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St. Charles Hospital Volunteer, Port Jeff Resident Elected President of Region's Hospital Auxilian Group

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Eleanor Watson, a St. Charles Hospital volunteer, was elected to a one-year term as president of the Nassau-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries. Her term expires June 2011.

Watson joined the St. Charles Hospital auxiliary in 1994. While at St. Charles she has served as that auxiliary's first vice president, chair of the gift shop, and is currently co-chair of the craft fair – one of the major auxilian fund raisers held each year.

Increasing participation in and attendance at meetings and events is a top priority for this new president. "I hope to change the format at the regional convention from guest speakers to workshops. Hopefully, this will attract more current auxiliaries and bring in new members too," said Watson.

In her role as Nassau-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries president, Watson will continue to lead this organization of hospital volunteers that is aligned with the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC), the organization that represents Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals.

Hospital auxiliaries play a vital role in the delivery of compassionate care at each of their facilities and are major fundraisers for their respective institutions. Collectively, Long Island's volunteer auxiliaries raise millions through gift shop and thrift shop sales, fashion shows and boutiques, and other events.

In addition, they are actively involved in advocating on federal, state, and local levels on behalf of their hospitals and the thousands of patients that these institutions serve each day.

(More . . . see embedded and separately-attached photo)



Eleanor Watson (right) newly elected president of the Nassa-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries accepts the gavel of leadership from outgoing president Bernadette Nee, a Good Samaritan Hospital auxilian. Watson is an auxilian with St. Charles Hospital.

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