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Physicians Recognized for 50 Years of Service

This past January, the Allegheny County Medical Society (ACMS) presented awards for 50 years of service to the medical profession to 32 area physicians. The following four Upper St. Clair physicians received the prestigious award: John J. George, M.D.; Robert G. O'Brien, M.D., gynecology; Michael T. Pappas, M.D., anesthesiology; and Sang B. Park, M.D., thoracic surgery.

The ACMS has 3200 physician members from all specialties and is dedicated to providing expert advice and guidance to its membership and the community. The organization has been serving Allegheny County since 1865.

Pittsburgh plastic surgeon and USC resident **Dr. Robert Chiu** recently opened a USC location for his practice, Today's Cosmetic Surgery and Laser Center, in Norman Centre. The grand opening in January was marked with an open house cocktail party event catered by USC resident and chef Mino Fazio.

Dr. Chiu grew up in Los Angeles and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University. After medical school in New York City and a five-year residency in head and neck surgery at UPMC Presbyterian, he completed one of the most highly coveted fellowships in facial plastic surgery in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Chiu, a double board certified facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, is one of very few plastic surgeons in the greater Pittsburgh region who devotes his practice to cosmetic surgery of the face and neck, and nonsurgical facial rejuvenation. He is qualified and recognized as a rhinoplasty (nose job) and revision rhinoplasty expert.

Dr. Chiu believes that staying at the cutting edge, in combination with his conservative approach, allows him to bring to his patients the most effective treatments, while minimizing risk. Dr. Chiu is published in peer reviewed journals and makes presentations at international plastic surgery meetings. Dr. Chiu is one of only 900 plastic surgeons worldwide that are board certified by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ABFPRS).



Left to right: Lynn Banbury, Dr. Robert Chiu, Sara Chiang, Jason Luhn, and WTAE's Kelly Frey

Linda Vance, nurse manager in the Coronary Care Unit at St. Clair Hospital, was awarded the first Mary Ann Scully Excellence in Nursing Award by the Allegheny division of the American Heart Association this past February.



Linda Vance

The award was given to Vance, a 40-year veteran of St. Clair Hospital who helped found its coronary care unit, for her lifetime commitment to cardiac nursing, quality and compassionate patient care, exemplary commitment to the mission of the American Heart Association, a commitment to continued education and teaching, and outstanding leadership in the nursing field. Vance serves as a conduit between the American Heart Association (AHA) and her nurses by regularly sharing the AHA's best practices in cardiac care, leading to improved treatments and, ultimately, better patient outcomes.

The award was named after the late Mary Ann Scully, R.N. who worked for 35 years in cardiac nursing at the former Presbyterian University Hospital in Oakland and was very active in the American Heart Association.

John Altvater was recently promoted to senior project manager of the Great Lakes region for Canonsburg's CentiMark Corporation. John has been with CentiMark for 15 years and previously held the position of national accounts manager. John received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1992. John and his wife, Lori, have two sons, Johnny, ten, and Joey, five.



John Altvater

CentiMark is North America's largest commercial roofing contractor and was founded by Upper St. Clair resident Edward B. Dunlap, its chairman and CEO.

Phillip Kondrot has joined the law firm of Edgar Snyder & Associates in the workers' compensation department. Kondrot earned his juris doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and his bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University.

Phillip is a member of the American Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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