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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

Happy birthday, "Pulse"



If "Pulse" were a person, come Apr. 18, it could drive the LMH news around. That's right, "Pulse" turns 16 on Apr. 18. Thanks to all for the many years of contributions, suggestions, feedback and readership. As was the original intent, Pulse is designed to share news of LMH programs services, staff, physicians and volunteers. All are welcomed to direct contributions to the LMH Community Development Department. "Pulse" is distributed via in-house mail; copies are also at the east-campus dining room. It's distributed via e-mail to the media, community groups and anyone who requests an electronic copy. Look for a reader survey next issue, (Carol Farron, ext. 7535).

Walk and celebrate South Wing

Sat., May 8, will be a big day for the LMH Association as well as the LMH Foundation. The foundation will host its 20th annual "Walk for the Health of It," a 5-K competitive walk that raises funds for the hospital. Immediately following the walk, the LMH Association will host a dedication ceremony for the new South Wing, emceed by KFBK radio's Ed Crane. Live feeds will be blasted on the station. Community, staff, volunteers and physicians are all invited to attend. Following the dedication celebration, LMH will offer tours of the South Wing's third-floor atrium and patient rooms. At the same time, LMH will host a health fair in the healing garden. Complimentary screenings include blood pressure, oxygen saturation, glucose, cholesterol and body fat. Look for a teddy bear and doll clinic for pediatric patients, cardiac rehab's heart-health games for the young, and admissions will have a booth about advance directives. Several LMH community partners will also host booths. Delta Blood Bank will be there, as will the California Transplant Donor Network, Animal Friends Connection's Pet Therapy Program and Farm Fresh to You, a collective of local, organic farmers who deliver fruits and veggies to offices and homes, (Carol Farron, ext. 7535).

We rock for Dr. Reiss



It was a humbling day for Walt Reiss, MD, the week before last, when LMH's free outreach clinic for the uninsured moved from its 14-year home in Lodi's Salvation Army headquarters to the bigger and better SJC Public Health offices on West Oak Street at Pleasant. The clinic was re-named the Walter E. Reiss Outreach Clinic, or WEROC. Dr. Reiss has been a long-time family practitioner in Lodi who for many years during his off hours provided free care to the homeless and poor of Lodi. At first he did so in a tiny room in the old Salvation Army office on Sacramento Street. Later it was in the LMH clinic at the Salvation Army. He continues to do so at the new clinic named in his honor. Dr. Reiss has been instrumental in obtaining the help of fellow physicians to volunteer in the clinic. Those include Don Becker, MD, Jorge Ocegueda, MD, Than Soe, MD, Richard Yee, DO, and John Connolly, MD. More than 150 LMH physicians, staff, community members and leaders as well as Dr. Reiss's family were on hand for the dedication. Thanks for everything, Dr. Reiss, (Carol Farron, ext. 7535).

Dr. Yao moves to Vine Clinic



Weiping Yao, MD, a Lodi neurologist will move in early May to the Lodi Memorial Community Clinic - Vine. This specialty-medicine practice is also home to Frank Huang, MD, an endocrinologist. Dr. Yao and his wife Kitty moved to Lodi in 2004 and have been working in their practice on Ham Lane. Current patients can call

for appointments, and new patients are welcomed with a physician's referral. Welcome to Vine Street, Dr. Yao, (Pam Schneider, ext. 7450).

Trinity takes highest honor

LMH's year-old family practice Lodi Memorial Community Clinic - Trinity, has taken top honors nationally in customer service. The north-Stockton clinic is home to Vanessa Tsuda-Nguyen, DO; her husband, Joseph Nguyen, DO; Gary Nahl, MD; family-nurse practitioner Dawnette Person; Debbie Crawford-McCarthy, RN, MSN; Raeniece Washington, MOC; Coung Lee, MA; Tamica Foster, scribe; Linda Avila, MA; Marcie Manipol, medical records; Leticia Sanchez, MA; Darlene Golightly, MA; and Blanca Torres, receptionist. The national patient-satisfaction-survey group Professional Research Consultants (PRC) conducts surveys for hundreds of hospitals nationally based on the federal government's requirements for patient satisfaction. And among the hundreds of hospitals for whom PRC conducts surveys, Trinity came out in the top 10 percent, garnering them a five-star award for customer satisfaction. At the clinic Rae says she attributes their high scores to the entire staff. They always go the extra mile to meet the patient's needs and treat patients like they are their very own family. Congratulations to the Trinity staff, *(Carol Farron, ext. 7535)*.

New docs join medical staff



Dr. Mannsfeld



Dr. Puthillath

Christian Mannsfeld, MD, emergency medicine, graduated from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He completed an internship at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham, a

fellowship at Harvard University Medical School and a residency at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital in Baton Rouge. **Ajithkumar Puthillath, MD**, oncology, graduated from University of Mysore at Bellur Karnataka in India. He completed a residency program at McLaren Hospital in Flint, MI, and a fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, *(Linda Brown, ext. 7669)*.

Interpreters will travel – gladly

Help improve communication with Spanish-speaking patients by using the LMH Spanish interpreters. Staff may contact Sonia Padilla-Casillas via Vocera or pager 494, M-F, from 6:15a-12:15p. Antonio Gomez is available M-F, at LMH West from 11a-12:30p, and at the main hospital from 12:30-7:30p. If you are unable to contact Sonia or Antonio please use the hospital's "back-up" list of validated interpreters. To find an interpreter to help, look on the "L:" drive. The AT&T Language Line is available only as a last resort and, of course, for languages other than Spanish, *(Sonia Padilla-Casillas, ext. 5170)*.

Nursing scholarships offered

The Juanita Hagan and Bob Mullen Nursing Scholarships are available to LMH staff pursuing degrees or advanced degrees in nursing. Application criteria are a minimum of one year of employment at LMH and proof of enrollment in a nursing program. Applications are available in Education. Applications must be submitted to Education by Fri., Apr. 30. Scholarships will be awarded the first week of May, *(Donna Schulz, ext. 7609)*.

Make Health-Care Decisions Day count

Fri., Apr. 16 is National Health-Care-Decisions Day. As an employee of LMH, this is an opportunity for you to teach members of our community how important it is to have an advance health-care directive. It's a great opportunity to educate your friends and family members about this important step in everyone's life. An advance directive simply puts in writing and on file with your doctor and hospital who it is you wish to make medical decisions for you if you are not able to do so. It can be as complex or as simple as you wish. And if you don't care to designate someone to make those decisions for you, you can put to paper what you want those decisions to be and ask the hospital to carry them out for you. Hospital employees may want to take this to their church groups or others in order to encourage community members to think about advance directives. For more information or to see samples of advance directives, visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org, the LMH Web site, www.lodihealth.org, or the employee-bulletin board, www.lmhemployees.org. To obtain hard copies of sample advance directives, please visit the LMH Admissions office, *(Carol Farron, ext. 7535)*.

Doc pics placed on LMH Web site

In recent months the LMH Web site, www.lodihealth.org, has added physicians' pictures and their training to the "find a doctor" feature. For staff, volunteers and physicians who see doctors coming in and out of the hospital and want to know just who in the heck they are, go to the Web site; and if you click on physicians by category, all the physicians in each category will pop up. It's also a great place to direct people who are looking for family-practice and specialty physicians. A few physicians' pictures are not included. However, as soon as they get their badge pictures taken, their photos will be posted on the Web site. Physicians, like all staff and volunteers, are asked to wear their badges at all times in the hospital for security purposes. Physicians without badges should visit the LMH Human Resources office, *(Carol Farron, ext. 7535)*.

LMH clinics host festival booth

The LMH clinics will sponsor a booth at the Galt Strawberry Festival on May 15 and 16. The clinic staff is enthusiastic about promoting their services and challenge other departments to participate. This is a great way to promote community awareness about any of the programs and services offered at LMH. Please feel free to join in. Staff can earn community-service credit and, more importantly, share and have fun. Those wishing to assist with a two-hour shift to share departmental information should contact Toni Barajas, ext. 3037, *(Pam Schneider, ext. 7450)*.

Wine Stroll tickets available

On Fri., Apr. 16, from 6-9p, sip, stroll and shop on School Street in beautiful, downtown Lodi at the Wine Stroll. LMH employees pay only \$25 (a savings of \$5 per ticket) when they purchase tickets through the LMH HR Department. Tickets can also be purchased at the Lodi Chamber of Commerce Office, 35 S. School St., Lodi. We stroll, rain or shine, *(Judi Simon, ext. 7443)*.