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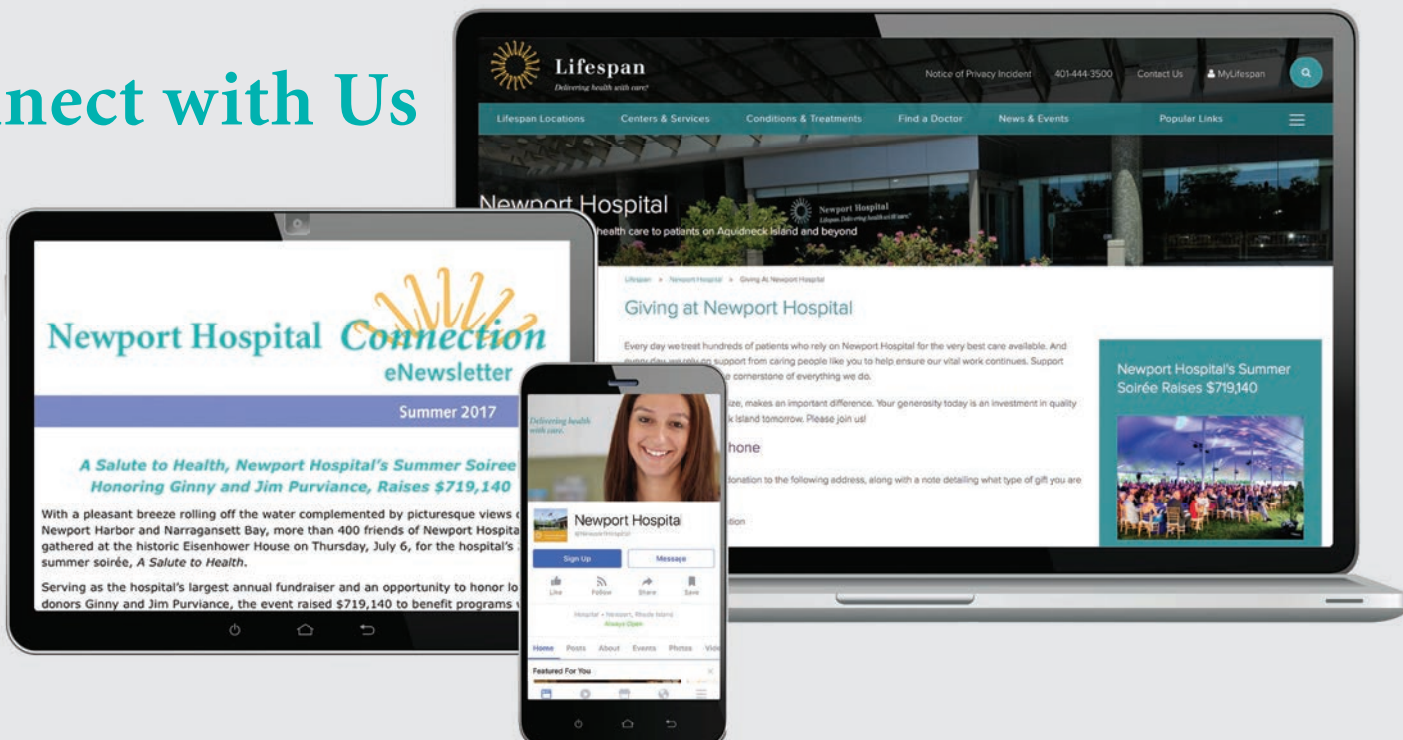
In this issue of *Newport Hospital* magazine, we remember one of our community's greatest advocates, Dorrance "Dodo" Hill Hamilton, who passed away in April. Mrs. Hamilton's quiet generosity touched countless lives across the island. She expressed her devotion to the community in many ways, including her steadfast support of clinical excellence at Newport Hospital, and I know she is greatly missed.

In these pages you will meet our two newest orthopedic surgeons, whose expertise brings joint replacement options at Newport Hospital to an exciting new level. Coupled with the excellence of our award-winning Vanderbilt Rehabilitation Center, we are now able to offer a comprehensive range of orthopedic services to this active community, all in one place, close to home.

And I couldn't be more proud of the success of our summer soirée, which you'll also read about in this issue. The need for a new partial hospitalization program for individuals struggling with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders has never been greater—and thanks to the caring and generosity of guests at the event, we are able to make this valuable program a reality.

We are tremendously fortunate to be able to count on your continued support. We honor your commitment throughout these pages, and I offer my heartfelt thanks for your friendship and generosity.

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Mrs. Hamilton with grandchildren overlooking her Newport garden

## Remembering Dorrance “Dodo” Hill Hamilton

Newport Hospital and our entire community lost a dear friend and advocate on April 18, 2017, when Dorrance “Dodo” Hill Hamilton passed away at the age of 88.

Mrs. Hamilton had a special place in her heart for the people and places that define Newport. Her vision and generosity enriched countless lives on Aquidneck Island and beyond. But not everyone touched by her kindness knew who to thank—and Mrs. Hamilton preferred it that way.

Matt Hamilton, youngest of her three children, says his mother liked to carry out her extensive charity work “very quietly.” So quietly, in fact, he was surprised to learn his mother sponsored Newport’s longstanding annual summer concert series at the King Park gazebo. “When I found out that Mom funded the whole thing,

I thought, ‘Wow! That’s very cool.’ She did it to give the community something they’d enjoy.”

Mrs. Hamilton believed that the strength of a community depends in large part on the quality of its health care, and was a generous Newport Hospital supporter. A sponsor of our annual summer gala and an active donor to each year’s special funding priority, Mrs. Hamilton helped Newport Hospital meet its most crucial and pressing needs in order to best serve the people of Aquidneck Island. Her support of our Vision 2001 Capital Campaign was unwavering.

“It gave her great pleasure to facilitate projects at the hospital but she was very modest when you’d compliment her,” says her friend and fellow Newport Hospital donor, Ginny Purviance. “She’d say, ‘You have no idea how lucky I feel to be able to do it.’ What a great way to put it.”

Dodo—a nickname given by her mother—was a granddaughter of condensed soup inventor John T. Dorrance, first president of the Campbell Soup Company. Mrs. Hamilton’s interests, energy, and determination were boundless. She possessed great pizzazz, with her wide-brimmed hats and even wider smile. She poured her heart into a diverse range of activities, including horticulture, historic preservation and restoration, the arts, and education. Her far-ranging concerns led to the establishment of the SVF Foundation in 1998. The 45-acre Swiss Village Farm in Newport preserves germplasm from rare and endangered breeds of livestock.

“My sister was an independent thinker and whenever she got interested in something, she really did her homework and followed through,” says Dodo’s sister, Happy van Beuren. “For Dodo, it was never a question of expense. It was a question of simply getting things done. That’s what drove her.”

Kate Leonard, a Newport City Councilor, was a close friend and partner in getting things done. She recalls driving around the city with Mrs. Hamilton on “field trips” to observe the community and its needs.

“I called her my ‘friend with the magic wand’ and we’d laugh about it,” says Kate. “Whether installing beautiful fencing around a playground or creating the King Park Walkway, all the projects came from her observations. I know I speak for so many when I say there is a hole in our hearts because she is gone.”

“My mother really liked people and was always up for a good laugh. She could laugh at herself, which I think is important to do. She was a great listener; had a big heart and just wanted to make life better for everyone she could—for people who couldn’t afford it, who fell on hard times and had something happen that knocked their feet out from under them. There were just so many different parts of her,” concludes her son, Matt.

Dodo Hamilton is greatly missed by Newport Hospital and our entire community.

## The Dorrance Hill Hamilton Fund to Advance Nursing Excellence

To celebrate Mrs. Hamilton’s life and commitment to Newport Hospital and the community, the Hamilton family created The Dorrance Hill Hamilton Fund to Advance Nursing Excellence. Donations to the Fund will enhance professional nurse development by supporting the obtaining of advanced nursing degrees, achieving specialty certifications, and attending national and local nursing conferences to keep current with the latest nursing science and evidence-based practices. Tribute gifts, as well as a \$100,000 estate gift from Mrs. Hamilton, have generously been given to the Fund.

“As a Magnet hospital, we’re recognized for quality patient care, nursing excellence, and innovations in professional nursing practice. The Fund will help us maximize the health and well-being for all in Newport County, close to home. We are so grateful for the family’s generosity and this lasting tribute to a wonderful woman,” says Orla Brandos, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Newport Hospital. To honor Mrs. Hamilton’s memory with a donation to the Fund, please contact Lorian De Crescenzo at 401-845-1617.



Mrs. Hamilton and her son Matt at the 2015 summer gala



# New Orthopedic Options at Newport Hospital



Rolf Langeland, MD; Katy Mitchell, PAC; Julie Woodside, PAC; Michael Mason, DO

Newport Orthopedics. “It was like God sent him to me,” says Dora.

Since joining the medical staff at Newport Hospital in January, Dr. Langeland has helped patients like Dora, using his extensive orthopedic trauma and reconstruction experience. Coming from private practice in southern Connecticut to Newport is like coming home for Dr. Langeland, who loves sailing and grew up visiting the island every summer. In June, orthopedic surgeon Michael Mason, DO, also joined Newport Orthopedics, from New England Baptist Hospital. The combination of their expertise brings joint replacement options to a new level.

The cause of Dora’s pain was arthritis and a torn rotator cuff. The solution: a reverse shoulder placement. “When Dr. Langeland told me he could help me, I started to cry,” explains Dora. “He was genuinely interested in helping me get better; what more could I ask for?”

Dr. Langeland has been performing outpatient shoulder replacement procedures for more than two decades. In reverse total shoulder replacement surgery, the “ball and socket” implants are “reversed” from the positions in a normal shoulder. This allows a shoulder without

**I**t was a trip to the grocery store like any other for seventy-five-year-old Dora Marshall. Except when she was loading her bags into the car, she felt a sharp pain in her left shoulder that nearly took her breath away. From that day on, the pain was constant.

Dora’s primary care doctor told her she needed to see a shoulder specialist. Serendipitously, a new physician postcard from Newport Hospital arrived in her mailbox the next day announcing orthopedic surgeon and shoulder specialist Rolf Langeland, MD, recently joined



Dora's pre-replacement x-ray



Dora's post-replacement x-ray

a functioning rotator cuff to be replaced and have function restored.

“Most physicians don’t do replacements as outpatient procedures,” says Dr. Langeland. “I’ve been doing them this way for some time and most patients prefer it. But if a patient wants to stay overnight, we accommodate their request.”

Dora’s outpatient surgery went as expected. Shortly after, she started physical therapy at Newport Hospital’s Vanderbilt Outpatient Rehabilitation. “Rehab wasn’t easy, but it was worth it,” says Dora. “My therapist, Jamie, was wonderful. I’m so grateful for all Newport Hospital has done for me.”

“Making a difference for patients and helping them find ways to stay mobile and live happier, healthier lives is what I’ve dedicated my life to,” says Dr. Mason, who has also designed and been involved in the development of multiple artificial joints currently on the market. “I was immediately drawn to the Newport Hospital community and am proud to be a part of the high level service now available.”

By having an orthopedic clinic in the hospital with diagnostic imaging down the hall, Newport Hospital is able to meet the needs of the community in a new way. “From diagnosis and joint replacement, to rehabilitation,” explains Newport Hospital President Crista F. Durand, “we have it all right here.”

## Vanderbilt Rehabilitation Center

**T**he Vanderbilt Rehabilitation Center at Newport Hospital has a reputation for excellence across all four of its distinct programs: inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation, wound care, and cardiac rehabilitation.

Carol Hutchinson has experienced the comprehensive care provided at Newport Hospital firsthand. After an ankle strain, her physician recommended physical therapy. Carol was pleased with the ease of access—just six minutes from her home in Middletown—and the exceptional care she received.

Vanderbilt Outpatient Rehabilitation offers pediatric and adult physical and occupational therapy (including a certified hand therapist), as well as speech and language pathology services. It also has a prosthetic and orthotic clinic and offers unique programs like the year-round walking program. Carol has been walking in the program for more than eight years.

“The walking program is open to anyone looking to walk in a safe environment,” says Kristin Matteson, OT, who created the program. “Each lap is a tenth of a mile

and participants can do as many or as few laps as they want. Last year, participants walked 1,500 miles—the equivalent of walking from Newport to Key West!”

Carol enjoys the company of fellow walkers and not having to worry about the weather getting in the way. “There are walkers of all levels. At least three people are recovering from strokes and are at different stages of their recovery. It has really developed into a wonderful community.”



Patient at Vanderbilt Rehabilitation Center



# A Salute to Health Raises \$719,140

## *A Salute to Health* Newport Hospital's Summer Soirée



Anne Hamilton; Ginny Purviance; and Norey Dotterer Cullen



More than 400 friends of Newport Hospital gathered at the Eisenhower House



Kathleen Cullen; Norey Dotterer Cullen; Kim Palmer; Anne Hamilton; Happy van Beuren; and Crista Durand

More than 400 friends of Newport Hospital gathered at the historic Eisenhower House on July 6 for the hospital's summer soirée, *A Salute to Health*.

Serving as the hospital's largest annual fundraiser and an opportunity to honor longtime donors Ginny and Jim Purviance, the event raised \$719,140 to benefit programs with the most crucial funding needs. Of the total raised, the evening's fund-a-need generated \$385,850 to support the expansion of Newport Hospital's Behavioral Health Services Program by launching a new partial hospitalization program for patients struggling with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The seaside celebration honoring the Purviances—two of Newport Hospital's most dedicated and generous supporters—began with a sparkling cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception. Following the reception, Lifespan President and Chief Executive Officer, Timothy J. Babineau, MD, welcomed guests and recognized Ginny and Jim Purviance for their years of immeasurable contributions before the event's fund-a-need got underway.

"You cannot pick up a newspaper or watch the television without hearing about the opioid crisis and the lack of programs nationally for those caught in the grip of mental illness," said Crista F. Durand, President of Newport Hospital. "But thanks to the compassionate generosity of our donors, we will create a new path towards wellness for those who need this highly specialized program, ensuring Newport Hospital offers the full continuum of care that not only changes lives, but saves lives."

Newport Hospital's *A Salute to Health* was co-chaired by Holly M. Bannister, MD, Norey Dotterer Cullen, Anne Hamilton, and Kimberly Palmer. Among the event's many corporate and individual sponsors were Wellness Champion Sponsors, Ginny and Jim Purviance, and three couples: Shelley and Nick Schorsch, Elizabeth and Bill Kahane, and Shirley and Mike Weil; Fitness Star Sponsor, Suzie Schochet; and Wellness Star Sponsors, BankNewport, Virginia Decker and Colin Keith, Pamela and David B. Ford, Bernard S. and Sarah M. Gewirz, Happy van Beuren, and Diane B. Wilsey.



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## Meet Bradford Gray, MD, newest member of the Foundation Board of Trustees



**B**radford Gray, MD, is an Air Force brat who has lived all over the United States. Two years ago, the general surgeon made another move—to Newport Hospital—and he couldn't be happier.

“Newport Hospital is an amazing place. I'm thrilled to be a part of the team here,” says Dr. Gray. “You'd have a tough time finding a better general surgery group than this one. In fact, the entire staff at Newport Hospital is first rate.”

The newest member of the Newport Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, Dr. Gray is enthusiastic about adding his perspective as a physician to the board.

“My role is to get the word out about the high quality of the medical staff,” says Dr. Gray, who is passionate about professional training and educating the next generation of exceptional caregivers. “Hospital President Crista Durand has done an amazing job of recruiting talent and creating an environment where doctors want to stay long-term. She's one of the main reasons I'm here.”

Dr. Gray earned his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. He practiced at Holyoke Medical Center for 15 years before joining Newport Hospital. He lives in Portsmouth with his wife, Marjory Gray, PhD, a clinical psychologist, and son Ryan, a student at Syracuse.

“This is a wonderful community,” Dr. Gray says. “It deserves not only the best care available but the best care possible, and that's what Newport Hospital delivers. I am proud to serve on the Foundation Board of Trustees, and look forward to promoting all that is exceptional about our hospital.”