

## Gala Raises \$365k for Cancer Care

Thanks to everyone who supported our 2022 “A Cause to Celebrate” gala held October 14 at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City! It was a fantastic night raising funds for Shore Cancer Center while honoring our Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology teams, and our long-time board member and friend of the hospital, Art Ford III, Esq. We appreciate the generous support of our sponsors, auction donors, guests and volunteers – you helped make our first gala since 2019 a huge success!



*Shore Cancer Center Radiation Oncologist Dr. John Wilson accepts his team’s award from David Hughes, Shore CFO/CDO.*



*Members of Shore Cancer Center’s Medical Oncology team enjoyed a night out together at the Oct. 14 gala, where they were honored.*



## For Joseph Libby, Penn Connection Makes Choosing Shore Cancer Center a “No-Brainer”

Relaxing in a comfortable chair and surrounded by a group of his new friends, Joseph A. Libby, Sr., felt like a king. Though their smiles were covered with surgical masks, the joy on their faces shone brightly in their eyes and facial expressions. It was as if everyone was sharing a special moment at a family reunion.

While it was not exactly a party, it was, in fact, a special occasion. Joe had just completed his second to last radiation treatment at Shore Cancer Center.

“Believe it or not, this is the fourth time I’ve had to deal with cancer,” said the 81-year-old Ocean City resident. “Each time, they have caught it early, so I am lucky.”

This particular bout began when Joe learned he had bladder cancer in January 2022.

“My doctor at the time recommended I try Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) treatment. Unfortunately, after the treatment was completed, the cancer was still there.”

Joe’s son, a doctor, recommended he see an oncologist. His nephew Michael, a University of Pennsylvania Medical School graduate, also encouraged him.

Now living full-time in Ocean City, Joe and his wife Marie looked for options closer to home and quickly learned that Shore Cancer Center was a member of the Penn Cancer Network.

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Radiation therapist Robin Royer chats with Joseph Libby at one of his visits.

“We have top-notch doctors right here, and they are affiliated with a world-class organization like Penn,” said Joe. “The decision to go to Shore Cancer Center was a no-brainer.”

“I was delighted to meet Dr. Wilson and Dr. Vijay,” said Joe, affectionately referring to Penn Radiation Oncologist Dr. John Wilson, head of Radiation Oncology, and Dr. Vijay Sandilya, the medical director of Medical Oncology at Shore Cancer Center. “The two of them worked together to develop a tailor-made plan for me. It consisted of chemotherapy and 20 treatments of radiation.”

Joe is happy to report that he has not experienced any pain during treatment. In fact, near the end of his treatment Joe expressed a sentiment that might surprise you.

“I have to say that I am going to miss

coming here. The nurses, doctors, check-in staff, and everyone here made it enjoyable.”

“I feel great, and I cannot wait to get back to spending time with my family,” he added. “I have four beautiful children (Michelle, Joe, Monique and Yvette), 16 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. All the grandkids want to golf with me, and I can’t wait to get out there again.”

“Now that I’m at the end of my treatment, I look back and think about how lucky we are to have this incredible Cancer Center so close to us. Everything is right here. They even have their own pharmacy and make the chemo right here. I cannot say enough great things about the staff and the Center itself. If anyone has questions about Shore Cancer Center from a patient’s viewpoint, I invite them to email me at [jlubbyins@comcast.net](mailto:jlubbyins@comcast.net), and I’ll be happy to chat with them.”

*The Shore Cancer Center Pharmacy upgrade referenced by Mr. Libby in this story was made possible through generous donations from the community and support of Shore’s ‘A Cause to Celebrate’ gala and golf tournaments. Community support has also resulted in recent advances in radiation treatment at Shore Cancer Center, including the new \$3.5 million Varian TrueBeam linear accelerator. This machine delivers fast, powerful accurate image-guided radiotherapy. Currently, Shore is raising funds through its campaign, ‘Caring Together for Cancer Imaging’, to purchase a new 4D CT Simulator for radiation treatment planning. To support this campaign, please contact Brian Cahill, Shore’s Director of Marketing, at 609.653.3527 or [bcahill@shoremedicalcenter.org](mailto:bcahill@shoremedicalcenter.org)*

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Did you know that with a charitable gift annuity, your donation to Shore of cash or marketable investments pays you a fixed income for life? When you donate “post-tax dollars” to Shore, it establishes an annuity, for which you receive a partial deduction the year you made the gift, as well as a partially tax-free stream of income.

With an annuity, you receive payments quarterly. The annual percentage rate is calculated based on your age, whether the payment is for single life or joint, and the amount/structure of your original donation. There are also options for you to donate “pre-tax” dollars to Shore if you have a required minimum distribution that may have income tax benefits for you. For assistance and more information, please reach out to Shore Lightkeeper’s Society Manager Mary McGuckin at 609.653.4657 or [mmcguckin@shoremedicalcenter.org](mailto:mmcguckin@shoremedicalcenter.org).





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Would you like to help preserve and enhance the current and future healthcare needs of our entire community? Then consider joining our DiOrio Society by making a planned gift to Shore Medical Center. Learn more at [www.GivetoShore.org](http://www.GivetoShore.org) or call Mary McGuckin at 609-653-4657.

## Shore is a Surgical Destination Thanks to You!



*Shore surgeons Dr. Leonard Galler, Dr. John Millili and Dr. Meredith Jankowski share why your support matters.*

General and Vascular Surgeon Dr. Leonard Galler has been on staff exclusively at Shore for more than 40 years, but the last 11 have been some of the most exciting. With the 2011 addition of the Surgical Pavilion, Shore became a surgical destination. Since then, our skilled surgeons have performed more than 68,000 life-saving and life-changing procedures, from routine joint replacements to 3 a.m. emergency colectomies.

Dr. Galler remains an important voice in decisions that shape Shore's Surgical Program. He knows much of this would not be possible without our strong donor support.

"Donors helped us build our beautiful surgical facility, and their ongoing support helps us keep up with surgical advances," said Dr. Galler. "I'm grateful for their generosity and proud of what we've accomplished together."

Recently, Dr. Galler traded his clinical

surgical role for a leadership position as Administrative Surgical Department Chairman. He works with surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, administration and Shore Physicians Group – where approximately 60% of Shore's surgical cases come from – to promote surgical efficiencies and collaborations.

"The footprint and the people are all in place to continue to grow our surgical offerings at Shore," said Dr. Galler. "We have a modern reliable community facility, visionary leadership, a surgical affiliation with Penn Medicine, a talented clinical team and a community that believes in supporting their hospital," said Dr. Galler.

Shore Physicians Group Surgical Division Urologist Dr. Meredith Jankowski and General Surgeon Dr. John Millili both echo Dr. Galler's confidence in Shore, while recognizing the important role that donors play.

"When there are new and better

treatment options in urologic surgery, Shore is willing to incorporate them so patients can get great care close to home," said Dr. Jankowski. "For instance, we're introducing a new product for prostate cancer patients called Barrigel<sup>®</sup> that will protect the rectum during radiation treatment, and preserve the patient's quality of life. Shore leadership said 'yes!' pretty much the moment we presented it to them."

Dr. Millili added that a well-equipped, high functioning community hospital like Shore Medical Center attracts great people.

"We're blessed with a beautiful facility, spacious operating rooms and modern technology – but equally important is the people who work here. We're fortunate to have very dedicated teams," said Dr. Millili. "I think the community's generosity has allowed us to build a pillar in the community where we can handle and take care of most complex medical issues, so you don't have to travel far." ✨

# Miss Night in Venice: A Pageant for Philanthropy

The annual Night in Venice boat parade has been one of the most beloved events in Ocean City since 1954. But it's much more than a spectacular boat parade. The event is an opportunity for young women in our community to compete in the Miss Night in Venice pageant - a pageant that focuses on the importance of philanthropy, with the crown going to the contestant who raises the most donations for local charities.

Over the years, the pageant has benefited a long list of worthy causes while enabling contestants to experience the personal rewards of giving back. Pat Gillian, who has chaired Miss Night in Venice since the late 1980s, says she expects they will have donated \$1 million



2022 Miss Night in Venice Gracie Anderson, left, and her court in the Night in Venice parade: Andi Helphenstine, 1st runner up; Nora Bridgeford, 2nd runner up; Ava Tarone, 3rd runner up; Julia Keich, 4th runner up; Keely Calloway; Charis Holmes; Riley Richard; Eva Hess; and Maura Dougherty.



The Miss Night in Venice Committee, left to right: Sharon Capizzi, Sue Doll, Pat Gillian, Nancy Ely, Cathy Finnegan, Kathy Lavin, and Maryann Jones. Not pictured: Colette Gabriel.

by next year. In 2022 alone, contestants raised an incredible \$70,000 for 11 organizations. Those contestants include Gracie Anderson, 2022 Miss Night in Venice; runners-up Andi Helphenstine (1st runner up), Nora Bridgeford (2nd runner up), Ava Tarone (3rd runner up) and Julia Keich (4th runner up); and Keely Calloway, Maura Dougherty, Charis Holmes, and Riley Richard.

This year, Shore Medical Center was one of the recipients of Miss Night in Venice proceeds, receiving \$10,000 to help purchase a 4D CT simulator for Shore Cancer Center's radiation oncology program.


"We selected Shore Cancer Center because we're all touched by cancer in some way, and it's important to have a top-notch cancer program nearby. We shouldn't have to drive over an hour away to receive care," Gillian said.

Contestants raise funds through Johnson's Popcorn collection buckets at local businesses, fundraising letters,

newspapers and social media. They bring all collected donations to the bank, where the results are tallied just hours before the crowning.

The Miss Night in Venice pageant requires a lot of work, made possible thanks to a very dedicated committee, including Pat Gillian, Sharon Capizzi, Susan Cox, Sue Doll, Nancy Ely, Cathy Finnegan, Colette Gabriel, Maryann Jones, and Kathy Lavin.

Mary McGuckin, Lightkeeper's Society Manager, and Brian Cahill, Director of Marketing at Shore Medical Center, accepted the \$10,000 check on behalf of Shore Medical Center this summer.

"As a nonprofit hospital, we know how challenging it can be to raise funds, so it is remarkable and inspiring what these young women accomplished," Cahill said. "We're grateful to the Miss Night in Venice committee for their dedication to philanthropy and to the contestants for working so hard to help organizations like Shore Medical Center." 



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