

# Building Bridges for Tomorrow

News from the Alle-Kiski Medical Center Trust

Volume I

## Endoscopy Relocation Makes Way for AKMC's Emergency Department Expansion!

In December, AKMC completed the first major step of the Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion Project – a \$3.5 million relocation and renovation of the Endoscopy/Short Term Procedure Unit (ESTPU).

Until recently, the Endoscopy Unit was located on the ground floor of the hospital. The unit was relocated to the first floor and features state-of-the-art equipment, more endoscopic and short-term procedure rooms, improved recovery rooms and an enhanced waiting area. The new unit now occupies a much larger space, totaling over 7,000 square feet, which will better accommodate AKMC's growing endoscopy volume with a focus on providing a more positive patient experience.

"The completion of the Endoscopy Unit is a significant milestone," said **Michael A. Harlovic**, president and CEO. "Not only does it provide the opportunity to dramatically increase Endoscopy's capabilities, but it also allows the Emergency Department project to move forward as planned."

Expansion of the Emergency Department patient rooms will begin in spring 2009 with an additional 12 patient rooms, bringing the total to 24.



*One of the 12 prep and hold rooms in the new Endoscopy unit.*



*Marsha Zendarski operates the Evotech scope washer in the decontamination room.*

## AKMC Trust Receives Grant from Community Foundation of Westmoreland County



Susan Weaver, community programs manager, and Sharon Resek of the grant making committee, present Nancy Giuliotti, executive director, and C.J. Jacques III, chairman, with a check for \$10,000 from the “Westmoreland Now & Forever Fund.”

AKMC Trust was presented with a \$10,000 check from the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County (CFWC) at its regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 13, 2008.

The award was made from the “Westmoreland Now & Forever Fund,” for which CFWC has oversight. The grant must be used to benefit Westmoreland County, so it will be used for equipment upgrades at AKMC’s Urgent Care Center in New Kensington.

“We are so grateful for CFWC’s generous gift,” said **Nancy Giuliotti**, executive director of the Trust. “Their investment in the Capital Campaign for Emergency and Urgent Care Services will benefit patients at the Urgent Care Center for years to come.”

## Alcoa Foundation Awards AKMC Trust \$25,000 for Urgent Care Center

Last fall, the AKMC Trust was awarded a \$25,000 grant by the Alcoa Foundation to be used toward improvements and upgrades at the Urgent Care Center at the AKMC Ambulatory Care Center in New Kensington. The grant, which was received as part of the Capital Campaign for Emergency and Urgent Care Services, was made possible by the support of the Alcoa Technical Center in New Kensington.

“On behalf of the AKMC Trust, we would like to thank the Alcoa Foundation and the Alcoa Technical Center for their contribution to the campaign,” said **Nancy Giuliotti**, executive director of the Trust. “Given Alcoa’s long-standing presence in New Kensington, this gift is a terrific way to invest in our community.”



Allegheny Valley General Hospital opened its doors and accepted its first patients on January 28, 1909 in what was called the old Barr building located at 614 Second Avenue in Tarentum. The house was formerly the home of the superintendent of the Charles L. Flaccus Glass Company. Henry Baker of West Ninth Avenue, Tarentum, who was suffering with blood poisoning, was the first person admitted.

## 100 Years and Thriving AKMC Celebrates Centennial Anniversary in 2009

Alle-Kiski Medical Center will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2009 with an entire year of commemorative events and activities.

The official start of the centennial celebration will be January 30 when AKMC will hold a kick-off celebration for its internal family, including physicians, staff, volunteers and auxiliary members. Other events planned for later in the year include a centennial gala in May and a community event in the summer. A centennial history book is also being written.

“We are excited to mark 100 years of providing quality health care to the residents of the Alle-Kiski Valley,” said **William Englert**, vice president of Operations and Business Development and chairman of the Centennial Committee. “While we celebrate our achievements during the past century, we will also celebrate the start of the next 100 years.”



A physician administers anesthesia using a tank and mask as a student nurse assists, circa 1940.

# Giving to Alle-Kiski Medical Center

## Why Make a Gift to AKMC?

At Alle-Kiski Medical Center, our proudest moments come when we send patients home healthier and stronger than when they arrived to us in need. Our goal is to continually improve our resources so that we can offer patients every opportunity for healthy outcomes. Charitable contributions to the Trust from patients, families, community members and corporations are a vital component of achieving this goal. By investing in Alle-Kiski Medical Center today, you will be providing patients with increased opportunities for healthy outcomes tomorrow.

You may designate your gift to a particular clinical department, or to where the need is greatest. Your gift can be made in memory or honor of a loved one.

## How to Make Your Contribution:

**Outright Gifts:** These are the most common donations, made by cash, check or credit card. The Trust receives them

right away and donors receive an immediate tax deduction for their gifts.

**Pledges:** Donors may want to make a total gift that is larger than they can pay at one time. In these instances, donors can pledge a larger amount and make installment payments over a period of three years.

**Planned Gifts:** Sometimes donors want to hold on to their assets for now, just to be sure they can meet the future financial needs of their families. These donors are often delighted to learn that we have excellent alternatives that allow them to make a deferred gift.

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## AVH Auxiliary Presents AKMC Trust with Gift at Holiday Luncheon



Nancy Giuliotti, executive director (far left), receives a \$30,000 check from the Gift Shop Steering Committee for the Capital Campaign for Emergency and Urgent Care Services at the Auxiliary's holiday luncheon on December 2. Members of the committee (l-r) are: Dolly Beattie, comptroller, Pat Palko, Liz Fanelli and Marianne Hetrick, chair. Missing from the photo are M. K. Barnhart and LaVella Foster. The gift will be used toward the Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion Project. This gift is in addition to the \$275,000 that the Auxiliary and Gift Shop have already given in support of the project.



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## Trustee Spotlight

### Robin Bergstrom



Robin Bergstrom joined the AKMC Trust Board of Trustees in November 2007. She is the Human Resources director for Alcoa Technical Center and owner of Allegheny

Beverage in Natrona Heights.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Grove City College and her Master of Science degree in Government Contract Administration from George Washington University. She also did some of her Master's degree coursework at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Bergstrom lives in Natrona Heights with her husband, Verne. She enjoys biking and hiking in her spare time.

### Lawrence Ferlan, M.D.



Lawrence Ferlan, M.D., has been a member of the AKMC Trust Board of Trustees since September 2006. He practices family medicine at Ferlan Medical Associates in

Tarentum and has been on staff at Alle-Kiski Medical Center since 1964.

Dr. Ferlan graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and did his internship at Cincinnati General Hospital.

He resides in Natrona Heights with his wife, Joan. They have seven grown children and nine grandchildren. In his spare time, Dr. Ferlan enjoys playing the violin and he has done medical missionary work in Mexico and Nicaragua.

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