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### Thank You ... Tak ... Gracias ... Danke!

Our sentiment is the same regardless of the language used. It is one of overwhelming

gratitude for your support. And a special note of thanks to those who have given before us to support WCA Foundation. Through bequests, gifts and investment gains over the past 32 years, our assets have risen to \$13,552,109. In 2014, WCA Foundation gave \$429,965 in grants to WCA Hospital and recorded a net gain of \$692,930.

Many donors answered our invitation to support WCA Foundation through our annual Donation Days last year. \$19,870 was given from donors for that campaign which exceeds previous years. Over the course of the year.

donors for that campaign which exceeds previous years. Over the course of the year, donations were received from a total of 407 individuals or corporations to support the Undesignated Fund and the 29 Restricted Funds many of which have been created in honor or memory of individuals or families, or designated to assist specific service areas of WCA Hospital.

Total gifts and bequest to WCA Foundation in 2014 were \$72,224. That included individual donations and proceeds from the many fund raising events like golf tournaments that support specific funds held by WCA Foundation. These dollars raised are invested in the perpetual endowments of the Foundation which will continue to generate interest used for grants to WCA Hospital. In doing so, WCA Foundation fulfills its mission to support and foster the healthcare initiatives of WCA Hospital.

The Board of Directors and staff of WCA Foundation are looking forward to an even more successful year in 2015. If you would like to be a volunteer for the organization or want more information about the financial opportunities to support WCA Hospital through the Foundation, please contact Brigetta Overcash, Executive Director of WCA Foundation, at 716-640-8600; P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840. You will be glad you did.

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# About the Foundation

WCA Foundation is chartered as a supporting independent foundation that supports the health care initiatives of WCA Hospital. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the activities of WCA Foundation with a donation

## And the Winner Is ... WCA Hospital

Inaugural events always have a special thrill to them. WCA Foundation's Pieces of Eight

Raffle had excitement and more. The most amazing part of all was the blind drawing.

There he sat at the reception desk. The unsuspecting orderly was taking the late Friday afternoon shift normally manned by volunteers. After a little persuading, he stuck his hand into the 500 ticket stubs. As the winning ticket emerged, a familiar return mail sticker



was visible on the back of the ticket. Dr. Lyndon Gritters was the lucky winner.

"Thank you," wrote the well-known WCA Hospital Radiologist. "This officially breaks a personal lifelong trend of always supporting but never winning at raffles.

"Funny, isn't it, that a board member's spouse wins?" he concluded after receiving the news of his changed luck.

Melanie Gritters, the good doctor's wife, is indeed a board member of WCA Foundation and the chairman of the event. If the drawing had not been such a clear and simple blind drawing, one could say this reality might have brought on some chills rather than thrills at that moment.

The truth be known the fortunate win wasn't anything more than a rare event in a lifetime of generous support of this community and our esteemed WCA Hospital and WCA Foundation. The Pieces of Eight Raffle helped WCA Foundation which will now be able to increase the perpetual endowment it manages. It is that endowment which produces the income for the millions of dollars given to WCA Hospital in grants - the real winner.

The WCA Foundation board of directors expends a heart-felt thank you to all who supported this fund raising event. From Warren to Wisconsin, Dunkirk and Jamestown supporters took a chance with Lady Luck for the opportunity to support the finest health-care system in the Chautauqua Region.

## **Upcoming Event**

may send it to WCA Foundation, P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.

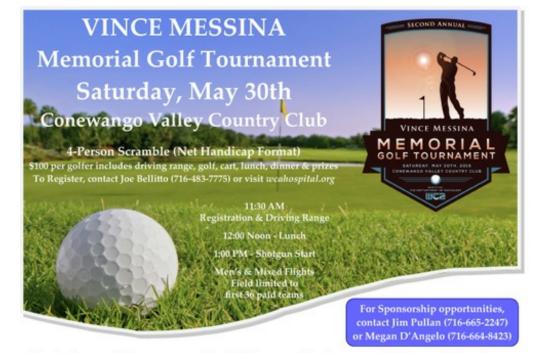
General donations may be made or gifts can be designated for a specific fund or purpose such as cancer care, pediatrics, the emergency department or Robotic Surgery.

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



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2nd Annual tournament will honor the legacy of Vince Messina Proceeds will provide scholarships to students of the WCA Hospital School of Radiology Inaugural Year was a Huge Success!

In 2014, the inaugural Vince Messina Memorial Golf Tournament made history. With the help of an army of his family and WCA Hospital and golf friends, \$25,177 was raised for the Vince Messina Memorial Scholarship Fund at WCA Foundation. The first scholarship from the fund to a student attending Vince's alma mater, the WCA Hospital School of Radiologic Technology, will be given in June 2015.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this one of the best tournaments in the area. And, a BIG "hats off" and "thank you" to the members and staff of Conewango Golf Club in Warren, PA, for their outstanding cooperation and support of this exceptional event. The tournament was a huge success and a fitting way to memorialize the man who lived life fully and made an impact on so many lives.