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A NEWSLETTER FOR MHC STAFF, PHYSICIANS & VOLUNTERS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MHC?



We continue to eagerly await notification from the provincial treasury board that our redevelopment project has been approved. Treasury board doesn't meet

as frequently during the summer months, but we do anticipate approval by the end of the summer!

For now, let's talk about some other happenings at MHC:

- I'm sure you've all heard about the ATM fraud committed against MHC. We look forward to being able to share more information with you when the police have completed their investigation.
- Our residents certainly have been having a busy summer! Anniversary party! Petting zoo! Opera in a trunk! Harley

Davidson show and shine! Walking to Gimli! Summer music student! And so much more!

- Our interim Chapel on C2 is now complete and looks very serene with earthy colours. The official move from St. Luke's Chapel won't be until September 17.
- It appears we have construction on either side of us this summer! The back lane upgrade beside Wolseley Family Place will take about six weeks to finish. And the walkway under the Maryland bridge is nearing completion;

I know our residents and staff miss being able to get closer to the river!

- Ice cream will be on sale again August 11! Two scoops for only \$2. Congratulations to our Charities Campaign committee for having a summer event!

Summer just seems to be rushing by. Autumn will be here before we know it. I hope you all find some time to refresh and relax in this sunny weather!

Rosie Jacuzzi

21 st ANNUAL MISERICORDIA GOLF CLASSIC

by Allison Kesler, Director, Major and Planned Gifts, MHC Foundation

The place to be on July 7 was definitely Pine Ridge Golf and Country Club where MHC staff and retirees joined forces with the MHC Foundation to run what has become known as one of Winnipeg's most successful golf tournaments! With the amazing support from our many sponsors and golfers - all 152 of them - the

Foundation raised a whopping \$81,000! It was tough to know who was having more fun with all the food, massages, and luxury vehicles placed at various holes but we certainly know our



title sponsor, The Canadian Tire Stores of Winnipeg, enjoyed themselves so much they announced they'll return in 2011! A great big thank you also to Paul's Hauling Ltd., Investorcare, Lexmark, Mackenzie Investments, Waterite Technologies Inc., Homestead Manitoba Ltd., Manitoba Lotteries, The Fort Garry Hotel and over 50 hole sponsors! Most importantly we can't thank Jo-Anne McNeil, Tyler Brown and the Senior Management Team enough for all their hard work and support.



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DID YOU KNOW?

... All of MHC's recent photos are available on a shared drive?



The I:drive houses every department's photos for public viewing; from the fuzzy creatures of the petting zoo to the animated shots of our staff golf tournament, they are all available on the I:drive. Simply go to "My Computer" to find I: under "Network Drives," open, and enjoy!

... Villa Rosa is pleased to advise that the 2009-2010 Annual Report highlighting its fiscal year activities from

April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 is available on their website at www.villarosa.mb.ca?

... Kings Florists recently delivered four special



arrangements as part of their participation in Telflora's "Make Someone Smile Week." Volunteers delivered

daisies in bright yellow smiley face mugs to four residents identified by the social work department. And of course, everyone who saw these enjoyed a smile themselves, so it was definitely payed forward. Thank you, Kings Florists! ... Congratulations are in order for Susan Shortill,



MHC's Manager of Volunteer Services, for being chosen as the adult female Ambassador General to represent Folklorama 2011! Becoming an Ambassador is no mean feat: it's an involved competition with interviews and speeches, culminating with a final mystery question response speech at the gala dinner, with over 700 people in attendance! Susan also co-ordinates the Celtic Ireland Pavilion in week two of Folklorama, and invites everyone to come visit! ... the WRHA is offering French Lanugage Training this fall? If you are a permanent staff member and meet the criteria listed on the site below you are eligible to sign up. Visit home.wrha.mb.ca/corp/fls/training.php for more details.

... There are lots of film projects happening at MHC and Misericordia Place this summer? We're even hoping one film company will choose to film our St. Luke's Chapel before it is decommissioned!



these adorable yellow and white

IT Tip

Having trouble getting your menus to display in full in Word? It's an easy fix, simply go to; tools, customize, options and check off "always show full menus" and voila! No more annoying arrows.

Safety tip of the Month

Remember to identify the hazard and remove it!



Safety is everyone's responsibility

Interfaith Calendar August 2010

11 - Ramadan begins – Islam - 9th month on Islamic calendar, devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an. The event begins when authorities in Saudi Arabia sight the new moon of the 9th month. It is the holiest period of the Islamic Year. There is strict fasting from sunrise to sunset.

24 – Raksha Bandhan – Hindu - Hindu festival honouring the loving ties between brothers and sister in a family.

29 – Beheading of John the Baptist – Christian - Christian remembrance of the death of John who is known for preparing the people so they would recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

MOTORCYCLE MEMORIES By Jane Van Dam, Manager, Social Work

Harley-Davidson Winnipeg recently treated the residents of Misericordia Place and Misericordia Health Centre to a “Show and Shine” visit with 15 of their finest riders and bikes.

The motorcycles were greeted with smiles from a large group of residents who had anxiously awaited their arrival and many other residents watched from their windows.

Many of the residents shared their fond memories of their motorcycle experiences as they had an opportunity to speak with the riders.

“My brother had a Harley Davidson motorcycle,” said Albin of Misericordia Place as he carefully looked over the bikes.

Another interim care resident offered: “My Mother worried about me riding on my boyfriend’s motorcycle, but we had a great time and I loved it.”

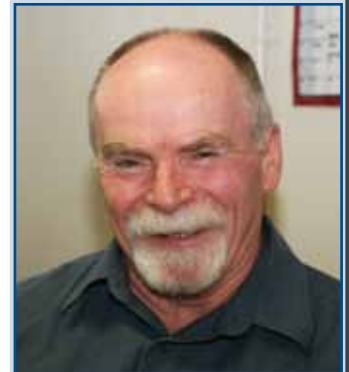
Brian from C5 thanked one of the riders for taking the time



to visit. The rider replied, “No, I should be thanking you because we are enjoying meeting everyone!” One resident, Edith, asked if anyone would mind if she sat on one of the motorcycles as she had many memories of riding on a motorcycle with a girlfriend and wanted to relive that memory by hopping on the bike. Residents had lots questions for the owners of the

motorcycles about the number of miles travelled on the bikes and the places they visited. There was also some curiosity about the current cost of riding a motorcycle. The riders were thanked with a round of applause as they rode away in perfect form and Brian remarked, “That was the best of the best! I sure hope they will be back again next year.”

INTRODUCING



Larry Patteson, the new Director of Materiel Management at MHC. Larry comes to us from a similar position at Riverview Health Centre where he managed the Materiel Management department. When asked to recall his work history, Larry says he’s held management positions for what seems like “forever,” but still loves every minute of it.

“I enjoy the challenge, working with different groups of people and assessing process... I get to work with the unsung heroes in the behind-the-scenes network of a facility.”

Larry first learned about his career choice while working with the now defunct Can Labs in the supply chain. He really enjoyed the detailed work and challenges that came as he eventually moved up into materiel management.

With all of that experience behind him, Larry has had no trouble slipping into the everyday workings of MHC, especially since Riverview also used ORMED one of the main computer programs. He’s also enjoyed getting to know his co-workers and all of the “good folks” he meets in the hallways.

Thanks for joining our team Larry, we look forward to making good use of all of your experience!

AFTERNOON AT THE OPERA

As the first strains of Carmen’s La Habanera drift through the air on MP3,



residents smile and some start to sing along. This opera exposure is part of the Manitoba Opera’s pilot project, an Opera Trunk. The Trunk was initially designed to introduce students and younger audiences to the Opera. Fortunately for Misericordia Place residents, summer music student Leanne Dalke persuaded Manitoba Opera to share it with MHC as well. “It was great to watch residents get involved and remember seeing Carmen in particular or reminiscing

about their first or favourite operas,” says Leanne. Leanne read residents a synopsis of the opera’s story-line then passed around the costumes and props to initiate discussion with opera-lovers and novices alike.

“Every resident was able to get involved, even those who had never seen an opera could talk about the costumes or the Spanish culture. I hope they continue with this project, I would definitely recommend it to other PCH’s,” says Leanne. We’ll cross our fingers for next year!

IF ONLY THESE WALLS COULD SPEAK!

Fr. Vince Herner, *Director, Spiritual Care*

We often use this phrase when we reflect on the discussions and activities that may take place in an office, an examination or a conference room and Misericordia St. Luke's Chapel is no exception. We can only imagine what the walls of St. Luke's Chapel may have to say but maybe you can tell us!

Many of you have shared in the services, concerts, ceremonies and prayers at St. Luke's. We invite you to share your memories of St. Luke's to keep its spirit alive as we prepare for the transition to our new temporary home on C2.

We will be saying farewell to the old chapel in a final service Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 10 a.m. We would also like to invite our talented staff to join us by celebrating in song. Any singers or musicians interested in participating in the farewell service are asked to contact Fr. Vince at ext. 8285.

The walls of the Chapel can't speak, but you can. Record your memories of the Chapel on a "Memory Scroll" that will be made available in the Chapel on Sherbrook 2 during the month of August. We invite you to write your stories or quotes directly on the scroll or prepare them at home (hand written or typed) and glue them to the scroll.



Save the Date!

Misericordia's St. Luke's Chapel is relocating to the Riverview Building (above Urgent Care) to accommodate the redevelopment project.

The Final Mass in the current Chapel will be held

Sunday, Sept 12, 2010
10:00 – 10:45



The official transfer of the Chapel to its new location will be

Friday, Sept 17, 2010 10:15
- 11:00

As this new space requires movement through a resident care area the use of the Chapel will be limited to residents and staff. Consideration is being given as to how a Prayer Room in a more public area could be made available for use by clinic patients and the general public.

STAFFING

JULY

RETIREMENTS:

George Patenaude- Director- Material Mgmt and Environmental Services
Joanna Hayward- RN- Urgent Care
Lionel Hinds-RN-Cornish 5
Evangeline Constantine-RN-C3N

NEW HIRES:

Kristen Pastula -scheduling Assistant-PHCC
Kristina Ernst -Scheduling Assistant-PHCC
Kelli Schambach -Scheduling assistant-PHCC
Armando Navarro -Laundry Attendant-laundry/linen
Brenda Halsall -Intake Operator-PHCC
Damien Goodridge -Intake Operator-PHCC
Avril Connon -Intake Operator-PHCC
Ashley Marie Prince -HCA-Float Pool
Katie Nyberg -HCA-Float Pool
Rhaven Hamoy -HCA-MP2
Sirpa Hristovic -Clerical Aide-Ophthalmology
Norberta Marquez -Health Records Clerk -Health Records
Robin Sawka - Outpatient Physiotherapy -Rehab Assistant
Shelly Kumar -GN-Cornish 6
Amanda Walder -LPN-Float

Pool

Linda George-RN-Health Links-Info Santé
Dina Gesualdo-RN-Cornish 5
Colleen Jolicoeur-RN-Cornish 5
Donna Dixon-Health Links-Info Santé
Donny Medeiros-RN-Urgent Care

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NEW HIRES:

Ashley Leach -Patient Registrar
Maricar Siapno-HCA-Cornish 2
Marilyn Martinez -Dietetic Aide III-Resident Food Services
Jenna Funk -Health Information Management Professional - Health Records
Andrea Smerchynski -DI Assistant-Diagnostic Imaging
Edralin Brucal - HCA-MP3
Teri-Lyn Healy -RN II-Urgent Care
Charlene Kelly Deveau -RN II, Health Links-Info Santé
Donna Lane - RN II, Health Links-Info Santé
Claire Galeon - LPN, Cornish 2
Parushia Purohit- RN II, Health Links-Info Santé
Valerie Squire -Respiratory Therapist-Respiratory Therapy

RETIREMENTS:

Kirk Inman-Anesthesia Technician- Operating Room
Darleen Hill-RN-MP2
Thieu Phung Tran (Karen)- Environmental Services Attendant- Housekeeping
Muriel Tweed-RN II- After Hours and Intake Program

