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Health Award goes to OMG's Weir

OLEAN – John L. Weir, chief executive officer of Olean Medical Group will receive the 2004 Health Care Hero Award in Administrative Excellence, sponsored by Business First, at an April 1 breakfast at the Saturn Club in Buffalo.

Mr. Weir was chosen from several nominations in Western New York. He was selected by an independent panel from Business First, as a result of the nomination placed by employees of the Olean Medical Group.

Mr. Weir came to the Olean Medical Group nine years ago and in that time led a struggling health care facility into a financially sound and thriving one. The Medical Group was started in 1948 by three local doctors; today it has expanded to 35 health-care providers with 19 specialties and 22 ancillary services including a pharmacy on site. Under Mr Weir's tenure, the Medical Group established satellite offices for primary care in Cuba and Ellicottville. A satellite office in Franklinville had been established some years earlier.

Mr. Weir began his career in health care as a hospital aide. While attending the University of North Dakota honors program with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He later earned a master's of science in organizational leadership at St. Bonaventure University.

Mr. Weir has been a member of the Medical Group Management Association since 1983 and has been a member of the American College Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE) since 1989. He was named a fellow of the ACMPE in 1992 and serves on its Examinations Committee. He is also a diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

His skills in business and healthcare management have made the Medical Group a more technically advanced and organizationally sound company.