



Janine Epright, CFO, and Mark Vere, Director of Facilities from Gaylord accept the award from Judi Freeman and Marianne Horn of PACE on April 29th.

Gaylord Hospital Recognized by PACE: People's Action for Clean Energy

First Connecticut hospital to have a solar thermal heating system

Gaylord Hospital, in Wallingford, will be recognized on April 29th by People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE) with the 2014 Environmental Energy Leadership Award as the first Connecticut hospital operating with a solar thermal heating system.

“We would like to tell the public about the diminished use of fuel oil and the financial savings that the hospital will enjoy,” said Judi Friedman, Chair of PACE. “To witness the growth of all kinds of solar energy is true progress.”

Two thirds (66%) of the hospital's hot water demand, a total of 18,000 gallons daily, is heated with rooftop solar panels, arrayed in four (4) in separate installations, each equipped a 3750-gallon water storage tank.

The tours that PACE presents often include passive solar energy, solar thermal energy and solar energy, but solar hot water systems are not as well known to most consumers.

PACE (www.pace-cleanenergy.org) is the only all-volunteer Connecticut nonprofit public health organization devoted solely to clean energy education.