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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

Walk and SW dedication please all



LMH staff provide free blood-glucose and cholesterol screenings

The LMH Foundation's May 8 "Walk for the Health of It" raised more than \$80,000 in sponsorships and boasted over 1,500 "Walk" registrations. Funds raised will be donated to LMH to purchase equipment. In conjunction with the "Walk," LMH held a dedication ceremony for its new South Wing, emceed by KFBK's Ed Crane, which featured hospital tours and a health fair. Many thanks to all LMHers who participated either by walking, volunteering, or both, (*Donna Shaw, ext. 7582*).

\$100K grant helps free LMH clinic



Crabtree

Good news for LMH – on the way is an unexpected grant of \$100,000 that will be used to screen, treat and educate hypertension patients of LMH's Walter E. Reiss Outreach Clinic. The clinic is a free clinic operated by LMH in the San Joaquin County Public Health building in Lodi on Oak Street at Pleasant Avenue. The clinic, until recently, operated in the Salvation Army headquarters on Lockeford Street for 13 years. The clinic is open three afternoons a week for children and adults without access to medical insurance. The welcomed grant came to the hospital via an alert from LMH board member Steve Crabtree, an attorney in Stockton. The funding stems from a class-action settlement related to the drug Niphedipine, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

Welcome, Dr. Yap

Caroline Yap, MD, pathology, graduated from the University of East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City, Philippines. She completed an internship and residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Harbor UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Yap also completed a fellowship in transfusion medicine at UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Yap is certified by the American Board of Pathology. She is affiliated with Delta Pathology, (*Linda Brown, ext. 7669*).

ED RN saves child on West Campus



Scelzi

ED supervisor Erika Scelzi, RN, was definitely in the right place at the right time last Wednesday. She was at the West Campus late Wednesday afternoon when, in the lobby, a young child was choking. Erika saw the child, who was turning blue, and quickly went to work extracting a piece of candy blocking the young girl's airway. A happy lobby group at West sighed collectively to salute the heroine. Erika thought she was seconds away from having to perform CPR, (*Tamra Tracy, ext. 7636*).

Save the date for Summerfest

Summerfest, the LMH Foundation's annual food and wine-tasting fundraising event, is set for Sat., July 10, 6p, at Woodbridge by Mondavi. The event features food from more than 20 restaurants and caterers paired with Woodbridge wines, music, a raffle and more. Tickets are \$65 each. Wine donations and sponsorships are sought. For information on sponsoring or to purchase tickets, contact Donna Shaw, 339-7582, (*Donna Shaw, ext. 7582*).

Community Development welcomes Megan



Johnson

Megan Johnson has joined the LMH Community Development Department as the department's assistant. She will assist that department, volunteer services, the medical library, interpreter services as well as other departments throughout the hospital. Megan is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. Most recently she worked at the Lodi Kohl's and, prior to that, lived in North Carolina. Megan may be the only LMHer who previously worked in a hookah bar. The Lodi High graduate also worked at the Bank of Lodi. Welcome, Megan, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

Web site shares family health info

Check out this secure government Web site that lets family members share their health history information with each other and with their health-care workers, <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov>. At the site you can enter the whole family's health history as well as update the data as often as you wish. Called "My Family Health Portrait," it's an initiative of the US Surgeon General and the Health and Human Services Department. Your family health history can help your health-care practitioner provide better care for you. It can help identify whether you have higher risk for some diseases. It can help your health-care practitioner recommend actions for reducing your personal risk of disease. And it can help in looking for early warning signs of disease, (Carol Farron, ext. 7535).

Gift shop embellishes



For those gift shop customers who have been patiently waiting for the "Embellish Your Story" merchandise, items should arrive

soon. The first of many orders was shipped on May 28 and should be arriving any time. Orders have been placed to arrive every month throughout the summer. The line has been popular throughout the whole country, so the company is doing its best to fill orders on time. Please continue to check back at the gift shop periodically to see what has arrived. Product will continually be ordered until everyone has the items in which they are interested, (Sarah Beasley, ext. 7616).

OB welcomes six



Crow



Larcom



Jacobson



Parker



Ford



Van Groningen

During the past couple months the Perinatal Department has welcomed six new RNs. Sharon Crow, Sally Larcom, Arlene Jacobson and Julie Parker were hired into full time positions on the night shift. LaTanya Ford and Apryl Van Groningen were hired into casual positions. Welcome aboard, (Lesley Muscha, ext. 7554).

Scholarship recipients announced



Soto



Kaur



Brawley

Congratulations to the recipients of the Juanita Hagan Nursing Scholarship. Cynthia Soto, RN, is pursuing her MSN at University of Phoenix. Gursharan Kaur, LVN, is pursuing her RN/BSN degree at the University of Phoenix. Kathleen Brawley, LVN, is also pursuing her RN/BSN degree at University of Phoenix. Kathleen Brawley was also the recipient of the Bob Mullen Nursing Scholarship. Scholarships were presented during Nurses' Week in May, (Donna Schulz, ext. 7609).

Way to go, Nikki



Love

TCU's Nikki Love has just completed her bachelor's degree in social work from California State University, Sacramento. She graduated in May. Great job, and congratulations from TCU, (Cindy Denis, ext. 3168).

ADC honors mothers with tea

On May 7 the Adult Day Care program held its 19th annual Mother's Day Tea. This year had a record turnout. Nearly 60 daughters, granddaughters, great granddaughters, great-great granddaughters, aunts, nieces, sons, etc. enjoyed an after noon with the special ladies in their life. The tables were set with linen clothes, china tea plates and cups, silver tea service and flowers for all the ladies. For the first time, we had two four-generation families celebrating as well as one five-generation family. It was a lovely tribute to mothers, (Terri Whitmire, 369-4443).

Fan mail

LMH employee Leticia Castillo writes: *I would like to thank everyone who helped my family and me through my recent illness. I am back to work now and doing well. Some of you went above and beyond, and all of the wishes, prayers, donations and support amazed me! There are so many people to thank, and there are a few names that I may never know. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart! LMH is an awesome family, which I am proud to be a part of.*

Check out electronic-bulletin board

Those who haven't had a chance to visit LMH's employee electronic-bulletin board are encouraged to do so at www.lmhemployees.org. It's updated regularly. Submit items to moderator@lodihealth.org.