

Top nine LGH executives averaged 50% pay increases in 2008

In analyzing public charity Lancaster General Hospital's 2008 Federal 990 report, entitled "Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax," *NewsLanc* notes the top ten LGH executives on average received a 60% increase in "Base Compensation." When *NewsLanc* discards data concerning an executive who may have been part time in 2007, the percentage increase is 50%.

These increases by a 'Public Charity' took place during the severest year of recession since the Great Depression, a time according to national statistics when, there was virtually no increase in average wages.

LGH's President Thomas Beeman's "Total Compensation" package amounted to \$1,347,309 for the year. His "Base Compensation" increased from \$530,298 to \$605,676, an increase in "Base Compensation" of 14%.

Executive Vice President Jan Bergen's "Total Compensation" package amounted to \$681,607 for the year. Her "Base Compensation" increased from \$256,333 to \$351,046, an increase in "Base Compensation" of 37%.

Executive Vice President Marion McGowan's "Total Compensation" package amounted to \$726,027 for the year. His "Base Compensation" increased from \$205,043 to \$423,990, an increase in "Base Compensation" of 107%.

Meanwhile, Lancaster General Hospital's profit, defined on the form as "Revenue less expenses" dropped 30% from \$113,326,709 in 2007 to \$78,844,643. Despite the decline, it is still one of the most profitable hospitals in the state.

On the positive side, "Grants" increased from \$1,183,464 or one percent of earnings in 2007 to \$6,655,525 or 8%.

This still left LGH with \$113,326,709 for 2007 and \$78,844,643 for 2008 after grants and other expenses.

These huge profits in large part result from LGH's market dominance and ability to charge insurance companies higher net rates. In turn, the insurance companies charge county residents higher premiums than would be otherwise.

Since the media and public are banned from all Board of Trustee meetings except for the show case 'Annual Meeting', the self-perpetuating trustees are shielded from transparency and public accountability. Yet they are a Public Charity!

(Editor's note: LGH's Communication Department and president were provided this article over a week ago and invited to suggest corrections or make comments. There were none.)

High Real Estate Group appears to have little trouble getting what it wants

High Real Estate Group promised the Manheim Twp. Commissioners that, if the Commissioners approved the shopping center that HREG wants to

build across from Long's Park, that HREG would get federal grant money to rebuild the Rt. 30/Harrisburg Pike [**Continued on back**]

interchange. Consequently, the Commissioners gave HREG a conditional approval, along with a zoning change to accommodate the shopping center....

Rep. Joseph Pitts called the reconstruction of this interchange a “*pork barrel*” project and rejected the earmark.

Last year, the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee applied for more than \$21 million in federal transportation funds to replace the same interchange, but the grant request was rejected. A spokesman for High Real Estate responded by saying that “*there are other*

INTELLNEW ERA: Article “**SDL board asks more staff cuts**” describes School District states that 73% of the budget “*goes directly to the schools, not to its central administration*” according to Superintendent Pedro Rivera.

WATCHDOG: That means that 27% is going to central overhead, no small amount. Yet the article states, according to Rivera, “*...many administrative positions serve programs for the district’s neediest*

SUNDAY NEWS: Posted on June 13th, 2010 Editor Marv Adams column “**Pitching forgiveness**” asks “*How can we divide ourselves so deeply over politics that you wonder if there’s any possible way to dig ourselves out of the hate?*” and “*We profess to be a forgiving people, but seldom are.*”

WATCHDOG: A wag of the tail...Nevertheless, while it is appropriate to “*forgive*” thoughtless drivers and other petty offenses, to merit forgiveness for major offenses against society an apology is in required followed by doing better in the future.

means to pay for the roadwork needed around the planned shopping center.”

One of these “*other means*” was made public on Monday, June 14, when the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee backed a proposal to apply for a grant from a federal appropriations transportation bill. The grant request would include \$20 million for the replacement of the Rt. 30/ Harrisburg Pike interchange...

Citizens who oppose the rebuilding of the Rt. 30/Harrisburg Pike interchange can attend the LCTCC meeting on June 28, 12:00 noon, in the County Office Building at 150 N. Queen St., Binn’s Park entrance.

students, including special-education pupils and English language learners.”

This leaves this dog confused. We would like to know more concerning what the district classifies as “*administrative positions*” and whether the personnel are in fact teaching, driving busses or directly interacting with youngsters and families. School Board decisions and public opinion should not be clouded by accounting jargon!

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