

# Waterbury Medical Association

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## From the President:

We are all disappointed that the proposed hospital merger did not materialize. During the process I spoke, on behalf of the Waterbury Medical Association, with Chad Wable, CEO of St. Mary's Hospital, Darlene Stromstad, CEO of Waterbury Hospital, Dan Moen, CEO of LHP Hospital Group, Theresa Younger, Executive Director of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, and Lois Uttley and Sheila Reynertson of Mergerwatch. All were very available and open about discussing the situation and it is very clear that everyone involved, including Governor Malloy and Mayor O'Leary really wanted this to go through.

No one is at fault here. It is just that, given the nature of the situation, the hurdles were insurmountable. What it means, however, is that it is time to move on. We must find ways in the future to avoid the self-defeating duplication of facilities and inefficiency that has hampered our local health care system for years. Our physician community has a tremendous amount of talent and skill and you deserve the very best in hospital facilities for you and your patients.

Jim Finn

## WMA Doctors Golf Club

Our fifth year of the Waterbury Medical Association Doctors Golf Club has come to a close. Our final event was at The Golf Course at Yale on October 10th. The rain stopped just before tee off, and we enjoyed a beautiful New England autumn afternoon of golf on a very challenging course! This was our most highly attended event, with 23 participants. Congratulations to the winning foursome of Ron Zlotoff, Wilfred Brown,

Laurence Kaplan, and Neil Schiff.

The event included dinner at Coromandel, an Indian restaurant in Orange, with an empowering lecture provided by local Urologist Dr. Bob Feldman on Axiron. The dinner event was sponsored by Eli Lilly.

Our 2012 season was the first year that we completed four events. In previous years, we scheduled two to three events per year. We are also continuing to grow in member number and involvement. The other three events of the 2012 season were: Fairview Farms, Oronoque Country Club, and The Torrington Country Club.

We welcome all those interested to become members of the WMA Doctors Golf Club.

Neil Schiff

## WMA Physician-Legislator Liason Program

Our Physician-legislator liaison program is up and running. We have paired volunteer physicians with local legislators so that, through the development of personal relationships, we can better project ideas that are important to physicians. When an issue arises (such as the Certificate of Merit) we can communicate the views of organized medicine to our liaisons who, through their personal relationships, can better educate legislators on the matter.

We can use more volunteers, so, if you are interested in volunteering to act as a liaison, please call Mary Yokose at 203 753 4888 and tell her who your local legislators are.

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## About the WMA

The Waterbury Medical Association is your representative in the medical community. Members of the Executive Committee can communicate effectively on your behalf with county and state medical associations, hospital administrations, government agencies and legislators. Please contact us if we can assist you in any way.

## Welcome New WMA Members!

**Raymond Clement, M.D.**  
**Maud Ward, M.D.**  
**W. Neil Pearson, M.D.**  
**Geoffrey Manton, M.D.**

## Dinner with State Senators

On June 7 The Waterbury Medical Association sponsored a social evening at Juniper's with State Senators Joan Hartley and Joe Markley. This presented an opportunity for us to get to know them better as people and to hear about their lives as legislators. We found them to be very open and affable and there

was a very active exchange of ideas.

## 2013 WMA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24 at The Country Club of Waterbury.

Our guest speaker will be one of our own physicians, Dr. Vincent Deluise, who will discuss the neurology of beauty. The title of his talk is "With an Artistic Vision: An Ophthalmologist Explores Perception, the Arts and the Eye."

Watch your mail for more details.