



Memorial News

From Sherry's Desk ~

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It's August! Time to think about going back to school and football games. It doesn't seem possible that another summer is on the downward swing.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MHLC Auxiliary Golf Outing. Once again it was very successful and a lot of fun. Thank you to all of the Auxiliary members for all of their hard work and all that they do to for MHLC. They are a great group of women and continue to have more members joining. If you are not a member please consider joining.

The State and Federal world of health care has seen some significant happenings this summer. In 2007 the governor took \$200 million from the Patient Compensation Fund to balance the state budget. The Patient Compensation Fund is funded by dollars from all health care providers in the state and is used to pay patients who are awarded

money in medical legal suits. The purpose of the Fund is to keep malpractice insurance premiums at a reasonable level and not prohibit certain specialty physicians from practicing in Wisconsin due to high insurance premiums such as is happening in Illinois right now. In July the state Supreme Court ordered the return of the \$200 million to the Fund and prohibited any future taking of money to balance the budget. The return of the money is a huge benefit to assuring adequate numbers of physicians in Wisconsin for the future.

The Federal government continues to further define the definition of "meaningful use" of electronic health records. The purpose of physicians and hospitals meeting the criteria for meaningful use is to enhance Medicare and Medicaid payments and avoid penalties (payment decreases) by 2011. MHLC continues implementation of

our electronic health record and meeting meaningful use criteria by 2011 in order to avoid those penalties. Thank you to Joyce Conlan, Radiology Manager, and the radiology staff. Joyce wrote a grant with the assistance of her staff and the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative. As a result we received a \$105,000 grant from the Public Service Commission for the purpose of purchasing a PACS system. As part of a collaborative with the RWHC ITN we are participating in a shared PACS system with Boscobel and Tomah hospitals. A PACS system archives and transmits radiologic images to other hospitals, physicians, and clinics for quicker, more efficient care of the patient. It is also one of the meaningful use criteria that must be met in order to receive enhanced payment. Enjoy the rest of the summer and the many activities Lafayette County has to offer.

Save the dates...

- Sept 6-Labor Day
- Sept 14- Security Inservice
- Sept 21-Rural Safety Day
- Sept 23-Security Inservice
- Sept 28-Blood Drive 12:30-4:30

Auxiliary Golf Classic is a Success...

Despite stormy weather in the forecast, the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary 10th annual Golf Classic was a huge success! Over \$8900 was raised, 99 golfers braved the humid day July

23rd and all enjoyed an evening filled with raffle, auctions and live music! Several generous volunteers of the Auxiliary are credited for the successful day. The profits from this

event will be used toward entertainment systems (specialized TVs) for dialysis patients, conference room furniture and future hospital wish list items. Thanks for your support!

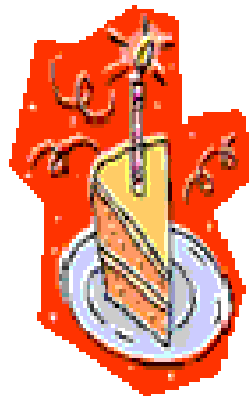
Celebrations...

"It isn't the big pleasures that count the most; it's making a great deal out of the little ones."

Jean Webster

August Birthdays...

Hilary Whalen	2
Sherry Kudronowicz	3
Deanna Ritschard	4
Mary Ann Roelli	5
Bill Stoneking	6
Dorothy Olson	9
Amber Capp	9
Joni Wedig	16
Jenny Crist	19
Marge Carr	31



You take the cake!

August Anniversary

Janet Garrison-Benson	1979
Julia Westemeier	1979
Kris Reichling	1981
Jody Tuescher	1981
Margaret Zimmerman	1993
Dr. Sathoff	1998
Dr. Lucas	1999
Dr. Robiolio	1999
Sandy Peart	2000
Judy Mathys	2002
Glenn Szydowski	2003
Joni Wedig	2003
Hilary Whalen	2006
Dr. Solverson	2006
Jessi Wortman	2007
Terra Hendrickson	2008

Heart to Heart...

The gardens of kindness never fade.

Greek Proverb

To: Laura Erdman, RN

I come in for bad headaches quite a bit. Laura always has a smile for you no matter how busy she is, she always takes time to make you feel better no matter how much you are hurting or how awful you are feeling. She always makes you laugh, she treats you with respect and she always goes

out of her way to help you. She is an awesome nurse.! ~Susan M.

To: Janet Fox, CNA

While conducting Janet's employee performance evaluation, we discussed low census staffing issues. She experienced an evening of low cen-

sus which quickly became an evening with multiple admissions within a short span of time. Janet's only concern was for patient care and safety. She had no concern for her own welfare and having to work extremely hard. This attitude exemplifies team work!

~Mary Ann Roelli-RN

Welcome...

Welcome to our newest Volunteer to join our team! *Cora Robinson*, Apple River, is a high school Senior and this fall will be taking college courses as well.

Cora has hopes to become a physical therapist and is willing to help us out with various volunteer projects. Please help us Welcome Cora to our family!

Thank You...

Thank You to **Chase Tuescher** who stained our Serenity Terrace furniture this spring. Your generous help was truly appreciated! Chase is the son of Dick & Jody Tuescher.



You're just peachy!

Notes from Marie...

Greetings from your MHLC CFO...

There is a new Federal Government website that is now available to help consumers find a list of all available private and government health care plans in the area. The Website can be found at www.healthcare.gov. This website was first made available on July 1st as part of the new healthcare reform. One of the many interesting tools found on this website is a step by step question and answer process to find the best health care plan to fit for your specific needs and also provides

additional links to websites to expand the information provided, including the State's BadgerCare and BadgerCare Plus programs. By October 1st it is anticipated that the website will expand to include pricing and benefit information to allow the consumer to compare premiums, co-payments and deductibles for different health care plans. This tool can be used by both individuals and business owners.

Please continue to review your statements from our business office, and if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 608-

776-5733. We appreciate your feedback and are very happy to serve you.

MHLC is proud to support Patient Friendly payment plans and Patient Financial Assistance Program. Please contact our Billing Department with any questions or concerns at 608-776-5733 or visit our website at www.memorialhospitaloflafayettecounty.org for more information.

Thank You for choosing Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County for all your healthcare services!!

Marie

"Seek to do good, and you will find that happiness will run after you."

**James Freeman
Clarke**

Phase III Cardiac Rehab...

Memorial Hospital Rehab Department is proud to announce their recent addition of the *Phase III Cardiac Rehab program*. This supervised exercise program is targeted to those who have had previous heart procedures such as MI's, stents, bypass, valve disease, etc. The program is available Monday thru Friday and provides exercise supervision, blood pressure checks, continuing education, support and encouragement. Surgery or medicine may have

taken care of some of your past heart symptoms that were present, but they do not always correct the problem. Cardiac Rehab is a comprehensive program that attempts to address and correct behaviors and choices that lead to those symptoms. The goal is to educate participants in lifestyle changes that not only prevent future problems, but also help to halt the progression or even reverse the disease process. After graduating from phases I & II,

almost everyone may be eligible for Phase III Cardiac Rehab. Participants will require a yearly written Doctor's order, a yearly EKG or Cardiac Stress Test and a signed consent. The program fee is just \$20 per month and up to 4 participants can work out together during the 60 minute sessions. For more information or to see if you or a loved one qualifies for Phase III Cardiac Rehab, please call the Rehab Dept direct at 608-776-5744. *We treat you like family!*



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2010 MHF Scholarship & Employee Grant presentation July 20th. (L-R) John Knellwolf MHF Treasurer, Lee Gill MHF Scholarship Chair, Kayla Spensley, Aryn Wellnitz, Katie Corley, Ashley Ruf, Tim McGettigan MHF President.

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MHF Scholarship Recipients...

The Memorial Healthcare Foundation Grants & Career Development Committee have selected five recipients for healthcare scholarships in 2010. These recipients exemplified educational and community requirements. The following received \$1000 awards on July 20th during the quarterly MHF Board of Directors meeting.



Katie Corley, Darlington, is currently a student at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. Katie is the daughter of Tom & Cindy Corley, Darlington. She is a 2004 graduate of DHS and a 2008 graduate of UW-Platteville with a Bachelors of science in Biology. Katie plans on pursuing a career in the area of cardiology.

Mallory Lindsay, Darlington, is studying Radiologic Technology at UW-Milwaukee. Mallory is the daughter of Jerry and Judy Lindsay. Mallory is a chair person of the Diagnostic Imaging Student Assoc. and a member of Future Health Care Executives at UW-Milwaukee. She also volunteers weekly in the Emergency Dept. of Elmbrook Memorial Hospital. Mallory will begin her clinicals in September at Columbia St. Mary's.

Kayla Spensley, Belmont, is currently studying Pharmacy at the University of WI School of Pharmacy. Kayla is the daughter of Phil and Shelley Spensley, Belmont.

Devon Wamsley, Darlington, is studying Bachelors of Nursing at the University of Phoenix. Devon is married to Bill Wamsley and is the daughter of Jim and Becky Taylor, Darlington. Devon has two daughters; Brynly 3, and Harper 1. Devon would like to thank her family and all their support and would like to thank the MHF for supporting career advancement among healthcare workers.

Aryn Wellnitz, South Wayne, is currently studying nursing at Edgewood College in Madison. Aryn is the daughter of Tom & Donielle Wellnitz, South Wayne.

Also on July 20th, **Ashley Ruf, RTR(CT)**, received a \$1000 employee grant from the MHF. Ashley is currently an X-ray technologist at MHLC and has recently completed an advanced course with clinicals, passed her advanced registry exam and is now registered in specialized CT procedures. Ashley is the daughter of Dick & Carol Ruf, Dton.

Keep your fork...

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order" she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the Pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" The young woman asked. "Well to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "keep your fork." It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

So, I just want people to see me there in the casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork and the best is yet to come!"

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. So remember,

KEEP YOUR FORK!

~Author Unknown



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No Cardiology No Podiatry	3 Audiology-Dr. Rubert No Orthopedics	4 No Urology	5 Vascular Surgery-Dr. Carr Diabetic Ed-C. Lancaster	6 Cardiology-Dr. Mason	7
8	9 Cardiology-Dr. Hinderaker GYN-Dr. Lindsey Podiatry-Dr. Chubb	10 Orthopedics-Dr. Sathoff	11 Neurology-Dr. Perry Urology-Dr. Graf	12 Cardiac Pacer Clinic-R. Fields Endocrinology-Dr. Bekx ENT-B. Knutson	13 No Cardiology	14
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