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DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Bay City Riverfront  
Bay City, Michigan

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Cocktail Reception  
5:30 p.m.

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Annual Meeting and  
Awards Presentation  
6:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC  
INITIATIVES

Service

Quality

Market Growth

Human Resources

Physicians

Finance

## MISSION

*McLaren Health Care, through its subsidiaries, will be Michigan's best value in health care as defined by quality outcomes and cost.*

## VISION

*To be the health care system of choice for employees, physicians, and patients.*

## Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Board Members and  
New Medical Staff Members

Annual Medical Staff Business Meeting

Presentation of  
25 Year Service Awards

Presentation of the  
ARTHUR D. ALLEN, MD  
SERVICE AWARDS

Closing Remarks

Adjournment

The success of our health system lies in the vital contributions made by our physicians, especially those who have served our community over the past quarter century.

- Because you care for patients at McLaren Bay Region, and order treatments and medication, you play an immediate role in the life of the hospital.
- Your service as Medical Staff officers, on Boards and committees has been instrumental in the growth and quality of this institution.
- You are the impetus behind many technological advances at McLaren Bay Region. As your skills grow to meet the challenges of medicine, you bring the hospital along with you as a partner in that growth.
- Because you choose to practice in Bay City, our family, friends, and neighbors benefit from improved access to primary and specialty care, close to home.
- You direct and oversee many essential community health services. You volunteer your time and expertise to conduct important disease prevention programs, such as prostate cancer and cardiovascular screenings.



We are proud to add the following physicians to the list of those who have served McLaren Bay Region for more than 25 years.

**John A. Howland, MD**  
*Internal Medicine, Rheumatology:*  
*August 1989*



The following physicians have devoted their lives to the service of medicine, to the health of their patients, and to the welfare of their communities. It is with great pride that we honor them with the Arthur D. Allen, MD Service Award.

## Thomas C. Burk, MD

### *Emergency Medicine*

Medical School: University of Michigan  
 Internship: Wayne County General Hospital  
 Staff Appointment: October 1975  
 Chairman of Emergency Services Dept.:  
 1987/1988



Committee Memberships: Outpatient/Emergency Services Committee; Quality Assessment Committee; Special Care Committee; Trauma Committee



## William J. Vandenberg, MD

### *Obstetrics/Gynecology*

Medical School: University of Michigan  
 Internship: St. Joseph Hospital-Denver  
 Residency: University Hospital (U-M)  
 Staff Appointment: October 1973

Chairman of Obstetrics & Gynecology: 1979,

1989/1990, and 1999/2000

Committee Memberships: Cancer Committee; Infection Control Committee; Medical Education & Training Committee; Outpatient Services Committee; Trauma Committee

Many of you conduct research with the goal of improving available therapies and treatments.

- Every one of you works diligently to improve your professional skills, resulting in more and better services for your patients.
- In the past year, you have volunteered to accept referrals from and/or staff the Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic, bringing essential primary and specialty care to the underserved and uninsured in our community.
- Your dedication to excellence has played a key role in McLaren Bay Region earning the following recognitions in 2014: *Mission: Lifeline Bronze Quality Achievement Award from the AHA; 2014 Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award; 2014 Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award; Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP); Bay Diagnostic Center accreditation in stereotactic breast biopsy from the ACR; Inpatient Rehabilitation Program accreditations as a "Stroke Specialty Program and Amputation Specialty Program" from CARF; CARF accreditation for its "Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Program for Adults; "Certificate of Commendation" from the MHA for conducting "Community Stroke Prevention Screenings;" McLaren Bay Regional Pediatrics has been recognized as a Site of Excellence by Region 4 Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) for the practice's performance through its immunization program; Three Star Award for Open Heart Surgery Regulations from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (Crain's Detroit Business, March 18, 2014); American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With the Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award*
- You present community health programs, often free of charge, and when necessary, you provide important and reliable health information to the public through the media.
- For these and many other contributions, we salute the Medical Staff of McLaren Bay Region.

## About the Awards

**A**rthur D. Allen was a medical doctor; a surgeon who practiced in Bay City for nearly 50 years. He was born in 1894 and died in 1977. The work he began early in the last century continues today through his legacy to the community.

Dr. Allen began his medical practice in Auburn as a general practitioner. After six years, he decided to enter the field of surgery. He returned to school for additional training, an unusual commitment during a time when specialties such as surgery were learned through apprenticeship.

In 1920, Dr. Allen married Ruth McIntire. They had two children; a son, William, who died at age 12 of a congenital heart condition, and their daughter, Nancy.

Dr. Allen used a horse and sleigh during the winter to make house calls. He had several horses stabled around his practice territory so he could get to patients in an emergency. It was said of Dr. Allen that he always put his patients first, even before his family.

An inventor, he developed an alcohol mixture to use in car radiators before the days of antifreeze. Dr. Allen developed a motor that could be immersed in water, and a special fracture frame that was later patented by the salesman who distributed the device. He was one of the first to use hydrotherapy for his patients.

**I**n 1938, Dr. Allen led a group of physicians who built the Allen Medical building on Bay City's West Side. It was described as having a "monumental atmosphere." The facility attracted the attention of many architects and medical professionals from across the nation. The Allen Medical Building was built at a cost of \$50,000—at the time a tremendous sum—yet Dr. Allen paid off the loan in just 10 years.

During World War II, when most physicians in town were drafted, Dr. Allen worked 15 hours a day, 7 days a week providing medical care to a desperately underserved community.

At his death in 1977, Dr. Allen provided another legacy to McLaren Bay Region in the form of a trust fund. Annual distributions from the fund are used exclusively for McLaren Bay Region equipment purchases.

Arthur D. Allen, M.D. was a man of vision and enterprise. He touched many lives during his 50 years as a physician, and through his vision he continues to contribute to the profession he loved.

The Arthur D. Allen M.D. Service Award was created to honor other physicians who have provided distinguished service to the medical staff and community.