

LIFELINE

AUDRAIN MEDICAL CENTER

News & Information for Audrain Medical Center Employees

JULY/AUGUST 2010



June

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Davina Hughes, LPN, from Wellsville Medical Clinic. Davina has worked at AMC since August 1983.



July

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Renee Wright, EMT, from the Emergency Department. Renee has worked at AMC since December 1999.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 28

- ♦ AirFest Salute to Veterans
Mexico Memorial Airport
9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday, August 31

- ♦ State of the Community Address
Audrain 4-H Center
6:30 - 8 pm

Saturday, September 18

- ♦ AMC Auxiliary Dinner Auction
Mexico Elks Lodge
5:30 pm

Digital Mammography Campaign

Audrain Medical Center has been providing care to the sick and injured of our community since 1918. Over these many years the techniques and equipment used to treat patients have changed, but AMC's mission has not. We strive to provide the highest quality of care with great skill and compassion. We are blessed with an exceptional group of physicians, nurses, support staff and volunteers committed to our patients.

AMC has been a leader in cancer screening diagnosis and treatment in Central Missouri for two decades. Our Cancer Screening Service is a state & regional model of excellence and has received national recognition for its clinical quality.

In 2005, we identified the need to bring radiation therapy services to our community. Our goal was to add this needed service to our excellent cancer screening, medical and surgical oncology services and create a comprehensive cancer center on the campus of AMC. With the generosity of our community, that need was met with the opening of the J.B. & Greeta B. Arthur Cancer Center in April 2006.

Missouri has the 2nd highest death rate from breast cancer in the country. That's a statistic we don't want. One in nine women will develop breast cancer during their lifetime. Most families have had first-hand experience dealing with breast cancer in a family member or friend. Mammography has been proven to be very effective in the early diagnosis of breast cancer. AMC is dedicated to improving its diagnostic and treatment equipment in order to continue the fight against this disease.

As part of our commitment to continually enhance the services we provide to our community, the AMC Foundation has launched a capital campaign to raise \$1.2 million for digital mammography and stereotactic breast biopsy equipment to offer our community advanced breast cancer diagnostics.

\$1.2 million is needed for the purchase of two digital mammography units, stereotactic breast biopsy equipment and renovation. AMC currently has two mammography units. One is located in the Radiology Department and the other at the J.B. & Greeta B. Arthur Cancer Center. Both units are utilized full time and will be upgraded to digital mammography. The Radiology Department will be renovated to house the stereotactic breast biopsy equipment and a digital mammography unit in the same suite.

Digital Mammography offers a number of advantages compared to traditional film-based mammography:

- ♦ Digital images give better visibility of the breast, particularly near the skin line, chest wall, and in women with dense breast tissue. (A woman cannot know if her breasts are dense unless she has had a prior mammogram and was told by her technologist).
- ♦ The electronic image appears within a matter of seconds onto a special high resolution computer screen.
- ♦ The radiologist is able to manipulate the image on screen by adjusting brightness, contrast and close ups of specific areas of interest.
- ♦ Reduced need for the patient to return after screening for additional film studies.
- ♦ Computer flagging of potential lesions.
- ♦ Instead of having to hand deliver a film image to the physician's office, the radiologist can send the images electronically.
- ♦ Reduced time for staff to prepare images for reading by radiologists.
- ♦ Easier image storage and quicker retrieval of studies when needed.
- ♦ Digital Mammography can reduce radiation to the patient.

With the stereotactic breast biopsy equipment, a breast biopsy can be performed in an outpatient setting under local anesthesia. A doctor can make a precise analysis with minimal pain, scarring and recovery time. The biopsy procedure takes less than an hour, and patients can return to their normal daily activities immediately.

Since the equipment can be used for non-cancerous breast lumps, women now have an option other than open surgery when facing a fibroadenoma (non-cancerous breast lump).

Continued information on back.

Around & About AMC

Vandalia Medical Clinic

► Congratulations to Elwyn and Deana Maiden on the birth of their granddaughter, Jayleigh Sue, daughter of Stephanie Maiden. Jayleigh was born July 16, 2010 and weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz.

Patient Financial Services

► Congratulations to Teresa Wichern on the birth of her first grandchild. Zachary Robert was born on July 17, 2010 and weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz. Zachary is the son of Bob & Tracey Jones. Bob is being deployed to Afghanistan on August 24 out of Fort Campbell, KY.

Food Services

► Ashley Ritzo passed her Registered Dietitian exam on July 10. Congratulations!

Medical Imaging Services

► Emily Eikel married Steven Stuart on August 7

at Chance Gardens in Centralia.

► Congratulations to Beth Monroe on the birth of her first grandchild. Arowyn Paige was born July 13 to Joshua and Heidi Monroe. Arowyn weighed 6 lbs, 11 oz.

Graduations

► Ann Jolly, Mexico Surgical Services; Janice Pritchett, PACU/Emergency Preparedness; Christy Smiley, Human Resources and Darren Stice, MedChoice Administration recently completed their MBA through William Woods University in June.

► Michelle Rodriguez, ITS, recently completed an Associates Degree from Columbia College.

Mexico Pediatric Services

► Alex Hall, son of Dawn Hall, won two gold medals at the Show Me State Games in Powerlifting for the 16 year old/165 weight class. He benched 200 lbs and in a combination of bench and dead lift, he totalled 585 lbs.

► Staff from Mexico Pediatrics donated \$208 to the Help Center for school supplies/food pantry on August 4.

OB/Mexico Pediatric Services

► Emily Belshe, Roberta Stinnett, Joan Hank, Mary Ann Shafer, Maria Bickell, Jessica Hooks and Kayla Shaw (Mex Peds) recently completed a three-day Breastfeeding Educator Workshop in Columbia, MO. All of them became certified breastfeeding educators.

NEW AMC STAFF

June

Brittany Caudle	Emergency Dept.
Bethany Hoyt	Nursing Services
Lora Houchins	OR
Brittany Humphreys	Nursing Services
Jimmie Riggins	Cardiopulmonary
Teresa Wichern	Patient Financial Svcs.

July

Mariah Green	Food Services
Stephanie Green	Cardiopulmonary
Erma Johnmeyer	MedChoice
Briana Kemp	Food Services
Laura Patterson	ED/Nursing Srvc.
Julie Rowe	Medical Imaging Srvc.
Michelle Simcoe	MedChoice

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Employees Support Fundraising Efforts

Employees supported the Digital Mammography Campaign during a week of fun activities. T-shirts that were designed especially for the Digital Mammography Campaign were sold beginning Monday, August 9. On Tuesday, all shifts were given the opportunity to purchase ice cream sundaes for \$3 (\$409 was raised).

The big day was Wednesday. It all started with a competition of AMC employees selecting a "victim" to be duct taped to the wall. Eight members of AMC's management and area physicians volunteered for this fundraising effort and money was collected in cans as votes. The "victim" was announced on Wednesday, August 11 at 12:45 pm.

The taping began at 1 p.m. in the front lobby of Audrain Medical Center where individuals purchased strips of duct tape to tape Dr. Joseph Corrado to the wall. The amount raised for this event including all of the money for the voting and the purchase of the strips of tape was over \$1,500.

The week continued with Fry Day on Thursday which was carnival type food sold in the cafeteria with \$1 of each meal going to the fundraising effort (\$143 raised). Friday concluded the week with a Denim Day.

If you are interested in receiving a campaign brochure, require additional information or wish to make a donation, please call Tammy Kobush, Director of AMC Foundation at 573-582-8368.



Dr. Michael Quinlan concentrates on a way to pull the crate out from under Dr. Joseph Corrado, the Duct Tape "Victim".

Auxiliary Dinner Auction

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18 and support the Auxilians at their Annual Dinner Auction at the Mexico Elks Lodge at 1705 Christopher Drive in Mexico. The theme this year is *Lost in the 50's*, so wear your poodle skirts and leather jackets. You can enjoy a ham or chicken dinner, great conversation and excitement as dinner guests bid on a variety of donated items. All proceeds go toward the purchase of an Aquatic Therapy pool for Rehabilitation Services.

The evening begins at 5:30 pm with hors d'oeuvres and bidding on Silent Auction items. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm and concludes with a Live Auction. Individual tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased from Ruth Ann Menneke, Director of Volunteer Services. Call 582-8283 with questions.

