

Our Partners in Health

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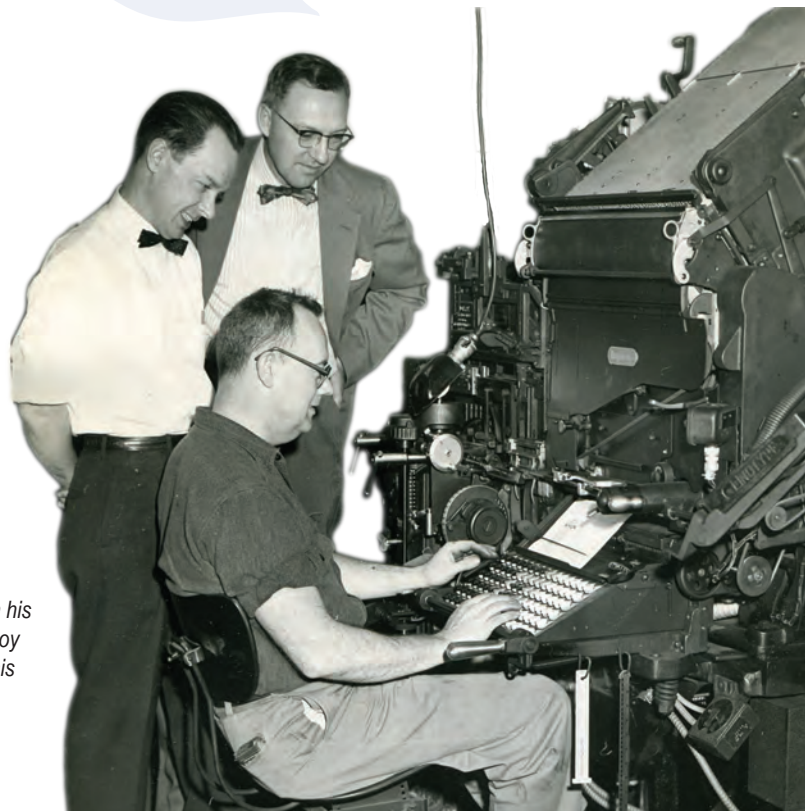
Celebrating a Century of Caring Together

“When Kate Fisher Blair announced on January 1, 1909, that she intended to give a hospital to the community in memory of her husband, J.C. Blair, it was a defining moment in the history of Huntingdon County.” So begins the J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital 100th Anniversary book by Nancy Swigart Shedd and Alberta Haught Goshorn. “A community with a hospital becomes essentially different. . . beyond the obvious fact that the area benefits from its proximity to the medical care available only in a hospital setting. . . it. . . enhances the entire area’s quality of life.”

Enhancing medical care and quality of life is a tradition that continues today through gifts from community members such as Eugene T. Shore. Mr. Shore was born in 1915, just four years after J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital was opened, and passed away in 2007. He was not only a lifelong newspaper man and supporter of community organizations large and small during his lifetime, but he also provided for the Hospital with a gift from his estate. Mr. Shore’s gift was used to provide essential equipment for the Surgery, Endoscopy and Laboratory Departments and remodeling projects in Radiology and other public areas of the Hospital. We are very fortunate that Kate Fisher Blair, Eugene T. Shore and others like them have chosen to leave a legacy of caring as J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital begins the next century of healthcare service to enhance the quality of life in Huntingdon County.

You can learn more about how to leave a lasting legacy on January 19th when the Foundation will host a free program on Estate Planning presented by Attorney Kim Kitchen. See page 4 for details.

A young Eugene T. Shore (smiling happily on the left in his signature bow tie), Elmer McCartney and William McIlroy prepare copy at The Daily News linotype machine in this 1950s photo.





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Susan G. Komen for the Cure

On four Saturday mornings this fall, women who do not currently have health insurance, were given the opportunity to receive a free health screening. The Alliance for Breast Care (ABC) at J.C. Blair, the Women's Heart Health Initiative and Tapestry of Health partnered to provide mammograms, a clinical breast exam, a heart health assessment, a heel scan for osteoporosis, and a pap and pelvic exam. The morning was topped off with some yoga instruction, a massage and lunch. Participants moved from one station to another in the Hospital wearing special pink robes!

This program was made possible through the partnership of the Alliance for Breast Care at J.C. Blair (initiated by a grant from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure in Pittsburgh) and the Women's Heart Health Initiative at J.C. Blair (funded by a community individual). Local healthcare practitioners and other community volunteers provided the "women power" needed to pull off this vital service for 70 women.



Kim Sitch & Brides

Fifteen women models dusted off their bridal gowns to raise funds for the Alliance for Breast Care at J.C. Blair in October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Kim Sitch lost her mother, Lucille Brennan, to breast cancer and wanted to honor her memory by raising funds to help others. Kim convinced her friend, Vicky Huggler, to co-chair this



Front: Kristi Stetchcock, Julie Sitch, Vicky Huggler, Maureen Safko, Ann McElligott, Janet Figard, Lisa Territo-Wright, and Chris Gildea. Back: Tammy Eichelberger, Sara Sutsko, Kim Sitch, Bobbie Sue Husick, Kayla Rankin, Leslie McDermott, and Mindy Shoemaker.

very unique event. All of the "brides" had a story – some are breast cancer survivors, some still in treatment, some joined in to honor a family member or friend who has been touched by this illness. The models wore gowns made from 1947 to last year.

After the show Dr. Maria Pettinger, Chief Radiologist at J.C. Blair, spoke on the importance of early detection in the fight to save lives. Proceeds from this fun event were donated to the Alliance for Breast Care which provides educational programs and free mammograms and health screenings for uninsured women in Huntingdon County.

The Auxiliary

Since 1913, The Auxiliary to J.C. Blair has provided comfort to patients. In more recent times, it has been a tradition of the Auxiliary to provide free television service in all of the patient rooms and waiting areas. This is just one of the many ways that the Auxiliary has been a valuable partner for nearly 100 years.

Dr. Jessica Mosley volunteered at the November 13th screening. More than seventy women were volunteers this fall.

Mark East - Family & Friends

Mark East was a hematologist (someone who specializes in studying blood and blood diseases) in the J.C. Blair Laboratory before his accidental death in December 2003. He loved his job. Mark's family and friends have honored his commitment to quality care and to his coworkers with their memorial gifts to benefit the Laboratory Department. To date the Lab has been able to purchase a new, more comfortable phlebotomy (blood draw) chair and a new TV for the employee break room thanks to Mark's family and friends.



This photo of Mark was featured in a Laboratory services article in The Daily News.

Remembering for the Holidays

The holidays are a time of celebration, reflection and remembrance. A gift to the Foundation in honor or memory of a loved one, friend or someone important to you or your family will show your appreciation and benefit the health care mission of J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital. Become a partner in health with your gift and show your appreciation of someone important in your life with a gift from the heart.

Huntingdon Tree Commission

After a year of planning, "friend raising," and fundraising, and with the help of more than 30 volunteers, the Huntingdon Tree Commission planted 56 trees in the parking lot and beside the 14th Street entrance to the Hospital. It took many hands to bring this project to reality, but the idea "took root" last winter when Ginny Gill convinced fellow Huntingdon Tree Commission members Bill Frazier, Paul Heberling, Carol Swigart and Lisa Roth that they should champion a significant tree planting project on Hospital Hill. Hospital employees prepared the holes and the trees arrived from Tuckaway Tree Farm in McAlevys Fort the first week of October in perfect, rainy weather. Then the planting team got to work. Grants, gifts and volunteers partnered to complete the project in time for the J.C. Blair Health System Annual Meeting and tree dedication on October 27th.



Ginny Gill and Dr. Bill Frazier

JC Blair Medical Staff

It was hot, hot, hot but a beautiful afternoon for golf when 33 teams played for prizes and bragging rights at the J.C. Blair Medical Staff sponsored golf tournament in August. Twenty five volunteers helped organize the event and made the day go smoothly. For 14 years, businesses, golfers and volunteers have partnered to support the J.C. Blair Foundation by participating in this annual event. This year over \$33,000 was raised to enhance services at the Hospital.

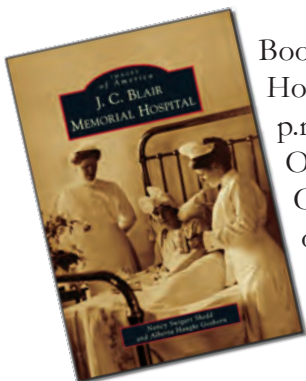


Division I winners Tim Clapper, Keith Saleme, Bo Border and Robb Ritchey sponsored by Clearfield Bank and Trust Company.

*Celebrate the
Centennial
with a Gift to the
J.C. Blair
Foundation*

100th Anniversary Book Benefits Foundation

In celebration of a “Century of Caring Together,” an historical account of J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital was compiled by Nancy Swigart Shedd and Alberta Haught Goshorn. Over two years in the making, the book is a photographic journey from 1909 when the idea of a community hospital was formulated through the 100 years that J.C. Blair has provided healthcare to Huntingdon County.



Books can be purchased in the Hospital Lobby (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays) or at the Foundation Office for \$23.31 (including tax). Contact Vicky Huggler at 643-8889 or vhuggler@jcblair.org for more information. *Proceeds from book sales benefit the J.C. Blair Foundation.*

Learn how you can leave a lasting legacy.

The J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital Foundation will host a luncheon program from **noon to 1:30 p.m.** on Wednesday, **January 19, 2011.** The speaker will be **Attorney Kim Kitchen** from BMZ Law, Huntingdon, who specializes in Estate Planning. She will be speaking and answering questions on how you can provide a lasting legacy for your family and the community through an estate plan. Kim is an active community volunteer including committee assignments for the J.C. Blair Auxiliary.



Attorney Kim Kitchen

Lunch will be served at noon at the J.C. Blair Education Center. Please contact Marsha Hartman, Executive Director of the Foundation at 814-643-8888, mhartman@jcblair.org or check the box on the enclosed envelope to make your reservation.