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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

Wanda surprised with honor



Wanda Ketcherside, RN, recently became Lodi Memorial Hospital's first recipient of the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses. We have an exceptional crew of nurses at LMH, and Wanda personifies the best in all of us. Her knowledge, skill and wonderful heart make her truly deserving of this important award. Bonnie and Mark Barnes from the

Daisy Foundation, presented Wanda with her award on the front lawn of the hospital. At the presentation, the hospital made a contribution to the Daisy Foundation in memory of Tom Patterson, of the ICU, who recently passed away. Please congratulate Wanda when you see her. To learn more about the award, visit the Daisy Foundation's website, www.daisyfoundation.org, (Judy Begley, ext. 7507).

New VP heads up LMH Foundation



Please welcome Rob Wooton to the LMH Foundation. He will serve as the vice president for fund development and be charged with fund raising for the new south-wing addition. Rob comes to LMH after having participated extensively in fund-raising activities at the University of the Pacific and

St. Joseph's Medical Center. Additionally, he was an executive at Stockton Savings and Loan prior to its sale. The bay-area native is a UOP grad himself and stayed in the area following college after he married a local girl. He and his wife now have two grown daughters and a handful of grandchildren, (Joe Harrington, ext. 7560).

"Walk" rakes in \$99,000

The LMH Foundation's annual "Walk for the Health of It" on May 12 boasted 1,100 participants and raised more than \$99,000. Funds raised from the "Walk" will go toward equipment for LMH. At the "Walk's" health fair, 83 blood-glucose screenings were completed, and the average participants' blood sugar was 104. Thanks to all who participated, volunteers and walkers alike. Stay tuned for information on the foundation's July fundraiser - Summerfest, (Donna Shaw, ext. 7582).

Building starts with parking changes

Construction activities begin today at LMH East for the South-Wing project's central-plant facility as well as a parking expansion. In the short term, some parking spots will be lost to achieve the construction, and here's some important information about the initial impact: 1) Free, valet parking will be provided for patients, visitors and volunteers. Pick-up and drop-off points will be provided at two locations, the main entrance to the hospital and the east entrance of the Medical Plaza building. 2) The parking lot in front of the hospital, southwest of the front entrance (the row facing the building and the row just opposite it) will be closed. This is currently patient parking. 3) The parking lot for staff located behind the existing central plant will be closed to all parking. No exiting from the hospital will be possible from the west end of the building except in an emergency (a construction fence stops any access north to the Conrad building). Foot traffic between floors will be possible at the west end. 4) Alternate parking for employees has been established off-site at a lot secured for our use. The lot is located at the south-east corner of Sylvia Drive and Fairmont Avenue. Please park in this lot if possible. It is located less than two blocks from the hospital and is very short walk to the north entrance of the emergency department. This lot is for day use only, Monday through Friday. The LMH parking policy remains in effect. 5) On Cardinal Street, several of the houses LMH owns have been moved to new locations, and the rest will be moved by the end of the month. The lots where the houses once stood will be converted to additional parking. Construction of the Cardinal parking lot will begin once all the houses are moved and should be completed in August, 2007. Work on the parking lots to the west of the hospital will continue through October, 2007. A parking hotline has been set up for information and to leave suggestions or questions. The number is PARK (7275). Please bear with us during this construction phase and temporary inconvenience that will result in a beautiful, new addition to our hospital. We will finish with a spectacular new hospital for patients and employees alike. Thanks in advance for your cooperation, (Tak Saito, ext. 7680).

Scholarship winners named

Congratulations to Juanita Hagan Nursing Scholarship recipients Maria Lowe, BSN; Debbie Crawford, MSN; Sheila Coito, BSN; and Stacy Kulm, nursing student at Delta College. Stacy also received the Robert Mullen Nursing Scholarship. Scholarships were awarded during Nurses' Week, (Donna Schulz, ext. 7609).

Kick butt with smoke-free campus

Mark your calendars for Nov. 16, 2007. Not only is that the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smoke Out" day – a day where smokers are asked to quit smoking or cut back for a day – it's also the day LMH will become a smoke-free campus. A smoke-free campus will allow LMH to continue to promote the health, safety and welfare of patients, visitors, employees, physicians and vendors/contractors. The purpose is to discourage the dangerous behavior of smoking around non-smokers and to affirm and promote a health-conscious atmosphere within LMH. Smoking and the use of tobacco products will be prohibited on all LMH-owned or leased buildings, grounds, parking lots, ramps, plazas, vehicles and sidewalks adjacent to LMH property. Training will take place for employees regarding new policies and procedures for a smoke-free campus. Employees will be expected to support and enforce the smoke-free-campus policy. For smokers who are interested in quitting, smoking-cessation classes will be available. Also, LMH employees covered under the LMH Preferred Care health plan have access to treatment with approved smoking-cessation aids with a \$500 lifetime limit for these drugs, including nicotine patches, gum, Wellbutrin/Zyban, etc. Watch for further information on classes and training, (*Susan Henderson, ext. 7961*).

Strong ED practices recognized

Kelly Stump, RN, LMH's emergency-department director, has been selected to participate in an educational session sponsored by OPTIMA to present two emergency-department best practices related to discrepancy follow up and nursing protocols. The presentations are scheduled for June 6. Congratulations, Kelly, for being selected to participate, and to the entire emergency-department staff who continue to work very hard to provide high-quality care through evidence-based practices. Keep up the strong work, (*Judy Begley, ext. 7507*).

Way to go, Lynne

Lynne Mantz, RN, director of LMH's transitional-care unit, recently completed a rigorous education program and passed the certification exam to become a legal-nurse consultant. She now proudly displays her new "LNC" credentials along with her RN. Please join me in congratulating Lynne on this great accomplishment, (*Judy Begley, ext. 7507*).

ED gets new supervisor

Please welcome Tamra Tracy, RN, BSN, as last month she accepted the position of emergency-department (ED) supervisor. She brings excellent management skills and a willingness to help improve the overall operations and communication in the ED. We are eager to tap her passion and "people skills" as we move forward with the many projects on the horizon for the department. Please take the opportunity to drop in and congratulate her in person, (*Kelly Stump, ext. 7657*).

CMEs offered this week

Two CMEs will be held this week from 12:30-1:30p, in Classrooms A and B. On Tues., May 22, Robert Lawrence, MD, will present "Forensic Pathology for the Primary Care Physician." On Wed., May 23, Grant Rogero, MD, will discuss "Breast MRI Applications Including Screening for and Staging for Breast Cancer," (*Donna Schulz, ext. 7609*).

Help violence victims

Last month LMHers showed support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and helped the San Joaquin County Women's Center raise funds during its Denim Day event. The SJC Women's Center reaches out to more than 30,000 women, children and men each year through crisis-intervention and prevention programs in Stockton, Lodi and Tracy. The Lodi Women's Center, located at 300 W. Oak St., provides services for abused women, including temporary shelter to women and children who have fled from abusive situations. These individuals usually arrive with no personal belongings. As a result there's a need for items such as women's and children's socks and underwear, toiletries and cell phones for 9-1-1 calls. To donate new socks and underwear of any size, old or new cell phones or funds for toiletries and other necessities, call Niki Mamoulelis, ext. 7356, (*Niki Mamoulelis, ext. 7356*).

Seniors have day

The 29th annual Senior Awareness Day, hosted by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), will be held Thurs., May 24, at Micke Grove Park, from 8a-1p. This year's theme is "Paradise in the Park." Visitors can take part in prize giveaways, bingo and a senior walk/run. Other events include antique-car and art shows and a health and education fair with exhibits and food. For more information about senior-awareness day or RSVP, call 468-2202, or visit www.sjaging.org, (*Sarah Beasley, ext. 7616*).

Who in the heck?



Can you pick this YMCAer who is now an LMHer? If so, send your name and your guess on a scrap of paper to the Community Development Department and we'll announce in the next "Pulse" who guesses correctly.



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