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**Connecticut Hospital Association Holds 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting  
Columnist, Author Peggy Noonan To Deliver Keynote Address**

Wallingford - At its 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting on June 30 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will elect officers for 2010-2011 and present several awards recognizing healthcare excellence. Delivering the keynote address will be Peggy Noonan, the acclaimed author and *Wall Street Journal* columnist.

The meeting will feature a tribute to five hospital CEOs retiring this year: Frank Kelly, Danbury Hospital; Robert Kiely, Middlesex Hospital; Laurence Tanner, The Hospital of Central Connecticut; John Tobin, Waterbury Hospital; and Robert Trefry, Bridgeport Hospital. These outstanding leaders collectively have contributed more than 175 years of service to hospitals in Connecticut.

The annual awards are a highlight of the meeting. Yale-New Haven Hospital will receive this year's *John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data* for innovative development and implementation of a new metric that improved the inpatient management of blood glucose levels – addressing the challenge of managing diabetes in hospital patients.

Stamford Hospital was selected to receive the *Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award* for its **KIDS' FANS** – Kids' Fitness and Nutrition Services program addressing childhood obesity. The program was created when approximately 50 percent of the five-year olds observed in Stamford Hospital's Pediatric Clinic between 2004 and 2008 were obese. Through KIDS' FANS, the hospital built a city-wide collaboration including the Stamford Public Schools and a host of child advocacy agencies, all working together toward a leaner, healthier community.

The meeting will also recognize ten "Healthcare Heroes" from hospitals throughout the state. These individuals, nominated by colleagues, exemplify the outstanding qualities exhibited by healthcare workers in Connecticut hospitals. The 2010 Healthcare Heroes are as follows:

Sarah Bradbury, RN  
Registered Nurse  
Hartford Hospital

Robert Fuller, MD  
Chief of Service, Emergency Medicine Department  
UCONN Health Center/John Dempsey Hospital

Patricia Kenney, RN, BSN, CPAN  
Registered Nurse, Staff RN PACU  
Bristol Hospital

Patricia Maggard, RN  
Nurse Manager, Pediatric ICU  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Michael C. Matzkin, DDS  
Chairman, Department of Dentistry  
Saint Mary's Hospital

Nity Oris, RN  
Third-shift Nursing Supervisor  
The William W. Backus Hospital

Patricia Poniros, RN  
Nurse Navigator/Patient Care Coordinator  
Bridgeport Hospital/Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center

Ana Maria Reyes-Scott, MSW  
Clinical Social Worker  
Hartford Hospital

Patsy Twohill  
Manager, Emergency Diagnostic Radiology  
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Richard Zelkowitz, MD  
Medical Oncologist/Hematologist  
Norwalk Hospital/Whittingham Cancer Center

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's not-for-profit hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.