

# Giving News

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## 2009 Officers Elected

The 2009 slate of officers for the Mercy Health Foundation Board of Trustees was installed at the February 17 meeting of the Board. Wayne Trembly, CEO of Oshkosh Coil Spring, will serve as Chairperson in 2009 and John Aufderheide, MD, of Radiology Associates of the Fox Valley, as Vice Chairperson. Barbara Widder-Lowry will continue as Secretary and Peg Larson as Treasurer. The Board also welcomed new trustee, Dr. Stacey Sensor. Dr. Sensor is an OB/GYN physician with Affinity Medical Group.



Wayne Trembly



Stacey Sensor, DO

Also currently serving on the Mercy Health Foundation Board are:

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| Mary Brefeld       | Bill Calhoun       |
| Bill Castle        | Theresa Cheng, MD  |
| Marsha Hughes      | Johan Mathison, MD |
| Julie Maslowski    | Sylvia McDonald    |
| Dan Neufelder      | Marti Norton       |
| Loren Swanson, DDS | Vicki Schorse      |

## Peg Larson Wins Packers Quarterback Award

Peg Larson, a dedicated Mercy Medical Center volunteer and a member of the Mercy Health Foundation Board of Trustees, was awarded a Green Bay Packers Community Quarterback Award at ceremonies held January 21 at the Lambeau Field Atrium. Peg was one of 10 exceptional volunteers from throughout Wisconsin who were honored with this prestigious award to recognize them for improving their communities through volunteerism. Packer President/CEO Mark Murphy was on hand to congratulate the winners. Peg received a football shaped plaque and a donation of \$2,000 to the Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary. She was nominated for the award by Amy Brownson, manager of Volunteer Services at Mercy, who cited Peg for her dedicated and caring service to the hospital through Auxiliary service over the past 20 years. In all, Peg has donated over 4,200 hours of her time to Mercy. She is also active in many other local community organizations such as the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club.



(L-R) Vicki Schorse, Peg Larson, Mark Murphy, Amy Brownson, Paul Larson, MD, Leslie Burns

*To laugh a bit  
and joke a bit  
And grasp a  
friendly hand;  
To love a bit  
and scold a bit  
And know  
they'll understand;  
To tell one's secrets,  
hopes and fears  
And share a  
friendly smile;  
To have a friend  
and be a friend  
Is what makes  
life worthwhile.  
unknown*

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## Golfing for Charity

Oshkosh resident Sue Leach won \$500 for Mercy Health Foundation at the 2008 Lexus Champions for Charity golf event in Pebble Beach, California, by winning a closest-to-the-pin hole event. Sue and her husband, David, purchased the opportunity to compete in the three-day, 54-hole Lexus Champions for Charity in the live auction held at the Mercy Health Foundation Invitational golf outing in June. “When I heard my name the night of our celebration dinner, I was so excited. To be able to contribute \$500 to the Mercy Health Foundation is an honor and a privilege,” she said. The event was held December 11-13.



Bergstrom Lexus of Appleton sponsors Mercy Health Foundation’s participation in the Lexus Champions for Charity which brings together amateur golfers from all over the United States to compete for designated non-profit organizations. First place prize is \$100,000 for a charity.

## Couple Remembers Mercy

David and Flo Riese credit Mercy Medical Center for playing a pivotal role in their personal and professional success and happiness. And, although they have made their home in Indiana for many years, they continue to stay in touch with Mercy through Mercy Health Foundation. They are donors and Signature Society members who drop by to say hello whenever they are in the area. Just recently, Vicki Schorse received a newspaper clipping and a picture from their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration.



*David and Flo Riese dressed in Hawaiian attire for their anniversary reception and traveled to Kona, Hawaii, their favorite vacation destination, as part of their celebration.*

The Riese’s were married on August 18, 1958 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. The fact that they ever met at all is a small miracle, according to the Riese’s. In 1955, Flo, a native of Hawaii, came to Oshkosh to attend the Mercy School of Nursing. They met while David was a patient at Mercy and Flo a student nurse. One week after Flo’s graduation, they married. David then completed his education at UW Oshkosh before they moved to Indiana where he joined Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company and Flo continued her career in nursing at Riverview Hospital. The couple also raised two children, including a son who became a physician.

“That’s our story, and it began at Mercy Hospital, Oshkosh,” David wrote. “Our marriage has been blessed, but this is not the end of the story. In our golden years now, we have achieved financial security, raised a wonderful family, and look forward to a comfortable lifestyle. None of this would have come to pass had there not been a Mercy Hospital with a commitment to the health care of Oshkosh, and to the training of young nurses.”

## Tribute Gifts

### In Honor of:

*Biking Babes  
Theresa Cheng, MD  
Steven Michael Hughes  
Dr. Johan & Sally  
Mathison  
Dr. D.H. McDonald  
Bob Strous and  
Cheryl Rezabek  
William Strous  
Jason, Chelsea & Alexa  
Trembly  
Dr. Eric Wilson*

### In Memory of:

*Wayne Bradley  
Sister M. Capistrano  
Donald Maywood Carlson  
Mr. Al Collins  
Rose Esslinger  
Gina Graf  
Dr. Benjamin Greenwood  
Sister Mary Paula Jacobs  
Ivy Kelly  
Donald L. Mathe  
Linda K. McCreery  
Alice M. Murray  
Sue Schoenwetter  
Arlene M. Schroeder  
Jean Ellen Schuettpeiz  
Rosemary Tauber  
Michael Wachtel  
Dr. E.J. Zmolek*