



REGINA M. FOLEY, R.N., MBA, C.N.A.A.

Regina M. Foley is a 1983 graduate of Point Pleasant Borough High School. She was an active participant in many student activities and sports including the Keyettes, a member of the tennis team for four years, where she was captain and MVP in her senior year, and a member of the track team. Regina was also a class officer all four years of high school, and she was class president in her junior and senior year. Upon graduation, Regina received the Admiral William F. Halsey Leadership Award.

Since as far back as Regina could remember, she always wanted to be a nurse. As a matter of fact, her mom, Maureen Foley, is the President and CEO of Bayonne Visiting Nurses Association and her sister Marie is a Critical Care Nurse at Ocean Medical Center. Following graduation, Regina attended Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Ocean County College, and Monmouth University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and her Master's degree in Business Administration all while she was already working as a nurse in the Critical Care Unit and the Operating Room at the former Point Pleasant Hospital and Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune.

After three years at Jersey Shore, Regina accepted a full-time nursing position at Point Pleasant Hospital in the Operating Room and quickly worked her way up to nurse manager. During this time, Regina received the most prestigious nursing award, the Elizabeth Kellogg Award for Nursing Leadership. Five years later she was promoted to the position of

Director of Nursing for Point Pleasant and Brick Hospital, and six years later she accepted the position of Vice President/Chief Nursing Executive of Ocean Medical Center, the former Brick Hospital.

Throughout her career, Regina has been published in many periodicals, including the Nursing Administration Quarterly, the Nurse Executive Resource Manual, and Nursing Spectrum. She has also been the focus of many articles printed in local publications about nursing, and in 2002 and 2003 she was featured in the Town People section of the Ocean County Observer. In 2002, Regina was selected as part of an elite group of health care professionals to attend Wharton's Nurse Executive Fellowship in Philadelphia. Only 40 people are selected worldwide each year out of 400 applications to attend this program. Recently Regina received notification that she will be the recipient of the New Jersey State Nurses Association's 2004 C.A.R.E. Award for Administration.

Regina has always been an advocate for nursing, and she is considered one of the national leaders in her field. She was at the helm of Ocean Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, in 1998, when all three of their hospitals achieved Magnet Nursing Status, which is the highest credential that can be achieved within nursing nationally. Meridian was the first health care system to achieve this status and then be reaccredited in 2002.

This past year Regina was asked by Congressmen Christopher H. Smith of New Jersey to testify before the United States Congress to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations regarding the impact of the current and future nursing shortage on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Along with Regina there were several nursing executives from all over the country asked to speak, including the President of the American Nursing Association.

Regina is an active member of many organizations including the Point Pleasant Borough's Chamber of Commerce's Health Committee, a board member of Dottie's House, Sea Shelter in Point Pleasant, a member of the Ocean County Sexual Assault Nurse Expertise, and a member of the United Way of Ocean County's Women's Leadership Task Force. Besides being very active in her community, once a year Regina goes on a surgical mission to Haiti with several prominent local physicians, including Drs. Rudy Talarico and Dan Burzon.

Regina lives in Point Pleasant with her husband, Dave, and three children, David, Daniel, and Maureen, all whom attend Nellie F. Bennett Elementary School in Point Pleasant.