

Transitions

Howes steps down as president of Women & Infants Executive V-P, COO Marcantano named acting president

PROVIDENCE – With more than 30 years of leadership influence at Women & Infants Hospital, **CONSTANCE A. HOWES, FACHE, ESQ.**, president and CEO of Women & Infants Hospital, recently announced her decision to step down from the position.

In her place, **MARK MARCANTANO**, currently executive vice president and chief operating officer at Women & Infants, has been named acting president of the hospital by Care New England President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis D. Keefe. The organizational changes were announced to the Care New England family and became effective October 1.

Howes will assist Marcantano with the transition over the next six months and then will continue to serve at the Care New England system level as executive vice president of women's health where she presides over the multidisciplinary Women's Health Council which guides program development in women's health for the system.

She was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and will also continue to serve in a number of industry and civic leadership posts, including chairing the Governor's Workforce Board and chairing Innovation Providence which is working to advance the state's knowledge economy and economic development.

"We are so grateful to Connie for her numerous contributions to Women & Infants. Under her leadership, Women & Infants has become an institution of international distinction," said Keefe. "We look forward to her ongoing role advancing women's health at the system level, and we welcome Mark Marcantano to the helm at Women & Infants."

Howes commented, "When I started as president and CEO at Women & Infants, I believed that I should serve about 10 years, long enough to make an impact

and then step aside. Mark Marcantano will give the hospital the benefit of a fresh perspective and high energy," said Howes. "I am fortunate that I can continue my association with these wonderful organizations and at the same time advance women's health and workforce and economic development. This is truly a best of both worlds situation for me."

"There is no doubt that I have some very big shoes to fill," said Marcantano.

Marcantano has been executive vice president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants since January 2010. He came to Women & Infants from Children's Hospital in Boston where he served as vice president of ambulatory and network services.

Prior to his position at Children's Hospital, Marcantano was executive dean, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Albany Medical College, affiliated with Albany Medical Center, in New York.

Marcantano earned a bachelor of science degree in finance from New York University and went on to earn his juris doctor from Albany Law School of Union University. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Meeting Street.

Howes, 60, of Providence, has been president and chief executive officer of Women & Infants Hospital since 2002, formerly serving as executive vice president and chief operating officer. Prior to this role, Howes was vice president and general counsel for Care New England Health System and vice president and general counsel for Women & Infants Hospital. Before joining Women & Infants, Howes was an attorney with Tillingham, Collins & Graham for 17 years where she practiced primarily in the area



Constance A. Howes

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Mark Marcantano

of business law and served as chairman of the Corporate Department.

Among her other community posts are member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, Roger Williams University Law School, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council. She served on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Committee on Women's Health Research, the AHA Regional Policy Board and is active with CWISH, the Council of Women and Infants Specialty Hospitals. She graduated magna cum laude from Kenyon College and received her juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. ❖

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Deepthi Deconda, MD

Dr. Deconda joins Southcoast

NEW BEDFORD, MASS – **DEEPTHI DECONDA, MD**, recently joined Southcoast® Health System and will see patients in Fall River.

Dr. Deconda earned her medical degree from the Deccan College of Medical Sciences in Hyderabad, India. She completed an internship in categorical internal medicine at New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., and a residency in categorical internal medicine at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. She also completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at Rhode Island Hospital,

where she serves as a teaching fellow in the division of gastroenterology.

She is board certified in internal medicine and is fluent in Telugu and Hindi. She currently resides in Providence with her husband and their two children. ❖

Schottland named acting president, CEO at Memorial

PAWTUCKET – Care New England President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Keefe recently announced that Arthur J. DeBlois III has stepped down as interim president and chief operating officer of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island effective Oct. 18.

ED SCHOTTLAND, who has been directing the health care system's Integration Management Office and overseeing the work groups addressing the integration of Memorial into Care New England, has moved into the role of acting president and chief executive officer.

"Art is a man of great talent and integrity who was a trustee at Memorial when he was asked to step into the CEO role as the hospital began the thoughtful process of choosing a strategic partner," Keefe said. "He more than rose to the occasion, working with the Memorial board to maintain hospital quality and work to improve efficiency. With the selection of Care New England as Memorial's partner, Art diligently advocated for the affiliation and partnered with Care New England leadership to secure regulatory approval."

DeBlois' resignation was planned as part of the transition. He will return to private business as chair at Vistage International, Inc., where he provides strategic advice to CEOs of privately-held companies, and managing director of Tameracq Partners, Inc., an investment banking company.

Schottland – who earned a master's of professional studies degree in hospital and health services administration from Cornell University – has extensive experience in health care. He was executive vice president and chief operating officer at Saint Joseph Health and Tufts-New England Medical Center, where he successfully led improvement plans resulting in significant financial turnarounds after years of loss.

In addition, he was a senior vice president and chief operating officer at Lifespan, where he helped create processes to manage and control staffing and budgets for Rhode Island, Hasbro Children's, and Miriam hospitals. He also held the position of senior vice president of system development and integration at Lifespan. Most recently, he served as the principal of Schottland Advisory Services and partner at Carl Marks Advisory Group, where he provided leadership assistance and general consulting in health care operations improvement, strategic planning and program development. ❖

Recognition

Physician accepted into national scholars and leaders program

PROVIDENCE – **ASHLEY STUCKEY, MD**, a gynecologic oncologist and breast surgeon in the Program in Women's Oncology and Breast Health Center at Women & Infants Hospital was recently accepted into the prestigious Scholars and Leaders Program of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) for 2013–2014.

Dr. Stuckey is a graduate of Louisiana State University School of Medicine and completed a combined breast and gynecologic oncology fellowship at Women & Infants. She

also works at The Breast Health Center at Kent Hospital, a collaborative program with Women & Infants, and is an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

APGO is a national organization dedicated to the promotion of excellence in women's health care by providing optimal resources and support to educators who inspire, instruct, develop and empower women's health care providers of tomorrow.

"This is fabulous news and a credit to Dr. Stuckey's commitment, talents and the innovative work she is currently doing," said Maureen Phipps, MD, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital. "The Scholars and Leaders Program identifies the most promising physician educators through a very competitive national selection process. We congratulate Dr. Stuckey for being recognized with this prestigious award."

"My goal is to improve upon not only my skills as an educator but also my leadership and administrative qualities," Dr. Stuckey explained. "Upon completion of the APGO program, I hope to bring these new skills back to Women & Infants to enhance the scholarship of both the ob/gyn residency as well as the breast and gynecologic oncology fellowships." ❖



Ashley Stuckey, MD



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Recognition

Mor receives Distinguished Researcher Award from National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

PROVIDENCE – Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island (HHCRI) recently announced that **VINCENT MOR, PhD, MED**, a member of its board of directors, was awarded the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) 2013 Distinguished Researcher Award. The award was created by NHPCO to recognize an outstanding body of research that has contributed to the enhancement of hospice and palliative care.



J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO, at left, with Vince Mor, PhD, Recipient of the 2013 NHPCO Distinguished Researcher Award.

Dr. Mor, a member of the HHCRI board of directors since 2009, is a professor of Medical Science, Health Services, Policy & Practice at Brown University. HHCRI is the major teaching affiliate for hospice and palliative medicine of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

“We are thrilled to learn about this prestigious award Dr. Mor has received for his many years of innovative research,” said Diana Franchitto, President & CEO of HHCRI. “We are extremely fortunate to have him as a member of our board of directors. His commitment to excellence in the hospice and palliative care field and the insight he brings to HHCRI are tremendous.”

He was presented with the award by NHPCO President and CEO J. Donald Schumacher, PsyD, at an NHPCO conference in late September. The conference brought together more than one thousand hospice and palliative care professionals to explore innovation and excellence in clinical end-of-life care delivery.

“For thirty years, Vincent Mor’s research has focused on the impact of health care services on quality of care and outcomes for frail and chronically ill patients and his many contributions have improved the care many people have received,” Schumacher said. “One of the most important things we as a professional community can do is to shine a light on individuals who have contributed much to the work we are doing to care for those at life’s end.”

In the mid-1980s Dr. Mor headed the National Hospice Study – the initial evaluation of the impact of hospice care under the then new Medicare hospice benefit – on the cost and quality of life outcomes experienced by terminal care patients. Most recently, he and his Brown colleagues have documented large regional variation in hospitalization rates, including end-of-life transitions and the use of hospice and palliative care.

Dr. Mor has been principal investigator of nearly 30 NIH-funded grants as well as awards from the Robert Wood Johnston Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund, and other private foundations. ❖

Women & Infants named Green Hospital

Becker's Hospital Review names W&I to annual list of top 50

PROVIDENCE – Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, a Care New England hospital, has been named to Becker’s Hospital Review list, “50 of the Greenest Hospitals in America,” which recognizes hospitals that are among the greenest health care organizations in the country.

According to Becker’s Hospital Review, these 50 hospitals lead by example through mass-scale and local carbon-cutting efforts, and they also demonstrate how environmental sustainability is everyone’s responsibility.

“Being named to this list underscores Women & Infants’ commitment to sustainability in construction and operations, which is a commitment to our community,” says Mark Marcantano, acting president of Women & Infants. “Our South Pavilion, which opened in 2009 and earned LEED® Gold certification in 2010, represents a new era in construction – one in which sustainability is as important as being on time and under budget. Women & Infants was the first hospital building in New England to achieve this level of certification, and certainly was a consideration in being named to Becker’s list.”

To develop this list, the Becker’s Hospital Review team conducted research and analyzed sustainability information from sources such as Health Care Without Harm, Practice Greenhealth, Healthier Hospitals Initiative, the US Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other health care sustainability organizations and experts. ❖

Appointments

VA New England Healthcare System announces new Medical Center Director

BEDFORD, MASS. — The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced the appointment of **SUSAN MACKENZIE, PhD**, as the new director of Providence VA Medical Center in Providence. She started in her new role on Oct. 20.

“We are pleased to appoint Dr. MacKenzie as the new director of Providence VA Medical Center,” said Dr. Michael Mayo-Smith, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 1 Director. “Her sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, the employees and volunteers, and for the veterans we are honored to serve.”

Dr. MacKenzie has nearly 30 years of health care experience holding progressive leadership positions includes Assistant Chief, Medical Administration Service and Quality Management Coordinator for Accreditation, VA New England Healthcare System (HCS), Deputy Network Director, VISN 1, and has been serving as Deputy Director for VA Boston HCS since July of 2004. ❖



Susan MacKenzie, PhD

Dr. Greenwood joins Memorial Hospital staff

PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed **NICOLE GREENWOOD, MD**, to its medical staff in the Department of Pediatrics.

A Johnston, RI, resident, Dr. Greenwood earned her medical degree at Saba University School of Medicine, Saba, Netherland Antilles. She completed her pediatric residency at The Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center, Albany,

NY, and a fellowship in adolescent medicine at Miami Children’s Hospital in Miami, FL.

Dr. Greenwood is board certified in pediatrics. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her clinical interests include adolescent medicine, eating disorders, menstrual disorders, pediatric advocacy and community outreach. ❖



Nicole Greenwood, MD



Renee Eger, MD

Dr. Eger joins Women & Infants’ Health Care Alliance

PROVIDENCE – **RENEE EGER, MD**, of Sharon, MA, has joined Bayside Ob/Gyn, a private practice affiliated with Women & Infants Health Care Alliance.

Dr. Eger is one of five gynecologists in Rhode Island who recently achieved certification by the Center of Excellence for Minimally Invasive Gynecology (COEMIG) of the Surgical Review Corporation, an affiliate of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL). She is performing all surgeries at Women & Infants Hospital, a COEMIG committed to offering women the most effective diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in minimally invasive surgery.

“In addition to providing general ob/gyn services, I continue to perform both major and minor gynecologic surgery in the most minimally invasive fashion,” said Dr. Eger.

Women & Infants Health Care Alliance, LLC, is a partnership with Women & Infants Hospital and private practice obstetrician-gynecologists, midwives, nurse practitioners and other caregivers designed to foster continuous quality improvement in the women’s health services available in the community and to improve hospital and physician alignment in the age of health care reform. The organization allows the participating providers to enter into a hospital-affiliated partnership while still retaining the autonomy of their private practices, including maintaining their own office sites and staff. ❖

Appointments

Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Obstetric Medicine specialists join Women & Infants High-Risk Pregnancy Program

PROVIDENCE – Two physicians have joined the team of specialists in Women & Infants' Integrated Program for High-Risk



Erica Hardy, MD

Pregnancy, New England's only fully integrated center for the care of women with high-risk pregnancies and their developing fetuses. On October 1, obstetric medicine and infectious disease specialist **ERICA HARDY, MD, MA, MMSC**, returns to Women & Infants and maternal-fetal medicine specialist **ERIKA WERNER, MD, MS**, joins the staff.

Dr. Hardy, a resident of Cranston, is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and received her medical degree at George Washington University School of Medicine. She earned a master's degree in philosophy with a concentration in medical ethics at the University of Maryland, a certificate in the Program in Clinical Effectiveness at Harvard School of Public Health, and a master's of medical science degree at Harvard Medical School. She completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and a clinical fellowship in infectious diseases at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Board certified in internal medicine, pediatrics and infectious diseases, Dr. Hardy's research and clinical interests include infectious disease issues in obstetric and gynecologic patients, including congenital infection, complicated sexually transmitted infections, as well as outcomes, post-exposure prophylaxis and follow-up care of sexual assault survivors.

A resident of Barrington, Dr. Erika Werner joins the staff at Women & Infants from Johns Hopkins. A graduate of the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree and also a master's degree in environmental engineering, Dr. Werner earned her medical degree at the Medical



Erika Werner, MD

College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. She returned to the University of Virginia for her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and completed a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in maternal-fetal medicine, Dr. Werner's research and clinical interests include obstetrical complications of obesity, gestational diabetes, operative deliveries and preterm birth. She has also published extensively on cost effective medical practices. ❖

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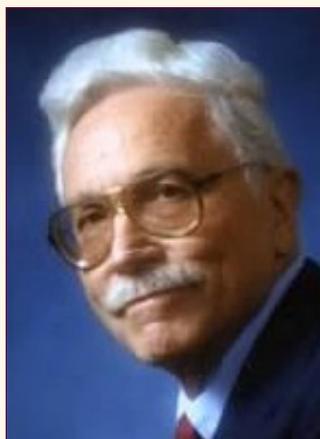
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Obituaries

GEORGE K. BOYD, MD, passed away peacefully at home Sept. 30, 2013 surrounded by his family, a day before his 85th birthday.

He was born in Lawrence, MA, and grew up on the family dairy farm. He started his education in a one-room schoolhouse in Andover and ended up a well-respected physician practicing in Providence for 35 years, first on Lockwood Street and then on Pitman Street. He excelled



in academics as well as music, playing the French horn in an orchestra at Hampton Beach, NH, during high school and college and was a member of the Tufts College band, orchestra and brass choir. He graduated from Tufts College in 1951 and Boston University Medical School in 1955.

Dr. Boyd served as a naval medical officer on a destroyer in the Pacific and was stationed at Camp Pendleton (San Diego, CA) where he met his future wife, Jean Strumski, the only nurse on base who did not smoke and liked to go to the movies. They were married within three months of meeting and returned back to the East Coast to continue his medical training at a Boston hospital and then at Rhode Island Hospital, where he specialized in pediatric allergies.

Dr. and Mrs. Boyd provided medical and nursing care to Algerian children during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1961 after the French left the country bereft of medical care. Throughout his medical career, he helped thousands of R.I. children breathe easier and also trained Brown University medical residents at Rhode Island Hospital.

Dr. Boyd was a resident of Barrington for over 50 years and hosted a 4th of July Fun Run for friends before riding his bike to the Bristol Parade with his daughters. Other interests included writing (and typing with 2 fingers), movie reviews for friends, HO Model railroading, baking sourdough bread, tending the vegetable garden, sailing in Narragansett Bay, and attending live theater and music performances. He also had a special place in his heart for Mickey Mouse who was also "born" in 1928.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jean (Strumski) Boyd, two daughters, Gayle Sommer and Sharyn Klaiman; two grandsons, Nicholas and Benjamin, and several nieces and nephews.

Donations in his memory may be made to: Asthma & Allergies Foundation of America/New England Chapter, www.asthmaandallergies.org, or Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, www.hhcri.org.

MAXIM DAAMEN, MD, 65, died unexpectedly while walking with his dog on a Fire Island beach on September 29. The son of Gradus and Elizabeth Daamen, he was born in The Netherlands and moved with his family to Vermont when he was 12. He earned an undergraduate degree from MIT and his MD from Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. Daamen was active in a number of professional societies. He was a clinical associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior in the Alpert Medical School at Brown University and former associate dean of the College. His professional erudition, empathy and diagnostic acumen were equaled only by his personal empathy for, and his dedication to, those near and dear to him. He loved entertaining his many friends, design and construction projects, gardening, food, the outdoors, sailing and traveling, and particularly his dog Enzo.

Dr. Daamen is survived by six siblings, 13 nieces and nephews and a host of dear friends. A memorial gathering was held at the Manning Chapel at Brown University on October 12.

Contributions in his memory may be made to: Rhode Island Foundation, Maxim Daamen Fund, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903.



ROBERT LEO FARRELLY, MD, 82, of Mashpee, MA, died peacefully in the arms of his loving wife on Oct. 6, 2013. He was born in Providence, on November 15, 1930 to the late Peter Leo Farrelly and Anna (Osman-ski) Farrelly.

The first in his family to attend college, he graduated from Providence College with honors in 1952. There, he developed a lifelong passion for read-

ing great books, considering works by C.S. Lewis and Elmore Leonard among his favorites. In 1956, he graduated from Tufts Medical School and entered the Army Medical Corps, where he rose to the rank of Captain. In 1959, Dr. Farrelly started a family medicine practice in Cumberland, and joyfully went on to deliver thousands of babies. During his long medical career, he taught at Brown University Medical School where he mentored many students, but it was the enduring relationships he fostered with his patients that he considered his greatest medical achievement.

A longtime member of New Seabury Country Club, "Docky" was an avid golfer and a Boston sports fan, displaying an undying devotion to the Boston – now Atlanta – Braves. Since retirement, much of his time has been spent fundraising for charities, notably the Cape Cod Center for Women and Best

Buddies International. He also made frequent cameos in his sons' movies – his favorite being his role as Uncle Willy in *Kingpin*. Often known to take credit for his children's senses of humor, he was proud to instill in them a commitment to education, service to others, and an insistence on being the best versions of themselves possible.

A man who valued family over all else, he leaves behind the love of his life, his wife, Mariann; daughter Beth (John) Jordan of Duxbury, MA; son Peter (Melinda) Farrelly of Ojai, CA; son Bobby (Nancy) Farrelly of Duxbury, MA; daughter Kathryn Farrelly of Duxbury, MA; daughter Cindy (Zen) Gesner of Malibu, CA; his precious grandchildren, John, Kelsey, Thomas, Harrison, Anna, Finn, Alicia, Bob, Rory, Apple, and Tuck. He also leaves behind his loving sister Marilyn (Edward) D'Andrea of Raynham, MA, and bountiful extended family and loved ones. He is predeceased by his beloved grandson, Jesse Farrelly.

Donations may be made to the children's charity named for his grandson, "Cuz of Jesse" (www.cuzofjesse.org) or Falmouth Hospital (<http://givetocapecodhealth.org/>).



JOHN FORBES HOGAN, MD, 89, of Rumford, died peacefully October 26, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Marghretta "Peggy" (Gilbane) Hogan of Rumford, formerly of Pawtucket; children John F Hogan of Seattle, Washington; Mary Pat Hogan Knorr of Santa Barbara, California; Sheila Longerbeam of Lafayette, California and Richard M. Hogan of

Cranston, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his son, Paul L Hogan and his granddaughter, Angelina Folco.

He was born in Pawtucket, son of the late John F. Hogan, who was a noted architect of churches, academic buildings and other institutional buildings, and the late Martha (Sutcliffe) Hogan.

He will always be remembered for his love of the Cape and all it had to offer. He was an avid fisherman and crabber, but most of all, he loved digging quahogs and continued to maintain an active shellfish license at the Cape late into his seventies. He took his children to the same crab holes he frequented with his own father and taught his grandchildren how to seine for minnows and carefully bait them on a hook to catch snapper blues.

A graduate of St Raphael's Academy in Pawtucket, The College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and Harvard Medical School, he was a beloved pediatrician. He continued to practice medicine for 50 years, retiring in 1998 and throughout his life,

took care of numerous generations in some of the same families. Fresh from his residency in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, he moved to the Southwest with his wife where he worked for the Public Health Service, treating patients on the Navaho Reservation. They moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he worked for the Public Health Department.

Starting a family, he and his wife returned to Pawtucket, where he set up a private practice. Pediatrics was a different world then, and he routinely made house calls late into the night, many days of the week. He went on to work at the Rhode Island Group Health Association, later Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare. He was a incorporator of Providence Lying-In Hospital, now Women and Infants. He was a clinical associate professor of pediatrics at the Brown University Medical School, an assistant professor of community medicine at the Tufts Medical School and a teaching fellow in pediatrics at the Harvard Medical School. He was an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Rhode Island Chapter; the American Medical Association, the New England Pediatric Society and the Pawtucket Medical Association, where he also served as president, secretary and treasurer. He also served on the Governor's Commission on Handicapped Children.

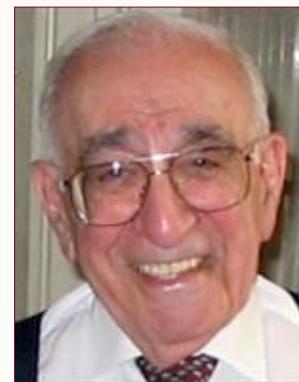
He had such a zest for life and an insatiable curiosity that were contagious and will really be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Raphael's Academy, 123 Walcott St., Pawtucket.

VAHEY M. PAHIGIAN, MD, 95, of Providence, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 17, 2013. He was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth S. (Champlin) Pahigian, RN.

He attended Lowell High, the University of Rhode Island, and Tufts Medical School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 3rd Army Medical Corps during World War II as a field-hospital surgeon. Dr. Pahigian was the former Chief of General Surgery at Women & Infants Hospital and consulting surgeon at Rhode Island Hospital. He ran his own private practice until retiring in early 2013. He is survived by his loving children; Beth Pahigian of Berlin, NH, and Craig Pahigian of Auburn, NH.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Church, 70 Jefferson St., Providence, RI 02908.





DR. SUI YEN WANG, 90, a long-time resident of North Scituate, died of pneumonia on Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. James K. C. Wang for 54 years.

She was raised and educated in Shanghai. After receiving her medical degree in 1947, Dr. Wang came to the United

States to continue her medical studies. She then moved to North Scituate with her husband to settle and raise their family and open their medical practice. She became a US citizen in 1957.

For over 30 years, Dr. Wang practiced medicine jointly with her husband out of their home. Their practice was known to be open every day, at all times of the day, to all of their patients. She was dedicated to her patients, giving each one all the time and attention needed. A general practitioner, she focused her practice on the care of women and children. Her patients admired her compassion, kindness, intellect, and diagnostic acumen.

Dr. Wang strove for excellence and was a role model for many

young girls. Some consider her a pioneer – a woman successfully balancing family and career in a profession dominated by men during the early years of her practice. She was a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Society, and the Chinese Medical Association.

Many who met her called her friend or auntie and her patients often called her their second mom. As a mother, she instilled in her children and grandchildren the importance of education and family values. She sponsored nieces and nephews from China to support their education in the United States. Dr. Wang enjoyed entertaining family and friends and playing the piano. Her greatest passion was cooking gourmet Chinese cuisine. She passed her love of food and cooking to her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Dr. Victoria Wang of Honolulu, HI; Dr. Elizabeth Wang and Dr. Paul Ho of Carlisle, MA; Dr. Christine Wang of Bedford, MA; Dr. Roberta Wang and Dr. Wallace Akerley of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Dr. James Wang and Ms. Andrea Bugbee of Southwick, MA; by 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and three siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472 or the North Scituate Baptist Church, 619 W Greenville Road, North Scituate, RI 02857.