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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: NATIONAL NURSING WEEK



May is always a busy month in health care. At MHC we celebrated Physiotherapy Month, North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, and National Nursing Week .

National Nursing Week took place May 11 – 17. I know there were many informal

department celebrations – everything from nurses as superheroes to managers recognizing nurses individually!

I truly enjoyed my walk 'round to many department areas, chatting to nurses with co-chairs Dina Gesualdo, RN, Cornish 5, and Roberta Fransishyn, manager, operating room and medical device reprocessing and Caroline DeKeyster, Chief Nursing Officer.

Did you know Misericordia Health Centre has approximately 250 nurses working in our specialty programs? I wish we could have reached everyone!

This year the Canadian Nursing Association selected the Nursing Week theme of *Nurses: with you every step of the way*. I couldn't have picked a better theme. Nurses ARE with patients, residents and clients every step of the way of their health-care journey - especially at MHC.

For me, National Nursing Week truly offers the perfect opportunity to recognize the powerful role nurses play across the continuum of care. Whenever anyone interacts with the health system, at whatever level, chances are very good they will encounter a nurse as part of that interaction.

I know nurses are taking steps to improve the patient experience and the quality of care in all of Misericordia Health Centre programs. I appreciate all that you do and I know our residents and patients do, too.

Thank you to all our staff for taking the time to honour our nurses, physiotherapists and occupational health staff during their awareness campaigns.

Rosie Jacuzzi
President & CEO

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BLACK TIE BINGO, THE EYE BALL!

By Katie Hartle, MHC Foundation

From red-carpet photos to exciting prizes, auctions and bingo, the evening was fun, successful and it went by in the blink of an eye!

We are extremely grateful to Misericordia's ophthalmologists for their generous presenting sponsorship!

Other top sponsors included: Christopher Sprague, the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers, PPI Solutions, Wawanesa Insurance and Great-West Life. Corporate table sponsors, gift-in-kind and prize donors also elevated the evening's success.

Proceeds will support the excellent eye care programs at Misericordia.

UP NEXT: FRIENDS FOR LIFE LADIES' LUNCHEON

Tickets available at the Foundation office, or online at www.misericordiafoundation.com

Featuring a gift basket valued at \$5,000 and filled to the brim with goodies that go great with friends – wine, dinners, makeovers and more!



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NEVER STOP LIVING

By Muareen Hamonic, Manager, Rehabilitation

“*Never Stop Living*” is the theme of National Physiotherapy Month which is being celebrated in May.

This definitely sums up the work of the seven physiotherapists and three rehabilitation assistants working at Misericordia Health Centre whose services are available to all programs within MHC and to out-patients with a doctor’s referral.

In the past year, over 1,200 people received physiotherapy through

MHC accounting for about 13,000 visits. These people ranged in age from 16 - 100 years of age. Their medical problems were just as varied – brain injury, broken bones, breathing problems, arthritis and dementia to name a few. But all had one thing in common – wanting to get back to living in their own way. Physiotherapists have empowered these people to return to walking, get back to work/sport or to be able

to move without pain.



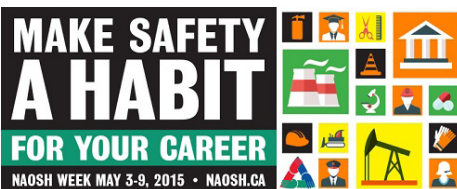
DID YOU KNOW?

ROYAL COLLEGE OPHTHALMOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM EXTERNAL REVIEW

On April 30, the University of Manitoba’s ophthalmology residency program at MHC received an external review from the Royal College Accreditation - and received an overall score of “incredible!”

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

MHC celebrated North American Occupational Safety and Health Week May 3 - 9 with display tables and safety tips!



CELLPHONE DONATIONS

Thank you to all staff for donating your old cellphones to the West Broadway community organization!

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

On Wednesday, May 6, Rosie Jacuzzi, MHC’s President & CEO was awarded Woman of Distinction in the Business, Professions and Trades category. Congratulations, Rosie!



STAFF APPRECIATION BARBECUE

Join your Misericordia family on Wednesday, June 10 for the 2015 Staff Appreciation Barbecue. Tickets can be obtained through your department heads.



MHC FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

MHC’s Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for July 15, 2015 at Pine Ridge Golf Club and is officially sold out!

CONGRATULATIONS...

Dr. Michelle Georgi, Black Tie Bingo Chair for two years and MHC Foundation Board member, for winning the Optometrist of the Year Award, presented by the Manitoba Association of Optometrists!



Dr. Shveta Bali, Glaucoma Fellow, who was awarded best presentation, and Dr. Andre Jastrzebski, PGY4 Resident, who was awarded 2nd best presentation at Ophthalmology’s 2nd Annual Research Day.



Dr. Lorne Bellan was also awarded the Surgical Teacher of the Year Award and Dr. Paul Shuckett was awarded with the Teacher of the Year Award.

CELEBRATING NURSES



MHC CELEBRATES NURSING WEEK!

By Vera Duncan, Clinical Nurse Specialist, NPC Nursing Week Subcommittee

This year's National Nursing Week theme was *Nurses: With you every step of the way*. The theme was honoured at MHC through a week of celebration from May 11-17 organized by the Nursing Practice Council (NPC). Nurses were invited to wear their pins all week and plenty of cake and cupcakes were on offer.

Events for the week included a presentation by Rosie Jacuzzi (CEO) at the Nursing Awards ceremony, poster and library displays, a walkabout with Rosie Jacuzzi (CEO), Caroline Dekeyster and the NPC co-chairs Dina Gesualdo (C5) and Roberta Fransishyn (OR). MHC alumni returned to offer tours of the heritage room. The week ended with a lunch and learn

presentation by Gillian Toth (Acute Care Director), Rose Djukic (Project manager/process engineer) and Barb Ginter-Boyce (Patient Care Manager Surgery Program) titled *Working together for Cataract Surgery Process Improvement: Celebrating the Successes and Planning the Next Steps*.

MHC Rising Star Awards recipients:

- Parveenjit Kaur MP3

MHC Nursing Award of Excellence recipients:

- Bernadette Ali, C2
- Sandy Bruce, OR
- Hannelore Brown, MP 3
- Karen Chojno, UC
- Vera Duncan, CNS
- Lea Wessner, UC

IN APPRECIATION

When asked to share a short story about our Nurses, here's what a few of MHC's RCMs had to say:

"Caring is a huge word. Cornish 5 (C5) nurses are truly an incredible dedicated group of professionals."

Individualized care planning is not just an expression but a reality on C5. No request is too great; if it's important to the resident these amazing nurses will find a way to make it happen.

Cornish 5 nurses pull together during tough times with fun and determination to do a great job.

I am so proud to be part of this amazing team. They really do treat each resident as if he or she were their own family member.

Our residents and families say it best. I have included some of the words they have expressed on the many cards we have received:

'Your facility may not be the most modern but your care is superior.'

'You provide wonderful care. Your respect, love, concern, caring and kindness were appreciated.'

'It is clear to us that to the staff this is not just a job but they are truly passionate about their work.'" - Eileen Coates. RCM C5

"The nurses on MP3 can feel tied to the paperwork, can feel like they need another pair of hands and maybe some extra sleep to help them work that extra shift. But, each shift, they find the energy to care and give themselves unselfishly to

the residents and their team. Our nurses are rarely short on caring and we appreciate their dedication. You are champions! Thank you." - Shannon Chartrand, RCM MP3

"I work with an amazing bunch of nurses ... they are my super heroes! They go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. They care for the residents families and most of all each other."

I see them all growing ... they thrive on their strengths but also are willing to work on their weaknesses. They are accountable and responsible for their actions and are willing to take direction for growth. We are all growing together.

So I say to my super heroes ... you amaze me and it's a pleasure and a true privilege to be able to work with such an amazing and dynamic set of individuals." - Tara McNaughton, RCM C2

The caring doesn't stop with our residents, it extends to the patients in the OR, our ophthalmology clinics and Urgent Care centre and patient-centred programs.

A big thank you to all our nurses for your overwhelming compassion and care towards us all!



INTERFAITH CALENDAR

May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i - Baha'i recollection of the death of Baha'u'llah, the founder. Observed by prayers and readings. Work is suspended.
May 31	Pentecost - Orthodox Christian - Christian observation of the day when the God the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the forms of tongues of fire and rushing wind. It is a traditional day for baptism and confirmation of new Christians.
June 1	Lailat al Bara'ah - Islam - Islamic Night of Forgiveness. A night of prayer to Allah for forgiveness of the dead. Preparation for Ramadan through intense prayer.
June 16	Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom - Sikh - Sikh time of remembering those who have suffered for the faith. Observed by reading the Guru Granth Sahib
June 21	Solstice - Wicca / Pagan <u>Litha (Northern Hemisphere)</u> - Wicca celebration of the sacred marriage in which energy of the gods is poured into the service of life. <u>Yule (Southern Hemisphere)</u> - A Christian celebration of the light dawning in Jesus. Also a Norse pagan celebration of the winter-born king, symbolized by the rebirth of the sun. A present day Wicca event.

RETIREMENTS / NEW HIRES

RETIREMENTS:

Teresa Campbell
Spiritual Care Associate,
Spiritual Health Services

Maureen Matthews
Education Facilitator,
Education Services

Jerry Allan
Electronic Technologist
Supervisor, Plant
Services

Pelegrin Bermejo
Environmental
Service Attendant,
Environmental Services

Father Vincent Herner
Director, Spiritual Health
Services

NEW HIRES:

Ava Rejuso
HCA, Float Pool

Nadia Abas
RN, Surgical Complex

Nicole Kilgallen
RN, Urgent Care

Margaret Augusto
Education Facilitator,
Education Services

Kelly Deveau
RN, PHCC

Anna Cotroneo
Case Manager,
PRIME

Jema Salec
Administrative
Assistant,
Ophthalmology/Urgent
Care

Hillary Lecocq
HCA, Float Pool

Paola Mejia,
Rehabilitation Assistant,
PRIME

Joan Crabtree
Spiritual Care Associate,
Spiritual Health Services

Jim Varga
Director, Finance

Michele Carruthers
RN, PHCC

Gisele Umwali
RN, Urgent Care

Emmanuel Magalong
HCA, Cornish 2

Vilma Yanson
HCA, MP2

Julian Kroeker
HCA, Cornish 6

Lynard Higoy
General Duty Therapist,
MHC for Lungs

YOU'VE BEEN MISSIONED!

Urgent Care: You've been Missioned! Thank you for your hard-work, continuous care and living the Misericordia Sisters' legacy!

Want to know who will be Missioned in June? Watch MHC's Instagram and Facebook accounts for the reveal!



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