



Anna Thomas, left, director of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism, joins Bayonne Hospital President Michael D'Agnes, second from left, and Regina Dolan, second from right, director of volunteer services at the hospital, in honoring Jean Zebrowski, right, and other volunteers for their services.

Hospital volunteers feted for service to community

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Bayonne Hospital volunteers were honored recently for their contributions to the community during a special recognition dinner held at the Hi-Hat in Bayonne, said hospital officials.

The dinner, which was held during National Volunteer Week recently, also marked a milestone anniversary for the volunteers years of service to the hospital community, said officials.

Jean Zebrowski, the only remaining member of the original

volunteer group, told guests at the dinner about the inception and history of the Bayonne Hospital Volunteer Department.

The keynote speaker during the event was Anna Thomas, director of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism. Thomas presented the volunteers with a proclamation from Gov. Christine Todd-Whitman and thanked them for their work.

The awards were presented by Regina Dolan, director of volunteers, along with Patricia Daley, vice president of patient care services, and Marion Wolenski, a volunteer.

Special awards were given to five volunteers for a collective service of 183 years. They were Jean Zebrowski, 39 years; Rose Panepinto, 37 years; Mary Gajewski and Stephanie Biel, 36 years, and Nellie Zientek, 35 years.

"As an institution, we truly couldn't function as effectively as we do without the care and support provided by our selfless volunteers," said Bayonne Hospital President Michael D'Agnes.

D'Agnes said the volunteers save the hospital hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.