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## **Jean Thurston retires; Sally Jenks now President of the Board of Directors**

Dear Stone Community:

Jean Thurston became a member of the Stone Institute's Board of Directors in 1994, back when Stone consisted solely of The Pettee House. Soon thereafter, she became president of the board, serving until her retirement in June of this year. The entire Stone community — residents, their families, staff members and the board of directors — owes Jean an enormous debt of gratitude for her leadership and stewardship over the last twenty-five years.

As a board member, Jean worked with Peggy McLellan, Dennis Rieske, Philius LaCasse (then of Cushman Management Assoc. Inc.) and others on the licensing, planning and building of the additional 82-bed skilled nursing center opened on the property in 1995.

As president, she skillfully led Stone through challenging economic times while at the same time ensuring high-quality resident care. Jean's presence imbued the organization with warmth and compassion. Stone Rehabilitation & Senior Living would not be the Five-Star CMS rated facility it is today without Jean's guidance and Stone's dedicated team, led by Executive Director Nicholas Baker, MHA, LMHA, and Director of Nursing Hina Patel, RN.

Upon Jean's retirement, the board of directors elected fellow board member Sally H. Jenks, MPH, the new president. Sally graduated from UMass/Boston and BU School of Public Health. She has over 35 years of hospital administration and management experience having worked for New England Deaconess Hospital and McLean Hospital. She serves with Officers Dennis Rieske, AIA, vice-president; Mark J. Fitzpatrick, treasurer; Michael J. Rossi, Esq. clerk; and Michael Alexander, MD, secretary. Other board members include Philius LaCasse; Katharine K. Laufer, MSW; Joyce LoChiatto, RN, MS, CPNP; Mary Castro Summers; Zelia de Souza, PT, DPT, CEAS; and Jean Thurston, who, thankfully, will remain.

Sally is grateful for this new challenge and opportunity as president. She will carry on working with Continuing Care Management, LLC, which has successfully managed Stone under contract with the board for the last thirteen years. Sally is looking forward to meeting many of Stone's staff members in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

*Stone's Board of Directors*