



## WCA Foundation Sets Grant Record!

*UPMC Chautauqua WCA receives support to continue excellent service to region...*



*Peter Stark, right, chair of W.C.A Foundation, Inc., points out the \$560,258 total of the 2018 grants to board members and staff of W.C.A Foundation, Inc. From left, back, are Laura Otander, Wendy Kane, Jim Smith, Jim Pullan and Robert Ungerer, M.D. Shown in front from left are Jim Domagola, Cristie Herbst, Development Director Megan Barone, executive director Brigetta Overcash and Betsy Wright, president UPMC Chautauqua WCA who received the record setting check from Stark. Board members not shown are Tim Black, Lyman Buck and Melanie Gritters.*

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About the Foundation

WCA Foundation is chartered as a supporting independent foundation that supports the health care initiatives of UPMC Chautauqua WCA. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the activities of WCA Foundation with a donation may send it to WCA Foundation,

WCA Foundation, Inc. is setting a record of support for the health care of the city of Jamestown and the Chautauqua Region.

"I am very proud, and I think the foundation board members are very proud, to be able to support the hospital to the extent we are this year. We are providing \$560,258 to the hospital this year and I believe that is the most ever given in a single year," Peter Stark, chair of the WCA Foundation board of directors, said at a ceremony for the presentation of the 2018 grants to UPMC Chautauqua WCA.

"I think the many, many donors who have contributed since the beginning of the foundation should be proud and gratified by that as well. That type of community support is why the best days of local health care are in front of us," he added. "Two record setting donation totals in two years is an impressive beginning to our long-term affiliation with UPMC Chautauqua."

Betsy Wright, CEO of UPMC Chautauqua WCA, accepted the gift to the hospital on behalf of the hospital's board of directors.

"This major gift allows us to accelerate our investment in our hospital and illustrates the foundation's passion and commitment to protect and preserve local health care," said Betsy T. Wright, FACHE, president UPMC Chautauqua WCA. "These vital grants keep UPMC Chautauqua WCA on the cutting edge of technology; recruit and retain talented health care professionals; and maintain the highest levels of patient care in the region. The community's generosity in supporting the foundation has an extraordinary impact on our hospital and we are truly grateful to our donors who make our work possible."

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Get Your Tickets for SOUPER Bowl ...

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY VII**

Presented by:

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

**Lakewood American Legion**  
174 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, NY

**Pre-Sale Tickets:**  
\$10 Adult, \$5 Children (under 12)

Pre-Sale Tickets Available at UPMC Chautauqua WCA and participating restaurants

**Tickets At the Door:**  
\$12 Adult, \$6 Children (under 12)

Featuring DJ's Unlimited & Benefit Basket Raffle

For more information, please call:  
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**UPMC Chautauqua WCA**

Benefitting UPMC Chautauqua WCA  
Robotic Surgery and  
The Rapaport Fund at WCA Foundation

P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY  
14702-0840.

General donations may be made or gifts can be designated for a specific fund or purpose such as cancer care, pediatrics, the emergency department or Robotic Surgery.

All donations are gratefully received and acknowledged as tax-deductible gifts.



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The annual SOUPER BOWL to support UPMC Chautauqua WCA and WCA Foundation is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. The venue has changed to the Lakewood American Legion, 174 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, NY. Pre-sale tickets are available at UPMC Chautauqua WCA and participating restaurants for \$10 adults and \$5 for Children under 12. At the door tickets are available for \$12 for Adults and \$6 for children under 12. DJ's Unlimited will provide entertainment at the event which will have also have a benefit basket raffle.

Patrons will have tastings of a variety of soups prepared by participating restaurants and caterers in the area and vote on their favorite soup. The prestigious award for the best soup will be present at 4 p.m.

The event will benefit the hospital's Robotic Surgery and the Rapaport Fund that helps fight cancer at the hospital with grants through WCA Foundation. For more information contact Media One, 487-1151, who is co-presenting the event with UPMC Chautauqua WCA, 664-8255. Community sponsors of the group are Media One Group and Maplevale Farms.

## *Rosie Billquist Remembered through WCA Foundation ...*



*Rosemary "Rosie" Billquist is shown sitting on the bench she created and donated to UPMC Chautauqua WCA for patients to use in front of the hospital in Jamestown while waiting for their ride. This photo was taken shortly before her untimely death.*

Rosemary "Rosie" Billquist was known by people in many areas of our community through her work as a Health Information Medical Specialist at UPMC Chautauqua WCA, as a marathon runner, a volunteer for Chautauqua Hospice

and Palliative Care's pet program and a member of the Sherman community. Wednesday her husband Jamie, family, friends and co-workers paid tribute to her and her life well lived at a memorial service at the hospital.

Before the service Billquist created the Rosemary Billquist Scholarship Fund at WCA Foundation in his wife's memory. Its purpose is to provide scholarships for employees of UPMC Chautauqua WCA pursuing medical records or transcription, or continuing education in those fields to honor his wife's work. Memorials for Rosemary and the proceeds of "Rosie's Run" to be held in May will help create the fund.

"This will be a way for people to remember her," said Jamie Billquist, of the memorial fund for his wife at her workplace. "We just figured this would be a good way to give to help her co-workers like she would have wanted."

Following the gathering to honor the much loved co-worker known for her helpful pleasant attitude, Jamie Billquist and family dedicated a bench in front of the hospital at the parking circle in memory of his wife. Only months before, Rosie was leaving the hospital one day when she encountered someone sanding near the street after leaving the hospital. Due to circumstances, she stayed with them until they could be safely seated in the car coming for them. This situation inspired her to repaint and donate a bench she and her husband had to be placed at the parking circle where individuals needing to rest might sit while waiting for their transportation. She decorated it with a saying that defined her: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Commenting on the new scholarship created for employees of UPMC Chautauqua WCA, its president, Betsy T. Wright said, "The WCA Foundation scholarships promote excellence in education and build a strong workforce to advance our mission to provide outstanding patient care. The leadership of the Foundation believes in the value of health care and education and we are grateful for their gifts that strengthen this hospital and the people who live our values every day."

Rosie's Run 2018 has been planned for May 6 at Falconer Park to help build the endowment for the fund in Rosmary's memory. The run is pet friendly just like Rosie.

Community members wishing to support the new scholarship fund in memory of Rosemary Billquist may send donations to WCA Foundation, P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702 or donate online at [wcafoundationjamestown.org](http://wcafoundationjamestown.org). For information about the fund or WCA Foundation, contact Brigetta Overcash, Executive Director at 716-664-5461 or [Overcashbe@upmc.edu](mailto:Overcashbe@upmc.edu).

***Vince Messina Golf Tournament Set for  
May 29 ...***

The poster features a blue header with the text "VINCE MESSINA Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, May 19th Conewango Valley Country Club". Below this, it specifies "4-Person Scramble (Net Handicap Format)" and "\$100 per golfer includes driving range, golf, cart, lunch, dinner & prizes". A registration contact is provided: "To Register, contact Joe Bellitto (716-483-7775)". A schedule lists: "11:30 AM Registration & Driving Range", "12:00 Noon - Lunch", and "1:00 PM - Shotgun Start". It also notes "Men's & Mixed Flights" and "Field limited to first 36 paid teams". A large white golf ball is shown in the foreground. In the top right corner, there is a logo for the "5TH ANNUAL VINCE MESSINA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT" with the date "SATURDAY, MAY 19th, 2018" and location "CONEWANGO VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB". A blue button at the bottom right says "For Sponsorship opportunities, contact Jim Pullan (716-665-2247)".

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**5th Annual tournament will honor the legacy of Vince Messina**

Proceeds will provide scholarships to students of the UPMC Chautauqua WCA School of Radiology

The Vincent Messina Memorial Golf Tournament will return to Conewango Country Club in Warren, PA. Teams should watch for further information in the next WCA Foundation newsletter.

Golfers who participate in the event enjoy lunch, golf with a cart, dinner and prizes for one low entry fee. The proceeds of the event help grow the endowment fund at WCA Foundation named in Vince Messina's memory which grant's \$2,000 scholarships to a second year student attending the UPMC Chautauqua WCA School of Radiology. It is the alma mater of Messina.

For further information, contact Brigetta Overcash, executive director of WCA Foundation at 716.664.5461, [Overcashbe@upmc.edu](mailto:Overcashbe@upmc.edu); or Jim Pullan, Jr., chairman of the event, at 665-2247.

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