

People On The Move

Newton Senior Living in Needham, Mass., has announced the recent appointment of **Sharon Ricardi** as regional director of operations and corporate director of memory impairment services. She will oversee all operations for the company's Connecticut and Western residences as well as direct Newton Senior Living's Pathways and Crossways programs, specialized programs for people with Alzheimer's disease and other memory impairments. Ricardi's background includes director of assisted living communities and home health agencies, and she has served in various consultative health care functions.

Gary Puma of Presbyterian Homes and Services, Princeton, N.J., is celebrating his 25-year corporate anniversary. Puma's lifetime of service to the elderly began with his first job after graduation. Puma started as an administrative assistant with the Monmouth County Nutrition Project for the Elderly. After three years and several promotions, he accepted a job in corporate purchasing at a company then called Presbyterian Homes of New Jersey. Puma now holds the titles of president and chief executive officer.

VistaCare of Scottsdale, Ariz., announces that **Emil Zuberbueler** is the recipient

of the prestigious "Heart of Hospice" award given by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization for his outstanding achievement and commitment in the field of end-of-life care. Zuberbueler began his hospice journey in 1983 as a volunteer and a registered massage therapist. Since that time he has worked in nearly every type of hospice position, in what he describes as "more of a spiritual journey than one about work." He currently works in VistaCare's education department, defining process guidelines and developing supportive educational materials.

Cornelia Nixon Davis Health Care Center and Champions Assisted Living of Wilmington, N.C., announces that **Charles Long** has been promoted to executive director and administrator. Long has been an employee of Cornelia Nixon Davis for 15 years and previously held the positions of associate director and chief financial officer.

Donna Hermann has been named executive director at The Park at Vernon Hills, of Vernon Hills, Ill., which is operated by Horizon Bay Management, a national seniors housing management company. Hermann has more than 20 years of

experience with Marriott International. Most recently, she served as general manager for Brighton Gardens in Prospect Heights, Ill., an assisted living and skilled nursing community, where she was responsible for planning direction and implementation of all programs and policies. She is a licensed nursing facility administrator.

Westfield Court, a Stamford, Conn.-based seniors living community owned and operated by Sterling Glen Communities, has selected **Tino Kokoros**

as employee of the year. Kokoros has been with Westfield Court since 1989 in various positions. Kokoros opened and operated a locally famous restaurant in Stamford from 1964 until 1989. "Tino always has a smile on his face, and he always goes out of his way to make a difference for the people around him," says Chris Stack, Westfield Court's executive director. The 83-year-old Kokoros now runs a coffee and sundries shop at the community.

Vera Reublinger has been named vice president of wellness services and regulatory affairs for New York-based Sterling Glen Communities, a subsidiary of Forest City Enterprises, which owns and operates eight luxury seniors living communities in the New York metropolitan area,



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Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Prior to joining Sterling Glen, Reublinger served as area director of resident care management for nine years at Marriott Senior Living Services. Reublinger will be responsible for overseeing corporate health care and quality improvement initiatives.

The Walker Methodist Board of Directors has appointed **Lynn Starkovich** president and chief executive officer (CEO). Starkovich has served as interim CEO for the Minneapolis-based company since March 1, 2003. She first became affiliated with Walker Methodist in 1990, and for the past five years she has served as general counsel.

John Moore has been named chief executive officer of Atria Senior Living Group, Costa Mesa, Calif. Moore is managing principal and chief financial officer at Lazard Freres Real Estate Investors. Moore has more than 19 years of experience in real estate and finance.

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