

# 27 employees retire from Blessing Hospital

Blessing Hospital honored 27 employees with a combined 398 years service at a retirement ceremony March 29 at the hospital.

Attending the ceremony was Lawrence Swearingen, hospital president, and hospital directors.

Those honored from Quincy, the department where they worked and number of years employment at Blessing were as follows: **Virgene Gilkerson**, RN, nursing department, 29 years service; **Larry Boster**, laboratory educational coordinator, 28 years service; **Virginia Koch**, RN, nursing, 28 years; **Evelyn Phillips**, patient financial services, 28 years; **Ruth Rems**, nurse assistant, nursing, 27 years; **Louise (Babe) Mosby**, food and nutrition, 23 years; **Buelah Downs**, food and nutrition, 22 years; **Florence Kulla**, food and nutrition, 14 years; **Carolyn Bell**, housekeeping, 18 years; **Alberta Nordman**, nursing, 18 years; and **Margurette Eno**, school of nursing librarian, 17 years.

Other employees from Quincy who were honored were: **Eva Ohnemus**, food and nutrition, 13 years; **Virginia Sorenson**, patient registration, 13 years; **Nelle Wright**, tea room, 13 years; **Wilmena (Billie) Altheide**, food and nutrition, 12 years; **Emily Higgins**, School of Nursing student residence hostess, 12 years; **Eva Ruth Kaufman**, housekeeping, 12 years; **Madeline Terwelp**, food and nutrition, 12 years; **Diana Irvine**, activity therapist, long term care, eight years; and **Lillie Dickerson**, tea room, four years.

Also honored were **Mable Stotts**, RN, of Payson, nursing, 24 years; **Otis McClain** of Lorraine, food and nutrition, 20 years; **Bonnie Knox** of Ursa, surgery, 14 years; and **Carrie**

**Johnson** of Lima, house-keeping, four years.

Among those who had retired earlier but were guests honored at the ceremony were **Jo Sullivan**, respiratory therapy, 28 years; **Ida Utterback**, NA, nursing, 16 years; and **Floyd Huff**, building management, 13 years.



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EVA RUTH KAUFMAN



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DIANA IRVINE



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