

Daughters of Israel introduces advances in rehabilitation

Daughters of Israel, a nursing facility with a rehabilitation center for subacute care, has just introduced the OmniVR, the first virtual rehabilitation system designed specifically for the needs of medically complex patients, including aging adults, according to a recent press release.

The OmniVR is specifically geared for older adults and is designed as a professional rehabilitation tool with “functional” objectives aimed at improving strength, balance, mobility, gait, endurance and cognitive skills. The OmniVR’s specialized camera and software eliminates the need for a hand controller, and the speed and graphics have been designed to meet the needs of aging adults. Furthermore, the interactive software provides positive feedback during the session, motivating the user, rather than the “win-lose” approach of the Wii and Xbox systems.

“The OmniVR has truly been an asset to our treatment

repertoire,” Allison Zweiman, the rehabilitative services director, said in the release. “It allows the patients to be engaged in dynamic exercises that are transferable to their real-world environment. The wide range of programs offered provides meaningful activities to comprehensively target individualized goals and has surely resulted in positive outcomes and positive feedback.”

In addition, the Omnisound 3000E ultrasound machine, a proprietary technology provided by Accelerated Care Plus for the Rehab Center’s pain management program, was actually utilized in Brazil this summer for the Summer Olympics by the USA basketball, wrestling, and track and field teams.

The therapeutic ultrasound machine is utilized for rehab clients at Daughters of Israel to assist in the treatment of tissue healing, tendonitis, muscle spasms, joint stiffness, arthritis, contractures and slow-healing wounds.



Photo Courtesy of Renee Glick

Rehab client Thelma Jakel uses the OmniVR to play standup Bingo under the supervision of Yvonne Bankole, her physical therapist.

NOTED RESIDENTS

Tammy Williams named WO HRC chairwoman

Mayor Robert Parisi has appointed Tammy Williams as chairwoman of the West Orange Human Relations Commission.

The new chairwoman is charged with leading the commission in its efforts to develop and implement programs and initiatives that encourage a positive and constructive dialog within the township about diversity and diversity-related issues; encourages the inclusion of all people in the leadership of civic and community issues and groups; and is involved in community-building tasks and strategies that enhance and sustain respect among different groups and people.

Williams is a longtime resident of West Orange and has a history of service in the community, according to a recent release from the township. She is also secretary of the Public Relations Commission and board secretary for New Jersey Arts Incubator at the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center.

“I’m confident that with Tammy at the helm of HRC, this commission will continue to be an energetic force in its unwavering commitment to all residents throughout our great township,” Parisi said in the release.

Williams is a real estate broker and sales associate with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services NJ Properties in Livingston. She has served in numerous leadership capacities and for several organizations, and was named in America’s Register of Outstanding Professionals in 2007. She is a member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee for the NJ Real Estate Commission, a member of the Board of Directors for the West Essex Board of Realtors, a member of the NJ Realtors Public Relations and NJ Advocacy Committees, the National Association of Realtors and is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and is a charter member of Jack and Jill of America’s Essex Hudson Chapter.

Williams received a bachelor of science degree in administration of criminal justice from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She and her spouse, John

McNair, live in the Gregory section and have three children.

Saley nominated to advisory committee

Gov. Chris Christie has nominated West Orange resident Laura Salley to the Art Therapists Advisory Committee, filing the nomination with the state Senate. Salley was nominated for this position along with Abigail Bramnick of Westfield, Mary C. Gamberony of Wall, Annette Vaccaro of Verona and Rita Hoffman Klachkin of Livingston.

The governor’s nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Locals to be recognized by Rutgers Law School alumni

The Rutgers School of Law-Newark Alumni Association will hold its annual recognition gala and cocktail reception Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 15 Washington St. in Newark, the site of the former Rutgers Law School building, which recently underwent

a multimillion-dollar renovation.

The Rutgers School of Law-Newark Alumni Association will honor three law school graduates: Mark A. Angelson, the former CEO of RR Donnelley and deputy mayor of Chicago, vice chairman of the Joseph Biden Foundation and the Institute of International Education, chairman of the Rutgers Board of Governors Committee on Finance and Facilities, and the first-ever recipient of the Rutgers Law School Alumni Leadership Award; Lucinda P. Long of West Orange, senior vice president and general counsel of Valley National Bank, who is being recognized with the Distinguished Alumna Award; and Jane M. Hanson, executive director of Partners for Women and Justice, a nonprofit based in Montclair, who will be honored with the Fannie Bear Bresser Award for Public Service.

This year’s gala will be an elegant reception conducive to networking in the newly-restored Great Hall at 15 Washington St., the location of the law school from 1979 to 2000. Guests are invited to register at <http://rutgersalumniassociation.cvent.com/2016gala>.