Mine Tragedy Affected Everyone in the Area

The tragedy at the Sago coal mine in Upshur County hit close to home here at SJMH. Thirteen miners were involved in an explosion Monday, January 2, 2006. For more than 40 hours, rescue crews searched the mine, but the poor air quality made the effort slow. On Tuesday evening, rescuers came across one miner’s body, apparently killed in the initial explosion. Later that evening, reports started filtering out that the other twelve miners had been found - alive.

Television viewers were ecstatic. Prayers had given the miners’ families and all of West Virginia a miracle. Governor Joe Manchin, who was at the Upshur County site, joined in the celebration.

SJMH was notified about midnight that four of the rescued miners would be brought to our ED for treatment and evaluation. Night Nurse Supervisor Judy Riley knew the implications for the Hospital being part of such a big story. She started the process to deal with the situation and a variety of personnel were called in, including Associate Administrator, Avah Stalnaker. Stalnaker, acted as coordinator working with department heads, dietary staff, and others in preparing for the onslaught of media and families.

The staff was in disaster mode. Plans were made to locate the media in the boardroom and have family members on the first floor. Barb Bolton and Michelle Parsons prepared food in the kitchen. ED staff conferred with WV Poison Control Center on treatment of possible injuries.

After conferring with Upshur County representatives, the ED was alerted that the first survivors would arrive about with her little grandchildren around her, on her way to one of her daughter’s homes. “She looked like the mamma duck with the little ducklings following her,” said Spelsberg.

Sissie Riley was a great friend of Teresa’s. The two recently sewed Christmas stockings for SJMH babies and put together fleece quilts for patients.

Sissie said, “Teresa was one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. She was a delight to work with and I will miss her deeply.”

Part of Teresa’s obituary follows:

Emma Teresa Moran, 72, of 543 Court Avenue, Weston, died at 10:55 p.m. Mon., Jan. 9, 2006, in SJMH, following a brief illness.

She was born in St. Clara in Doddridge County on July 28, 1933, daughter of the late Henry and Emma (Maybury) Droppleman.


Teresa is survived by two sons, Stephen and John Moran, both of Weston; five daughters, Mary Beth...
First Baby of 2006 Born Jan. 3

Gassaway residents Karen and Dale Abraham started off the New Year in fine fashion. The couple had the first baby of 2006 at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston. The baby girl, the couple’s third child, was named SkyLynn Davidson Abraham. Dr. Tony Naim delivered the baby January 3, 2006, at 4:56 p.m.

She weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces, and measured 22 inches long. Surprisingly, the little girl shares her January 3 birthday with her father, Dale, and her maternal grandfather, David Jack. Her parents picked the baby’s name to honor Karen’s late brother, David Lynn Jack, Jr., who passed away in 2004.

The new baby has two older siblings, Jocelyn, 4 and Mason, 20 months old.

Her maternal grandparents are Ray and Bobbie Riffle of Gassaway, and David and Barbara Jack, Sr., of Exchange. Paternal grandparents are Connie Abraham of Sutton, and Lindsay and Deborah Abraham of Standish, MI.

SkyLynn’s father works for Directional Drilling Contractors of Buckhannon.

As first baby of the year, SkyLynn received a number of gifts from local businesses. These included: Savings Bonds from Citizens Bank, Huntington Bank, and United Bank; flower arrangements from Minnich Florists and O’Suzanna’s Florist; baby announcements from Lewis County Printing; complimentary meal at Henry Flesher’s; $50 from the Theresa Snaith Auxiliary; stuffed toy from Bennett’s Firestone; and free massage, baby formula, and diapers from Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Teresa’s Obituary

Teresa was a 1951 graduate of Doddridge County High School and a former C&P Telephone Company employee. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters Court Victory #379, and the President of the Hospital Auxiliary.

Tragedy

1:45 a.m. While waiting in the ED, staff watched the nonstop coverage by CNN and Fox News broadcasting from Sago. It was known that one survivor was transported to Saint Joseph’s Hospital in Buckhannon. Audio from the Hospital’s public relations person, Lisa Turner, provided viewers with general information about the Hospital. The networks then broadcast an audio press conference of Dr. Susan Long, who had treated the first survivor.

Shortly after that time, about 3 a.m., the truth was known. Due to misinformation at the site, there was only one survivor - the other miners had perished.

The prayers of our staff go out to the familes and friends of the miners and to the community, which suffered such a great tragedy.
Dorothy Fisher Passes

A longtime supporter of the Hospital passed away in November. Dorothy Fisher was involved with SJMH as far back as anyone can remember. Her husband, Ralph, was on the medical staff, and Dorothy was very involved with the Board of Directors. Administrator David Shaffer dedicated his column to Dorothy in the last General. His words best describe this inspirational woman.

He wrote, “You cannot speak of Dorothy Fisher without mentioning her unquestionable integrity, her youthful energy and her everlasting virtue. In the truest sense of the word, she was a lady, a very classy lady. Her character was beyond reproach. For those of us fortunate enough to have worked with her she will be missed, still, she will remain etched in our memories forever.”

Her obituary follows.

Dorothy Fisher, 98, passed away Wed., Nov. 9, 2005, in Loveland, CO. She and her twin brother, Donald, were born Dec. 30, 1906, at their farm house in rural Perry, IO, to Ira Clark Johnson and Effie May Partner Johnson. She graduated from Perry High School in 1924. Dorothy graduated with honors from Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) in 1928. She became an initiated member of Chi Omega National Sorority. She majored in home economics with a degree in dietetics. She was offered a scholarship at the University of Missouri and received her master’s degree in nutrition in 1930. After graduation she was employed at Cook County Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, IL, where she met her future husband, Dr. Ralph Fisher. She and Ralph were married in 1934 in St. Paul, MN. They moved to Dr. Fisher’s hometown of Weston. Dorothy was active in many local organizations. She attended St. Matthew United Methodist Church for 70 years. She worked as a dietitian at the City Hospital in Weston for several years. She was a member of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and served as the first woman chairperson. She was a member and past president of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Company and was twice recognized by the group for her varied services and contributions.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Ralph Fisher; one sister, Phyllis Johnson, and husband, Russell; one brother, Donald Johnson; and her parents. She is survived by her daughter, Caroline Fisher Kounkel, and husband, Gary, of Loveland, CO; and son, Thomas Fisher, and wife, Barbara, of Louisville, KY. She has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

From The Executive Corner
By David D. Shaffer

Finally - After 52 Years!

I was 10 years old on January 1, 1954, when West Virginia University made the trip to New Orleans and played in its first Sugar Bowl. Not yet addicted to Mountaineer Football, I spent a brisk New Year’s Day frolicking in the woods while most everyone else in my hometown had their ears glued to their radios (we did not have TVs in Widen at that time.) They probably would have gone with me had they envisioned what lay ahead: a resounding 42-19 gridiron defeat at the hands of SEC Champion Georgia Tech. What an embarrassment, and on national TV no less.

We West Virginians never quite got over that game. Year after year, I sat ratcheted to my chair and offered my undivided attention when old-timers rehashed that game, play-by-play. Their ritual commiseration found an abiding partner as I loyally swore vengeance against Georgia Tech and the State of Georgia. I longed for the day when another Sugar Bowl encounter would permit us to avenge that defeat.

On Monday, January 2, 2006, we got our chance. No, it was not Georgia Tech. It was the University of Georgia. No, it was not New Year’s Day, but the day and the next day after, and no, it was not New Orleans, but Atlanta. Still, it was the Sugar Bowl, the SEC champion and Georgia Tech’s big brother, the University of Georgia. That was good enough for me.

After the best first quarter in WVU football history, we lead 28-0. With three quarters remaining, everyone knows Georgia will come back. And do they ever! Our defense, which is designed around a “bend, but don’t break” philosophy, seems to have gotten it backward and is committed to a “break, but don’t bend” philosophy. Too many easy, long passes....Too much time remaining...This game is lasting forever....Wow, Slaton breaks another....It’s 38 to 28...Hold on...They hit another long one...It’s 38 to 35...I’m ready for the Intensive Care Unit....I can’t take much more....

Finally, near 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning with a minute and thirty seconds remaining, we engineer a fake punt and get a first down (can you say “Brady for the Heisman”). I begin to breathe again. That should do it. I can hear the Mountaineer fans counting down the seconds....5...4...3...2...1...Georgia can turn out the lights, the party’s over. We win 38 to 35 and it’s a great day to be a Mountaineer.

For all the old-timers, many of whom have moved on, the demons surrounding that first Sugar Bowl are fully and completely exorcised. The slate is wiped clean.

The entirety of this game covered two days, ending on January 3, 2006. Vengeance, biblically the sole domain of the Almighty, is hijacked by Mountaineer fans to be returned after a momentous, celebratory interlude. West Virginians can now rest in peace.

See you next year in Phoenix.

Our Sincere
Condolences to:
Aimee Green on the loss of her father;
Jimmy Lattea on the loss of his nephew;
Mike Taylor on the loss of his father-in-law; and Libby Brown on the loss of her mother.
Employee of the Year to be Announced at Awards Dinner

February is almost here and it is time for the annual SJMH Awards Dinner. SJMH employees have chosen twelve wonderful Employees of the Month, who are contending for the Employee of the Year title. The twelve employees are: Samantha Bowen - January; Michael Moody - February; Vanessa Lloyd - March; Charlotte Workman - April; Debbie Gum - May; Jimmy Lattea - June; Dan Walker - July; Stella Ocheltree - August; Debbie Heater - September; Mary Donaldson - October; Linda Corley - November; Dorothy Posey - December.

The awards dinner will be held Sat., Feb. 18, at WVU Jackson’s Mill. The dinner will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mount Vernon Dining Hall. There will be a dance following at the WV Building with music provided by the Rock Hounds. The signup sheets are distributed and should be turned in by Fri., Feb. 3, to the Marketing Dept.

During the dinner, the announcement of the Employee of the Year will be made.
The inter- and intranet services at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital have undergone dramatic changes since the inception of an IT Department during 2005. Many of the services, performed by other companies, are now done at SJMH. Other technological advancements have been possible because of the new department. Rusty Simpson and Rob Moran are SJMH’s IT guys. Since its beginning the department has:

- installed Radiology’s PAC system;
- updated all the computers in the Hospital;
- installed servers to monitor spam;
- updated physician offices with a wireless network connected to the Hospital; and
- installed a server to provide e-mail service and e-learning.

However, providing quick e-mail service uncovered some issues. The problem concerned internet usage by some staff. “One of the first things which I noticed with our service here,” said Rob Moran, “was the degradation of network performance. The next step was to find the culprit.” Moran quickly figured out that there were some employees who were ‘streaming’ video and audio, thus causing a denial of service for other employees. “When someone at the Hospital is ‘streaming’ audio or video they are using about 80% of our network resources. This means that other staff members will have problems accessing hospital-related websites or even the e-mail system,” said Simpson. Staff have been educated about the problem and the system is running smoothly now.

The IT staff also warns staff about criminals lurking in the internet world. Unscrupulous computer hackers use spyware, viruses, and phishing to attack unsuspecting computer users. Spyware occurs when an individual downloads something which infects the computer and can’t be removed. Viruses get into a computer and attack or destroy data. Phishing is an attempt by criminals to steal information. Please beware, anytime.

**Receives Master’s**

Rehabilitation Department’s Matt DeGarmo graduated in December from WVU’s Executive MBA program. The program lasted for two and one-half years and Matt said that he is very happy that it is over.

**Recertified**

Dr. Khalid Mahmoud has been recertified in internal medicine.

The winner of the Christmas Wreath contest was Mary Ellen Bragg, who created the lovely creation pictured here. Julie Bush came in second. Thirteen entries were submitted from the staff. Julia Spelsberg thanks everyone for his/her time and effort for the contest.
From Human Resources
All employees should take a careful look at their pay stubs. We are beginning a new year and will be preparing 2005 W-2’s, so anyone with changes to personal information, name, address, etc., should notify us ASAP.

Note of Thanks
To Radiology
Bill,
Thank you for taking such great pictures of me. Without your help with x-rays and CT scan I might not be here recovering from surgery. You are very kind and gentle. Thank you for being so wonderful.  

Congratulations, Brandie!!!
Home Care is very proud to report that Brandie James completed her RN-to-BSN Degree in December 2005 from Alderson Broadus College. She maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout the program.

KUDOS TO:
▲▲ the kind SJMH employees who gave to the Salvation Army Angels.
▲▲ Hospital administration for the Christmas bonus.
▲▲ Donna and John Snyder for providing the Soc/Rec Committee with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.
▲▲ SJMH staff, Van Spelsberg, and Theresa Snaith Auxiliary members who rang the bell for the Salvation Army.
▲▲ Soc/Rec Committee and Auxiliary members for the nice Christmas buffet.
▲▲ Rosa Thayer, Fran Hagman, Kim Rush, and Julia Spelsberg for the Children’s Christmas Party.
▲▲ the Weston Volunteer Fire Department for helping with the Christmas decorations.
▲▲ the Maintenance Department for helping all of the departments in their Christmas decorating efforts.
▲▲ Food Services for their help in all of the Hospital holiday festivities (a lot of it revolved around food).
▲▲ all the individuals and businesses who donated gifts for the New Year’s Baby.
▲▲ the Teen Volunteers for helping all of the departments with so many things.
▲▲ Rusty Simpson for being our own little Saint Nick.
Linda Corley Picked for Nov.

Linda Corley, of SJMH’s ICU, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for November 2005.

She began employment here in 1996 with Stonewall Jackson Home Care. She has also worked on the Med/Surg and Telemetry Units.

Linda has two sons, Brian and his wife, Kandy, have two children - Brandon, 7, and Austin, 22 months. Her other son, Scott, is married to Misty; they have one child, Marah, 15 weeks old.

She is a Lewis County resident and graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School. She received her medical training from Salem University through the SCOPE program.

Linda was very complimentary of the Hospital.

“We have wonderful employees at Stonewall Jackson,” she said. “Our night shift ICU staff works very, very well together. Plus, we have wonderful patients.” She also commented that she was quite honored to be chosen employee of the month.

Linda’s nominators wrote, “Linda is an exceptional worker. She is always going beyond her duties to help her patients and co-workers. Her demeanor is pleasant and she interacts so well with other people that she is both productive and delightful.

She does her job so well that she often anticipates what is needed prior to being asked to do something. Her usual reply is ‘it is already done,’ or ‘here is what you need.’ Linda is very deserving of Employee of the Month due to her hard work and dedication to SJMH employees and patients.”

Linda enjoys reading. She takes care of a close friend and her grandchildren. She also enjoys attending her church, the Victory Assembly of God.

Posey Selected for Dec.

Dorothy Posey, of SJMH’s Housekeeping Department, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for December 2005.

She began her employment here in 2004. Dorothy is a Lewis County native and a graduate of Lewis County High School.

She is married to Randy Posey, a Weston city policeman. She has two children, Nikki Gregory, 22, and Stanton Posey, 15. Dorothy is also the proud grandmother of 1-year-old Gracie Ostrander. Dorothy’s mother, Gabriele Lohr, lives at Jane Lew.

Dorothy’s nominator wrote, “Dorothy is always nice, always speaks and is willing to help with anything. She never complains and loves her co-workers and family dearly. She is a very hard worker and takes pride in her job.”

Dorothy was equally complimentary of the Hospital.

“I truly enjoy my job here.

I love working with the great crew in Housekeeping,” she said. “One of the best things about this job is that we get to

Relay Begins Plans

The Lewis County Relay for Life Committee has begun plans for the Relay to be held June 2 - 3, 2006. The first committee meeting will be held January 24 at 6 p.m. at the Lewis County EMS building. The kickoff for the Relay will be held Feb. 14 at Stonewall Resort. If you are interested in having a team call Julia at 8167.

Merry Christmas From Garten Plaza

The gang at Stonewall Jackson Home Care and Stonewall Home Oxygen Therapy had a lovely Christmas dinner at a Buckhannon restaurant during December. We don't often get to see the staff and are happy to share this photo.
January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month

Did you know that smoking sends poisons into your blood and these poisons pass from your blood to the blood of your unborn child? Possible consequences of smoking during pregnancy include: low birth weight, premature birth, tubal pregnancy, vaginal bleeding, crossed eyes, and developmental problems after delivery.

Compared with nonsmokers, women who smoke are at higher risk of delivering preterm infants, and their infants have higher death rates at every birth weight. “We should make sure women know the real risk of smoking - they might lose their babies,” says Allen J. Wilcox, M.D., Ph.D., chief of the epidemiology branch of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. In fact, thousands of babies die every year simply because their mothers smoke.

Source: Tobacco: Babies Under Attack

For information and support on how to quit smoking call the YNOTQUIT hotline at 1-877-966-8784 or visit www.freedomfromsmoking.org, www.smokefree.gov or www.cancer.org.

This message was provided by Mountain CAP of WV, Inc., a CDC, Regional Tobacco Prevention Coalition.

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From Staff Development

- General Orientation for new employees will be held on the following days -
  - Mon., Feb. 6, and Mon., Feb. 20 @ 8:30;
  - Mon., March 6, and Mon., March 20 @ 8:30.
Orientation is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the second-floor classroom. Lab work and a physical must be completed prior to reporting for scheduled orientation.

- CPR recertification will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, @ noon. THESE COURSES ARE IN THE CLASSROOM AT 12 NOON!!! CPR IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLINICAL STAFF!!! You must be signed up in advance. Call 8119. All clinical staff are required to have a current card. Call Staff Development Department at 8119!

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Graduates

Matthew Lamb, son of Anna and John Lamb, finished an Associate of Science in Environmental Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management, with honors, in December at Glenville State College. Anna works in Medical Records and said that she is so happy that he has finished, but then again, he is living at home now. Matt will go through the graduation ceremony in May at GSC.

Sarah Westfall Named Mrs. WV Law Enforcement

Lab’s Sara Westfall was named Mrs. WV Law Enforcement in August. She has a degree from WV Junior College in Medical Assistance. Sara is also a National Certified Phlebotomist Technician. She is married to Rick Westfall. The couple live at Jane Lew with their daughter, Cassandra, who was chosen as 2005 Little Miss Law Enforcement.

Grandson Great Swimmer

Bob Thomas, of the Lab, is quite proud of his grandson, Michael Walker. Mike is on a swimming scholarship to WVU. The coach of the team is Sergio Lopez, a bronze medalist from the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Lopez took the swim team, including Michael, to Spain for several meets during the week after Christmas. Bob and his wife, Jackie, live at Bridgeport.
More than 60 children and adults had their pictures taken with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus during the annual Children’s Christmas Party held Fri., Dec. 9, at Saint Patrick School cafeteria.

Rosa Thayer coordinated the event for the Soc/Rec Committee. During the evening, children could select one of several Christmas crafts to complete. Donna Snyder and her husband brought Mr. and Mrs. Claus to the party. Photos of each child with Santa Claus were taken and a small Christmas gift was given to participants, also.

Many thanks to Donna and John Snyder for their wonderful Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Donna’s daughter, Samantha, was their reindeer helper for the SJMH Children’s Christmas Party.

Delaney in 2004
Delaney in 2005

Aimee Green’s youngest daughter, Delaney, had her picture taken with Santa Claus two years in a row at the SJMH Christmas Party. As can be seen by the above pictures, both experiences were less than happy. Maybe by the time she is in her teens, Santa will be more appealing.

Pictured above is Kara Allman and her son, Teran. The pair enjoyed a fun evening at the Children’s Christmas Party.

AT LEFT. Mandy Gum of Dr. Snead’s office brought her daughter, Ashtin, to the Children’s Christmas Party.

Nice Note

We received a wonderful compliment from Lynn Shaver, who is a physician assistant at St. Joseph’s Urgent Care. She recently brought a family member in to the emergency room and she said that Dr. Kelley and Carl Furbee, RN, were wonderful to her entire family. She felt that the nursing care was excellent. Most importantly, she felt that Dr. Charles Lively got to the bottom of the illness. Her relative is recovering nicely.
Soc/Rec 2006
Calendar of Events
Soc/Rec has a full calendar for the next few months, so mark all of these dates:
- Jan. 22 - Skiing at Canaan Valley
- Feb. 18 - Awards Dinner at Jackson’s Mill and dance following at West Virginia Building
- March 16 - Skating Party at Skateworld
- April 30 - Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball
- May 5 - Bath and Body Sale
- May 8-14 - Hospital Week activities
- June - Covered-dish cookout
- July 15 - Annual picnic at Lewis County Park
- September 13 - Charity Golf Tournament at Stone-wall Resort

Birth Announcements
SJMH’s Patsy Freeman announces the birth of her first grandchild, a little girl named Emma Channing Pinkney, born on Sept. 26, 2005. The proud parents are Ben and Brittany Pinkney of Weston (pictured with the baby.) Paternal grandparents are Sharon and Darwin Pinkney. Great-grandmothers are Sissie Riley, of the Theresa Snaith Auxiliary, and Mary Rinehart. The little bundle of joy weighed eight pounds, one-half ounce. Ben works for UPS and Brittany works for United Bank.

SJMH’s Jennifer Chisholm and Howard Cutright announce the birth of the couple’s child on October 16, 2005. The little girl weighed seven pounds, four ounces, and was named Jenna Le Ann. Maternal grandmother is Velma Chisholm. Paternal grandparents are Dalton and Patty Cutright.

February is Heart Month
SJMH’s Respiratory Care Dept. will provide FREE EKGs for SJMH staff during the month. You must register to receive the test. Respiratory Care will provide the employee with the EKG results, which can be taken to the employee’s physician. There is no charge for this test. So that all employees can be served, we ask that you use the following schedule. The first letter of your last name will signify the week that you can have your EKG.

- Last names ending in “A” through “F” Feb. 1 - 7
- Last names ending in “G” through “M” Feb. 8 - 14
- Last names ending in “N” through “R” Feb. 15 - 21
- Last names ending in “S” through “Z” Feb. 22 - 28

SJMH Marketing and Cardiac Rehab Dept. are having a Healthy Heart Health Fair Feb. 9 in the boardroom from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Are you joining Americans nationwide on Friday, February 3, 2006, to celebrate the third annual National Wear Red Day? Wearing red shows your support for women’s heart disease awareness. Unfortunately, many women do not realize they are at risk for heart disease. That’s why the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and its partners sponsor The Heart Truth—a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease.

So take women’s health to heart on Friday, February 3, 2006, by wearing your Red Dress Pin, the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness. Or show off a favorite red dress, shirt, or tie and help spread the word that heart disease is the #1 killer of American women.
NEW PHARMACIST
We would like to introduce our 3rd pharmacist, and the newest member of the pharmacy department, Mark Miller. Mark is a registered pharmacist and worked at Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Weston prior to joining our staff. He lives in Buckhannon with his wife, Anita. His hiring will assist pharmacy staff in implementing and maintaining the new clinical programs coming to SJMH over the next few months. It will also allow us to adequately cover the new hours for the pharmacy. Which brings me to the next item…

NEW PHARMACY HOURS
As many of you may know, the pharmacy department will be extending its hours of operation. Beginning January 9th the pharmacy will be open 7AM-7PM during the week and 8AM-4PM on weekends and holidays. This will allow pharmacy to be present when more physicians are making rounds and writing orders. It is our hope that this will reduce the burden of order entry on nurses and unit secretaries. Any questions about the new hours can be directed to Dan in pharmacy.

NEW CLINICAL PROGRAMS
With the addition of a 3rd pharmacist, we now have the resources to implement new clinical programs, as well as improve existing services provided by pharmacy. Some of these will include IV to PO conversions, medication use evaluations, renal dosing, target drug streamlining, and kinetic dosing. While these new services do not involve every department directly, pharmacy will still need help from many areas of the hospital. We ask that you work with us in assuring a better level of patient care throughout our facility.

ADR HOTLINE
We’d also like to remind you about our ADR hotline at extension 8511. No matter the severity of an adverse drug reaction please report it so we can have the most complete information possible. Just call and leave your name, patient account number, suspected medication, reaction description, and the treatment given to resolve the reaction. Your help with this reporting will be greatly appreciated.

PYXIS
The implementation meeting for Pyxis was held January 4 and included members of the setup team. This meeting finalized the timeline for the automated system being put in place at SJMH. Again, the “go live” date is June 1, 2006, and there will be plenty of time in training to ensure a smooth transition.
SIGNS OF WINTER

I watched the snow fall from the sky
and land upon the grounds
It was a thing of beauty
with whiteness all around.

Winter is the time of year
when it is cold outside;
There is snow as we all know
For skis and sleds to slide.

A time for fun and laughter
For Christmas soon is here;
A time for gifts and presents
and Santa to appear.

A time for family gatherings
For angels in the snow;
Winter is a special time
It sets our hearts aglow.

By Mary Welch

Pictured above with Santa at the Children's Christmas Party is Chelsea Lattea, Mary Welch's granddaughter. Mary works in our laundry and composed the lovely poem at right.

Gene and Judy Edwards speak with former SJMH board member Robert Earle (seated) at a ceremony in November at Stonewall Resort to honor the late Bill Adler.