



# EDWARD HAND MEDICAL MUSEUM

Preserving the History of the Healing Arts

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## *From the President:*

The Edward Hand Medical Museum was founded in 1982 with a mission to preserve and make accessible the rich history of the healing arts, with special attention to Lancaster County. Our history includes knowledge recorded in medical books, technology exemplified in our medical equipment, our hospitals and, most importantly, the people who care for the sick.

From 1918 to 1920 the great flu pandemic ravaged the world. Who would have thought that almost exactly 100 years later, we have become part of a future history? Winston Churchill paraphrased George Santayana when he said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." For better or worse, we will see how much we have learned from the past by how we apply those lessons to the current pandemic.

While we are chronicling that history in the making, our museum is making some history of its own. We hope that sometime this year, we will move from the Burle Business Park to a new location in the Flory Building at 410 N. Lime Street. There, we will have more space and more ability to share our rich and ongoing history.

*Barton L. Halpern MD, FACS, President*

## *From the Executive Director:*

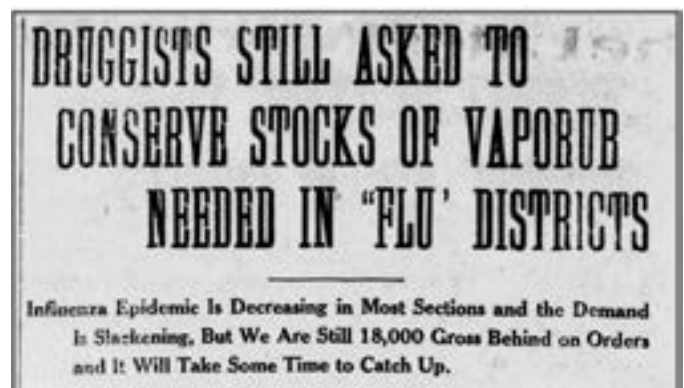
We knew that 2020 was going to be a year of change for the Edward Hand Medical Museum but we could not have foreseen the additional changes related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

In response to the national and global concern, the EHMM has taken precautions to keep our staff healthy and our community safe. Accordingly, we have followed Governor Wolf's guidelines and have closed our physical location in Burle Business Park. Our staff and volunteers are still working hard to serve our community and carry out our mission. While our timeline has been pushed back, we are still working to open our new museum by the end of the year. In the meantime, please connect with us and view our virtual museum at <https://edwardhandmedicalmuseum.org/virtual-museum/>

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns, questions or inspiration.

Stay safe,

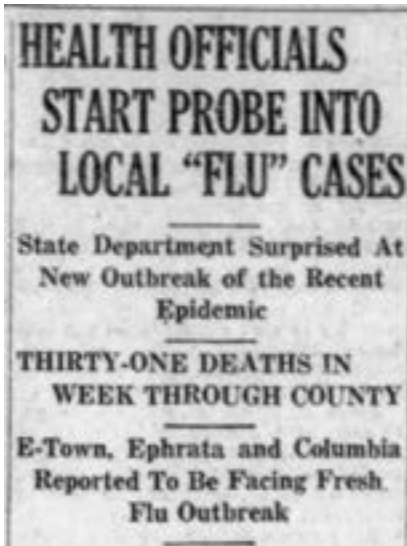
*Hannah Lerew, Executive Director*



*Lancaster Examiner, Nov. 13, 1918, p. 4*

***Personal Histories from Today...for the Future:***  
***Larry Carroll MD, Vice President***

In 100 years, when one looks back on the Covid-19 pandemic, what resources will be available to record the health-care community's experience?



*Intelligencer Journal, Nov. 15, 1918, p. 1*

After the 1918 pandemic newspaper accounts and other print media served to document the experience. Today we have diverse means to capture these moments with audio and video recordings, as well as with written accounts.

I propose that we start an archive to collect this history as it unfolds.

I've started to save articles and videos on my computer and hope others would be willing to share their stories. From the hospital laundry to the executive office, no story should go untold. To participate, contact me at [pandemic@edwardhandmedicalmuseum.org](mailto:pandemic@edwardhandmedicalmuseum.org)

***Note from the Treasurer: Gerald Rothacker MD***

We are fortunate at Edward Hand that most of our income doesn't come from people going through the now-closed museum and that Lancaster General Hospital still gives us our space without a charge. However, we still have other yearly and monthly expenses. In addition, we know that our upcoming move will generate anticipated and many unanticipated expenses that we are trying to prepare for.

There are three ways you can help us. Give a donation by check or online now or anytime! Include us in your Extraordinary Give in November. Sign up for [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and list Edward Hand Medical Museum as your designated charity. This doesn't cost you anything and gives us 0.5% of whatever you purchase!

Finally, we have been grateful for several donations that were received in memory of Drs. Henry Wentz, Paul Ripple and Joe Besecker over the last several months.

*Honor Guard (from left): Darlene Brown, Elizabeth Thompson, Kris Dochterman, Barb Dohan, Cindy Slider*

***Announcing the Lancaster County Nurse Honor Guard: Elizabeth J. Thompson RN***

Patterned on the Veterans' Honor Guard ceremonies held at a veteran's passing, the Lancaster County Nurse Honor Guard seeks to recognize and remember Lancaster County nurses at their funeral, memorial or viewing services or with a Remembrance Table. Formed in 2019 under the leadership of local nurses Joni Sweigart and Jean de Groot Banzhof, the organization's mission is to honor those who have dedicated their lives to the nursing profession and given of themselves to enhance the lives of others.

Three to five nurses in full nursing uniform participate in a "Nightingale Tribute." The specific form of service is determined in a meeting with the family, clergy, and funeral director to learn more about the departed nurse. Usually, the honor guard stands at the front of the room alongside the coffin or urn, but graveside services are also provided.

Each nurse has a specific role. One nurse reads from an established script amended to include details about the nurse being honored, including education, career highlights, advanced degrees, awards received, and personal anecdotes. Another nurse carries a white rose to be given to a designated family member towards the end of the reading. One carries a bible. One carries a chime which is struck three times after the nurse's name is called, and one carries a Nightingale Lamp that is extinguished at the end of the ceremony, officially releasing the nurse from duty.

These nurses feel privileged to honor a colleague in this way and to share in each one's unique history. It is profoundly meaningful for all who participate and gives continuity to this profession of service.

For more information: [www.lancastercountynursehonorguard.org](http://www.lancastercountynursehonorguard.org)

