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National Doctors Day, celebrated all around the world, gives each of us an opportunity to recognize the physicians who make a difference in our lives every day. Through a special donation to the Grateful Patient Fund at WCA Foundation, community members can pay tribute to any of the remarkable doctors who serve them and support the services they receive at UPMC Chautauqua WCA.

In the United States, March 30 is the official National Doctors Day. Saying thank you to health care professionals isn't limited to that day at WCA Foundation. Any day of the year the foundation welcomes gifts to help purchase necessary surgical and medical equipment for UPMC Chautauqua WCA through the Grateful Patient Fund. In addition, those individuals - doctors, or other health care

VINCE MESSINA
Memorial Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 19th
Conewango Valley Country Club

4-Person Scramble (Net Handicap Format)
 \$100 per golfer includes driving range, golf, cart, lunch, dinner & prizes
 To Register, contact Joe Bellitto (716-483-7775)

11:30 AM
 Registration & Driving Range
 12:00 Noon - Lunch
 1:00 PM - Shotgun Start
 Men's & Mixed Flights
 Field limited to
 first 36 paid teams

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professionals - will receive a copy of the note sent to honor them. The tax-exempt gift amount is always kept confidential.

Many years ago, Dr. Wilson W. Shaw Jr. gave life-changing assistance to Kurt Pfaff of Lakewood after a tragic accident. Years later, Pfaff repaid Dr. Shaw for his expertise and friendship with gratitude by starting The Grateful Patient Fund. With the assistance of Shaw's widow, Shirley, and daughters, the fund became a reality honoring the life of Dr. Shaw.

To honor those who care for you, send your donation to WCA Foundation, The Grateful Patient Fund, P.O. Box 840; Jamestown, NY 14702-0840 with the name of those you wish to honor and a note of appreciation if you so choose.

For more information about National Doctors Day, the Grateful Patient Fund or any of the other funds held at WCA Foundation, contact Brigetta Overcash, Executive Director, at 716.664.8615 or Overcashbe@upmc.edu or Megan Barone, Director of Development, at 716.664.8423 or Baronema3@upmc.edu. To make online donations, go to www.wcafoundationjamestown.org and click on the Grateful Patient banner to contribute.

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The fifth annual Vincent Messina Memorial Golf Tournament will return to Conewango Country Club in Warren, PA. on Saturday, May 19th.

Golfers who participate will enjoy lunch, golf with a cart, dinner and prizes for one low entry fee of \$100 per golfer. That amount includes a \$40 tax-deductible donation to the Vincent A. Messina Memorial Scholarship Fund at WCA Foundation. The proceeds of the event help grow the endowment fund.

The tournament is played in a 4-person Team Net Handicap Scramble format with a field limited to the first 36 paid teams. Registration forms and payments should be sent to Joe Bellitto, 50 Hazeltine Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701 or placed online through this newsletter link no later than May 11, 2018.

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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, 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.

Sponsors for the event include Presenting Sponsor for a \$1,500 donation. Other donation categories include Radiology School at \$1,000, CT Sponsor at \$500 and X-Ray Sponsor with a donation of \$250. Hole Sponsors are named from those who donate \$100. Individuals may be honored or remembered on the course with a \$50 donation for a Tribute sign.

To become a sponsor contact Jim Pullan, Jr., Chairman of the event, at 716.665.2247; Brigetta Overcash, Executive Director of WCA Foundation at 716.664.5461, Overcashbe@upmc.edu; or Megan Barone, Director of Development at 716.664.8423, Baronema3@upmc.edu.

Click on the links below to register to play and/or sponsor this wonderful event. A good time is a guarantee of this tournament.

[Click here to download a registration brochure!](#)

[Click here to download a sponsorship form!](#)

Be Kind 5K to Honor Memory of Rosie Billquist ...



Family, friends and co-workers of Rosemary Billquist will run, walk and celebrate in memory of "Rosie" on June 9 to create a lasting memory of her work at UPMC Chautauqua WCA. Jamie Billquist, her husband, created a scholarship to help her co-workers who are studying medical record and transcription training to honor the work she did at the hospital.

Sign-up for the race is available on-line at RunSignUp.com where the Be Kind 5K race on June 9 is listed or by calling Megan Barone to register, 716-664-8423. The race starts and ends at Falconer Park on N. Phetteplace in Falconer where there will be food and fun events from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration is from 7 to 8:30 a.m. with the timed 5K run beginning at 9 a.m. Walkers follow at 9:15 a.m. The event is a pet friendly event as was Rosie Billquist.

The pre-registration fee of \$25, \$30 race day, (plus \$2.50 registration fee) includes participation in the race and a t-shirt commemorating the event. Pets may be registered for \$5. Owner must identify name of dog, its breed, pet's Veterinarian, and proof and date of their pet's rabies vaccination. Online registration concludes on June 8 at 11:59 p.m.

The name of the race comes from the quote Rosie painted on a bench she created for patients to use outside UPMC Chautauqua WCA where she worked. It reads: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." Rosie was a joyful, kind-hearted individual who loved to run, take care of their dogs and to help others.

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

Individuals or corporations wishing to become sponsors for the race may do so by contacting Megan Barone in the Development Department at 716.664.8423 or at Baronema3@upmc.edu.

To directly support the memorial fund for Rosie, send tax-exempt contributions to the Rosemary Billquist Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o WCA Foundation, P.O. Box 840; Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.



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With boundless energy and a personal and public drive to fight breast cancer, Mary Rapaport began fund-raising projects for WCA Foundation in 2016. She was a participant in the House Tour of that year which featured their family home in Greenhurst and 59 Lucy Lane, Lucille Ball's childhood home in Celoron, which they have restored.

Plans were in full swing for the Boo to Breast Cancer bash she planned for the fall when she and her husband, Bill, started the Rapaport Fund. The proceeds of the successful event, which has become an annual event, were added to their fund. With plans to make the event a fun-filled gala this October 27th at Chautauqua Suites, Mary Rapaport has found time to participate in and support other fund-raising efforts that help UPMC Chautauqua WCA fight public health diseases.

This winter she produced 35 baskets to be auctioned at the Strike-Out Heart Disease campaign's fund-raiser, the SOUPER Bowl. Thanks to the generosity of the event's patrons and hospital employees, the auction and event were a great success which will benefit the heart disease and breast cancer services of UPMC Chautauqua WCA.

To become a sponsor, volunteer or for more information about the October 27th Boo to Breast Cancer gala event, contact Megan Barone, 716.664.8423, Baronema3@upmc.edu.