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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

## ***South-wing funding shapes up***

Great news: On Nov. 9, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) approved the funding of LMH's South-Wing Project. This means LMH is a step closer to issuing \$150 million in bonds for the construction of the "project." It's expected that the deal will close and the bonds will be issued in early to mid December. CSCDA is a joint-powers authority sponsored by the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities. Their mission is to provide local governments and private entities access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing for projects that provide a tangible public benefit, contribute to social and economic growth and improve the overall quality of life in local communities. The South Wing will be funded to the tune of \$150 million in fixed-rate bonds or a mix of fixed/variable bonds. Those interested in buying bonds can contact LMH's UBS underwriter representative John Woodward, 415/954-6805. The bonds make a great gift for the holidays or any occasion and support the biggest capital project the hospital has ever undertaken – not to mention help the hospital in its mission of providing quality care. A big thank you to the finance and financial-planning staffs for their assistance in preparing for the bonds, (Ron Kreutner, ext. 7560).

## ***Work progresses, and parking changes***

Work is wrapping up at the back loading dock related to the central-utility plant. The next phase includes the erection of the new central-utility plant just south of IT and the business office. In order to do this work, some parking will be lost. This parking loss will impact both patient and staff parking; therefore, the remaining parking area (east of the lab) will be for patient parking only. Hospital vehicles (couriers, trucks, other) may park in the new lot – behind the old, central-utility plant. This lot will remain closed for all other use at this time. Staff, for now, should park at the Sylvia/Fairmont lot or in the front lot south of the main building. A thank you to all for helping LMH undergo this important – and sometimes disruptive project – while continuing to put our patients first. A spectacular result awaits us, (Tak Saito, ext. 7680).

## ***See's-ons greetings***

See's Candies will be at LMH Fri., Nov. 30, from 9a-3p, in Classrooms F and G. Payroll deduction is available for LMH staff, (Mark Wallace, ext. 7444).

## ***Gobble up this holiday feast***

Complimentary Thanksgiving meals are offered to all working LMHers on Thurs., Nov. 22, from 11a-2p, and 5-7:30p, at both hospital campuses. Guests are welcomed at \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. A special goodies cart will be circulated to night-shift staff on Wed., Nov. 21, (Becky Olvera, ext. 7597).

## ***QMS welcomes new employees***



**Bennett**



**Long-Brandt**



**Lee**

Quality Management Services' data analyst/secretary Brooke Bennett came on board in July and is a great

addition to the department. She supports the MIDAS system, risk management, performance improvement, JCAHO readiness and much more. She can be reached at ext. 7681. QMS also welcomes two RNs to the team. Wendy Long-Brandt from TCU is now on board part time, and new to LMH is Leslie Lee, who is full time. Both RNs will support QMS with medical-staff-committee support, PI activities, JCAHO readiness and meeting mandatory reporting requirements. Please welcome and support them, (Diana Matthews, ext. 7294).

## ***Pediatric-CE class offered***

A Pediatric-CE class will be held on Fri., Nov. 30, in Classroom A. From 8:30-11:30a the topic is "pediatric assessment." Objectives are to review physical, emotional and developmental assessment of the neonate to adolescent and to identify normal and abnormal lab values for the neonate to adolescent age groups. From 12:30-3:30p is "pediatric-pain management and fluid balance." Objectives are to discuss pre and post-op fluid balance for the neonate to adolescent age group and management of pain signs and symptoms. Each portion is three hours of CE credit. Contact Education, ext. 7609, to register, (Donna Schulz, ext. 7609).

## ***Save these dates***

- Tues., Dec. 11, Employee-holiday breakfast, 6:30-9:30a, East campus, 7-9a, West campus;
- Tues., Dec. 11, Children's-holiday party, 6-8p, East-campus lobby;
- Wed., Dec. 12, Physicians'-holiday breakfast, 7-9a, East campus.

### ***CME set for November***

A CME is set for Mon., Nov. 26, from 12:30-1:30p, in Classrooms F and G. Topic is "The Medical Chart: Your Rx for Self-Defense or Self-Destruction," (Donna Schulz, ext. 7609).

### ***Pay it forward***

The LMH Med/Surg department is hosting a toy drive for the "Make a Wish" Foundation to help with their Christmas wish lists this year. Those interested in donating should place their unwrapped toys (no clothes or stuffed animals, please) in donation boxes located on each hospital floor, (Max Tutupoly, ext. 7962).

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### ***"Pulse" reader survey***

This past April, "Pulse" celebrated its 13th birthday. The newsletter is sent to hospital employees, volunteers, physicians and community members in an effort to share LMH information across its readership. Please take a moment to answer the questions below and return the survey to the Community Development Department. Thanks!

I am a(n):  Nurse  Non-nursing, clinical staff member  Other hospital staff member  
 Physician  Board member  Volunteer  
 Community member  Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

"Pulse" is published twice a month. I read "Pulse"...

Twice a month  Once a month  Occasionally

I generally...

Skim "Pulse" to read what interests me  Read all of "Pulse"

I generally have...

No trouble finding a copy of "Pulse"  Difficulty finding a copy

"Pulse" is helpful and informative...

Agree  Disagree

I discuss or hear my co-workers discussing something they've read in "Pulse"...

Often  Once in a while  Never

This "Pulse" feature is most important to me...

Hospital-wide updates  Department-specific updates  
 Health-care updates  Who in the heck?  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive "Pulse" via e-mail at the hospital...

Agree  Disagree  No opinion

I think "Pulse's" design format is...

Easy to follow  Difficult to follow  No opinion

I learn about LMH activities and events when reading "Pulse"...

Always  Sometimes  Rarely

I know how to submit items for "Pulse"...

Agree  Disagree

Here's what I like best about "Pulse":

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Here's where I think "Pulse" could improve:

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