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A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR PHYSICIANS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS FOCUSING ON THE HOSPITAL'S MISSION OF PROVIDING QUALITY CARE AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE TO THOSE WE SERVE

Best wishes for 2008

A warm thanks to all for the significant 2007 efforts in caring for our patients, our facility and our community. The work we do is as good as the people who do it, and LMH has exceptional people: staff, physicians and volunteers. Please know you are much appreciated, and every good wish is extended for a happy, healthy 2008. It's expected to be another eventful year for LMH with significant construction work that will continue through 2009, (hope you know earplugs are available for all patients who wish them). A large expansion of the clinics at West, a wound-treatment center at West, an endoscopy center at East, an outpatient clinic and surgery center at Eight-Mile Road, a new off-site materials-management department and a new kitchen are several of the facilities projects that require our 2008 attention. Patient safety and JCAHO readiness are also areas that will require our attention. Our operating budget this year is \$130 million, two thirds of which goes to employee salaries and benefits. The LMH Foundation will kick off a special employee campaign for the new South Wing. We hope to count on 100 percent employee participation. We'll also spend nearly \$9 million on patient-care equipment and technology. So, again, thank you, stay healthy and wash your hands, (*Joe Harrington, ext. 7560*).



LMH Chief-Administrative Officer Mark Sey receiving the Richard S. Berman Award from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists for his work in improving quality of care and quality of life through the provision of pharmaceutical care for the senior population. This national award gave \$5,000 in scholarships in Mark's name.

Outreach clinic receives grant

LMH received last week a check for \$31,200 from Health Care Evaluators in Stockton in response to a grant proposal for the LMH Outreach Clinic at the Lodi Salvation Army. They have been consistent with granting the clinic funding each year, but this is the highest amount yet. We thank them, (*Pam Schneider, 642-4477*).

Please welcome these new docs



Padilla



Biring



De



Golden



Nguyen

Pediatrician Jennifer Padilla, MD, partners with Roy Anunciacion, MD. Manmohan Biring, MD, pulmonary medicine, works with John Connolly, MD. Dr. Biring is board certified in internal medicine/pulmonary disease and critical care. Indra De, MD, is board certified in internal medicine and infectious disease and works with Manuel Orellana, MD. Otashe Golden, MD, is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. She works in the LMH Urgent-Care Clinic. Also working in the LMH Urgent-Care Clinic is Bao "Tony" Nguyen, MD. He is board certified with the American Board of Family Practice, (*Linda Brown, ext. 7669*).

Get heart healthy with CHIP

George Chen, MD, and Irma Chen, BS, are gearing up to begin their annual Coronary Health Improvement Project, CHIP, on Jan. 11. This four-week program has been extremely successful in helping participants change their lifestyles and improve their health. The program is rooted in healthy nutrition and allows participants to take an active role in improving their health. Its target group is those who may suffer from, or who may wish to avoid, obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, angina and cholesterol problems. Those interested can attend a free, introductory lecture on Tues., Jan. 8, or Wed., Jan. 9, 7p, at English Oaks Adventist Church. The course is also approved for 18 hours of continuing education. For additional information about the program, visit www.CHIPusa.org, (*George Chen, 369-1021*).

Med/surg charge RN promoted



Bob Turner

Charge nurse Robert (Bob) Turner, RN, has been named nurse manager of the third floor and second-center med/surg units. Bob received an associate degree in nursing from San Joaquin Delta College. His experience in the military has earned him myriad leadership and management skills. Bob has worked as staff nurse and charge

nurse on medical-surgical and telemetry units for 13 years. The majority of his nursing career has been at LMH. Bob is committed, motivated and willing to go the extra mile. He continues to be a strong asset to the med/surg team. His office is located on the third floor. Thanks to Kathy Behr, RN, and Max Tutupoly, RN, for making this transition smooth, (*Glenda Concepcion, ext. 7519*).



LMH UM staff and members of the Lodi Soroptimist International pose with tote bags the group has prepared for LMH to offer to elderly female patients being discharged from the hospital. The tote contains a lap blanket, hand sanitizer, lotion, wipes, lip balm, a flashlight, a magnifying glass, mints, gum, pens, a novel and much more.

Employee-prescription-plan changes

Several changes in the preferred-medication list were effective Jan. 1. There were no increases in prescription co-payments; however, several brand-name drugs were removed from the preferred list in favor of generic drugs. The non-preferred drugs are still available upon completion of the prior-approval process. To receive approval for a non-preferred drug, the physician must list other drugs that have been tried, or reasons why preferred drugs are inappropriate. The changes are as follows: Altace was removed from the preferred-drug list; generic ACE inhibitors benazepril, captopril, enalapril, fosinopril, lisinopril and quinapril are available for the treatment of high blood pressure. Zofran and Zofran ODT were replaced by the generic ondansetron for the treatment of nausea and vomiting. Ambien and Ambien CR were replaced by the generic zolpidem for the treatment of insomnia. Lipitor was removed from the preferred-drug list; lovastatin, pravastatin and simvastatin are available for the treatment of high cholesterol. Protonix was removed from the preferred-drug list; omeprazole is available for the treatment of acid-reflux disease, (*Sandy Atwater, ext. 7555*).

Heart-award nominees sought

Please nominate an LMHer for this special award honoring the employee who best represents the hard work and focus on the customer that sets LMH apart from other hospitals. Electronic copies of the Ted Holmstrom Heart Award nomination form can be found on the LMH network: L:\Forms\Comm_Dev\Ted Holmstrom Heart Award nomination form 2007-2008.doc. Paper copies of the nomination form were distributed in all LMH mailboxes. Paper copies can also be found in HR and at the front desk at West. Previous awardees are Jimmy Perryman, Joanne Augusto, Terri Whitmire and Melanie Petrone. Nominations must be received by Jan. 22. The award will be presented at the Awards Dinner on Jan. 25 (at Hutchins Street Square), (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

Celebrate LMH employees

The 2008 LMH Annual Service Awards Presentation and Dinner Dance is set for Fri., Jan. 25, 5:30-11p, at Hutchins Street Square. The event honors LMHers celebrating milestone years of service and those recently retired. Special awardees include Naoma Riddle, 40 years of service; Terri Whitmire, 35 years; and Gina Abbas, Mary Lou Jenkins, May Lee, Lily Lowe, Linda Risso and Charlotte Senger, 30 years. Cost is \$25 for employees, \$30 for non-employees. Raffle prizes are drawn every hour (must be present to win). Those wishing to attend must RSVP to Administration by Mon., Jan. 14, (*Lori Horan, ext. 7590*).

Luncheon tickets for sale now

The LMH Mission Auxiliary has been hosting its annual Valentine Luncheon for 55 years now, and tickets are on sale for the Feb. 4 event, held at Hutchins Street Square. It's an exceptional salad luncheon that features about 20 separate salads made by the expert cooks in this auxiliary. All proceeds go to LMH. For tickets, call Tina Newsome, 368-9047, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

Best wishes, Steve

After 17 years of service as a respiratory therapist at LMH, Steve Kielma retired Dec. 31. Steve thanks all the LMH employees and physicians that he has worked with over the years. He states, "It was a pleasure working with you." We will miss him and wish him the best in his retirement, (*Willis Marzolf, ext. 7421*).

How to submit to/find "Pulse"

All medical staff, hospital staff and volunteers are welcomed to submit items for "Pulse." Items should be between 50-150 words and pertain to LMH news, milestones or events. Items should be directed via in-house mail to the Community Development Department or via email to Lori Horan or Carol Farron. "Pulse" is published every other Monday, and items for the newsletter should be received by 8a the preceding Friday. Dates for 2008 "Pulse" issues and submission deadlines can be found on the LMH network (L:\News & Announcements\Internal\Pulse). "Pulse" can be also be accessed electronically via the LMH network (in the "Pulse" folder) or on the LMH website, www.lodihealth.org. Those wishing to receive "Pulse" via e-mail should contact Lori Horan, ext. 7590, or e-mail lhoran@lodihealth.org, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).