

Hospital 40th Anniversary Quiz

Who established the first hospital in Morehead City and when?

Dr. Ben Royal and Dr. William Headon established the first hospital in Morehead City in 1912. It consisted of 7 beds on the 2nd floor of a downtown building.

In 1918, the 28-bed Morehead City Hospital is built. Besides roads, how else did patients arrive at the hospital?

A dock was constructed to receive patients arriving by boat from the waterways and high seas. This hospital was located where Harborview Towers is now found and cost \$77,000. The Town of Morehead took over operations from Dr. Royal ten years later.

The Potter Emergency Hospital was located in what town?

From 1927 to 1944, the Potter Emergency Hospital was in operation in Beaufort. It was a 14-bed hospital located on the second floor of a downtown building on the waterfront. This facility was used for true emergency patients who would “suffer unduly by being transported the extra miles to Morehead City.”

In 1958, Dr. John Morris, along with other community members, began a campaign to raise funds for a new Morehead City hospital by selling what?

Home made Peanuts! The sell of the peanuts netted little money, but brought attention the need to provide a modern hospital.

When did Carteret County General Hospital Corporation open and how many staff members were present?

On July 30, 1967, the doors opened on our now existing hospital. The cost was \$2.1 million in construction and \$238,000 for equipment. There were 13 physicians, 177 employees and 100 beds. On move day, physicians discharged as many patients as possible. Supplies were moved the day before, and on July 30 all patients were moved – some by family, some by ambulance, all accompanied by a nurse. Mrs. Edith Hall, night nurse on Labor and Delivery, related her experience the first night in the new facility: “We were in awe of how new it was, but that soon disappeared when we ran out of beds and bedpans the first night. We had five deliveries. One of the ladies was having her 12th child and I had no bed or bedpan for her. Fortunately the rest of our things came in the next day.”

Who is our current employee who will celebrate 40 years of employment in August?

Carol Kracke, RN in emergency was hired August 21, 1967. Congratulations Carol! You can hear Carol’s story by listening to Carteret General’s Spotlight on Excellence on local radio 107.3 at 8:30am on July 17.

CCU is dedicated in honor of which physician?

When CCU and PCU were completed, CCU was dedicated to Dr. Theodore Salter. In 1978, physical therapy was completed and dedicated to Dr. Laurie W. Moore.

What department is dedicated to Dr. John E. Way?

The Surgery Suite that opened in July 1985 is dedicated to Dr. Way.

In 1992, what service was added to Carteret General?

The Raab Outpatient Clinic adding cancer services for Carteret County. The Clinic is named for Dr. Spencer Raab who used to travel from Greenville to provide care for our community.

What was Taylor Extended Care's former name?

SeaLevel Hospital was acquired in 1992 from Duke. SeaLevel was built and supported by the four sons of Maltby Taylor of Sea Level. The name was changed to honor the Taylor family and their financial support over the years.

What year was cardiac rehabilitation added?

1996

In 1996, what two services became divisions of Carteret General?

Carteret Home Health and Hospice of Carteret County became divisions of the hospital.

In 1997, what cancer service was added?

The Coleman Radiation Center opened. Mr. & Mrs. J. Phillips Coleman donated \$1.2 million towards cancer treatment and inspired the creation of the CGH Foundation. They made their generous gift after talking to Dr. Brady who suggested that they support cancer services at the hospital.

What year did the Brady Birthing Center open and who used the facilities first?

The Brady Birthing Center opened in 1997. Named for Dr. W. M. Brady, the first child born in the Center was born to Doug Brady, who is Dr. Brady's son.

What radiology service was added in 1998?

MRI

What year did the new Emergency and Registration Departments open?

2002

What year did the 32-bed surgical patient private wing open?

2004

In 2005 there was a lot of change at Carteret General. Can you name a few?

Renovations were completed that replaced all patient beds. Opened a 8800 sq. ft. CGH Imaging Center at 3402 Arendell Street that was dedicated to Dr. John W. Gainey. Increased our bed size from 117 to 135 inpatient beds. The CGH Specialty Clinic opened. The Parish Nursing program began. The CGH Foundation presented the first Hospital Gala in February.

What big change occurred on January 1, 2007?

Carteret General became a tobacco free campus.

What was the big news in 2006 for the hospital?

Spine surgery was added to our service line. Meditech was implemented for electronic medical records.

What was the last center that opened?

The CGH Learning Center opened in January 2007 at 3601 Bridges Street. Education offerings include diabetes, heart failure and stroke.

How many employees currently work at Carteret General?

1100 employees, 350 nurses, 100 CNAs

How many physicians currently practice at Carteret General?

130

How much money does the hospital receive from the county or from your tax dollars each year?

ZERO! Carteret General does not receive any support from tax dollars. Our goal is to always be self-supporting so that we do not need support from the county or your tax dollars. Times have been harder and the hospital did need county support right up until the 1980's.

What are some slogans that the hospital has used over the years?

Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Currently the slogan is *Making A Difference In Your Life.* For our 40th anniversary, we are using *Committed to Caring for 40 Years.*

What does the hospital do with “all that extra money” we make?

As a not-for-profit facility, any profits realized by the hospital are designated for the expansion and upgrading of our facility.

What does it mean that Carteret General is a “public not-for-profit” hospital?

The land, building, and equipment are owned by the county. We lease it back from them each year.

Who will celebrate 40 years of employment in 2008?

The honor of our second longest employment is held by Leona Suber of Fiscal Services. She will celebrate 40 years of employment in July 2008.

Why does Carteret General Hospital need to fundraise if they have money in reserves?

Carteret General Hospital must protect its reserves and maintain 6 months of operating funds. It costs \$7 million a month to operate the Hospital. , thus we need to maintain \$42 million in reserves. Unfortunately we currently only have \$28 million in reserves. Healthcare in NC has changed dramatically over the last 3 years. With 23% of the Hospitals in rural NC operating in the red, the Board of Directors is committed to being prepared. The Balanced Budget Act that has cut Medicare payments over 3 to 5 years is having a significant impact on our revenue. Medicare, Medicaid, and other government programs constitute over 62% of the hospital's revenue, therefore cuts create tremendous concern about the future. These programs have historically not kept up with inflation.

What is the financial position of CGH?

CGH projects a \$4.6 million net income for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Approximately \$3.2 million will come from operations and \$1.4 million from interest income. As our revenue from operations continues to drop, our interest income from reserves must be protected just so we can break even. It takes approximately \$53 of gross revenue to add \$1 to the bottom line. Having strong investments contributes to the well being of the Hospital since interest income supports the bottom line.

In 1847, which island was the US Marine Hospital located?

In 1847, Portsmouth had more than 500 residents, an academy, a thriving port and a small hospital built by federal troops. The Hospital was only staffed for a few years. The opening of Sea Level Hospital in 1953 provided the residents with closer care. Dr. W. M. Brady shared that prior to the opening of Sea Level Hospital, he responded to medical calls to Portsmouth Island that was only accessible by plane. Regarding his first trip there, Dr. Brady shared, "It took most of the day, the pilot charged \$12, the patient was Elizabeth Pigott. It was near high tide and dry sand could be treacherously soft. Planes had been known to flip. To my relief we found stability, landed safely, and I climbed out with my bag. No little black bag but a large one with multiple compartments, complete with medications." Dr. Brady continued, "I had worried about the dilemma I faced if hospitalization seemed necessary. This was my first confrontation with such a potentially complicated decision, one I was to face on innumerable occasions in the years to come. Patients had been airlifted out in the past, I was told, but it had always been an extremely difficult and, at times, traumatic maneuver.

How much money does the hospital spend on our community for indigent or charity care each year?

Carteret General contributed \$4,200,000 for year ending September 30, 2006. As a public, not-for-profit hospital we provide care for our community regardless of ability to pay.