Roberta Gaines Employee of the Year; Dr. Lively Remembered during Dinner

Roberta Gaines was honored as the Employee of the Year during the annual Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital awards dinner on March 24, 2007. A special remembrance of the late Dr. Charles Lively was also made during the program.

This was the 22nd year for the event, which was held at the Saint Patrick School Gym in Weston.

Administrator David D. Shaffer welcomed the guests to the event. The invocation was presented by Robert Thompson. Rusty Simpson was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Service award pins were presented to employees by department heads.

The twelve Employees of the Month were also pictured during a presentation as a prelude to the Employee of the Year announcement.

Associate Administrator Avah Stalnaker announced the Employee of the Year for 2006. Before naming Gaines, Stalnaker noted that the decision was very difficult for Hospital employees who voted on the honor. The twelve Employees of the Month were all worthy of the recognition, she noted.

In prefacing the announcement, Stalnaker said that the Employee of the Year had a great sense of humor and tried to make her work enjoyable. The honoree was very considerate of SJMH patients and her co-workers. She tried to help others and considered herself the welcoming committee at the Hospital.

As Gaines’ name was announced, the dinner attendees rose and gave her a standing ovation.

Roberta has a 17-year-old son, Eric Turner. She is the daughter of Roger and Juanita Gaines of Weston. Her significant other is Lee Brown. She is also very at-

Two of the 30-year pin recipients are pictured above, left to right: Mary Ellen Bragg and Joan Miller. Not pictured are Jane Eisenbeis and Brenda Moody.

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tached to her niece and nephew — Amber and Brandon.

In Roberta’s original nomination it was noted, “She is a great worker. She is very considerate of the patients and her co-workers. She has a great sense of humor and makes work enjoyable. She always does whatever she can to help out with everyone.”

During the dinner, Administrator Shaffer made a special presentation in honor of Dr. Charles Lively, who passed away in December 2006.

Shaffer noted that he met the doctor 32 years ago and was “flooried by his resemblance to John Denver (a singer).”

He spoke of Dr. Lively’s life; his marriage to Joanne; his love of dogs; and his career in Weston.

Shaffer recounted, “Dr. Lively soon discovered they could not get privileges to treat their patients at the local hospital, the Weston City Hospital. ... Eventually (1959), the people of Weston decided that it was in the best interest of healthcare that the community purchase Weston City Hospital and open up the medical staff to all physicians who met qualifications. This decision eventually led to the formation of SJMH.”

The administrator provided the audience with other personal stories about the physician. Shaffer concluded, “So tonight, Dr. Lively, as you repose from above, we thank you for your kindness, your compassion and your dedication to us. There’s an emptiness in our lives, a vacuum you created with your departure. But, we move on. For the distinct honor of knowing you and working with you we are and will ever be eternally grateful.”

A framed picture of Dr. Lively was then presented to Physician Offices Manager Julie Bush. The portrait will hang in Lively Healthcare, located at Jane Lew.

Rusty Simpson awarded the annual Engineering Award to Donna Ramsey of the ED. Donna was impatient during the recent Uniform Sale. She decided to make a quick change in the hallway by the classroom. Halfway through her disrobing, she realized that she was in front of the newly installed security camera. Thus, she was given the award for 2006.

The entertainment for the evening was the recitation of roast poems presented by SJMH staff in honor of supervisors and department heads.

The dinner was catered by Cindy’s. A dance followed the dinner with music by the Rock Hounds.

The 2006 Employees of the Month at SJMH were: Donna Snyder (January), Stephanie Singleton (February), Gaines (March), Brenda Weaver (April), Joyce Greenlief (May), Lisa.

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Donna Ramsey, left, was awarded the annual Dipstick Award by emcee Rusty Simpson at the Awards Dinner.

Roberta Gaines, pictured on right, was congratulated by her son, Eric Turner, for the Employee of the Year honor.
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Cogar (June), Edith Wendell (July), Keith Chapman (August), Jennifer Barnes (September), Patty Casey (October), Kathy Daley (November), and Janet Scheufron (December).

Employees receiving service pins were:

Thirty years - Mary Ellen Bragg, Jane Eisenbeis, Joan Miller, Brenda Moody;

Twenty-five years - Susan Miller, Rick Simpson, Rosa Thayer;

Twenty years - Sue Clem, Chris Gum, Tom Law, Regina Taylor;

Fifteen years - Laura Golden, Mary Ann Heaster, Sherry Peters, Mary Welch, Linda Weaver, Charlotte Workman;

Ten years - Mark Casto, Linda Corley, Mindy Hall, Brenda Gum, Carole James, Jimmy Lattea, Bob Mills, Sue Peters, Jennifer Shreves, Gay Spaur, Bob Thomas;

Five years - Kate Anderson, Samantha Bowden, Merry Brown, Peggy Burkhammer, Mike Casto, Candace Donaldson, Chris Dunn, Sally Frazee, Tyler Hall, Carla Hamner, Angela Hinter, Dr. Salvatore LaNasa, Tiffany Lowther, Dr. Khalid Mahmoud, Debra Pratt, Linda Rhoades,

Mary Ellen Bragg, chief nursing officer, receives a hug from Administrator David D. Shaffer during the Awards Dinner.

Genifer Robinson, Martha Snyder, Mike Taylor, Tammy Varner, Linda Zickefoose.

Inspirational Speaker Presents Program

A well-known healthcare motivational speaker presented an inspirational program to several hundred members of the Stone wall Jackson Memorial Hospital staff on April 19 at WVU Jackson’s Mill.

Michael Mann, who has been called “the Michael Jordan of healthcare training”, made three presentations. The morning presentation was a leadership excellence training – Manage with Your Mind but Lead with your Heart. Areas of the address included: developing a high-performance healthcare team, making ethical decisions, enhancing employee pride, the art of negotiation, team dynamics, and award-winning health leadership programs.

During the afternoon, Mann made his presentation twice – Falling Back in Love with Healthcare. This program included information on patient service excellence, service recovery, best practices, family relations, establishing trust in the eyes of the patient, and moving each department to the next level of excellence.

Staff members from Webster Memorial Hospital also attended the presentation.
FIVE-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS, pictured above: front row, left to right - Merry Brown, Linda Rhoades, Carla Hamner, Samantha Bowen, Mike Taylor; second row, left to right - Kris Dunn, Tammy Varner, Genifer Robinson, and Sally Frazee.

TWENTY-YEAR RECIPIENT: Tom Law.

FIFTEEN-YEAR RECIPIENTS: pictured above, left to right - Charlotte Workman, Linda Weaver, and Mary Ann Heaster. To the right is Mary Welch.

TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR RECIPIENTS, at left: Rick Simpson and Rosa Thayer.

TEN-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS, pictured below, left to right: Carole James, Mark Casto, Brenda Gum, and Gay Spaur.
Denver Turner Named To SJMH Board of Directors

SJMH announces the election of Denver Turner to the Hospital’s Board of Directors. Turner replaces Dr. Charles T. Lively, who passed away in December 2006.

Turner has been married to his wife, Flora, for 43 years. The couple has a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Boone Brown, of Jane Lew. They also have two grandchildren, Devon Brown, 17, and Breanna Brown, 12.

Turner retired from Equitable Resources in 2001, with 37 years of service to the company. After his retirement, he turned his attention to full-time farming. He raises registered limousin and commercial cattle.

He attends Waldeck Church. Turner is an active member of the Farm Bureau and the Livestock Association. He and his wife also work with the Lewis County Fair. He is a graduate of Lewis County High School and attended Glenville State College. He has been a member of the Hospital Company for five years.

Turner has high regards for the Hospital and is happy to be on the Board.

“I am very pleased and thankful that we have a facility like Stonewall Jackson here. We are blessed. Many communities don’t have a hospital, let alone a quality hospital that we have,” he commented.

Administrator David D. Shaffer said, “We are delighted to have such a respected and knowledgeable person on the board.”

Lively Healthcare Expands Hours; Dr. M. Gregory begins there in May

Dr. David Watson and the staff of Lively Healthcare Center are pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Gregory to the facility. Dr. Gregory will begin practicing there in May. The addition of Gregory, plus the expansion of the Center’s hours, means even better service for the area.

The Center’s hours are now Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sun., noon to 6 p.m.
Med/Surg’s Heather Yeager Is January Honoree

Heather Yeager, of the Medical/Surgery Unit, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for January 2007. She began work at SJMH in 2003.

Heather is a graduate of Lewis County High School. She received her training as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Fred Eberle Technical Center in Buckhannon.

Presently, Heather is taking nursing classes from Fairmont State University and eventually will have a nursing degree from WVU at Parkersburg.

She is married to Joseph Yeager, an educational technician. The couple has a little girl, Olivia Michelle.

Heather’s nominators wrote a number of compliments about her.

“She is always smiling and pleasant to be around. She is always nice to her co-workers; She never complains when asked to do something; She does everything with a smile. She helps out with all patients regardless if they are hers or not.”

The director of nursing also commented, “Heather is especially caring with young children and geriatric patients.”

Heather said that she felt the whole group of co-workers should get the Employee of the Month honor. “Our work is really a team effort in providing our patients with excellent care. I don’t want to be singled out because I feel that all of us deserve this honor,” she said.

Heather is the daughter of John T. Johnson, of Parsons, WV, and Beverly Straley, of Lewis County.

In her spare time, Heather enjoys being with her family. She is so busy with school and work that there is little “spare” time in her life.

Rob Moran is Selected for February

Rob Moran has been chosen as the Employee of the Month for February 2007 at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. He began employment at the Hospital in August 2005 in the Information Technology Department.

He is married to Tara, a nurse at Fairmont General Hospital. The couple has a son, Tylan, age four.

Rob has an associate’s degree in production and a bachelor’s degree in graphic communications from Fairmont State University. He also received a master in educational technology from West Virginia University. Rob is certified as a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer/Administrator.

He recently published a book, which he wrote in 2004. The name of the book is “Network Security Secrets Revealed.” It illustrates how attackers identify and exploit weaknesses in systems and how to protect your personal information from identity theft, phishing, session hijacking, port forwarding and routing.

Rob’s nominator noted, “Rob goes above and beyond to help anyone with any problem they have. He is very knowledgeable in his field and did a great job instructing our computer classes. He may appear to be quiet but has a great sense of humor and enjoys having fun.”

Rob was complimentary of SJMH.

“The main reason I love SJMH is that most rural hospitals have problems finding technical people. I live in Fairmont and am so fortunate to be able to drive through the mountains of West Virginia every morning to see a team of great employees who take pride in their work,” he commented.

Rob also enjoys golfing and, of course, working on computers in his spare time.
Edie Withers is March Choice for Honor

Edie Withers has been chosen as the Employee of the Month for March 2007 at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. She began work at SJMH in October 1993 on the Medical/Surgical Unit. She now works on the Telemetry Unit as a certified nursing assistant.

She is a graduate of Lewis County High School. Presently, she is studying a curriculum to attain her bachelor’s degree in Christian Counseling. Her mother, Carolyn Withers, lives in Weston.

Edie enjoys her work and had some very positive comments about her co-workers at SJMH. “We try to work together as a team. It is more than just a job...we are a family. I would like to see that happen even more,” she said. “Thanks to everyone for this honor. It was a very nice surprise.”

Edie’s nomination was signed by 14 staff members, who noted, “Edie is hard-working, educated, reliable, honest and very friendly. She is willing to work overtime without complaining. She enjoys being with the patient and taking care of their needs. Edie always goes beyond the call of duty.”

The nominator also wrote, “Edie is always a positive factor in our ICU/Telemetry team. The ‘compassion Mama’ tries every day to keep our department morale up. We love her...she has a special song in her heart that she is willing to share with staff and patients. We love her and are proud of her. She deserves this special honor.”

April Selection Is Aimee Vankirk

Radiology secretary Aimee Vankirk has been selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s employee of the month for April 2007. She has been employed by SJMH since 1998.

Aimee’s nominator was very complimentary of her skills.

“Aimee is very polite to both patients and co-workers. She is a hard worker and very conscious of the patient’s needs in making appointments and helping with timeliness of reports. Along with Amanda Queen, she keeps our office running smoothly,” the nominator wrote.

Some of Aimee’s responsibilities include: scheduling patients; providing preparation directions; and registering patients.

Aimee was very pleased with the honor and noted, “I really, really enjoy working here with all of these wonderful and compassionate people.”

Aimee is a Lewis County native and Lewis County High School graduate. She is married to Bill Vankirk. The couple has two children – Jacob, 9, and Kadee, 2.

Aimee says that she really enjoys playing with her children in her spare time. Some of the family activities include camping and fishing.
Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary Makes A Difference for Staff and Patients at SJMH

Members of the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary spend thousands of hours each year in volunteer work at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. The volunteers donate their time in the Hospital Gift Shop, at the Information Desk, working in the Outpatient Department, and at special Hospital functions. For example, six members helped serve Hospital staff during the annual Christmas buffet.

Because of the volunteer work, profits from the Gift Shop are clear and can be put back into special purchases for the Hospital. Ursel Watson and Janice Light manage the Gift Shop.

In the past several years, the Auxiliary has purchased special items to “make life easier” for patients and staff. For example, five chair beds were purchased for the Special Delivery Birthing Unit in 2005. The chairs fold out at night so that a new father can stay in the room with the mother and newborn in comfort. The purchase was made because of feedback from patient satisfaction surveys.

One of the more exciting purchases that the Auxiliary made in 2006 was equipment for bariatric patients in the Hospital. Nurse Manager Cheryl Davis realized that there was a need for equipment to accommodate larger patients. She presented her idea to Auxiliary President Julia Spelsberg for consideration. The Auxiliary Board liked the idea and the purchase was made.

“I am quite excited that the Auxiliary is fulfilling a very important need for our patients and our staff,” commented Davis. “The new bed will help us in many ways, and will provide the patient with the comfort they deserve.”

This equipment is specialized for patients who are larger than most people. For example, the new bed will be able to handle a person who weighs up to a thousand pounds. A specialized wheelchair, walker, and toilet have also been purchased. The bed has a number of features specific to the needs of a large patient. A regular patient bed cannot fulfill those requirements.

The SJMH Administration has an annual Christmas thank-you luncheon for the Auxiliary board members. This year, the luncheon was held as a joint meal, together with Hospital department heads and supervisors, on Dec. 6 in the board conference room.

The Auxiliary is always looking for interested individuals to join the organization. One can call Julia Spelsberg at 269-8167 for more information.
2007 Hospital National Patient Safety Goals

Note: Gaps in the numbering indicate that the Goal is inapplicable to the program or has been “retired,” usually because the requirements were integrated into the standards.

Goal 1 Improve the accuracy of patient identification.
1A Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment or services.

Goal 2 Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.
2A For verbal or telephone orders or for telephonic reporting of critical test results, verify the complete order or test result by having the person receiving the information record and “read-back” the complete order or test result.
2B Standardize a list of abbreviations, acronyms, symbols, and dose designations that are not to be used throughout the organization.
2C Measure, assess and, if appropriate, take action to improve the timeliness of reporting, and the timeliness of receipt by the responsible licensed caregiver, of critical test results and values.
2E Implement a standardized approach to “hand off” communications, including an opportunity to ask and respond to questions.

Goal 3 Improve the safety of using medications.
3B Standardize and limit the number of drug concentrations used by the organization.
3C Identify and, at a minimum, annually review a list of look-alike/sound-alike drugs used by the organization, and take action to prevent errors involving the interchange of these drugs.
3D Label all medications, medication containers (for example, syringes, medicine cups, basins), or other solutions on and off the sterile field.

Goal 7 Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.
7A Comply with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines.
7B Manage as sentinel events all identified cases of unanticipated death or major permanent loss of function associated with a health care-associated infection.

Goal 8 Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.
8A There is a process for comparing the patient’s current medications with those ordered for the patient while under the care of the organization.
8B A complete list of the patient’s medications is communicated to the next provider of service when a patient is referred or transferred to another setting, service, practitioner or level of care within or outside the organization. The complete list of medications is also provided to the patient on discharge from the facility.

Goal 9 Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.
9B Implement a fall reduction program including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

Goal 13 Encourage patients’ active involvement in their own care as a patient safety strategy.
13A Define and communicate the means for patients and their families to report concerns about safety and encourage them to do so.

Goal 15 The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.
15A The organization identifies patients at risk for suicide. [Applicable to psychiatric hospitals and patients being treated for emotional or behavioral disorders in general hospitals.]
Many Thanks to Staff

To all of Stonewall Jackson’s second story ladies, Marvin and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your smiling faces, friendliness and care during his recent visit to your “resort.” The services that you provide are certainly appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely,
Your Guests in 218B

Med Surgery,
Thanks for the most wonderful care that was given to Jim in January and all his previous stops on second floor.

ED
Thanks for taking such good care of my husband when he had his heart attack in January. We love this hospital.

Dear Julia,
Thanks to you and everyone at the hospital who adopted Angels at Christmas. We really appreciate the support you give us all year, too, at Our Neighbor. Thanks, Sandy King

I would like to thank the people who donated vacation hours for me while I was off with a broken leg. It was very sweet and thoughtful. Not only did it help me get through that very rough ordeal; it also allowed my son to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Birthday. We both are very grateful and appreciate your generosity. It is great to know that there is someone to help when you need it most! Thank you so very much! I would also like to thank my co-workers in Respiratory Care for being so supportive, plus great to work with! And also to Aimée Green for being helpful and your extra effort on my part, thank you! It’s good to be back!

Amy Carder RRT

Dear Mrs. Spelsberg
Thank you very much for awarding me the PSA contest winner for elementary schools. I am very glad to share the information with the community. My family and friends are proud of me. My school is too.

Sincerely,
Logan Skinner

I would like to thank you so much for taking good care of my dad while he was in the hospital before he passed away.

Thanks to all the second floor staff. You were so good to me. God Bless You All.

I have been in a lot of hospitals, but I have never been treated like I was special until now. I would like to thank all the girls who took care of me. I think I know how great it would be to be a king. You all are very special. I can’t thank you enough. Tell your boss you deserve a raise. You don’t get great care like this just anywhere. Thanks again!!!!

SJMH Staff,
Thank you for all the wonderful luncheons you served the staff and former employees. It was great getting together with all the coworkers and friends.

Thanks again, sincerely,
Lucille Hicks

SJMH,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to participate at your agency for my preceptorship. The time and experience that I have spent in your facility has been a very good learning experience.

Ms. Lesa Jordan and the staff on the OB unit have been very helpful in expanding my knowledge of the working nursing unit. I have learned something from each of them, and the short time that I have spent there on the OB unit will be a memorable experience. I feel this experience has further prepared me for my nursing career, and again, I thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,
Christa J. Hall

Congratulations...

Brenda Gum is very, very proud of her granddaughter, Chrislyn Curtis. Chrislyn was honored by her school and the Department of Justice for being a hard-working student. The certificate stated, “Hardest Working Student Award presented to Chrislyn Curtis in recognition of the hard work and dedication you have demonstrated during this school year. Thomas E. Bush, III Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division”

Our Sincere Condolences

to these members of our SJMH family on their losses:

Tina Burnside on the loss of both of her grandmothers;
Paula Layman on the loss of her mother;
Jean Bennett on the loss of her husband;
and Donna Brooks on the loss of her sister.

We offer you our sympathy.
The 2007 “Look-alike, Sound-alike” list has been approved and was distributed in February. Revised lists appear on bright pink paper and are posted throughout the hospital.

Cymbalta has been approved for addition to the SJMH formulary. The medication is used to treat major depressive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder and diabetic neuropathy. We now carry the 60mg capsules.

KCl replacement standing orders are in the process of being revised. Based on new information and varying doses for central and peripheral access, the current pre-printed standing orders will be reviewed and possibly changed. This work has moved to the ICU committee for their review.

CMS released 2007 recommendations for the treatment of pneumonia. The new guidelines are being distributed by WVMI and reference cards have been forwarded to many of our physicians. If more cards are needed, please contact Dan in Pharmacy.

A form for DVT prophylaxis ordering has been developed. There are several options with such a form including having it placed on the chart similar to our antibiogram or having it available as pre-printed order. These options are still being weighed and staff will be educated on the new process, when that final decision is made.

Please remember to report any Adverse Drug Reactions via the ADR Hotline at extension 8511. Thank you.

**Relay for Life Is Just Around The Corner**

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Lewis County is just around the corner. Register your team today by calling Beth Gregory (269-7515) or Richard Messenger (269-2425). This “celebration of life” brings the Lewis County community together in a unified effort to fight cancer.

Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. The Lewis County Relay For Life takes place June 1-2 at the Robert Bland Middle School Athletic Field on Court Ave., in Weston.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society’s version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist. Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society.

“The Relay brings the cancer battle to the forefront,” said Gregory, event chair. “Many participants are our family, friends and neighbors who have dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not only in reducing death rates, but also in the quality of life following cancer treatment.”

SJMH invited the Lewis County coordinators for the annual Relay for Life to set up a table and provide education to employees and visitors in April. Pictured above left to right are co-chairs Beth Gregory and Richard Messenger, along with ASC coordinator Jennifer Bennett.

“The funds raised enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education, advocacy, and patient services,” said Messenger. “Thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society’s life-saving programs.”
Brigetta and DJ Fisher are the happy parents of a little girl born February 24, 2007. Mauren Elizabeth (8lbs 5 ozs and 21 inches) is the couple’s first child. Brigetta works in physical therapy as a physical therapy assistant.

Dusty and Kristi Hall of Weston announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Kiley Elane Hall, on March 25, 2007, at SJMH. The little girl weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces. Her mother is a sleep study technician at SJMH and her father is a nurse here. She has two sisters, Abby and Katy.

Leslie and Danny Sprouse announce the birth of their second daughter, Marlie Grace, on April 13, 2007, at SJMH. She weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces. Leslie is the nurse educator here and Danny works as a cable technician. Big sister is Jalen.

SJMH Pharmacy Director Dan Walker and his wife, Debbie, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Georgia Kathleen, born on Tues., April 17, 2007. The little girl weighed eight pounds, two ounces. She has a big sister, Emma. Debbie is employed by Keyspan in Buckhannon.

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**Education**

General orientation for new employees will be held on the following days:

Mon., May 7; Mon. May 21; Mon., June 4; Mon., June 18; Mon., July 9; and Mon., July 23.

Orientation is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the second-floor classroom. Physicals and lab work must be completed prior to orientation (five days at least.)

CPR recertification will be held on Tues., May 8 @ noon, Tues., June 12 @ noon, and Tues., July 10 @ noon. You must be signed up in advance. All clinical staff are required to have a current card.

**Mark Your Calendar...**

The annual SJMH Summer Picnic will be held on Sat., July 21, at the Lewis County Park. The date was changed to a Saturday to accommodate employees who have a difficult time getting to the picnic on a weekday.

**ALSO**

The Annual William Adler Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Tues., Sept. 25, at Stonewall Resort.

Nurse Educator Leslie Sprouse set up a display for CORE during the month of April.
Children’s Christmas Party Brings Out The Tears

The SJMH Christmas Party was held at Saint Patrick School Cafeteria in December. The children were presented with a bag full of crafts and treats. Each child also received a nice gift from Santa Claus. Some of the little ones have a real terror when it comes to the jolly old elf.

Pictured from the top, clockwise are: Ronda McIe’s daughter Chelsea, holding her niece and Ronda’s granddaughter Emilie Stepp; Sue Clem’s grandson, Trenton, was dressed like an elf but he would have nothing to do with Santa; Amy Vankirk’s daughter, Kadee, was just as frightened of Old Saint Nick; Najat and Tony Naim’s children were pretty as a picture for their sitting with Santa. Albert and Anna think that little Andrew’s unhappiness was quite funny; Amanda Queen could only let her little boy, Lucas come within 12 inches of Santa before he started to cry.
News from the Emergency Department

Donna Ramsey has been serving as the nurse manager in the Emergency Department. Donna has worked at SJMH since August 1999. For a brief period she left us and then came home to SJMH.

Donna is happy to announce the addition of the following employees to the ED staff - Jamie Tyler, Patty Cleavenger, Scott Starcher, Eileen McCullough, and Karen Lavoie.

Five of her employees went to Certified Emergency Nursing (CEN) review in Wilkes Barre, PA, and are preparing to take the big test. They are: Carla Hamner, Jamie Tyler, Patty Cleavenger, Mindy Hall, and Donna Ramsey.

Three people went to Adult SANE (Sexual Assault Nursing Examiner) Classes recently and are going to complete the Pediatric SANE in April. They are: Mindy Hall, Patty Cleavenger, and Genafer Robinson, from ICU.

Gets National Exposure

Diane Ocheltree, Respiratory Care director, was quite excited that two national respiratory care magazines reprinted the article about Diane’s respiratory health fair held in October. The magazines were AARC and Advance Magazine for Respiratory Care.

Critical Care Transport Unit Visits SJMH

Minnie Hamilton Health System’s Critical Care Transport Unit came to SJMH for a display and introduction to a full-time service which they provide. The transport is fully staffed.

Lunch and Learn Programs Successful

Human Resources reports that the two Lunch and Learn programs, offered by Chase Bank, have been very successful. The programs were on Identity Theft and Understanding Your Credit Score. Richard Tucker of Chase made the presentations.

HR is tentatively planning a program every other month or six in the year. Additional topics planned for later this year are: Accumulating Wealth; Basic Banking; Planning Your Financial Future; and Smart Real Estate. These Lunch and Learns are an opportunity for employees to gain some knowledge on financial topics to better educate them when making personal financial decisions.

Human Resources wishes to encourage employees to look closely at their pay stubs and verify all information. Also, make sure you update any change of addresses or phone numbers with Human Resources.
Many thanks to the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary for the wonderful gift of bariatric equipment. The bed, potty chair, walker, and wheelchair will make everyone’s life a lot easier;

Staff who helped with the annual awards dinner and dance. Saint Patrick gym looked festive and Springy;

Social/Recreation Committee for the ice cream social in April. The committee also invited cancer survivors to the event as part of SJMH’s commitment to Relay for Life;

Rosa Thayer and her helpers for the wonderful Christmas Party for Children;

Housekeeping for “rebrubishing” the floor on second look great;

Dietary for all their hard work fixing foods and trying hard to please everyone;

Debbie Corder and Lisa Cogar for teaching the nursing classes. You girls do know what you are talking about;

The entire Hospital staff for working extra hard during our high-census periods;

The ministerial association for providing our patients and their families with comfort and guidance;

The Social/Recreation Committee for all the activities which they plan for SJMH staff;

The Auxiliary for the lovely “Floating Punch Bowl.”

Doctors Day Celebration
Physicians were honored with a continental breakfast on Doctors Day, March 30, in the SJMH boardroom. Pictured above are Dr. Lanas with Surgery staff and others.

Chad Bowen With U.S. Company in Iraq

Vicki Bowen, SJMH’s Outpatient Department manager, is a loving mother. She has a special concern now that one of her sons, Chad, a former Marine, is in Iraq. Chad works for a U.S. company, STS International, of Berkeley Springs, WV.

Vicki said that he will be gone a year, having left in March. He will get a two-week trip home in November, then will return to Iraq.

Chad recently met General Barry McCaffrey, well-known consultant and television commentator. McCaffrey was given a demonstration of the Camera Assisted Monitoring (CAM) surveillance system at the eastern panhandle company’s location.

The system can detect motion along borders and across long stretches of land, up to two kilometers, in both day and night, while wireless video monitoring can be done at another location with a small staff.

One of the systems was sent to Iraq, with Chad chosen as one of the team members to accompany the equipment.

“The system saves lives. It reduces the number of people within harm’s way,” McCaffrey said. “It is an exciting period in STS history.”

The company has three locations - Morgan County; Falls Church, VA; and St. Petersburg, FL.
The March Skating Party was very successful with more than 120 skaters on the floor. Pictured from the top, left to right, are: Johnathan Spelsberg, Sierra Shreves, Genifer Robinson with her clan of children, and non-skaters Barb Bolton and Kim Rush.