

# CMH announces time capsule winners

Thomas F. Kurtz, president and CEO of Clinton Memorial Hospital (CMH), in a ceremony Wednesday afternoon, announced the winners of the hospital Time Capsule contest conducted in conjunction with the development of the new medical office building.

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The winners included the following: representing the Auxiliary, Phyllis Newton, auxiliary resident; representing the Board of Trustees, Robert W. Germann, chairman; representing the Clinton Memorial Hospital Foundation, Jim J. Chroust, foundation president; Annette M. Bickel, community representative; Linda Achor, employee representative; Christine E. Henry, chief of staff and representing the medical staff; and Betty Conklin, volunteer representative.

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Pictured above with Clinton Memorial Hospital's president and CEO, Thomas F. Kurtz (fourth from left), are representatives of various groups selected to contribute items to the time capsule being buried in the entrance of the new wing. They are, left to right, Betty Conklin, Linda Achor, Phyllis Newton, Kurtz;

Jim Chroust (who is standing in the hole where the time capsule will be buried and is nearly the same height as everyone else for the first time in years), Robert Germann, Dr. Christine Henry and Annette Bickel.

man of the hospital board, the final action was taken to move full ahead with this project and work with the Mediplex Medical Building Corporation to accomplish the task," said Kurtz.

Each winner explained their entry during the presentation.

Newton submitted a gold heart charm stating that the auxiliary gives both its time and heart to the hospital. She outlined major contributions from the auxiliary to the hospital during their nearly 40-year history.

Germann compared some of the pricing and procedure guidelines of the hospital from 1951 to 1993. For example, admission hours were from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 1951 while they are 24 hours a day now.

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would accurately reflect the cost as well as the concerns of health care through the history of CMH," he said.

Chroust presented three silver coins to represent the three members of the CMH foundation staff. The coins stand as a symbol of the investment the foundation will make to the hospital's future. When the time capsule is opened in 25 years, it will be the foundation's silver anniversary.

Community representative and owner of local design firm Designer Set, Bickel, submitted a print depicting the exterior of the hospital as it appeared up to 1993. According to Bickel, the picture will serve as a visual reminder of the hospital's beginning.

Achor and fellow employee Sharon Michael submitted a charm bracelet featuring a star,

keys, a wheel, the sun, the Bible and a heart. A verse explained the entry: "Clinton Memorial Hospital is the star of the community. The employees are the golden charms who are linked together by CMH. We are the keys that unlock the doors, we are the wheels that make it run. We are the light of today, we are the hope of tomorrow, and we are the heart of it all."

Dr. Henry, chief of staff, read some medical predictions for the year 2018. The predictions were only a small part of a large scrapbook the medical staff put together to describe the challenges of medicine today.

Conklin, a volunteer, presented a miniature oil lamp as a symbol of the volunteers who strive to light the way to health and happiness for all entering our doors, she said.

## CMH initiates office building time capsule contest

Thomas F. Kurtz, President & CEO of Clinton Memorial Hospital, announced today the initiation of a special time capsule contest in conjunction with the opening of the new medical office building currently under construction on the hospital campus. According to Kurtz, in late February, a time capsule will be placed in the lobby floor of the new medical facility. The capsule will contain messages to be opened in 25 years. Each group associated with CMH has an opportunity to take part including: volunteers, physicians, employees, members of the board of trustees, members of the Auxiliary and members of the community.

"Each group may submit an item which best represents their group's contribution to the hospital and/or medical community," says Kurtz. A message explaining why the object has been selected should also be included with each submission.

The community entry guidelines are simple to follow," says Kurtz. Anyone residing in the Clinton Memorial Hospital service area is eligible to enter. Submissions may be made by individuals or by members of a community organization. For example; a local service club could submit an entry.

**What To Enter:** Each individual or group is to select an item which best represents their group's contribution to the hospital and/or medical community.

**Entry Submissions:** All entries should be sent to Patty King, Communications Coordinator, Clinton Memorial Hospital 610 W. Main Street, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. Each entry should include your name, address and phone number. Winners will be contacted to assure your attendance at the recognition ceremony.

**Size of Entry:** The time capsule box is 2 feet square and 10 inches deep. No entry should exceed one foot in length and cannot be any more than five inches in depth.

**Timing:** Entries can be submitted between January 18 and February 12, 1993.

### JUDGING:

A committee will review all entries. Each entry will be evaluated using the following criteria:

**Appropriateness:** How well the entry reflects the contribution the group makes to the hospital.

**Creativity:** Ingenuity in the selection of the item to represent the group

### RECOGNITION:

Winners will be notified and will place their time capsule item into the time capsule box at a special celebration scheduled for February 24, 1993. In addition, their names will be placed on a plaque to be placed in the medical office building floor marking the placement of the time capsule box.

"The staff at CMH is looking forward to receiving the community's message to the future," concludes Kurtz.

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