Mercy Inducts Four Physicians Into Society Of St. Luke

Ceremony for Drs. Gormsen, Kelling, Rosenberg and Ziegler a Centennial Highlight

Mercy honored four of its physicians for their outstanding service to patients, the hospital and the community during the 2008 induction ceremony and dinner for the Society of St. Luke, Mercy’s physician honor society. Honorees included David L. Gormsen, D.O.; James Kelling, M.D.; Leon H. Rosenberg, M.D.; and J. Richard Ziegler Jr., M.D.

The event, held May 8 at the Kent State Stark Professional Education and Conference Center, was a highlight of Mercy’s centennial celebration. (Continued on page 8)

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Enjoy A Centennial Picnic On The Lawn

Mercy invites employees to be part of its Centennial Picnic on the Lawn, to be held Wed., June 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the picnic area. The event – which will include music and a centennial slide show – will be part of employee appreciation day, and Mercy will provide free ice cream, popcorn and a small beverage for employees.

Employees can bring their own lunch or purchase picnic-style food from the cafeteria, including grilled hamburgers, chicken breast sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and potato chips. Seating will be available on the lawn.

Mercy Creates Centennial Float For HOF Parade

As a special highlight of its centennial year, Mercy will have a float in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Timken Grand Parade on Sat., Aug. 2.

The float will feature a centennial theme and include riders and walkers from the Mercy team. Following the parade, which kicks off at 8 a.m. in downtown Canton, the float will be displayed for employees and their families and friends. Additional details will be announced closer to parade day. For more information, visit the event Web site at Profootballhoffestival.com.
A Message from the President and CEO

by Thomas E. Cecconi, FACHE, President & CEO

It has been heartwarming to receive so many notes of appreciation about the gas cards Mercy recently distributed to all employees. My e-mail box has been full of notes like the one from Judy Keller, who wrote, “Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift card for gas. I love surprises; you blessed us all today.”

On behalf of Mercy’s administration, I want to again thank our employees for their hard work and dedication to the hospital and the people it serves. You are a blessing every day to our patients and their families.

I am also pleased to note Mercy’s strong representation at the Ohio Hospital Association’s (OHA) annual conference this month. Karen Coughlin, Karen Feller and Diane Wofsey will present a session highlighting Project CARE and the ANGEL Network. These programs are excellent examples of how Mercy partners with target populations to achieve healthier communities. In addition, Jean Morgan and Mercy’s SANE program are featured in the OHA’s community benefit report, which will be distributed at the conference.

Karen Coughlin and Diane will also present ANGEL Network information during an Innovation Forum at the 2008 Catholic Health Assembly this month in San Diego, Calif.

Finally, I wish to thank all of the employees who took part in recent American Cancer Society Relay for Life events. Our high level of participation always makes a significant statement about our genuine concern for patients and the community. I also want to congratulate Mary Jo Varn and Sheryl White from the Mercy Boutique on their recent Caregiver Awards at the Massillon relay. As with so many Mercy employees and volunteers, their dedication to helping cancer patients and survivors has touched many lives.

Employees Honored For Service Milestones

Mercy held its annual employee recognition dinner on May 13 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center in Canton. Themed “Faces of Mercy,” the event honored more than 300 employees who reached service milestones this year.

The hospital deeply appreciates the dedication of employees in every department who work hard to ensure that Mercy provides the highest quality care in Stark and surrounding counties.

45 years
Louise Capuano, Lab – External

40 years
Betty Buch, Lab – Chemistry
Joan Buck, MIMO
Margaret Lembke, Med/Surg – 8M
Virginia Paris, Laboratory Mgmt & Support
Jean Phillimore, Med/Surg – 2M

35 years
Adeline Armogida, Radiology Mgmt & Support
Charles Buchheit, Data Processing Support
Lilia Cruz, Med/Surg – 2M
Westlyn Cunningham, Communications
Dorothy Hager, 7M MTS Teaching
Suzanne Meyer, PACU Recovery
Carol Moriconi, Coronary Care Unit

25 years
Thomas Auseon, Plant Operation & Maintenance
Phyllis Ballos, Store Unit
Carol Boszor, 4B Rehab
Irene Brosch, Medical Records
Lavonne Bruno, Carrollton

40 years
Debra Davis, 7M MTS Teaching
Sara Dodd, Maternity Services
Peggy Eash, 7M MTS Teaching
Kim Edgar, Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Therese Esmont, Administrative & General
Barbara Fickes, Emergency Services
Sally Franz, Med/Surg – 10M
Addie Gerlach, Dietary
Gloria Jones, Central Sterile Processing
Nada Krestesvki, Dietary
Karen Laskey, PACU Recovery
Jean Loughry, Home Health
Judith Melnyk, Surgery
Patricia Newsome, Maternity Services
Phyllis Nugent, Lab – Chemistry
Dennis Parsons, Emergency Services
Karla Radaubach, Data Processing Support
Julie Theiss, PACU Recovery
Judy Vetrone, Maternity Services
Claudia Williams, PACU Recovery
Kathleen Zimmer, Same-Day Surgery

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Cynthia Darr, Security
Debra Davis, 7M MTS Teaching
Sara Dodd, Maternity Services
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Kathleen Zimmer, Same-Day Surgery

30 years
Sue Addessi, Surgery
Georgia Aventino, Pain Management
Jodi Beltz, Oncology Clinic
Linda Bernard, Radiology Mgmt & Support
Theresa Burger, Quality & Utilization Mgmt
Melanie Busby, 7M MTS Teaching
Kathryn Carter, Surgery
Kathleen Cerrone, Maternity Services
Gail Coleman, Same-Day Surgery
William Contos, Respiratory Therapy
Suzette Corsi, PEAT
Marguerite Dailey, Patient Billing

Employees Honored For Service Milestones

Therese Esmont, a 30-year employee, enjoys dinner next to Ronald Bennington, recently retired senior vice president and general counsel.

Linda Myers, Pathology
Sandra Rich, Central Sterile Processing
Mary Serafini, Dietary
Constance Twiss, Emergency Services

25 years
Sheila Ciccarone, Physical Therapy
Teresa Clark, Psychiatric Care
David Coleman, Dietary
Debra Cuonot, Same-Day Surgery
Helen Eick, Med/Surg – 8M
Laurie Gankoski, Financial Management
Christina Grimm, Six Sigma
Laurie Hartline, Surgery
Michelle Henry, Med/Surg – 2M  
Mark Juenemann, Financial Management  
Alan King, Lab – External  
Cynthia Kurzen, Physical Therapy  
Janice Leyda, PEAT  
Debra Lichtenwalter, Trauma Services  
Deborah Mccarty, Materials Management  
Sister Mary Lois Phillipp, Volunteer Services  
Larry Ramer, Respiratory Therapy  
Regina Ravine, Maternity Services  
Yvonne Roddy, General Accounting  
Sharon Russ, Dietary  
Donald Salewsky, Data Processing Support  
Cathy Shanks, Patient Billing  
Katherine Simmons, Surgery  
Susan Smith, Coronary Care Unit  
Karen Snyder, CT Scan  
Penelope Soehnlen, Central Sterile Processing  
Deborah Tate, Med/Surg – 4M  
Olivia Tolley – Maternity Services  

Jeff Smith, senior vice president and COO (left), and Tom Cecconi, president and CEO, congratulate Betty Buch for 40 years of service.

Elaine Umlauf, Surgery  
Janet Warner, Med/Surg – 2M  
Jyl Weston, Maternity Services  
Paula Wilson, Med/Surg – 8M  
Lisa Wojcik, Store Unit  
Carol Zimbello, Housekeeping  

20 years  
Ann Almasy, Nursing Services  
Christine Andrews, PACU Recovery  
Sandra Boron, Lab – Phlebotomy  
Martha Brundelet, Pathology  
Vicki Campbell, Open Heart Surgery – CVSOR  
Maureen Dudley, Lab – External  

Darby Dummermuth, Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Loraine Gray, Open Heart Cardio Unit – CVSICU  
Cynthia Hermann, Same-Day Surgery  
Terry Howard, Quality & Utilization Mgmt  
Beth Jackson, Medical Records  
Lesa Jenkins, Occupational Therapy  
Sandra Kidwell, Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab  
Tracey Kirby, Psychiatric Care  
Debra Kohut, Lab – Chemistry  
Joyce Mielke, Gastroenterology  
Lester Salewsky Jr., Printing  
Dianne Stout, Medical Records  
Barbara Troyer, Lab – Chemistry  
Gloria Welsh, Intensive Care Unit  

15 years  
Miselle Bales, Cardiac Diagnostics  
Daryl Barnes, Cardiac Cath Laboratory  
Karen Bell, 9M – Transitional Care  
Louise Benedict, STATCARE North Canton  
Deborah Bevan, Cardiac Cath Laboratory  
Jessica Brown, PEAT  
Leslie Brown, Radiation Therapy  
Lorraine Burkey, Quality & Utilization Mgmt  
Cheryl Collins, Work Care  
Linda Cook, Lab – Microbiology  
Annette Demos, Carrollton  
John Flood, Lab – External  
Peggy Foss-Humphrey, Maternity Services  
Thomas Headley, O/P Psychological Services  
Marsha Higbie, Six Sigma  
Patricia Howard, 9M – Transitional Care  

10 years  
Darlene Allender, Housekeeping  
Nick Bagnolo Jr., Plant Operation & Maintenance  
Beth Bailey, PACU Recovery  
Elisabeth Baltzly, STATCARE North Canton  
Amanda Beard, Carrollton  
Cindy Becher, Housekeeping  
Cynthia Beitzel-Robinson, Lab Mgmt & Support  
Paula Bentley, Lab – Chemistry  
Amy Best, Coronary Care Unit  
Rachel Briner, Medical Transcription  
Shelley Clapper, Lab – Chemistry  
Cheryl Corriera, Patient Billing  
Angela Cottle, Coronary Care Unit  
Tammy Cottrell, 4B Rehab  
Judy Covington, Medical Transcription  
Tiffany Dickerhoff, Data Processing Support  
Donna Dieringer, Diagnostic Radiology  
Marilyn Duve, Quality & Utilization Mgmt  
Robert Elliott, Courier Services  
Melvin Evans Jr., Diagnostic Radiology  
David Faur, Sports Medicine  
John Feucht II, Pharmacy  
Lavaun Foss, Courier Services  
Kimberley Gohlke, Coronary Care Unit  
Laura Greenawalt, Medical Transcription  
Scott Grimm, Open Heart Cardio Unit – CVSICU  
Doris Hanood, Home Health  
William Hawk, Retail Pharmacy  
Sheila Higgins, Gastroenterology  
Darlene Holly, Lab – Microbiology  

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Ann Almasy, Nursing Services  
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Sandra Boron, Lab – Phlebotomy  
Martha Brundelet, Pathology  
Vicki Campbell, Open Heart Surgery – CVSOR  
Maureen Dudley, Lab – External  

Tracy Kirby receives kudos for 20 years of service. The awards podium included a decorative, centennial-themed cake.

Marjorie Krok, Surgery  
Barbara Lingle, STATCARE North Canton  
Amy Lorentz, Diagnostic Radiology  
Alice McClure, Surgery  
Ann Mccoy, Sports Medicine  
Cynthia McNemar, Cardiac Diagnostics  
Karen Mitchell, Store Unit  
Mary Mitchell, Same-Day Surgery  
Randi Moore, 9M – Transitional Care  
James Mullins Jr., Emergency Services  
Prudence Neilson, Pharmacy  
Wayne Nicol, 4B Rehab  
Hope Peloso, Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab  
Denzl Phillips, Maternity Services  
Wanda Phillips, Radiology Mgmt & Support  
Lois Plant, Diagnostic Radiology  

Employees Cathy Buchanan and Irene Lex look at a photo display board that was put together for the recognition dinner.

Marla Honabarger, Insurance Verification  
Julie Hostetler, Diagnostic Radiology  
Antonio Hughley, Housekeeping  
Michelle Hummel, Ultrasonic  
Lisa Ivy, Same-Day Surgery

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The Word on Wellness
To learn more about employee wellness programs, check the MercyNet Wellness Page, or contact Kathy Wise, employee health and wellness manager, at 330-489-1479.

Sign Up for Six-Week Wellness Challenge
Nearly 450 Mercy employees took advantage of free lipid, glucose and blood pressure screenings during the employee wellness fair in April. To help employees take charge of their numbers – and develop lifelong healthy habits – Mercy now offers its free Six-Week Wellness Challenge.

The challenge – not a diet or an extreme fitness program – helps participants learn how to lower bad cholesterol, blood sugar and triglyceride levels; improve good cholesterol; control blood pressure; and more. Employees can sign up at any time and will receive lipid, blood sugar and blood pressure checks to evaluate progress.

Weight Maintenance to Continue in Summer
Although weight management classes ended May 29, class members can stay on track throughout the summer with weight maintenance. Weight checks will be available throughout June, July and August, and classes will resume in September.

Put Lunch & Learn Series on Your Calendar
Mercy has also implemented regular Wellness Wednesday Lunch & Learns. Employees are encouraged to bring their lunch and find out more about an array of wellness topics. Check the wellness page on MercyNet for a schedule of upcoming events and seminars.

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Debra Knisley, Med/Surg – 4M
Linda Kridler, 7M MTS Teaching
Sheryl Lemke, Home Health
Tiffany Loudermilk, Hospice
Pamela May, Respiratory Therapy
Jeanne Mayle, Intensive Care Unit
Debra McNeill, Registration/Admitting
Carol Meffie, Dietary
Linda Michael, Medical Transcription
Angela Miller, Medical Records
Karen Miller, Centralized Scheduling
Eileen Moorhead, Dr. Dannemiller
Tiffany Myers, Dietary
Kathy Naus, 7M MTS Teaching
Michelle Noble, Medical Transcription
Michelle Offenberger, 9M – Transitional Care
Nancy Peel, Surgery
Susan Prester, Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Theresa Robins, Intensive Care Unit
Cale Russell, Radiology Mgmt & Support
Bonnie Saumier, Retail Pharmacy
Mary Scavelli, Open Heart Surgery – CVSOR
Jennie Schmalzl, Medical Transcription
Karen Shodeen, Medical Transcription
Judith Shull, Medical Transcription
Jeanne Shumar, Physician Support Services
Barbara Siegenthaler, STATCARE North Canton
Heidi Smith, Housekeeping
Karen Sonntag, Medical Transcription
Bruce Stefanik II, Radiology Mgmt & Support
Monica Taylor, Registration/Admitting
Christine Thomas, Med/Surg – 10M
Natalie Tillman, Communications
Sheri Toolan, 9M – Transitional Care
Candace Tweady, Security
Lisa Vaughn, Jackson WHS/STATCARE
Wendy Walker, Carrollton
Stacy Walter, Surgery
Karrah Weider, Surgery
Marguerite Westfall, Medical Transcription
Andrew Wigginton, Pathology
James Williams, Administrative & General
Rebecca Williams, Occupational Therapy
Danielle Wilson, Physical Therapy
Mary Winn, STATCARE North Canton
Jennifer Winters, Pharmacy
Gayle Yoder, Medical Transcription
Gerald Durst, Emergency Services
Vickie Dutter, 9M – Transitional Care
Dana Ehrlinspiel, Med/Surg – 10M
Judith Emmons, Surgery
Phyllis Esposito, STATCARE North Canton
Jessica Ford, Medical Records
Elaine Forney, Radiology Mgmt & Support
Brenda Gartrell, 9M – Transitional Care
Theresa Goffius, 4B Rehab
David Griffin, Courier Services
Lisa Grim, Diagnostic Radiology
Marina Hagievsky, 4B Rehab
Maria Harter, Medical Transcription
Karen Hosner, Lab – Phlebotomy
Lisa Howard, 9M – Transitional Care Unit
Pamela Ingold, 7M MTS Teaching
Charlene Kahl-Bunner, Maternity Services
Joie Keele, Patient Billing
David Kelley, Security
Cynthia Kieffer, 9M – Transitional Care
Amy Kisio, Maternity Services
Christy Koch, Ambulatory Care Clinic
Dawn Lammlein, CMEF
Rajesh Malik, M.D., Neonatology
Jill Mann, Security
Michele Manson, Dietary
Karen Maple, Coronary Care Unit
Monica Maurer, Radiology Mgmt & Support
Jenilee McCaulley, Work Health & Safety
Cindy McGee, Respiratory Therapy
Heather McMahan, Maternity Services
Lora Mercer, Patient Billing
Amanda Milliken, Work Health & Safety
Jeremie Montabone, Open Heart – CVSOR
Helen Moreland, Dietary
Roseanne Neff, STATCARE Jackson
Kathleen Ott, Pathology
Daniel Painter, Security
Angie Pomesky, Financial Management
Jeffrey Postlewaite, Med/Surg – 10M
Margaret Ringer, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Jonathan Risher, Store Unit
Doris Rossetti, Med/Surg – 4M
Kathleen Rozniewski, Human Resources
Melissa Schaffer, Lab – Phlebotomy
Stefanie Schray, Laboratory Mgmt & Support
Elizabera Serena, Diagnostic Radiology
Linda Shaffer, Surgery
Adyemya Sobowale, M.D., Neonatology
Scott Sours, Emergency Services
Melissa Speck, Lab – Phlebotomy
Suzana Stamboldzieve, Medical Records
Denise Steiner, Same-Day Surgery
Debbie Stires, Hospice
Kirby Sweetzer, M.D., Mercy Professional Care
John Terranova, Emergency Services
Sherry Tindle, 4B Rehab
Anita Troyer, 4B Rehab
Dee Dee Tucke, Central Sterile Processing
Nathaniel Turner, Surgery
Jami Weisler, Open Heart Cardio Unit – CVSOR
Laurie Yeagley, Intensive Care Unit
Janet Yoder, Radiology Mgmt & Support
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Tom Cecconi, president and CEO, and other members of the hospital administration wanted to recognize employees’ hard work in a tangible way. He said, “Caring for our patients and their families during a time of high census really takes a team effort. Because employees are the fuel that drives our mission and our success, it seemed appropriate to recognize their willingness to go above and beyond with the fuel cards.”

The next time you indulge an espresso or cinnamon roll craving at Holy Grounds Coffee Shoppe, think of it as helping fellow employees in need. That’s because a portion of each coffee shoppe purchase goes toward the Spirit of Mercy Fund. Established in 2003 as a way for Mercy employees to assist one another during catastrophic situations that lead to financial shortfalls, the fund has helped 135 employees so far.

Employees are also encouraged to support Spirit of Mercy through payroll deduction. One-time donations are also appreciated.

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Get a Retirement Checkup at Fidelity.com

Ask most people about their investments and you’ll find they don’t know what they are investing in and don’t want to know. When asked why, their response is usually something like, “I don’t understand all that stuff.” That’s why the learning section on Fidelity.com is so important.

Under the learning tab, you will find:
• Retirement Checkup
• E-Learning
• About Your Strategy
• Stages Online

Since there is so much information under these tabs, this month I will discuss Retirement Checkup and About Your Strategy.

One of the most useful tools in Overview is the Retirement Quick Check (RQC). After agreeing that RTC is for educational purposes only and NOT a guarantee of income, you will have the ability to input personal information that will affect your projected monthly retirement income. After receiving your projected retirement income, you can see what impact potential changes in your contributions or your investments might have on the projected amount of money available for your retirement. If you are not meeting your retirement goals, you have the ability to develop an action plan designed to help you with your investment objectives.

If you click on Fidelity’s Retirement Income Planner (RIC) under Retirement Planning Tools, you can run simulations that will project how much you can spend in retirement and how long your money might last. This section allows you to calculate factors such as spending, inflation and health care costs that might affect you in retirement.

After the RQC and RIC, take time to read the excellent articles about minimizing surprises and planning for health care costs in retirement that are available under the Learn More About Retirement tab.

About Your Strategy is designed to assist you in meeting your retirement goals and has some good examples of what other investors have done to meet their personal objectives. One of the most educational pieces on this page is off to the right – Investment Fundamentals. This section actually explains how to read a shareholder report and a mutual fund prospectus. There is also a Listen & Learn section that gives you an audio overview of Fidelity’s perspective on the market.

This easily accessible knowledge is information that all investors need.

If you don’t have a computer at home, you can usually access the Web from your local library, a friend, neighbor or the computer in the benefits office.

Educate yourself! It’s never too early to plan for a more secure retirement.
**Lasting Impressions**

“Lasting Impressions” highlights Mercy employees who have recently been recognized for quality, compassionate care by patients, family members, physicians, other employees or individuals in the community. These stories are representative of the many Mercy employees that leave positive, lasting impressions by living out the hospital’s mission everyday.

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**Quick Intervention Saves a Life**

Nurse Chris Cox is a life saver, both at work and at home. When a neighbor recently had a heart attack in his yard, Chris and the man’s grandson initiated CPR.

According to Jim Robertson, R.N., emergency department, when the man arrived at Mercy, “he was alert, oriented and sore. But, his time had not come to an end because of quick intervention by family and friends.”

**CARF Specialist Praises Mercy Rehab**

The spouse of a Mercy Rehab patient commended the department for its outstanding care. She said:

“As a CARF specialist for an agency, I made sure each department remained CARF compliant to maintain accreditation. In addition, I made sure the agency was prepared for [CARF] site visits. Saying this, the Mercy rehab center doctors, nurses, PSAs, therapists, social workers and ancillary staff are all exceptional and go beyond anyone’s expectations in their care, concern, helpfulness and friendliness in genuine love they have for the great work they do and for their patients.

“The whole rehab team should be recognized for everything that is done. We could not appreciate them more. We are grateful for their care, professionalism and every kindness shown to both of us.”

**‘A Big Thanks’ for the Health Run**

A participant in Mercy’s 27th annual health run – held May 17 in North Canton – emailed Eldon Jones, manager of health and fitness, about her experience at the event.

“I just had to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the 5K run,” she said. “I am 50 years old and decided to start running to deal with the stress in my life. My daughter and I crossed the finish line together. She is 25 and so determined to beat me, but I didn’t let her – this time, anyway.

“I loved running through the park and thought the trophies were really nice. A big thanks to you and all the people who worked so hard to make this event a success.”

**PALS Program Makes Students Feel Valued**

For years, the Mercy PALS program has been bringing smiles to the faces of Allen and Compton elementary students in Canton. From holiday celebrations and room parties to an end-of-the-year picnic, the Mercy team strives to make the kids feel special.

In a recent note of thanks, one student wrote, “The parties you threw were fantastic, better than my birthday parties! The gift bags were absolutely awesome. You guys are so sweet.”

The teachers recognize how important the parties are to the students. “I think every young child deserves a chance to have a nice party and feel special – and that is exactly what you did for them,” said a Compton teacher. “They have memories of fun parties that they will always be able to treasure. [The Mercy PALS program] has blessed our whole school. Thank you so much for embracing our children and making them feel valued.”

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Lisa Ohm, R.N., 10 Main

Dr. David Gormsen (#66) takes the health run in stride.

Kids are “off to the races” during the second annual Mercy Kids’ Fun Run, a part of the yearly health run.

During the recent end-of-year picnic at Compton Elementary, students and teachers gave Mercy PALS a quilt commemorating Mercy’s partnership with the school. Due to district budget constraints, Compton will not reopen in the fall, but the PALS program will continue at Allen Elementary.
Check STARS For Conference Room Scheduling

The next time you are looking for a conference room or want to find out where a meeting is scheduled, use MercyNet STARS (Service Tracking And Resource Scheduling).

On MercyNet, click on the STARS link (on left under Mercy picture and current census button). The STARS calendar allows you to look up information by date. To request a room, click on the conference room name and send an email or call the extension listed. Select reports can also be printed from the STARS application.

For more information about STARS, contact Carol Gnagy, information services, at 330-489-1510.

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Dr. Gormsen, who has served as Mercy’s chief medical officer since 2001, is board certified in emergency medicine and directed the Mercy Emergency Department and STATCAREs for more than a decade. He is also a past medical staff president.

Specializing in pulmonology and critical care medicine, Dr. Kelling has previously served as medical director of the Mercy Sleep Center and chaired the hospital’s department of medicine. In addition, Kelling has served on many Mercy committees.

Dr. Rosenberg, a neurologist, has served as medical director of the Mercy Regional Rehabilitation Center for more than 20 years and helped the hospital achieve its Primary Stroke Center designation in 2007. He served as medical staff president from 2005 to 2007.

Dr. Ziegler, who specializes in internal, pulmonary, critical care and allergy medicine, has previously chaired Mercy’s department of medicine. A professor of internal medicine at NEOUCOM, Ziegler also serves as the university’s associate dean for clinical education at its Canton clinical campus (Mercy).

The society, created in 1996, is named after St. Luke, author of the Bible’s third gospel and a physician often known as the “patron saint of physicians.” In his gospel, St. Luke emphasizes Jesus’ concern for all people, especially the poor and neglected. Through its society, Mercy recognizes this compassionate spirit of medicine.

Dr. Berger, medical staff president, presents Dr. Zeigler with a Society of St. Luke medal.

Many past St. Luke honorees, including Surendra Dash, M.D. (left), Huseyin Sarikaya, M.D., (center) and John Botti, M.D. (right), returned for the society ceremony.