

Sue Clem Named 2004 Employee of the Year

Longtime Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital employee Sue Clem was chosen as 2004 Employee of the Year by her Hospital co-workers. Clem was surprised with the honor during the 20th annual Hospital dinner held at WVU Jackson's Mill on February 12.

Clem was named from among the Employees of the Month who are chosen each month at the Hospital. These employees are nominated by co-workers or patients based on exceptional performance and service. The Employees of the Month for 2004 included: Linda Rhoades -



SUE CLEM

January; Cheryl Huff - April; Liz Rinehart - June; February; Julie Bush - Mary Ann Heaster - July; March; Lisa McClain - Sue Clem - August;

Mindy Randall - September; Susan Leavitt- October; Laura Alfred - November; and Lee Ann Coffield - December.

The announcement of the award was made by Public Relations' Julia Spelsberg. Part of the announcement speech is as follows:

"When discussing this employee, there was one phrase which jumped out over and over again... 'She goes above and beyond'. It was interesting that when she was nominated for her honor this year, the same phrase was used. One of her fellow employ-

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Nilva Posey's Passing Saddens All



NILVA POSEY

Members of the Theresa Snaith Auxiliary and SJMH staff were deeply saddened by the sudden illness and passing of Auxiliary President Nilva Posey.

Nilva became ill at the end of January and passed away Feb. 15.

Several individuals reminisced about this wonderful lady.

"Nilva was such a sweet, sweet person. She always had a smile on her face. She never said anything bad about anybody. She was a lot of fun. We spent a

lot of time together at workshops for the Auxiliary. We had a ball when we would go to the Greenbrier and Canaan for state Auxiliary functions. She was down-to-earth and we got along great together," said former Auxiliary President Teresa Moran.

Before becoming Auxiliary President, Nilva served as the liaison between the Auxiliary and Stonewall Jackson Home Care at Garton Plaza. Nilva would perform office duties at

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ees wrote in her nomination, 'if she doesn't think something is right she follows up until it is. She goes above and beyond.'

"Some other comments gleaned from researching the career of this employee were phrases such as: 'she is a pleasure to work with'; 'she is well liked by all the employees'; 'she is organized, neat and tidy'; 'she is always cheerful and never complains'; 'she is willing to do whatever she is asked.'

"Probably the biggest problem that our employee has is that she can never say 'No.' She will never turn down a request to pitch in and cover the shifts which need covered. She will always come in early or stay late to help her fellow employees get their work caught up. Plus, our Employee of the Year will hardly ever miss work.

"Her co-workers say that this employee is a great cook and always adds a delicious course to the meals cooked up on that shift. Her family agrees that she has a special talent in the kitchen. She always wears a smile when there is little to smile about, especially after the patient charts are stacked overhead after the physicians have made rounds.

"This is the second time this employee has been honored. She was also nominated as Employee of the Month in 1999. She loves her flowers, and next to her five children, she really loves her dog, Millie."



Emcee Rusty Simpson gives Employee of the Year Sue Clem one of her prizes. She was accompanied to the podium by three of her children-Teresa, Brian, and Tracey.

Three of her children, who had stayed hidden in the back of the dining hall during the dinner, came forward when Clem's name was announced. They presented their mother with a plaque and accompanied her to the front of the audience to receive flowers and other gifts.

At the beginning of the

dinner, SJMH Board Member Gerald Wood gave the invocation and Administrator David D. Shaffer welcomed the audience.

After dinner and before the awarding of the Employee of the Year honor, a number of other SJMH employees were honored for their years of service. Service

award winners for 2004 were: 30 Years of Service - Terri Gill, Lois Lamb, Avah Stalnaker; 25 Years of Service - Tommy Bragg, Debbie Heater, Gabby Hoover, Cammie Posey, Carol Robison; 20 Years of Service - Vicki Bowen, Shannon Gissy, Betty Heath, Gene Riffle; 15 Years of Service - Tammy Taylor, Fonda Teter; 10 Years of Service - Lisa Hayhurst, Ruth Ann Johnson, Geraldine Marsh, Rhonda McIe, Leslie Sprouse, Rick Thomason, Melissa White; 5 Years of Service - Debra Alkire, Dodie Arbogast, Jennifer Barnes, Peggy Bleigh, Traci Chapman, Crystal Clem, Liz Rinehart, Bill Griffith, Robert Goodwin, Kelly Haymond, Amanda Johnston, Virginia Kelly, Susan Leavitt, Laura Lightner, Heather Linger, Tedra Linger, Linda Long, Amy Metz, Donna Myers, Donna Ramsey, Judy Roberts, Kim Rush, and Vonda Straley.

Ten-Year Pin Recipients at Awards Dinner



Ruth Ann Johnson and Geraldine Marsh



Ronda McIe

Floating Punch Bowl



An annual activity of the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary is the Floating Punch Bowl, held around Valentines Day. Hospital staff are served sweets and punch by Auxiliary members. Pictured above are Auxilians Barbara Vance and Katherine Weaver at the 2005 event.

Upcoming Soc/Rec Events

March 17 - Skating Party at Skateworld in Bridgeport

March 28 - Book Sale

April 1 - Hospital Olympics

May 8-14 - Hospital Week activities

June - Covered-dish cookout

July 15 - Pool party at Lewis County Park, includes putt-putt golf, swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, and picnic.

October 19 - Book Sale

From The Executive Corner

By David D. Shaffer

Private Social Security Accounts - The Sooner, The Better

Currently, there is much debate regarding Private social security accounts, but what are private accounts and why is there so much controversy?

Private accounts, if approved by Congress, will allow you to invest a portion (1/3 as currently proposed) of your SS money in equities or bonds or leave it as it is. In other words, private accounts will function very much like your hospital pension account. This option will be available to the younger generation, which probably means those under the age of 55.

Let's look at how SS presently works. As your employer, we pay 6.2% of your wages to the social security trust fund. We withhold an identical amount from your wages, resulting in a combined rate of 12.4%. In reality, your surplus money never gets to the trust fund because Congress spends it on other budgetary items, such as, pay raises for members of congress, Amtrak, highways -- you name it! The SS Trust Fund issues IOU's to the general treasury which obligates the GT to pay it back. A similar scenario would be the hospital using your pension money to purchase lab equipment or to pave the parking lot while promising to pay you back. The major difference is the latter would land you in jail, whereas the former gets you elected to congress. For this very reason, some refer to SS as a giant Ponzi scheme.

Why is there so much controversy surrounding private accounts? As you might expect, the controversy is mostly political. One side wants to resolve the funding dilemma by increasing taxes, raising the retirement age and reducing benefits to wealthier retirees. The other wants to allow employees an option of investing at least some of their money.

Is there an example or a model out there somewhere that we can use as a template?

Well, yes, there is! We need look no further than Galveston, Texas, the city memorialized in song by Glen Campbell.

In 1981, employees of Galveston County, Texas, chose to opt out of SS in lieu of a private plan. The county and employee paid 6.13% (12.26% in total) of their wages into a private system with about 10% used for retirement accounts and the remainder for disability and life insurance. Workers continued to pay Medicare payroll taxes and will receive Medicare benefits upon retirement.

Let's look at the results:

- A person in the private plan retiring at age 65 with 40 years of deposits and an annual salary of \$20,000 will retire with \$383,032 accumulated. This will provide an annuity of \$2,740 per month. This retiree will receive about \$775 per month in SS benefits.

- A \$30,000 salary for 40 years will accumulate \$573,782 with an annuity of \$3,800 per month. SS would be about \$925 per month.

- A \$50,000 salary for 40 years will accumulate \$956,303 with an annuity of \$6,843 per month. SS would be about \$1,302 per month.

- There are many other benefits associated with the private plan, many of which are optional.

The comparison to SS retirement provides an obvious advantage for private accounts. Let's quit the political bickering and move social security to private accounts - the sooner, the better!

WHO IS IN THE NEWS AT SJMH



In this issue of The General, we are profiling Gay Spaur, night shift supervisor.

Name: Gay Frame Spaur

SJMH Dept: Evening shift supervisor

Significant others: Husband Rexell; son Gary and daughter-in-law Kelly

How long have you been at SJMH? Since January 1995

Favorite SJMH Doc: Dr. Lively. He writes orders that can be read and he is always pleasant to all

Favorite Dept at SJMH: I like all of the departments and learning everything I can

Favorite food: Cornbread Salad

Schooling: Sand Fork High School, Davis and Elkins College

Favorite TV Show: Andy Griffith - it is a good family show

Favorite actors: Andy Griffith and John Wayne.

Pets: Brownie (Jack Russell), Buffy (cocker) and Digger (combination of Brownie and Buffy) , Care Bear (cat)

PLEASE

Magazines are for the convenience of our visitors and patients. Magazines are disappearing almost overnight from the racks. This is becoming a very rude habit for people who are taking the magazines and not putting them back. If you are unable to replace them, then don't take them.

Births

Dr. Tony Naim and his wife Najat are the proud parents of their third child, a little boy, Andrew Joseph. He was born on January 19 at 4:54 p.m. and weighed seven pounds, nine ounces. His father is an obstetrician/gynecologist here at SJMH

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

to these members of our
SJMH family on their losses:
Charlotte Workman on the loss of her mother;
Debbie Heater on the loss of her sister-in-law
and mother-in-law;
Harriett Williams on the loss of her sister-in-law;
Debbie Lipscomb on the loss of her father.
We offer you our sympathy.

ENGINEERING AWARD



This year, the Engineering Award (aka Dipstick Award) went to two individuals. Pictured above, Rusty Simpson awards the prize to Brenda Moody. Co-recipient was Rick Thomason, but he got a little sick before the Awards Dinner, probably to skip the humiliation. Brenda and Rick were responsible for teaching us all about the importance of two patient identifiers.

REMINDER DVT MONTH

MARCH IS DVT AWARENESS MONTH. DVT STANDS FOR DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS, A CONDITION RESULTING FROM THE FORMATION OF A BLOOD CLOT (THROMBUS) INSIDE A DEEP VEIN, COMMONLY LOCATED IN THE CALF OR THIGH. DVT OCCURS WHEN THE BLOOD CLOT PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY BLOCKS THE FLOW OF BLOOD IN THE VEIN.

IT WAS COLDER THAN JUNEAU IN JANUARY

About 60 hearty individuals took to the ski



Johnathan Spelsberg put on a brave front. He was covered from head to toe but found the -22 degree temperature to be too much.

slopes at Canaan Valley on Sun., Jan. 23, for a ski outing, and found that it was really cold!

Skiers knew something was up when the signs at the cashier's window noted "Beware - Frostbite a Possibility."

At the top of the mountain, the temperature was a minus twenty-two degrees. One skier said that he tried to "get small" so the wind wouldn't affect his run, but then he would get hit with a big gust. The wind was also buffeting the ski lift as the skiers went up the mountain.

Karen Rinker, of the Business Office, coordinated another trip on Feb. 27 and the conditions were much more favorable. About 30 skiers made that trip.



Pictured above, Deena Ocheltree and Crystal Taylor huddle in the lodge before braving the very cold temperature.

More Secure!!!



Maintenance is in the process of installing a new security door at the end of the ED hallway. Eventually, it will be used to secure the hospital after visiting hours, only allowing access to authorized individuals.

KUDOS TO:

▲▲ The Theresa Snaith Auxiliary for their wonderful donations to the Hospital and our Employees, especially the new paggers.

▲▲ Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Julia for helping clean and ready the first floor patients' rooms when that dept. was opened.

▲▲ Laundry gals for all their extra work during the cold spells and snow.

▲▲ All the student nurses for the many nice things done for our patients and staff.

▲▲ Dietary for extending the cafeteria hours.

▲▲ Soc/Rec Committee for the nice Awards Dinner and Dance.

▲▲ The Business Office for donating Christmas gifts of baby clothing and goodies to the OB department.



Pictured above are SJMH OR technician Jake Poling and Auxiliary member Karen Ralston checking out the new surgical patient paging system. The Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary provided the new system for the families of patients undergoing surgical procedures at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Brigetta Huntz To Wed in May

Brigetta Huntz and D.J. Fisher will be married on May 21. The open church ceremony will take place at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Weston, at 3 p.m. Brigetta is a 1994 graduate of South Harrison High School and a 1997 graduate of Marshall University. She has worked as a physical therapy assistant at SJMH for the past seven years. Her fiancée is employed by Allegheny Surveys in Weston.

DEAN'S LIST

Med/Surg nurse Letha Irvin is certainly proud of her daughter, Betty, who made the first semester Dean's List at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

CORRECTION

Many apologies to Mike Casto, C.R.N.A., for an editor's mistake in the Jan. **General**. We had Mike

graduating in 1973 as an RN. In reality, he was a 1993 grad. People kept telling him how good he looked for his age. Sorry for the error.



DONATION

DR. FRANK SCATTAREGIA PRESENTED A CHECK TO JOHN CARROLL OF THE LEWIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SQUAD ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL WV MEDICAL SOCIETY. THE MONEY IS TO BE SPENT ON EQUIPMENT THE SQUAD MAY NEED.



Terri Clevenger poses with mother Lisa Beall and her baby, Alexis Paige, born at WVU in January. The ED Department had a lovely shower for her on Sunday, February 27, in the Boardroom. Lisa was a monitor tech/secretary in Emergency Department.

Keep On Smiling!

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH FOR JAN. AND FEB.

Bowen Picked for January

Samantha Bowen, of Materials Management, has been selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital's employee of the month for January 2005. She began at SJMH in March 2001.

Samantha graduated from Lewis County High School in 1998. She received an associate degree in Computer Information Management in 2000.

Samantha's nominator was very complimentary of her work ethic.

"Samantha is always willing to learn new things. She is great with staff and patients. She is always willing to help out when the department is short-staffed. Samantha is able to cover for the distribution and receiving coordinator if needed. Samantha has a great attitude and is fun to work with," wrote the nominator.

Samantha enjoys her work at SJMH, also.

"I like the people here at



SAMANTHA BOWEN

the Hospital and I like the working environment. We all get along very well in the storeroom," she said.

Samantha is married to Tigger and the couple have two children, Victoria, 4, and Izaiah, 17 months. Her mother is Linda Richards of Weston. She also said that her older brother, Keith Richards, has been a great role model for her.

Moody Chosen for Feb.

Michael Moody has been selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital's employee of the month for February 2005. He began at SJMH in February 1995 in the Respiratory Care Department. He has worked as a monitor technician in ICU, as a sleep study technician, and as an aide.

Michael has been involved in several Lewis County organizations, including the Pricetown Volunteer Fire Department and Lewis County Emergency Squad. He has served as president of the squad for six years and has also been a board member for six years. He became an EMT in 1992 and a paramedic in 2000 after receiving his paramedic degree from Fairmont State College. Michael is certified by the American Heart Association as a CPR and First Aid instructor. He is certified as an ACLS/PALS instructor. He is also certified in Basic Trauma Life Support, Neonatal Advanced Life Support, and Geriatric Emergency Medical Services.

Michael's nominators were very complimentary of him.

"Michael is hard working; loves to teach others all the



MICHAEL MOODY

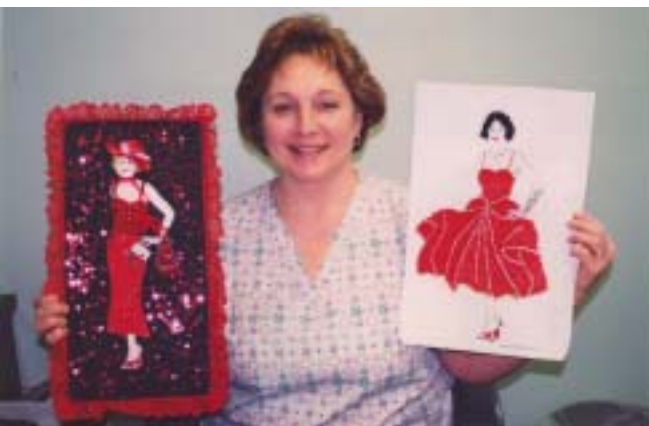
time; is kind to his patients; and loves God and Country," wrote the nominators. "Mike is also a paramedic and a great asset to this hospital."

Michael was equally complimentary.

"Stonewall has been a good place to work. I have seen many people come and go, from DONs to nurse managers, nursing staff and ancillary departments. Each one has brought something to the facility. Over the years, my knowledge base deficit has decreased in many diverse areas thanks to people here today and those who have come and gone. I am glad to be able to share my knowledge with others. Helping to train someone or teach them something new helps me to stay on top of things. In this field there are always new techniques, new procedures and other ways of taking care of the patient. Stonewall has a lot of good, caring people and I have enjoyed my tenure here."

In the little spare time he has, Michael enjoys reading, playing the piano, camping and traveling.

And The Winners Are...



There were twenty entries in the "Dress Mary Ellen Bragg in Red for Heart Month Contest." During voting at the Awards Dinner, Linda Long won first place (on left) for her creation. The entries were also displayed in the SJMH lobby and Brandy Craig's entry (on the right) won. Mary Ellen is pictured above between the two lovely creations.

The Lewis County Relay for Life will be held on Fri., June 10. Organizers are looking for more Teams and Captains. If you are interested, call Julia at 8167.

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the office for Director Jane Eisenbeis, who was very fond of her volunteer.

"Nilva was one of the sweetest and dearest people I ever met. She always brought good stories to the office when she came to volunteer," said Jane. "I lived next to them for eight years, and I just loved Nilva. She was angelic. We are deeply saddened by this loss."

Julia Spelsberg, Auxiliary vice-president, noted, "This is so hard for all of us. Nilva was a very special person and we all will miss her greatly. Her family told us how much the Auxiliary meant to her and we can say that she meant very much to the Auxiliary."

Nilva's obituary fol-

lows:

Nilva M. Morony Posey, 81, of Roanoke, formerly of Crystal Springs Community (Randolph County), died on Tues., Feb. 15, in Elkins.

She was born Feb. 3, 1924, in Belforte, Italy, a daughter of the late Aldo Vincent and Caterina Gobbi Fratini Morony.

On Dec. 30, 1950, she married Russell R. Posey, her husband of 54 years, who survives.

In addition, she is survived by two daughters, Kristina E. Hinzman and husband Harvey of Elkins, and Regina L. Wilkins and husband Dwayne of Atlanta, GA; two sons, Russell R. Posey II of Atlanta, GA, and Vincent R. Posey and wife Beverly of Elkins; two brothers,

Otis V. Morony and wife Diane of Cleveland, OH, and Ives G. Morony of Upper Marlboro, MD.; one sister, Eneide Morony of Morgantown; seven grandchildren, Ross W. Hinzman, Adam V. Posey, Ayla S. Posey, Vincent Donald Posey, Carla R. Posey, Courtney N. Rost, and Matthew V. Rost; two stepgrandchildren, Elliott and Rhett Wilkins; and several nieces. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Renee Posey; and one sister, Nadia Timpano.

Mrs. Posey was a 1942 graduate of Morgantown High School. In 1961, she and her husband moved to Elkins, where they owned and operated Dari Delite in Crystal Springs for 20 years. During that time, she served as den mother for Cub Scout Pack 99 and homeroom mother at Third Ward El-

ementary School. After her retirement, the Poseys moved to Roanoke, where she was a member and current president of the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. She attended the Bendale United Methodist Church in Weston and enjoyed singing, flowers, helping others and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Services were held on Fri., Feb. 18, at Boyle Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jeff Zickefoose officiating. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery, Weston.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to Theresa Snaith Auxiliary, c/o SJMH, 230 Hospital Plaza, Weston, WV 26452, or Bendale United Methodist Church, 1163 US Highway 19S, Weston, WV 26452.

FROM STAFF DEVELOPMENT

•General Orientation for new employees will be held on the following days:

Mon., March 21 @ 8:30.

Mon., April 4 and 18, @ 8:30;

Mon., May 2 and 16 @ 8:30;

Orientation is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the second-floor classroom. Those needing lab work or physicals should

report at 8 a.m. to Registration. If at all possible, please schedule all new employees on these days.

•CPR recertification will be held on Tuesday, April 12 @ 1 p.m., and Tues., May 10 @ 1 p.m. You must be signed up in advance. Call 8119. All clinical staff are required to have a current card.

•PALS will be held on Fri., May 13.

•A new patient educa-

tion team has been started. Attendance is not mandatory and volunteers are needed. The committee is a JCAHO requirement. Staff Development will meet on all shifts to select and circulate patient education materials. If you are interested, contact Vinessia at 8119.

•Staff Development recently sent out an education survey. This is open to suggestions from clinical

and nonclinical personnel for their input. Some questions you might ask yourself: Is there something which you would like to see offered; Are there important newsletters which the Hospital might purchase; Is there equipment or procedures that you would like more training on; Would you like an update on tuition reimbursement. If you have any ideas please let Vinessia know at 8119.

More from the 20th Annual Awards Dinner

The following is a brief employment history of those employees receiving 30- and 25-year pins.

THIRTY-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

TERRI GILL from the Med/Surg Unit has spent her career at SJMH in the clinical setting as an aide and most recently as a unit secretary. Several funny stories were told during the dinner about Terri. She and retired nurse Helen Henthorn used to sneak out onto

she fell into the pond at Jackson's Mill during baton practice.

LOIS LAMB started at SJMH on April 25, 1974, as a nursing service ward clerk. She worked with Jo Orvik, RN, in the cardiac care unit before transferring to ICU as a clerk in 1980. She worked as a physical therapy aide and as an ophthalmic assistant at the WV Eye Institute, which was affiliated with SJMH. She became a file clerk in the accounting office in

in September 1991 for her hard work.

AVAH STALNAKER began her career at SJMH as a nurse's aide in 1972. She was trained by Margie Ruppert. She graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan's School of Nursing in 1977. She served as supervisor of the Med/Surg Unit from 1978 to 1980. She was ICU Supervisor in 1980 before becoming nursing supervisor and IV therapist in 1981. For a short time she was act-



**30-Year Pin Winner
Lois Lamb**

University of Minnesota, which she attained in 1990. She then became associate administrator. Eight department heads report directly to Avah. These include lab, respiratory care, anesthesiology, pharmacy, radiology, physical therapy, materials management (includes housekeeping and laundry), and physician offices. She is also responsible for physician recruitment and has done a marvelous job in every task she undertakes.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

TOMMY BRAGG started in housekeeping dept. cleaning the physicians' buildings several times a week. He transferred into housekeeping in a full-time



Before receiving her 30-year pin Terri Gill (left) heard several stories told by acting Chief Nursing Officer Mary Ellen Bragg.

the roof to smoke cigarettes. It was also noted that while she was pregnant with her only child Cara, that her water broke while she was on duty. As Cara grew into a young lady, she gave her mother some gray hairs. Like the time that

October 1991. She still works in the business office and is responsible for making sure all of our mail gets to the proper recipient as well as doing a variety of other jobs in that office. She was chosen as an employee of the month

ing director of nursing before becoming assistant director, a job which she held until 1987. She took on the responsibilities of director of clinical services while working on her Master in Healthcare Administration from the

More from the Dinner

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position. He transferred into maintenance as a night watch position and then transferred to yardsman and evening shift. Tommy has the distinction of winning the SJMH Engineering Award (Dipstick Award) twice. Once for "super gluing" his glasses to his nose. He also "blew himself up" when trying to relight a gas pilot light in the kitchen's stove.

As the story is told, the staff knew that he was trying to light the gas.

The next thing they heard was a small explosion. When they gathered to investigate, the staff could only find a small pile of Tommy's hair on the floor in front of the stove. (They

didn't know that Tommy had already gone to the ED for help.)

DEBBIE HEATER graduated from WV Business College with a degree as a medical assistant. She then worked at Dr. Pascasio's office for two years before beginning as a medical transcriptionist here in Medical Records in February 1979. Those were the days when everything was done on a typewriter. The only other implements were carbon paper and whiteout tape. During those days there was only so much area on a form to type the information. If a doctor was too wordy, the transcriptionist had to

type on the half line and if one made a mistake, it was impossible to line it up and correct the error. Debbie found that she enjoyed the job and liked the hours and has stayed put for all of these years.

GABBY HOOVER began work here on April 16, 1979. She took on the responsibilities of staff development in 1981. Eventually she transferred to the Special Delivery Birthing Center in 1995. She was nominated as employee of the month in 1992 and in 1998. During her employment here, Gabby has coordinated a number of educational programs for the Hospital and community. These included: organizing and teaching childbirth classes, baby-sitting class, and freedom from smoking classes.

CAMMIE POSEY began here on March 26, 1979, as an aide on the first floor during night shift. After a short layoff in 1985, she was called back to work for employment on the switchboard. She has been there ever since. When she started as an aide, there was no formal training provided by a school. For Cammie, her training was provided by Avah



**25-Year Pin Winner
Carol Robison**

Stalnaker. Cammie said that Mrs. Lois Perkins was on leave and that Avah hired and trained her for a job as an aide.

CAROL ROBISON first started at SJMH in 1972 but left in 1976 during a pregnancy. She returned in 1979 because Lois Perkins, director of nurses, had called her to be a ward clerk on the first floor. Avah was charge nurse and Jane Eisenbeis was evening supervisor for Carol's shift. She also worked for Jeff Powelson as a physical therapy aide, a job which she loved. About 1980, she was requested to move to the business office. Since that time, she has been involved in many aspects of the billing department.



Tommy Bragg (right) receives congratulations from his department head, Rusty Simpson, on his 25-year milestone.

Dance Scenes after the Dinner



Mary Ann Hall and her hubby, Scott, have a good laugh at the wonderful singing.



Debbie Sholes and her husband, Mike, were all smiles for the camera.



Pictured above, Donna Myers was happy to pose, but her husband Flip wasn't sure about the camera. Pictured at left - Who can do the Conga? Members of nursing staff show the rest of the crowd how to do it.

Five-Year Pin Recipients

Pictured at right are employees at the Awards Dinner who received five-year pins. They are: seated, left to right - Judy Roberts, Dodie Arbogast; standing, left to right - Vonda Straley, Jennifer Barnes, Kim Rush, Donna Myers, Donna Ramsey, Traci Chapman, Linda Long, Crystal Clem, and Amanda Johnston.



Drawing for Donna



The staff in housekeeping and laundry created a wonderful Valentine's basket for a very special raffle. They sold tickets on behalf of housekeeping's Donna Myers. The Soc/Rec Committee also raised money during a February lotto. Donna is undergoing some treatments and the money raised will, hopefully, cover her extra medical expenses.

Blood Screening

The Weston Rotary Club, in cooperation with Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, will have the annual blood screenings on two consecutive Saturdays, May 14 and 21, from 7 to 10 a.m. It is not necessary to register in advance.

Free Women's Health Screening

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital will be working with the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program to provide a Free Women's Health Screening on Fri., May 6, and Fri., May 13, at the office of Dr. Tony Naim. Participants will have to register to be seen. Registration will begin in April.

Address Correction Requested