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News & Information for Audrain Medical Center Employees

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011



October

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Jayne Yager, RN, from Emergency Services. Jayne has worked at AMC since July 2008.

Holiday Greetings

Merry Christmas! As we celebrate the holidays one can't help but wonder at this year that seemed to pass so quickly. It was a remarkable year in many aspects. We experienced extremely severe weather in the winter and spring and a drought in the summer. Yet we enjoyed wonderful fall weather and a good harvest. Despite another year of financial hardship nationwide our community approved a public health tax and a public school tax, proof positive that our community supports good causes which makes it a great place to live and work.

At AMC we continued to care for the sick and injured and improve the health and well being of our community in the face of significant reductions in reimbursement from both the Medicare and Medicaid programs. We managed to fill several key vacancies on the medical staff and we saw our quality and safety ratings confirmed as among the very best for community hospitals like ours. These are significant accomplishments to be proud of. Your work is meaningful to those we serve and I hope you all feel a great sense of personal satisfaction from being part of the AMC team.

As we look forward to 2012, I know your commitment to AMC's mission in this community will remain strong.

Best wishes to you and your family for a prosperous and healthy New Year!

David A. Neundorff



November

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Susan Quinlan, PT, from Healthworks. Susan has worked at AMC since April 2002.

Peds has Open House

AMC's Mexico Pediatric Services physicians and staff hosted an Open House at their new location - 3626 South Clark, Suite A - on Monday, December 5.

Tours were given of the newly remodeled area and refreshments were served.



Patricia Burke, MD, gives a tour of her office and exam rooms to several of AMC's Board of Directors.

Pictured front to back are Geneva Allison, Susan Wilburn, Kathy Miller and Charles Schafer.



Mexico Pediatric Services staff following their Open House.

Pictured are l to r: Dawn Hall; Patricia Burke, MD; Debby Burnett; Brenda Besalke, LPN; Theresa Brightwell, LPN; Collin Prince, CPNP; Brenda Hull, LPN; Angie Andrews, LPN; Kayla Shaw, LPN and Nancy Bunge, MD.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 27

- ♦ Red Cross Blood Drive
- Jansen Auditorium West
- 11 am - 4 pm

Tree of Love Celebration

The AMC Auxiliary held their 20th Annual "Tree of Love" celebration on Wednesday, November 30 in the Main Entrance of AMC.

Bonnie Silvey, Auxiliary President, served as emcee and David Neundorff, AMC President/CEO, lit the tree. *Noteworthy* from Mexico High School performed several Christmas songs for the audience.

At the time of the Tree of Love lighting, 320 bows had been purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. The minimum donation for a bow is \$5. For information about purchasing a bow, contact Volunteer Services at 573-582-8283.



Mary Allen, Volunteer, hangs a bow on the tree.

Around & About AMC

3 West/CCU

▶ AMC congratulates **Jamie Hawkins, RN**, Clinical Coordinator of 3 West and CCU. Jamie is responsible for delivery of patient care and the daily operation of these units.



Jamie Hawkins, RN
Clinical Coordinator
3 West/CCU

OR Services

▶ AMC welcomes Jennifer Summers, RN, Director of OR Services. Jenn is responsible for the daily operations of the OR, PACU, Sterile Processing and Anesthesia.



Jenn Summers, RN
Director of
OR Services

Susan Wilburn; Sterling Oliver and Jo Ellen Craghead, RN, recently attended a Board of Trustee/Director educational meeting provided by the Missouri Hospital Association.

Healthworks

▶ **Jennifer Buswell, MPT**, recently completed the first level of Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy training. The training provided physical therapists with practical knowledge and skills in the treatment of female urinary incontinence, with an introduction to the treatment of pelvic pain.

ASU

▶ AMC congratulates **Doris Davis, RN**, Director of Ambulatory Services. Doris is responsible for the daily operations of ASU, Endoscopy Lab, Pain, Neurology and Rheumatology Clinics.



Doris Davis, RN
Director of ASU

Education Services

▶ AMC congratulates **Tricia Watson-Adams, RN**, Clinical Educator. Tricia is responsible for clinical education by participating in new employee orientation, coordinating BLS, ACLS and PALS. She will also organize the annual skills fair and provide other educational offerings.



Tricia Watson-Adams, RN
Clinical Educator

Medical Imaging Services

▶ Congratulations to CT Staff for being awarded a three-year accreditation as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

Case Management

▶ AMC congratulates **Jo Ellen Craghead, RN**, Director of Case Management. Jo Ellen is responsible for Case Management and supervision of the Case Managers and Social Services Staff.



Jo Ellen Craghead, RN
Director of Case
Management

Support Services

▶ Sarah Secrease, daughter of **Angie Secrease**, recently received her E5 rank from the Navy. She is stationed currently in Yokosuka, Japan.

Board of Directors

▶ **Gene Thomas, DO**;

Education Services

▶ Congratulations to **Jesse & Lisa Snow** on the birth of their daughter, **Scarlet Jayne** on November 9. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

NEW AMC STAFF

October

Christina Baker Registration Services
Jordyn Hull Wellsville Medical Clinic
Jennifer Summers, RN OR Services

November

Kimberlie Hill Mexico Health Services
Linda Klick HIS
Patty Weber Food Services
Nancy Wood HIS

New Cardiac Ultrasound Imaging Technology

The AMC Foundation with proceeds from the 2011 Heart-to-Heart Luncheon has purchased a new 3D Echo Transducer for the Jordan-Waters Heart Center from Philips Healthcare, providing advanced diagnostic imaging capabilities with an intelligent system interface that streamlines ultrasound exams for patients and clinicians.

The iE33 xMATRIX system delivers revolutionary performance with the latest breakthroughs in diagnostic capability and Live 3D echo imaging, a real-time view of the heart that allows patients to view the beating heart as if they were holding it in their hands. Automated image optimization technologies and on-board 2D and 3D cardiac quantification and measurement functionality can facilitate quicker, less costly diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

“Ultrasound imaging is hugely beneficial because it is a relatively low cost and non-invasive way to look inside the body,” says Charles Tillman, MD, Cardiologist, Medical Director of the Echo Lab. “With the new Philips system, we are acquiring an extremely high level of diagnostic information and can provide answers for our patients more quickly and easily. Plus, results from the ultrasound exam may reduce the need for more invasive procedures.”

The iE33 xMATRIX system features an adjustable, articulating flat screen LCD monitor that can be positioned so that it can be viewed from almost any direction. This allows patients the ability to see images during scanning, as well. The system can be operated by intelligent voice-command when the sonographer is in tight quarters or needs both hands for scanning. A highly moveable control panel increases the sonographers’ flexibility to work around the patient, and the system’s sleek profile makes it easy to move to wherever it is needed.

Because it can be used in the most delicate conditions without major side effects, ultrasound has become one of the most popular diagnostic methods among both patients and physicians.

Audrain Medical Center is proud to be accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL) and is pleased to be able to offer this important improvement in healthcare to its patients.

The AMC Foundation hosts the annual Heart-to-Heart Luncheon each May with 100% of the proceeds going towards purchasing equipment to benefit the Jordan-Waters Heart Center at AMC.



Pictured with the new equipment is Tara Lovell, RDMS, RT(R)M, Technical Director of the Echo Lab.

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