

Providence Centralia Honors Three at Centralia Square Event



Photograph submitted by Chris Thomas, Providence Centralia Hospital

Hospital awards

Joanne Schwartz, right, was one of three persons recently honored by Providence Centralia Hospital. Shown with her are Dr. Kevin Caserta, left, chief medical officer, and Dr. Elisha Mvudura, president of the medical staff.

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The Providence Centralia Hospital medical staff, along with the Community and Foundation boards, met Dec. 4 to honor a member of the community, a physician and a member of the hospital staff.

The event was at the Centralia Square Ballroom.

Honorees were Dr. Jennifer Polley, Joanne Schwartz and Eve Hinton.

The Physician/Community/Hospital Employee Excellence Award of Merit is given annually to recognize:

- A member of the medical staff at Providence Centralia who participates actively and continuously in community service
- A community member who contributes to the hospital, its medical staff and the community in an outstanding way
- A hospital employee who has made an impact on the medical staff

Physician Excellence Award: Dr. Jennifer Polley

Polley is the medical director of the Health and Hope Clinic and is also a full-time pediatrician with Northwest Pediatrics Center.

In addition, she was instrumental in bringing the concept of subspecialty care to Centralia by working with psychiatric and pediatric cardiology groups outside Lewis County and arranging their routine clinic days in Centralia, providing parents with access to these specialists in their community.

She has done multiple mission trips around the world and has established a reading program for her patients.

Community Excellence Award: Joanne Schwartz

Schwartz has a long record of service to Lewis County. She was the administrator for the Department of Community Services and the economic development manager for the city of Chehalis.

Prior to that, she served two terms as Lewis County commissioner, and in the 1980s she served as the community relations/marketing director for Centralia General Hospital.

Schwartz is currently a member of the Providence Centralia Hospital Community Board, the Centralia College Board of Trustees, the board of directors of the Chehalis Foundation and the board of directors of the Twin Cities Sertoma service club.

Employee Excellence Award: Eve Hinton

Hinton has worked in the Nutrition Services Department at Providence Centralia Hospital for many years, and her dedication to providing food services at all hours of the day and night, for multiple meetings, for community events such as the Wellness Roundup, Relay for Life and Foundation events was recognized with this award.