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Meet Dewey Andrew

CarePartners Foundation Board Member, Business Leader and Basketball Pioneer

Imagine you are in Ravenna, Italy, on a bus with your basketball teammates. Your team has just won against the home team, and the Ravenna fans are not happy about it. They are so unhappy, in fact, that they surround your bus, shouting and throwing rocks, a few of which break windows. Your bus driver skillfully pulls out of town to evade the marauding crowd, and you are on your way back to your home, Bologna.

If you're Dewey Andrew, CarePartners Foundation Board member, you don't have to imagine this exhilarating scene. You can just think back to 1966, shortly after you arrived in Italy to play professional basketball. Dewey played for Bologna's Cassera Fortitudo from 1966-1968, having played basketball

since age five.

In college, Dewey played for Elon University. Upon graduation, he coached at the high school and college levels, including for Elon and UNC Chapel Hill. It was while coaching and teaching math at Elon that his friend, Doug Moe, recommended Dewey

look to Europe for a chance at playing basketball professionally. Italy had just begun accepting one American player per team, and Dewey jumped at the opportunity to be one of those Americans. He became the first American to play for Bologna, and he and Doug Moe were the top two players in Italy during those years. Dewey's wife and one-year-old son joined him in Italy soon after his arrival. They had a wonderful time there, learning Italian and enjoying the exquisite food. Dewey notes that the fans were passionate and devoted and treated him like a king when he was at the top of his game.

Dewey's son, Scott, had always wanted to return to Italy to see where he had spent the earliest years of his life. This year that wish came true, as Dewey and his wife, Susan, joined Scott and his wife, Daphne, for a trip back to Italy. What they got was a reception they never



Dewey Andrew on the CarePartners Main Campus in Asheville

expected. When Scott was making the hotel reservations in Bologna, he mentioned to the general manager that his father had played basketball back in the 60s. Unbeknownst to Scott or Dewey, this prompted the general manager to get in touch with the current Fortitudo team. This set off a chain of events leading to a reunion with a former teammate, and coverage of Dewey's return in three Italian newspapers. Dewey hadn't thought anyone would remember him, but instead he was welcomed back like a returning hero!

In the years between his return to the United States in 1968 and his trip back to Italy in 2013, Dewey became a business leader and a prominent member of the Western North Carolina community. He owned Smoky Mountain Distributors for thirty years, was a sports official



Passato e presente
L'americano
Dewey Andrew
(qui con il coach
Tinti) fu il primo
straniero nella
storia della
Fortitudo

Past and Present
American Dewey Andrew (here with coach Tinti) was the first non-Italian to play for Fortitudo.

Photo taken in Bologna, Italy and published in Italian newspaper, Corriere Della Sera, 11 September, 2013.





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We invite you to join us in celebrating the winter holiday season and supporting CarePartners Hospice by participating in Holidays for Hospice:

- ★ Memorial Ornaments are available now and can be sent to you or to someone else as a gift. The ornament is a limited edition design fabricated in Brevard, NC by The Charleston Mint. Learn more about the quilt that inspired it and how to order on page 3.
- ★ The Memorial Garden is on display now through December 26 at Asheville Mall near Dillard's Mens Store and features books listing the names of those honored or memorialized with Memorial Ornaments.
- ★ Gift Wrapping begins November 29 at Asheville Mall in front of Sears and continues until December 24. Stop by to make a donation to have your gifts wrapped by our volunteers or volunteer to wrap by contacting Anne Wilkerson at 828-776-2091 or awilkerson@carepartners.org.
- ★ The Carolina Mountain Woodturners will demonstrate their craft at Asheville Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 6 and 7 near the Gift Wrap booth. Wood ornaments donated by the group will be for sale during their demonstration and after Thanksgiving at CarePartners Foundation Estate Sales, Hospice Thrift Store and Sweeten Creek Antiques.



Hand-turned wood ornament

Get more details including a complete Gift Wrap schedule by calling 828-277-4815 or visiting carepartnersfoundation.org.

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for twenty years, and is currently involved with several businesses in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia including a dude ranch, hotels, a golf course, and mobile home parks. Dewey credits his time in Europe with helping him make the contacts that he later used to build the import side of his beverage distribution business. Through Smoky Mountain Distributors, Dewey developed relationships with people from many Western North Carolina nonprofit organizations. He became involved with several boards, including the Mountain Area Hospice Foundation Board, and later the CarePartners Foundation Board, which he serves on to this day. Dewey likes to stay busy and involved in the community.

Dewey and his wife, Susan, are major supporters of CarePartners Foundation. Their names are familiar to anyone who has spent time at CarePartners Rehabilitation Hospital, as their names and picture are attached to the hospital's Andrew Therapy Pavilion. As Dewey says, "Western North Carolina was very good to me, and we were looking for a way to give back. When the community has been good to you, you want to be good to the community."

“Old Fashioned at Heart”

Tradition inspires quilter Robin Brooks and this year’s Memorial Ornament

“There’s not a quilt on the planet that I don’t like,” laughs Robin Brooks. A member of the Asheville Quilt Guild for 15 years, Robin began quilting with her grandmother as a child and inherited her passion for the craft from a long line of Western North Carolina quilters. She has stitched her love of quilts, her love of volunteering, and her love for CarePartners Hospice into the fabric of her life.

Robin’s mother Jewel Obara volunteered for the Hospice Thrift Store and Holidays for Hospice and received compassionate care from CarePartners Hospice at the end of her life. CarePartners Hospice also cared for Robin’s grandmother and several other family members. As a way to give back, Robin volunteered in the Hospice administrative offices for several years and says “it was a wonderful experience knowing that I was, in a small way, helping such a great organization.” When the CarePartners Hospice John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center was preparing to open, she saw the size of the Owen Great Room and its fireplace. She knew her large quilt, called “Old Fashioned at Heart,” would be a perfect fit and was thrilled to give it to the Solace Center. The quilt’s rich detail is based on a traditional “broken star” pattern with a soft color palette inspired by an antique quilt that Robin saw many years ago. The central pattern translates beautifully into the the 2013 Memorial Ornament.

If you’d like to give or receive a limited edition Memorial Ornament based on Robin’s quilt, please complete and return the enclosed form with your donation, order securely online at carepartnersfoundation.org, or call us at 828-277-4815.



Robin Brooks



The quilt “Old Fashioned at Heart” above the hearth in the Owen Great Room of the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center and the 2013 Memorial Ornament.

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Hospice Thrift Store Celebrates 10 Years!

Inspired by the success of the itinerant "Superflea" fundraiser for CarePartners Hospice, the Hospice Thrift Store has become what our customers agree is one of the best thrift stores in Western North Carolina. On October 29, staff, volunteers and their families gathered to celebrate the store's longevity, success and the more than 72,302 volunteer hours that made it all possible.

Judy McCracken, Janice Whitehead and Glenda Whitten were honored for 10 years of volunteer service and Sally Davis, CarePartners Foundation Special Events Manager, was honored for shepherding the store from idea to reality.

(Pictured left to right: Brent Wyatt, Retail Operations Director, Judy McCracken, Sally Davis, Janice Whitehead.)

