Dr. Matthew Denti Joins Medical Staff

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJMH) is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Matthew Denti to the medical staff. He joined Mountaineer Healthcare for Women, at the office located at Physician’s Building #2.

Dr. Denti was born in Pittsburgh, PA, but has strong connections to this area. He attended Salem College where he received his undergraduate degree. He went on to finish his medical degree at the WV School of Osteopathy at Lewisburg. His residency was at the Community Hospital of Lancaster, PA. He was practicing at the North Navajo Medical Center in New Mexico and commuting to his home in Wytheville, VA, before coming to SJMH. During his medical career he estimates that he has delivered over 1,500 newborns.

He and his wife, Leisa, have nine children – Alex, 27; Bryanna, 22; Kelseigh, 21; Ein, 19; Corry, 17; Jackson, 14; Mitchell, 12; Lucie, 9; and Nicky, 6. Dr. Denti’s father still lives in Penn Hills in Pittsburgh and is quite excited by the prospect of his son moving closer.

“I am excited about coming Continued on Page 2

Dr. Brian Hornsby Opening Practice

Dr. Brian Hornsby has joined the SJMH medical staff. His practice is in internal medicine and his office is located at Physician’s Building #1, next to SJMH, off of Route 33 in Weston.

He attained his undergraduate degree from the College of West Virginia (now Mountain State University) for Respiratory Care and was a respiratory therapist for ten years. He then attended the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, at Lewisburg, for his medical training.

His wife of 19 years, Leigh Ann Hornsby, was born in Manassas, VA, but was raised in West Virginia. Both of them graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1991. The couple has two children - daughter, Morgan, 17, and a son, Nicholas, 15. Morgan graduated this year from Carthage High School, in New York, and

Tyler Hall, D.O., is now a member of the SJMH medical staff and Hospital family.

Dr. Hall is a Lewis County High School graduate. He received his undergraduate degree in biology and chemistry from Glenville State College. He received his medical degree from the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV, in 2010. Dr. Hall recently completed his residency at United Hospital Center, Clarksburg.

He is married to Jacki Hall, a nurse at SJMH. He is working in the SJMH ED.

“I am so happy to be able to practice in my hometown hospital. I am working with my family and friends. It has been a fun road and I have learned so much along the way...as a matter of fact I am still learning with each shift I work,” said Hall.

Hall is board certified in family medicine. He has a special interest in sports medicine and emergency medicine.

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back home to West Virginia and really look forward to being closer to my father and my childhood home in Pittsburgh,” said Dr. Denti. “The children are quite excited about moving here and being so close to the outdoors for deer hunting and other outside activities.”

Dr. Denti decided on a career in women’s health during his medical internship. “During my medical training, I was just fascinated by the care of mother and baby. Since I really enjoyed the field, everything worked out,” he explained. “This is a very fulfilling medical specialty for me.”

SJMH CEO Avah Stalnaker is very pleased to have Dr. Denti join the Mountaineer Healthcare staff. She noted, “The medical staff and employees of Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Denti, his wife, Leisa, and their family of nine. Dr. Denti attended college and medical school in WV and his wife is from Princeton, WV. He practiced in Princeton several years ago and is now ready to return to West Virginia. We are very happy to have him.”

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Dr. Hornsby is attending Fairmont State University, where she is majoring in pre-med. Nicholas is a freshman at Carthage High School and will be entering his sophomore year after the family moves to Weston.

Dr. Hornsby’s parents are Marian “Dolly” Hornsby and the late James W. Hornsby—both West Virginia natives. His mother currently resides in Hornsby’s hometown of Scarbro, WV.

Dr. Hornsby is delighted to return to his home state and said, “I look forward to working at SJMH and living in this area for many reasons... First, it puts me back in West Virginia. Also, it is a beautiful part of the state that has a lot of outdoor activities available. For someone who loves to hunt and likes to fish...this is perfect. Additionally, there are several college options for my children in the area. I am quite happy to be able to return to rural West Virginia to start my medical practice and take care of residents in the community.”

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is “home-grown.”

She said, “It is best when the physician and his/her family have ties to West Virginia. This is the case of Dr. Hall. Both he and his wife are from Weston and were educated in West Virginia. Dr. Hall is the type of young professional that SJMH hopes to continue to recruit. He is a role model for other students in Lewis County and surrounding counties who have an interest in any health care profession.”

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OUR QUALITY JOURNEY

By Avah Stalnaker

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJMH) is a very financially sound institution due to great leadership of the Board of Directors, the previous Chief Executive Officer, the committed medical staff and our hard-working employees.

One of our goals is to maintain the financial viability of our hospital through the uncertain days that we will encounter as the Affordable Care Act is implemented.

There is a strong correlation between financial stability and the quality of care provided. SJMH is embarking on a quality journey to create a sustainable organization. Projects and discussion will be data driven. We will be asking, “How do you know that? What data do you have to support your position?”

The Board Members, Administration, medical staff, employees, patients and community members will be involved during this journey. Your input is needed. We need to know why patients come to SJMH and why do they not? What services do we need to offer to care for people in our communities?

Processes will be standardized with easily recognizable steps to follow. This will require a commitment from the medical staff and employees to design the best processes. Once a process is established, then each of us will be held accountable to follow that process.

This is an exciting time and there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. If we all become actively engaged in the process, the hospital will be sustained, the employees, energized, and best of all – our patients will receive the best care in their local hospital.

CEO Stalnaker Honored with WV Wesleyan Award

SJMH’s chief operating officer, Avah Arbogast Stalnaker, will be honored with the West Virginia Wesleyan Alumni Achievement Award this fall at the Buckhannon college. She was nominated for the honor by accounting’s Crystal Frazier, also a Wesleyan grad.

Stalnaker earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wesleyan in 1977. During her junior year there, she was selected WV Student Nurse of the Year for 1976-77.

Avah’s career in health care began at SJMH in May 1973, when she began working part time as a nurse’s aide. After graduation from WVWC in 1977, she was employed full time at SJMH as a staff nurse.

Before her promotion to Associate Administrator in 1990, she gained a wealth of experience in many aspects of health care. From 1988 to 1991, Avah earned a Master’s degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota, having completed her thesis on the impact of Medicare DRG’s on stability of hospital patients at discharge.

During her 21 years as Associate Administrator at SJMH, Avah recruited 30 new physicians; managed physician offices, six clinical departments, and five ancillary departments, and oversaw three hospital renovations and two smaller projects. She served the hospital’s Board of Directors as a member of the marketing, ethics, finance, medical executive, Joint Commission, HIPAA, and corporate compliance committees.

She is a member of the WV Hospital Association and Partners In Health organization.

An active member of the Lewis County community, Avah coordinated the annual Weston Rotary Club blood screening for years. She has served as a member and officer of the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce and was named Chamber Member of the Year in 1993. She was a Lewis County United Way board member and also chairwoman of the campaign in 1994-1995. She has also served on the Lewis County Economic Development Authority.
AIDET: Five Steps to Achieving Satisfaction

AIDET is a framework for Stonewall Jackson Hospital’s staff to communicate with patients and their families as well as with each other. It is a simple acronym that represents a very powerful way to communicate with people who are often nervous, anxious and feeling vulnerable. It can also be used as we communicate with other staff and colleagues, especially when we are providing an internal service.

Acknowledge — Greet people with a smile and use their names if you know them. Attitude is everything. Create a lasting impression.

Example: “Good morning/afternoon, Ms. Jones. We’ve been expecting you and we’re glad you are here.”

“Good morning/afternoon, Mr. Smith. Welcome to Stonewall. We want to make your visit as convenient as possible. Would you please take a moment to confirm that we have your most current information?”

Introduce — Introduce yourself to others politely. Tell them who you are and how you are going to help them. Escort people where they need to go rather than pointing or giving directions.

Example: “Mrs. Smith, you will be seeing Dr. Mahmoud today. He is an excellent physician. He is very good at listening and answering patient questions. You are fortunate that he is your physician.”

Duration — Keep in touch to ease waiting times. Let others know if there is a delay and how long it will be. Make it better and apply service recovery methods when necessary.

Example: “Dr. Gregory had to attend an emergency. He was concerned about you and wanted you to know that it may be 30 minutes before he can see you. Are you able to wait or would you like me to schedule an appointment for tomorrow?”

Explanation — Advise others what you are doing, how procedures work and whom to contact if they need assistance. Communicate any steps they may need to take. Make words work. Talk, listen and learn. Make time to help.

Example: Ask, “Is there anything else I can do for you?”

“The test takes about 30 minutes. The first step is drink this solution and then we’ll have you wait 20 minutes before we take a blood sample. Would you like to read while you wait?”

Thank You — Thank somebody. Foster an attitude of gratitude. Thank people for their patronage, help or assistance. Use reward and recognition tools.

Example: “Thank you for choosing Stonewall Jackson Hospital. It has been a privilege to care for you.”

“Thank you for your call. Is there anything else I can do for you? I have the time.”
Michael Barrick is the new Safety Officer/Emergency Management Coordinator at SJMH. He holds a Certificate in Community Preparedness and Disaster Management from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. He most recently served as Safety Officer/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Frye Regional Medical Center, a 355-bed hospital in Hickory, N.C. He was active in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Winston-Salem Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), helping to plan local and regional exercises, as well as teaching best practices. He holds numerous certifications in the Hospital Incident Command System.

Michael was born and raised in Clarksburg. He began his career in health care while still in high school, completing his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training at Fairmont State College in 1973. He earned his certificate as an EMT instructor at Davis & Elkins College in 1974. Later that year, he moved to North Carolina to work as an EMT for the Charlotte Ambulance Service. He eventually earned his certification as a paramedic and worked for the Mecklenburg County EMS (MEDIC).

He and his wife, Sarah, returned to West Virginia in 1980, where they settled in Weston. Sarah worked at SJMH as a Radiology Technician from 1980 through 1984. Their first child was born at SJMH in 1983. Michael earned his B.A. from Glenville State College (GSC) in 1984.

After graduation from GSC, he and his family returned to North Carolina. While there, he worked in education, serving as a teacher on the high school and community college levels, and also served as an administrator on the local school board. He also worked as a journalist for numerous local, regional and national newspapers and magazines. He was active in his community, coaching Little League for 10 years and serving as the chairman of the Caldwell County (NC) Human Relations Committee. After retiring from education, he decided to return to health care for the remainder of his career.

He and Sarah are the parents of two adult children and also have a four-year-old granddaughter. They are members of All Saints Catholic Church in Bridgeport.

Sodexo is the management company for SJMH Engineering and Maintenance. Chuck Chabanik heads up the department. The department participated in an occupational health and safety corporate compliance audit and received a 100% status. This put them in the running for a monetary prize from Sodexo. In the “Gold 100” Monthly Raffle, the SJMH team was picked.

Chabanik says, “The entire team played a major role in the outcome of this audit. We couldn’t accomplish this without our guys. We were able to get a gift card for each employee.”

Part of the department is pictured above, left to right: Chabanik, Denny Marple, Jerry Wood, Chuck Simpson, Nick Bakas, and Rick Simpson.

In July, SJMH entered into a management agreement with a new company, PSI, who will oversee the operations of SJMH Materials Management, Housekeeping, and Laundry. Interim Department Head is Sherry Harris.

CFO Dodie Arbogast is department head for those areas and welcomes the change.

She said, “We are excited to have the resources of an entire company to help us manage our purchasing department.”

Interim-director for Materials, Housekeeping, and Laundry Departments is Sherry Harris, pictured above on left, with CFO Dodie Arbogast.
Traci Chapman Chosen for May

Nursing’s Traci Chapman was selected as SJMH Employee of the Month for May 2013. She is a nursing supervisor.

“I began work at Stonewall in 1999,” explained Chapman. “I began work in the ICU department in 2006. I also worked in Telemetry before becoming the nurse supervisor.”

She is a Weston native and LCHS graduate. She received her associate nursing degree from Davis and Elkins College. Traci’s parents are Bill and Sharon Hamon, of Weston.

She has been married for 21, “beautiful years” to her husband, Keith, who also works at SJMH. They have two children – Cory, 20, and Kenda, 17.

Tracy’s nominator wrote, “Traci is wonderful about helping us. She knows how many patients she gives us and she comes to help out without ever being asked. If we do call and ask her for help, she never hesitates. She is friendly and always smiles – she has a great personality.”

The Director of Nursing, Mary McCartney, wrote about Traci, “We are extremely grateful for her. She is a great asset to Stonewall. She is very professional.”

Traci returned the compliment and said that she loves working here.

“I love everyone I work with. The job is very enjoyable and meaningful. It is especially fulfilling because I always wanted to be a nurse,” she explained.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family.

Tara Arnold is June Choice

Tara Arnold was selected as the Employee of the Month for June 2013.

Tara is the Clinical IT Specialist here. She began at SJMH in January 2010 as a nursing assistant in the Special Delivery Unit. She and her husband, Todd, are the parents of a newborn baby girl – Alivia. They live in Weston. She is the daughter of Doran and Cheryl Davis. Tara has one brother, Corey.

She is a LCHS graduate and received a Bachelor in Public Relations and a Master in Business Administration in 2008 from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon.

A number of her co-workers nominated Tara with the following: “Tara is always willing to lend a helping hand. After the last CPSI update, I became very frustrated. Tara came into my office and stayed with me until we got the situation resolved. Tara is always helping others; she never complains about her job and always has a smile on her face. She puts up with all of us in the business office that are not computer savvy. We want to thank Tara for all of her hard work and we feel that she should be considered for employee of the month because of her attitude and willingness to help anyone, no matter what it might be.”

Her supervisor, Rusty Simpson, noted, “Tara is a great asset, not only to the IT department but the Hospital. She works well with the physicians and Hospital staff.”

Tara returned the compliment and said, “I enjoy working with everyone at SJMH. My co-workers are extremely caring and have been wonderful throughout my pregnancy. I really felt like I was part of a big family.”

In her spare time, Tara enjoys boating at Stonewall Lake and photography.

Department Support Tate Dever

Members of the SJMH Rehab staff wore their special red shirts to support Tate Dever, son of SJMH employee Laura Dever, who has had some major health concerns. Pictured left to right, first row, are: Jason Malcom, Kathryn Ralston, Susan Carpenter, Brenda Smith, Bri Payne, and Leslie Sprouse; second row, John Weber and Sean Hamner.
Lee Ann Coffield Honored during July

Lee Ann Coffield, of the Physical Therapy Department, was named the SJMH July 2013 Employee of the Month.

She said that she began employment at SJMH in 1990 as a console operator and admissions clerk. In May 1991, she moved to the Physical Therapy Department. She is a Lewis County High School graduate and received her degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant in 1998 from Fairmont State University.

Lee Ann’s parents are Margaret and Charles Copenhaver, of Weston. She also has a favorite little canine friend, a shipoo named Mylee.

This is the third time that Lee Ann has received the Employee of the Month honor. The nomination came from one of her co-workers.

The nominator wrote, “Every time I follow up with a patient that Lee Ann has treated, I hear the same thing – ‘She is so sweet, so caring and does such a great job!’ Her patients just love her and are always commenting about how bubbly and upbeat she is while out doing home health. She represents SJMH very well.”

Her department head, Matt DeGarmo, noted that Lee Ann provides care primarily for home health patients for PT.

Lee Ann was very complimentary of the department.

“I can’t say enough about the people I work with. They are all dedicated, caring employees who put our patients first. You couldn’t ask for a better place to work…I just love my friends here,” she said.

In her spare time, Lee Ann quilts, reads and makes dolls.

Potter is August Choice for Honor

Maria Potter, of the Emergency Department, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for August 2013. She started work at SJMH in May 2011.

Her husband is Brian Potter, an athletic trainer at Tygart Valley Orthopedic. Her parents are Joe and Donna Broslawsky, of Buckhannon. She has two sisters – Tara Barger, 29, and Alexis Broslawsky, 23. Maria has a bachelor of science from West Virginia Wesleyan College in exercise physiology and an associate degree from Davis and Elkins College in nursing.

She is a paramedic for the Upshur County EMS and is a CPR instructor through the American Heart Association. Maria belongs to the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, in Buckhannon.

Maria had several nominations for the honor. They wrote the following: “Maria has a very positive attitude. She attends outside education and brings new ideas. She helps others with computer issues and is a cardiac monitor super user, always helping in any way that she can. She has the initiative to learn about hospital policies and procedures every chance she gets.”

Other nominators wrote, “Maria Potter is most definitely an asset to the Hospital. She is a virtual sponge – willing to learn anything new and takes charge easily. She is very kind and compassionate and helpful with new and old nurses, too!” Another wrote, “Maria Potter has a great attitude and provides a nice atmosphere in the workplace. She is a great asset to our team and this hospital.” The last nominator wrote, “Maria takes great care of her patients and keeps the ED running smoothly as charge nurse…we are lucky to have her.”

Maria was equally complimentary and wrote, “I love working here and truly enjoy my co-workers. They make the job easier. The ED is a great place for me because I like the hands-on experience and fast pace. It is a good transition for me to go from my EMS work to the ED.”

Maria enjoys being active and loves hunting, fishing and running. “I just enjoy being active. Anything outside is where I am most comfortable.”
Joe Eisenbeis, of Stonewall Jackson Home Care, was honored at a retirement reception on Mon., June 3, in the SJMH boardroom. He worked at SJMH for a total of 33 years...much of that time at Stonewall Jackson Home Care.

Joe grew up in Louisville, KY. He is the son of Cecilia Eisenbeis, of Louisville, and the late Raymond Eisenbeis. He has three sisters and one brother who still live in Louisville. For a number of years, he worked at the A&P food store chain.

In 1975 he met Jane Taylor, who was a nurse at the regional hospital near Harlan, KY. Jane grew up in Bridgeport, WV, and graduated from Bridgeport High School. In 1976, the couple was married. They are the very proud parents of Jana Eisenbeis Posey, 35, and Joel, 34. They have one grandson, Dakota. Jane is the director of external operations for SJMH.

The couple moved to West Virginia and Joe continued to work for A&P Markets in Fairmont until the company ceased operations. He continued his education by attending Salem College, where he received his nursing degree. He passed his nursing boards in 1980. Joe worked in a variety of nursing departments, including Med/Surg., the Emergency Department, and ICU, before setting his heart on Home Care.

Joe really thrived in that nursing setting. He always received many, many compliments from the patients for whom he cared. He said that he also learned something from the patients.

“Tou truly enjoyed my job and just loved the patients,” he said. “I learned a lot from the older patients I took care of – they have a lot of knowledge for all of us.”

During the many years of nursing, Joe saw quite a few changes in the field. He said that the field of wound care has probably undergone some of the biggest changes. Joe also felt that orthopedics has changed dramatically since he started nursing. The amount of paperwork that nurses have to do is another big change, though not necessarily a good one.

“Things are just different now in health care. When I first started, you saw one doctor for everything. Now there is a specialist for everything,” he laughed.

During his retirement reception, SJMH CEO Avah Stalnaker noted Joe’s dedication to his patients, as evidenced by the number or compliments she found in his personnel file.

“I found that patients and co-workers said that Joe was an excellent nurse who really cared about his patients. There were several times when patients asked to have Joe as their nurse because he had given them such good care,” said Stalnaker. “Joe was a dependable nurse who was able to get his paperwork done...a real blessing. And he was even awarded perfect attendance for four years.”

Robyn Minor Viglianco, nurse supervisor for SJ Home Care, worked for three years with Joe. She commented, “Joe was always pleasant, very patient-oriented, very thorough and a real joy to work with. We will miss him greatly here.

In retirement, Joe plans on doing the things he loves...gardening, yard work, camping, and, most importantly, watching sports.
Our sincere condolences to these members of our SJMH family on their losses:

Lynn Harsh on the passing of his stepfather;
Stephanie Bishop on the passing of her mother and Tammy Bishop on the passing of her sister;
Theresa Shackleford on the passing of her mother;
Robyn Minor Viglianco on the passing of her mother-in-law;
and Debbie Fultineer on the passing of her sister.

We offer you our sympathy.

The United Way basketball game between SJMH and Saint Joseph’s Hospital was such a success, that a follow-up softball game was scheduled in June. Unfortunately, our women’s team lost by the skin of their teeth and everyone says that if they could have played the full game they would have won. The men won their game. Pictured above are, left to right, Ronda Brown, Kay Bean, and Jacki Hall.

Heather Ryan and Lisa Barrett, of the HR department, headed up the registration table during the SJMH Benefits Fair, on Fri., Aug. 9. The event brought in quite a few of the SJMH vendors, who gave away “fabulous” prizes. Many thanks to HR for all the hard work.

Andi Lamb, pictured on left, checks out the various pics of entrants in the Handwashing Display Contest. Infection Control’s Yvonne Frederick and Nurse Educator Kim Koert created the contest to encourage greater handwashing awareness.

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Jack and Brenda Marcum are pictured at right during a musical event in Weston this past June.

During the annual picnic, Dr. Sraj shows Chrystal Skinner’s two little girls how to make gigantic bubbles with his bubblemaker. He was also kind enough to bring a professional face painter to the picnic, which was a big hit with all the children!
Farewell Party Held for Dr. Sharrell Gibson

Members of the SJMH family gathered for a going away party for OB/GYN Sharrell Gibson, M.D., who moved to Michigan with her family in June. The staff are pictured above, left to right, Debbie Orsburn, Kay Bodkin, Shelby Brooks, Dr. Gibson, Ashley Helmick, Debbie Strope, and Heather Goodwin.

Also at the going away picnic was the newest OB/GYN physician, Matthew Denti, who replaced Dr. Gibson at Mountaineer Healthcare for Women. He and his wife, Leisa, are pictured above, second and third from the right, along with seven of the couple’s nine children.

New Laboratory Director Named at SJMH

SJMH welcomes the newest department head to the Hospital administration.

Angela Hurst Cedeno took over the position of Laboratory Department Head at the end of May. She is returning to work in her hometown, having graduated from Lewis County High School. She received her degree in medical technology in 2001 from West Virginia University.

After she graduated from the University, Angela said, she made a conscious decision to create a resume, which took her to health care organizations from a small 15-bed hospital in Nevada to a 1,000-bed hospital in Texas.

“My work as a traveling tech took me from New Hampshire to Arizona. I worked a variety of shifts at a variety of hospitals so that I could have the knowledge in dealing with any kind of laboratory situation,” she explained.

Her travels took her to Hawaii, where she met her husband, Ron, a native of Costa Rica. The couple has two children – Kylie, 13, and Isabelle, 4. The family lives in Marion County, between Farmington and Barrackville.

Big Move Coming...

The SJMH Business Office will soon have a new home at the old Lively Healthcare office, previously Weston ENT, at Center Avenue, Weston. The move will allow the old business office to be used for our new Chemotherapy and Vein Centers, which are wonderful new additions to our Hospital.
Longtime SJMH nurse Edith Wendell was honored with a retirement luncheon on Thurs., July 18, at the offices of Stonewall Jackson Home Care at Market Place in Weston.

Edith has been a nurse there since 2006, but she began work at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital as an LPN in 1980.

Edith is originally from Bergen, NY – a town in northwestern New York. She attended Catherine McCauley LPN school and worked at a 7-bed hospital in Albany. She met her husband, Ed, in 1965 and they were married in 1968. He is from Rochester, NY, and worked for General Electric before the couple moved to Lewis County in the 1970s.

“We bought property in the Kincheloe area in 1973 and moved here in 1975,” explained Edith. “We lived in a 20 by 20 foot tent with our one-year-old son and then spent the winter in the cellar house.”

The couple has two children - Ed Roy Wendell, IV, and Sara Yonker. Ed is a government contractor and Sara is a marketing director at a hospital on the Eastern shore. Sara’s husband, Shawn Yonker, is a sportswriter. There are two grandchildren, Kason Yonker, 9, and Skylar Yonker, 5.

Edith continued her nursing education at Fairmont State College and received her nursing degree in 1989. She worked in the SJMH Med/Surg. department and then became nurse manager there in 1992. She joined the Operating Room staff in 1994 and became nurse manager there in 2006. Shortly after that she joined the staff at Stonewall Jackson Home Care.

Patients and co-workers were always complimentary of Edith indicated by her being honored as Employee of the Month in 2006. The nominator noted that staff looked up to Edith for stability and guidance. Edith was a professional who was dedicated to her job and patients.

In 2012, Jane Eisenbeis, the director at SJ Home Care, received a very complimentary letter from the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification in Charleston. The letter was from a very happy patient’s family served by Edith. In part, the family said, “I have been taking care of my Mom where she was burned and had a skin graft and we had a home health nurse. Today was her last day. Her name is Edith Wendell. I don’t know if you get very many of these or not, but I just wanted to tell you what a wonderful, wonderful person she is...she is just very thorough, very personable, and very caring. We hate that she is not going to be coming back anymore...but I just wanted you to know we could not have been more pleased if we had picked someone ourselves.”

There is no greater commendation than to have such a nice compliment from a patient.

Edith will be missed by her patients and Home Care staff.

New Patient Call System Installed

SJMH has been investigating strategies to lessen the noise in the Weston facility. Noisy hospitals have long been a major complaint among patients. In the monthly HCAHPS surveying, SJMH does not usually fare well with the question of “noise at night”. There can be a number of reasons that the patient hears all sorts of sounds...from a noisy supply room door, to conversations between nursing staff, to the overhead pages and ringing call bells. SJMH administration decided that one opportunity to help in combatting the noise was to investigate a new call bell system. The system was purchased and recently installed. Education of SJMH staff is now under way.

Pictured at left are SJ Home Care office staff who celebrated Edith Wendell’s recent retirement. First row, left to right, are: Sandy Smith, Beth Wheeler, Edith Wendell, Charlene Wiant; standing, left to right, are: Brandi James, Robyn Viglianco, Angie Lafferty, Harold Humphrey, Jane Eisenbeis, Joe Eisenbeis, Maria Hughes, and Larry Rupe.

Pictured above, left to right, during Edith’s reception are Ed Wendell, Edith Wendell, and Jane Eisenbeis.
Following in His Father’s Footsteps

Pictured above are Dr. Mohamed Sabbagh with his father, long time cardiologist Dr. A. Sabbagh, at the local Weston office. The younger Sabbagh completed his residency at UHC in June and began working with his father several weeks later. He is board certified in family medicine.

Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Dr. Christopher and Mrs. Pam Borchert celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 30, 2013. They were married on that day in 1973 at Weston’s St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. They celebrated their anniversary with a trip to New England.

The couple has two children – Joni Lea Wood, 38, and Christopher Lee Borchert, 33. Their grandchildren are: Lauren Borchert, Christopher Aiden Borchert, Dylan Phillips, Alex Phillips and Landon Wood. They have a great-granddaughter, Marley Lindsey.

Dr. Borchert is a pediatrician; his office is located next to Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Don’t Forget.....

It is so nice to see such sweet camaraderie between SJMH employees. Pictured at left are NP Miral Gibson and Kathy Daley, RN...the picture speaks for itself!