

## HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HOLDS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MEETING

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held its Christmas luncheon meeting on Friday, December 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the hospital's conference room. Members were served a luncheon provided by the hospital's Dietary Department. Dr. Scott Hinze, General Surgeon, was introduced to the Auxilians. He thanked them for their generosity in purchasing the self retaining retractor for the hospital's surgical suite and stated it will be used on most surgical cases.

Administrator Steve Hayes reported the old physical therapy department is being remodeled and will be used as an additional outpatient clinic. This project is expected to be finished by the end of February. He reported that Dr. Shannon Price, Family Practice physician, is in her third year of residency and will be joining the medical staff August 1, 2012. Also Dr. Joseph Molnar, another Family Practice physician, is tentatively planning to join the medical staff, as well.

Pastor Peter III of St. John Lutheran Church in Chester performed the ceremonial lighting of the Tree of Remembrance. The afternoon's entertainment was a visit by Santa Claus (Wayne Pittman of Perryville, MO.) who read " 'Twas The Night Before Christmas".

The meeting was called to order by Auxiliary Chairman Norma Woods who read the Auxiliary Prayer. A correction was made to the minutes, i.e., the Blood Drive will be held December 14 at the American Legion.

Virginia Rowold thanked the volunteers for their many hours in helping to staff the gift shop. There are several new members who now also work in the gift shop. She also indicated the total to date collected for the Tree of Remembrance is \$3,1728.85. This includes a donation from the "Read, Right, Run" program at Chester Grade School in the amount of \$333.85.

A note of thanks will be sent to the students for their generosity.

Jan Straight reported that there are four new members in the auxiliary, Jane Stallman, Gail Meyer, Pat Friess and Jean Hille.

Dawn Kassel reported that the Auxiliary made a total of \$410.00 on the recent sheet sale; \$322.00 on the book fair and \$882.50 on the bake sale.

Pastor III installed the officers for 2012 as follows: Chairman, Norma Woods; First Vice Chairman, Jan Straight; Second Vice Chairman, Deb Herring; Secretary, Linda Egge; and Treasurer, Hulda Krantz.

At the conclusion of the meeting attendance prizes were won by Gennine Westerman, Jean Hille and Connie Hayes. The next Auxiliary general meeting will be Friday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m.

## JAMEY GARNER SIGNS RECORD DEAL WITH UNIVERSAL/DECCA UK

Jamey Garner, formerly of Chester, and his band, Fly South, have officially inked a major deal with Universal/Decca UK. The multiple album deal is set to launch in Spring 2012 all over Europe and is in the final stages of mixing and mastering. In addition to Garner, the group includes Kevin Compos, Marc Copely and Dillon Dixon.

Fly South began pre-production for their debut CD early in 2011 and has recorded parts for the album all over the world. The band's whirlwind began with writing and pre-production sessions at Prime Studios in an idyllic medieval village in the heart of the Austrian Alps, where the band members penned a hefty number of songs for their debut. They continued with tracking sessions at Mark Knopfler's world class studio in London, Avatar Studios in New York City and finally Fireside and Entourage Studios in Los Angeles. During the recording sessions, Fly South was visited in the studio by legends Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits and Don Felder of The Eagles.

Garner and his wife, GERALYN, currently reside in Dallas, TX. He is the son of Gwendy Garner (Community Relations) of Chester and Terry Garner of West Frankfort. Garner's website is [www.jameygarner.com](http://www.jameygarner.com).

## MARY ROSENDOHL GUEST SPEAKER AT VIOLENCE PREVENTION CEREMONY

In observance of National Violence Prevention Awareness month, a ceremony was held Friday, October 28 on the top floor of the Randolph County Courthouse. The event was sponsored by the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois. Taking part were representatives of the VP Center, as well as local law enforcement officers and student representatives of Chester High School, accompanied by Dr. Jim Beers, CHS Wellness Coordinator. An additional speaker was Mary Rosendohl, R.N., Emergency Department Nurse Supervisor at Memorial Hospital in Chester. Rosendohl spoke about the fact that many domestic violence cases are handled in Memorial's E.R. on an annual basis. She briefly discussed the various policies and procedures that are implemented in order to identify and appropriately handle such cases.



## CONGRATS TO THE NEWLYWEDS

Elisha Korando (Dietary) and Jeffrey Gaertner were married October 22 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis Grove. A reception followed at the VFW Hall in Chester. The couple is residing in Chester.

## MEMORIAL HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO HOSPITAL

Memorial Hospital honored employees with an annual service awards luncheon on Monday afternoon, November 14. Employees were presented with U.S. Savings Bonds in recognition of their years of service to the hospital. Administrator Steve Hayes welcomed the employees and table grace was offered by Dr. Allan Liefer, Chief of Staff.



Receiving awards for five years of service to Memorial were, left to right, Linda Young, Susan McCoy, Bria Holt, April Ehlers, Nathan Bartnicki, Apryl Bradshaw, Misty Straight and Christina Downey. Pictured at rear of group, Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes. Not present for photo, Ashley Garris, Norma Schneider and Yuliya Thomas.



Memorial Hospital employees who received awards for ten years of service to the hospital were, left to right, Heather Williamson, Holly Wettig, Kim Ruebke and Laura Cleiman. They are pictured with Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes. Not present for photo were Georgia Allen, Ronda Fritsche and William Fryer.



From left, Jeanette Welten and Carla Fedderke were both presented with awards for fifteen years of service to Memorial Hospital. They are pictured with Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes.



Debra Dudenbostel, at left, was given an award for twenty years of service to Memorial Hospital. She is pictured with Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes.

**Thank You  
Loyal Employees!**



Velma Brown, at left, was presented with an award for twenty five years of service to Memorial Hospital. Also pictured are Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes. Receiving 25-year-awards but unavailable for the photo were Jacinta Mulholland and Janet Straight.



Beth Runge and Theresa Severs are recipients of thirty year awards from Memorial Hospital. Severs was unavailable for the photo. Left to right, Runge, Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes.



These employees were presented awards for thirty-five-years of service to Memorial Hospital. Left to right, Carol Buckholtz, Roger Schroeder and Carol Schulein. Also pictured are Dr. Allan Liefer and Administrator Steve Hayes. Shirley McNalley was unable to attend the luncheon but will receive an award for forty years of service to the hospital.

## YULIYA THOMAS IS MARATHON RUNNER

Yuliya Thomas, R.N., at Memorial Hospital, has become a marathon runner. During August of this year, she ran 13.1 miles in 2 hours, 9 minutes. She competed again at a St. Louis Rock & Roll half marathon in October and ran 13.1 miles in 2 hours 58 seconds. Congratulations, Yuliya!

## OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO.....

- \*The family of Vernon Suhre who passed away October 24. Mr. Suhre was the grandfather of Deana Tudor (OR-Nsg.).
- \*The family of Barbara Sauerhage who passed away November 19. She was the grandmother of Kathryn Sauerhage (Nsg.).
- \*The family of Charles Wilson who passed away November 21. Mr. Wilson was the grandfather of Amy Kloos (Pharmacy).
- \*The family of Lester Braun who passed away November 28. He was the father of Tamara DeSpain (Nsg.).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER:

21 – Stacey Yates  
Marty Hagan  
22 – Tina Belton  
23 – Daysha Westerman  
25 – Yvonne Hanger  
26 – Janet Straight  
Sandra Thompson  
28 – Holly Wettig  
30 – Laurel Parker  
31 – Laura Cleiman  
Ronda Fritsche

### JANUARY:

2 – Brenda Ruroede  
3 – Angie Riestler  
9 – Janet Bargman  
10 – Ann Carpenter  
Judy Guebert

### WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Tifanie Conway, Lab  
Ann Howard, Admitting  
Jennifer Hoffman, Lab  
Brandy Kempfer, Nursing

### JANUARY:

11 – Ida Harriss  
15 – Georgia Allen  
16 – Ashley Garriss  
23 – Terry Cushman  
24 – Ken Stout  
Misty Straight  
27 – Theresa Severs  
31 – Linda Miller  
Becky Bunselmeyer

### FEBRUARY:

1 – Christopher Dudenbostel  
3 – Kim Ruebke  
Jeanette Decker  
4 – Michele Link  
6 – Trecka Runyon  
12 – Martha Roth  
14 – Valerie Boyer  
15 – Tim Burris  
16 – Casey Jellen  
17 – Sarah Schenk  
19 – Ann Buehler  
21 – Jill Arbeiter

### AND WE BID FAREWELL TO

Dawn LaRose, Nursing  
April Ehlers, Nursing  
Erica Hill, Admitting

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December 19

Cancer Support Group, Oncology Department  
10 a.m.

Grief Support Group, Board Room  
5 p.m.

### December 29

Babysitting Course, Conference Room  
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### January 7

Prenatal Class, Conference Room  
8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### January 16

Cancer Support Group, Oncology Department  
10 a.m.

Grief Support Group, Board Room  
5 p.m.

### January 20

Prenatal Class, Conference Room  
Cancer Support Group, Oncology Department  
10 a.m.

Grief Support Group, Board Room  
5 p.m.

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## MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES JOINT COMMISSION GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL

Memorial Hospital in Chester has recently been re-accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Notification received by the hospital states that following Memorial's August 11 & 12, 2011 on-site survey, Memorial has received the JCAHO's Gold Seal of Approval. "The Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission underscores Memorial Hospital's commitment to continue providing quality health care to our patients and our staff's dedication to that purpose," stated Hospital Administrator Steve Hayes.

According to Cathy Barry-Ipema, Chief of Communications Officers for the Joint Commission, "Receiving the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for health care, quality and safety says to your patients, staff and community that you are committed to providing the best care."

The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit national body that oversees the safety and quality of health care and other services provided in accredited organizations.



## MEMORIAL & CRAIG MANOR TO SPONSOR CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Memorial Hospital and the Manor at Craig Farms are teaming up to offer a free six-week Chronic Disease Management Program from Stanford University, made possible through a grant from the Affordable Assisted Living Coalition. Anyone 55 years of age or older, who is struggling to deal with a chronic health issue, is eligible to participate in this free program.

"Get the support you need and find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue," Said Melissa Soellner, Registered Dietitian and ACSM Exercise Specialist with Memorial Hospital in Chester. "With this program people can find practical ways to deal with treatment choices and learn better ways to talk with physicians and family about their health," added Carmen Strong, R.N., an employee of Memorial Hospital. The women are serving as co-facilitators for the program.

Classes will meet weekly in February at the Manor at Craig Farms. Starting dates and times will be announced in the near future in the media. A new topic will be addressed each week and will range from practical aspects of pain, fatigue, nutrition, exercise, treatment choices and talking to health professionals.

Anyone with questions is asked to call 618-826-4581 and ask for either of the above employees. Voicemail messages may be left at the above number, Ext. 1426.

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