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Fitzgerald Receives Grassroots Champion Award

Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health, has received the 2019 AHA Grassroots Champion Award. This distinguished award is given to one person from each of the states and is selected by the state hospital association. The American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award recognizes those hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital and who are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients.

Andy Fitzgerald has been a leader in the state of Wyoming. His service on the AHA Regional Policy Board is one factor used to select him for this distinguished award. Through his service on the RPB he has actively advocated for and helped drive policy protecting and benefiting hospitals and rural healthcare. His strident voice along with his calm and measured approach are characteristics adding credibility to

the message he delivers.

His visits with both state and federal legislators are other examples of his determination to be a grassroots advocate. He is constantly looking for solutions to healthcare problems and is willing to look outside the box and offer ideas on changes to improve the delivery of care, while also looking at ways to protect the ability to deliver care in every community. His relationship with legislators is beneficial, and his voice is heard as he speaks with Wyoming representatives.

His faithful support to the state and federal PAC is also a determining factor used in the selection of this award. He puts his money where his mouth is and his contributions, along with others, are used to support candidates supportive of hospitals and who want to help find ways of protecting healthcare and patients.

Andy helped introduce legislation to benefit seniors around the state and this legislation will continue to be considered during the legislative session in

2020. He has also suggested alternative funding models to Wyoming congressional delegates to help protect and promote rural healthcare. He has taken a strong stance on issues surrounding long term care and the survey process and supports the advocacy of the state associations.

Congratulations to Andy Fitzgerald, the 2019 AHA Grassroots Champion for Wyoming.



WHA PAC Most Valuable Player Award

Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Doug McMillan, CEO of Cody Regional Health were recently honored for their advocacy efforts at the 2019 Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting.

The PAC (Political Action Committee) Most Valuable Player Award is presented jointly by the American Hospital Association and the WHA to recognize the work of individuals who have provided outstanding leadership to ensure that Wyoming hospitals have a meaningful voice on legislative issues affecting the communities and patients they serve.

The WHA PAC, a nonpartisan, independent statewide organization, uses an informed and balanced approach to candidates and positions, emphasizing the hospital perspective on health care and other critical issues. Looking to improve the delivery of health care through high-quality and cost-effective patient care, the WHA PAC helps support candidates who are committed to supporting and strengthening health care in Wyoming.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2019 Tournament Champions

Cheyenne Country Club was the sight of the 2019 Wyoming Hospital Association Golf Tournament. This is an annual event held to create unity, allow healthcare professionals to network and to raise money for projects with the Wyoming Hospital Association. Eleven teams competed for the title on a beautiful September afternoon. Coming away with the win was the Iverson Memorial team. Team members Doug Faus, Dennis Cook, Dr. Stan Gunstream and JR Lange shot an impressive 13 under to win the title. Second place team Doug McMillan,

Keith Ungreund, Blaine Benard and Brad Dejong shot -11. There was a four way tie at 10 under and the team of Andy Fitzgerald, Mark Creed, Coleen Heeter and Jamie Weihrauch won the scorecard playoff and took third place. Other winners of contests included Byron Zelin for men's closest to the pin, Christina Landry with women's closest to the pin and Namonie Neimitalo and Brett Axe won the longest drive contests. Thanks to the great sponsors of the tournament and to all those who participated.



Dr. Gunstream, JR Lange, Doug Faus, Dennis Cook

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PAC Silent Auction a Success



This year's silent auction was once again a success. We would like to thank those below for donating to the auction.

Iverson Memorial Hospital- Wyoming Go Take A Hike Gift Basket

Anonymous-Set of 4 wedges

WHA-50 quart Wyoming yellow dual compartment hard cooler

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County-Wyoming Fun Basket

Wyoming Behavioral Institute-Donnell's Candies Gift Basket

Campbell County Health-Devils Tower Framed Photo

North Big Horn Hospital-Big Horn Area Get Away

Eileen Dinneen-The Drake Custom Leather Handbag

Eric Boley-Master's Golf Swag

Joey's Custom Fly Rods-Fly fishing rod

Memorial Hospital of Converse County-Wyoming Whiskey Gift Tray

Weston County Health Services-Gift Basket with License Plate Art

This year's auction raised \$2,951.



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