

PEOPLE

Mary Lou Stuart honored at W-B General Hospital

It may sound cliché, but Shavertown resident Mary Lou Stuart truly believes that variety is the spice of life. And, if that's true, her life is well flavored.

In just nine short months, Stuart has learned many aspects of the healthcare industry first-hand, working as an aide in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Environmental Services department. It's a job that keeps her constantly on the go.

"I've really been given a bird's eye view of the hospital since I started in January," Stuart says. "I've cleaned the surgical, critical care, telemetry and psychology areas, to name just a few. It's all very interesting to someone new to healthcare."

Change is nothing new to Stuart, however. Since leaving a 14-year career in the garment industry, she has worked as a housekeeper in a number of settings, including a motel, a college, and a wholesale distributing center. She says she enjoys taking on new challenges and learning to adapt within different atmospheres.

"I get along well with people. Everyone has a different personality - that's what makes life interesting. We all do our best to cooperate and work hand-in-hand to get our work done."

And what work they do. General's Environmental Services staff is responsible for keeping the 447-bed hospital clean and sanitary, as well as Wilkes-Barre General Health Corporation's Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion, Diversified Medical Systems and Data Processing facilities.

Stuart works throughout the hospital, filling in where needed. But of all her endeavors, she most enjoys her regular shift on the hospital's obstetrics floor.

"It's so rewarding to see new life beginning here. This is definitely the happiest floor in the hospital," she says. "Besides, I really love kids."

At no time is her love for children more apparent than when



MAY LOU STUART

she talks about her own "kid," 18-year-old Christine Stuart, who is just beginning her freshman year at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

"She's going to be a psychiatrist," she boasts, joking. "I keep telling her that I'm going to be her first patient."

Mary Lou Stuart has a few of her own patients at General - friends she has made on her travels while cleaning about the hospital. She enjoys interacting with young and old alike, even though hospitals aren't always the most pleasant place to meet people.

"I do well with older people. I've met so many nice people of all ages throughout the hospital. Some of them have even come back to visit after they've gotten better."

It's that type of cheerful, optimistic attitude that makes Stuart a key member of the environmental services team at General Hospital.

"I like new experiences, and in this job I just keep learning something new every day."

Mary Lou Stuart is one of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Environmental Services employees who was honored recently during National Housekeepers' Week, which is celebrated annually during September to recognize housekeeping staffs in business, industrial and institutional settings.



25 YEARS SERVICE - Charles Bartlett, right, received a plaque from Arthur R. Thompson, president of Smith, Miller and Associates.

Bartlett is honored by Kingston architectural firm

Smith, Miller and Associates, Inc., a Kingston-based architectural, engineering and surveying firm, recently honored Charles E. Bartlett, C.C.S. for 25 years of service.

A resident of Dallas, Bartlett is an Associate with SMA and holds the position of Specifications Manager. He is a Certified Construction Specifier with the Construction Specifications Institute. His duties include the development, coordination and processing of Non-technical as well as Technical Specifications for all SMA disciplines to include architecture and civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and environmental engineering.

Married to the former Alice Cole of Wilkes-Barre, Bartlett was graduated from the Williamsport Technical Institute and also attended Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus. Prior to joining SMA in 1967, he worked

for six years with a local architectural firm.

Bartlett serves as Chairman of the Lehman Township Municipal Authority; is an Officer in the Irem Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Wilkes-Barre, Antique and Classic Car Unit; is a member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the A.A.C.A.; is an ordained Elder with Presbytery and currently serves on the Board of Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and is Past Master of George M. Dallas, Lodge #531 F. & A.M., Dallas.

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