

## Our board candidates, listed in alphabetical order:

### 1. **DAWN DEWITT**

Dawn DeWitt has been a Parks Heritage FCU member since 2020.

Dawn holds an associate degree in paralegal studies from Bryant & Stratton College. In her professional career, Dawn worked as a production supervisor for Rifled Air in High Point, NC; she was a planner/scheduler for organizations including Seminole Electric Cooperative in Bowling Green, FL, White Construction in Brooksville, FL and TIC Construction in Goldsboro, NC. Dawn worked as a project control engineer for Babcock and Wilcox and MNES in Fort Mill, SC. Dawn held the position of master scheduler for Duke Energy, in Charlotte, NC, Trans-Nuclear in Columbia, MD, and Florida Power and Light in Juno Beach, FL.

### 2. **MICHAEL DURLING, MS, RN** (Incumbent)

Michael Durling has been a Parks Heritage member since 2015. He has been a member of the Parks Heritage board of directors since 2017, serving as the Vice President of the board for the past 2 years.

Michael is the Director of Clinical Informatics for the Albany Medical Health System, as well as the Chief Nursing Informatics Officer (CNIO) and Site Lead for Glens Falls Hospital. Michael has more than 20 years of experience in healthcare and IT related leadership, 9 years at Glens Falls Hospital in various roles bringing interdisciplinary teams together on complex patient and process issues, representing technology and change as a process in collaboration with end users, industry leaders, and evidence-based practice. He is experienced in driving innovation, adoption of new processes and technology for bedside clinicians leading to improving efficiency and end-user satisfaction.

He remains actively involved in the community through United Way and through helping to recognize the health care workers in the greater Glens Falls area. He remains active in organizations and committees including American Nursing Association (ANA), American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA), as well as advisory committees for design and implementation of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) solutions.

Michael is a Licensed Registered Nurse; he holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Northern Vermont University (formerly Johnson State College), and a master's in Nursing Informatics from Excelsior College.

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**3. DOUGLAS GIRLING, DO, FACEP (Incumbent)**

Douglas Girling, DO has been a Parks Heritage FCU member since 2008. He has been a member of the Parks Heritage board of directors since 2018, presently serving as the President of the board.

Douglas Girling is a graduate of the University of New England Medical School. He is the Team Health Emergency Medicine Physician and the Emergency Medicine Staff Physician at Glens Falls Hospital. He is the medical director for Multiple EMS agencies in Upstate NY. Douglas Girling serves on the Transfusion Committee for Glens Falls Hospital and Mountain Lakes EMS Medical Advisory Committee in Upstate NY.

He volunteers as a board member for The Kings School in Lake Luzerne, NY and for Backcountry Medical Rescue.

He enjoys Ultra Endurance Running and Triathlon Outdoor Life (kayaking, camping, and skiing).

**4. EDWARD HANCHETT (Incumbent)**

Edward Hanchett has been a Parks Heritage FCU member for 40 years.

He served on our board of directors for over 30 years, including serving several terms as the board President. Presently he is the board Treasurer of Parks Heritage FCU.

He has been an employee of Glens Falls Hospital for 40 years. He is currently the Senior Director of the Medical Imaging and Patient Transport departments. He holds a master's degree in Administration & Leadership.

**5. BARBARA MCDERMOTT**

Barbara McDermott has been a Parks Heritage FCU member since 1991. She has been an employee of Glens Falls Hospital for 32 years. Presently she is the Nursing Director for Critical Care and Cardiac Services at Glens Falls Hospital.

Barbara's professional certifications include American Association of Critical Care Nurses (CCRN) since 1989, Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) since 1999 and Nurse Executive, Advanced (NEA-BC) since 2018.

Barbara serves on the following committees: she is the Chair of the Resuscitation Code Blue Committee and Cardiac Catheterization Lab Conference Quality Improvement Committee, she is the Co-Chair of the Critical Care Committee; she is a member of the Clinical Value Analysis Committee, Performance Improvement Committee and Nursing Practice and Quality Council.

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Barbara is the recipient of the Glens Falls Hospital Nurse Leader of the Year Award, 2020, the Lynn LaBarre Donate Life Champion Award, 2018, and the Glens Falls Hospital People Leadership Award, 2015. Barbara was Glens Falls Hospital Nurse Leader of the Year Nominee in May 2018 and one of the Top 10 Nurses of the Year of Albany Times Union Salute to Nurses, 2017.

Barbara believes one of her strengths is her ability to “think outside the box”, which brings great value to teams and organizations. Her passion is to support healthcare workers in our community. She looks forward to following her passion by serving on the Parks Heritage board of directors.

#### 6. **MICHAEL E WELCH, JR., M.S. CNMT(CT)**

Michael Welch has been a member of Parks Heritage FCU since 2004. He is a Nuclear Medicine/ PET Technologist at Glens Falls Hospital. He joined Glens Falls Hospital after obtaining his bachelor’s degree from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in Nuclear Medicine and a concentration in sociology. His formal education continued when he pursued and achieved a master’s degree in Organizational Management from Russell Sage College in 2019. His reasoning for furthering his education was to transition from the clinical aspect of healthcare to the managerial front. The healthcare sector is constantly evolving. He looks forward to one day making an impact on improving patient care and collaborative practices.

During his time at Glens Falls Hospital, he had various leadership roles such as lead PET technologist and ambassador for patient experience during the Journey to Greatness Initiative. This past year he served as the Unit Base Council Chair in medical imaging. These leadership experiences were centered around the shared governance model within the organization. He looks forward to bringing these skill sets to the Parks Heritage board of directors. As a member, he always felt he could have his financial needs and obligations met with confidence no matter the dynamics of the situation. He believes that Parks Heritage truly exemplifies the principles a community financial institution should aspire to.

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