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Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital Celebrate “The Renaissance Gala”

Annual Event Honoring Twelve Distinguished Employees and Associates of NBHN



Left to right: W. Walsh, A. Mockler, D. Nerko, J. Grimes, J. Dibbini, H. Boothe, R. Barile, H. Delany, S. Factor, R. Rampino, U. Schubart, H. Gooden-Richards, C. Velasquez, and Dr. Allen Spiegel, Dean of Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dec 6th 2012 – In keeping with longstanding tradition, Jacobi Medical Center (Jacobi) and the North Central Bronx Hospital (NCBH) celebrated their annual recognition and awards ceremony paying tribute to the extraordinary dedication, achievement, and commitment of the staff from each institution. Both institutions comprise the North Bronx Healthcare Network (the Network). The event was held at the Villa Barone Manor, located in the Throggs Neck community of the Bronx, New York. This year, a theme of the Renaissance was selected in order to honor the creative and innovative methods staff members take to improve the healthcare their patients receive. The event is the signature fundraiser for both hospitals’ auxiliaries. The Auxiliaries are non-profit volunteer organizations that support and enhance patient care by raising funds for much needed programs and assistance, which cannot be supported through regular hospital resources.



Left to right: Mrs. Barbara Delany, H. Delany and W. Walsh

This year's honorees included **Harry M. Delany, MD, FACS** who was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his half century of exemplary service as a surgeon, his many years with the Network and as a professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Delany, a Harlem native and current Mount Vernon resident, became the first Director of Surgery at North Central Bronx Hospital in 1976; he was appointed to the same position at Jacobi (then Bronx Municipal Hospital Center) in 1986. When the hospitals joined to form the North Bronx Healthcare Network in 1996, Dr. Delany became Chairman of the Departments of Surgery for both hospitals. Some of his medical accomplishments include the Needle Catheter Jejunostomy, a tool for feeding post-operative patients, a procedure that is used worldwide. He also patented the Duodenal Intubation Catheter, which is used to feed and also decompress the duodenum within the small intestine. During the ceremony there was a surprise announcement by Senior Vice President **William P. Walsh** that the Board of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation had passed a resolution that the recently renovated Surgery Department of Jacobi would be named in his honor. This news led to a standing ovation by all in attendance.

Other distinguished honorees included the following: **Stephen M. Factor, MD**, Chairman of the Department of Pathology for the Network; **Robert Rampino, DPM**, Director of Podiatry for the Network; **Ulrich K. Schubart, MD, FACP**, Director of the Division of Endocrinology and Vice Chairman for Academic Affairs and Research for the Network; **Hilary J. Gooden-Richards, RN, BSN**, Associate Director of Nursing Operations for NCBH; **Carmen D. Velazquez, RN**, Head Nurse in the Women's Health Services Department of Jacobi; **Rosanne Barile**, Senior Executive Secretary to the Senior Vice President of the Network; **Hugh Boothe, MS, PharmD, RPH**, Assistant Director of the Pharmacy Department for the Network; **John Patrick Dibbini, MS, NHA**, Deputy Executive Director of the Behavioral Healthcare Services and Rehabilitation

Medicine Department within the Network; **JoAnne Grimes, MA**, Director of Patient Relations for the Network; and **Diane Nerko, BSN, RN, CCA**, Director of Clinical Documentation Improvement in the Finance Department for the Network. Additionally, Anthony Mockler, Project Manager for TDX Construction Corporation was honored as an Honorary Employee.

“These hardworking, devoted individuals represent the best of our Network, and really, some of the best in health and patient care anywhere” said Mr. Walsh “It’s only appropriate that we take time each and every year to celebrate the service and achievements of our staff.”

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