Foundation. *"For this, we are extremely grateful."*

A true community effort, *Swinging on a Star* was enhanced by platinum sponsors: The Schochet Companies, and Nicholas and Shelley Schorsch; and silver sponsors: BMW of Newport, Dorrance H. Hamilton, Juliette Clagett McLennan, Newport Emergency Physicians, Inc., Newport Hospital Auxiliary, Newport Hospital Medical staff, John and Linda Purdy, Ginny and Jim Purviance, Archbold and Helene van Beuren, and Diane B. Wilsey.



Jae French, Co-Chair Ginny Purviance, Petrina Ross, and Rochelle Ohrstrom



Anne Hamilton and Jim Purviance



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# Q & A

## With Newport Hospital President Crista F. Durand

*Editor's Note: In coming to Newport Hospital as its 20<sup>th</sup> president and its first woman president, Crista F. Durand has returned to the home of her alma mater Salve Regina University.*

### What attracted you to Newport Hospital?

Salve started my love for Newport many years ago. The chance to be president of a hospital that is so well respected and so rich in community and history was the perfect opportunity for me. Newport is a special place with strong community ties. It's a place where I can have a real impact by using the skills I've developed throughout my career in health care leadership.

### What is your professional health care background, especially related to community hospitals?

I have experience in strategic, facilities, and fiscal planning and management for two community hospitals (Lawrence + Memorial Hospital [L+M] in New London, Conn. and Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Conn.). This background, combined with my experience in new business development, physician recruitment, and acquisition and merging analysis provides a global perspective and understanding of the unique character and challenges of a community hospital.

### What is your vision for Newport Hospital?

Simply put, my vision is to make Newport Hospital the hospital of choice for people in the communities we serve.

This hospital is one of Newport's greatest assets. We have a rich depth of experience among physicians and staff combined with a warm and friendly culture that welcomes newer practitioners and employees.

As a strong community hospital within the larger Lifespan network, we are able to provide the best care right here in our community, have access to resources and expertise we might not otherwise have, and learn from each other throughout the system. I want to work together with all stakeholders to make sure we preserve and nurture this vital community resource. Healthcare is changing rapidly and we need to be on the forefront of health care change to ensure we can thrive in the new landscape and be here for the community for the future.



Crista F. Durand and Dr. Elias Chalhoub

### What are your very first priorities for the hospital?

We will be taking a journey toward creating a culture of innovation, sustainability and accountability. There is a unique sense of pride in the hospital. Over the next six months or so, we will build on that as we begin a collaborative process to envision and shape our future. This will involve hospital staff and community members in focus groups, and will leverage Lifespan's resources to help us develop Newport Hospital's vision for the future. My short term priorities are focused on physician recruitment and retention, and enhancement of the patient experience, including decreasing the emergency department wait times as well as overall length of stay. We have already launched a daily safety huddle, which is a national best practice designed to ensure that patient safety is at the forefront of care delivery at Newport Hospital. Longer term, we will continue to strategically develop select service lines, such as cardio vascular services, cancer treatment, orthopedics and expanded psychiatric services for children and adolescents.

I am so pleased to be here and look forward with great enthusiasm to what lies ahead. It is gratifying to know we have such a strong and committed cadre of philanthropists by our side who generously support our work.

## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Please join with our select group of visionary donors as a member of the Newport Hospital Living Heritage Society. Simply name the hospital as a beneficiary of your estate plan, retirement account, or life insurance policy. This critical support ensures the hospital's future and our pursuit of excellence in patient care, pioneering research, medical education and technology. To learn more about naming the hospital in your estate plan, or to receive information on establishing a gift which will provide you or a loved one with income for life, please contact Noreen Mitchell, Planned Giving Officer at 401-444-6311 or nmitchell@lifespan.org.

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# Newport Hospital Welcomes...

## Elizabeth Street Niemiec, MD



Dr. Elizabeth Street Niemiec specializes in psychiatry and joins Newport Hospital after completing her psychiatric residency at Weill Cornell Medical School in New York City. She received her medical degree from Brown University School of Medicine in 2010, where

she also completed an internship in internal medicine in 2011. Dr. Niemiec has previously worked in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office before embarking on a career in medicine.

## Adrian de Guzman Velasquez, MD

Dr. Adrian de Guzman Velasquez is an internist specializing in Critical Care Medicine. A native of the Philippines, he received his medical degree from the University of the East in Manila in 2004. In 2010, he completed a research fellowship in sleep medicine at



Harvard Medical School and in 2014 earned a Masters in Public Health from The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. He is committed to improving the quality of healthcare delivery and being as responsive as possible to the needs of his patients.

## Karolyn Zambrotta, CNM

Karolyn Zambrotta, CNM, has joined our OB/GYN team. Karolyn comes to us from Tufts Medical Center in Boston where she has worked as a staff nurse in labor and delivery since 2005, as well as Morton Hospital in Taunton, MA, where she has served as a certified nurse midwife since 2007. She received her MSN in nursing from University of Rhode Island and a BSN in nursing from Salve Regina University. Karolyn is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives as well as the American Nurses Association.



## Planned Giving *Donor Profile*

Barbara Epstein and Zal Newman were born at Newport Hospital, almost a year apart. They both played in the orchestra at Rogers High School and Brown University. Yet the couple didn't connect until they were about 60 years old. Like most childhood friends, they followed separate paths.

Barbara studied psychology at Brown, graduated in 1948, moved to New York with her now late husband and ultimately returned home where they raised three children and helped her father run the family business — a leading Navy uniform supplier, Max Oberhard Inc. She and her husband operated the business after her father died. Then, when she was widowed at a young age, Barbara ran the business on her own. She served on numerous community boards, including eight years on the Newport Hospital's Board and chairing the hospital's mental health committee. Meanwhile, Zal was drafted into the Navy just two weeks after high school graduation in 1944. He graduated Brown in 1950 and then received a law degree from Boston University in 1953. He practiced law in Newport and served as a probate judge before retiring in 2003. He also served on the Newport Hospital Board of Governors. They both continue to serve as Governors.

Their love of music, common roots, dedication to the community, and a lifetime of friendship brought them together years after Barbara was widowed. Now, nearly 30 years later, both Barbara and Zal consider Newport Hospital an essential part of their lives, their family and their community.

They have both been generous with their time, expertise and resources to support the hospital. Each of them has been recognized with named patient rooms and other areas in the hospital. Now, Barbara and Zal have taken one more step to help Newport Hospital — creating planned gifts for the hospital. *"Newport Hospital has always been dear to my heart. I've designated the hospital to receive 25 percent of my IRA on my demise,"* Barbara says. *"If I'm going to leave money for charity, I feel it's best to leave it in an IRA so the designated charities get 100 percent of the funds."* Zal has also designated a substantial amount of his IRA to the hospital. *"Newport Hospital has always been the single hospital on the island and a place that residents and visitors could always rely on,"* he says. *"The hospital has kept up with all the best hospitals in the country. The fundraising has resulted in the development of major centers and improvements that you usually only find in hospitals in major cities. Other community hospitals the same size can't compare to Newport Hospital."*



Zal Newman and Barbara Epstein

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## *Cousins Keep Memory of Aunts Alive through Three Angels Fund, Raise \$30,500 to Support Newport Hospital Outpatient IV Therapy*

To honor the memory of their three aunts—Eileen Bulk, Anne Pine and Nan Bulk—who each spent their lives helping others before losing their battles with cancer, cousins Andrew Bulk and Jennifer Lopes created the Three Angels Fund, becoming a vital partner and supporter of Newport Hospital.

On August 3rd, the Fund held its 5th Annual Fundraiser at Kempenaar's Clambake Club in Middletown to celebrate the legacies of the three women while raising funds for our Outpatient IV Therapy Lab. This year's event generated \$30,500, bringing the total raised for our IV Therapy program to more than \$140,000 since 2010.

Throughout the fun-filled family day, rainy skies could not dampen the enthusiasm of guests as they enjoyed a delicious barbecue, live music by ChopVille, the sounds of DJ Michael Murphy, and jaw-dropping tricks from magician Bruce Kalver. The event also featured live and silent auctions, games, and special hayrides for children.

*"We are extremely grateful for the continued generosity of the Three Angels Fund and everyone who supports their annual fundraiser," says Margie Dunbar, Manager of Newport Hospital's IV Therapy Program and Critical Care. "As a family that's been deeply affected by cancer, Andrew and Jennifer understand the important role that IV therapy plays in helping patients fight cancer and manage the symptoms of the disease and its treatment. The memory of their aunts lives on through improving the quality of life for others."*



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