

## Tree of Remembrance



Pink Ladies gathered for a quick photo with Santa before the annual Tree of Remembrance lighting ceremony Dec. 5 in the hospital lobby. Pictured from left are Eleanor Adkins (standing), Dorothy Hamlin, Eldine Oglesby, Santa (Jim McGuire), Olga Schulte, Mary Christian, Betty Bruce and Ruby Lingo.



Santa sang "White Christmas" after the tree lighting. Before the ceremony, he posed for photos with children, including Mamie Sanchez' grandson and Melissa Karst's daughter. The throne was borrowed from the Sweeny High School Drama Department .

## Birthdays



### December

- 2 Christian Ramsey
- 3 Agnes Whitehead\*  
Sandy Maurer
- 4 Melissa Clark  
Ray Ford
- 6 Daniel Jones
- 8 Jeff Butera
- 9 Judy Griffin
- 12 Pam Schuck
- 14 Grace Hankins  
Brent Bayliss
- 19 Christy Hill
- 21 Colleen Smith
- 24 Estella Ellis
- 26 Samantha Womack
- 27 Doris Follett\*
- 31 Marla Cook

### January

- 1 Wandalon Bryant  
Rossana Tirado
- 2 Christine Christensen
- 3 Ranonda Wells
- 8 Karen Waddell
- 10 Betty Bruce\*
- 11 Dorothy Hamlin\*
- 13 Frank Knezek
- 14 Melissa Karst
- 15 James McGuire
- 16 Jerri Morris\*
- 17 Charmaine Harvey
- 18 Louise Fenoglia\*
- 23 Mamie Sanchez
- 28 Jenny Johnson

\*Auxiliary



### New Employees

- Marsha McBride,  
Patient Financial Services
- DeLicia Woodard,  
The Fountains
- Annette Moulton  
The Fountains

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## Two CPR Classes This Month; None In January or February

**T**he American Heart Association recently revised CPR, and our instructors need to be retrained. Consequently, two CPR classes are being offered this month, on Dec. 16 and 30, then no CPR till March. The fee is \$10 for SCH employees. To register, contact David Filipp at 548-1597.

## Cookie Exchange Set For Dec. 21



**B**ring five dozen home-made cookies or candies, swap them for five dozen assorted cookies or candies.  
Time: 2 p.m. Date: Wednesday, Dec. 21  
Place: SCH Cafeteria. Questions? Call Ext. 1555 or ask a cookie exchange veteran.

## Making Good On Promises, And Saying Thanks

**I**f you are one of our staff who has patiently waited after June 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year to receive a bonus or a raise based on your annual evaluation, you will notice your pay slip this week



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may be somewhat larger than the last one.

That's because all the pay increases, bonuses, back pay, etc., were paid this pay period. It's not that we suddenly have more funds than we know what to do with, but we thought that if it were possible to squeeze the funds out, this would be the time of the year to get everybody caught up.

We appreciate the patience you demonstrated in this matter. There might be some who complained about waiting but, honestly, I never heard about them. You made a sacrifice to help out the organization during a time when things were really tight, and we are grateful for it.

We will try not to make a habit of asking for sacrifices.

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The Kittie Nash Groce Rehab Clinic, where SCH offers physical therapy, hosted a surprise birthday party for Virginia Tripson Nov. 17. Pictured from left are Tellie Williams, Virginia, Grace Hankins and Lisa Brunner.

## Snoop Scoop

**Y**ou may have heard about **Virginia Tripson's** 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party Nov. 17 at the Kittie Nash Groce Memorial Rehabilitation Center, where she works as a licensed physical therapy assistant. It was a surprise party attended by more than 150 of Virginia's friends, former patients, family members and a reporter from *The Brazoria County News*.

Some of the guests were patients she treated that very morning, who came back for the party. One former patient read a poem about how Virginia inspired her not to give up on dreams. Another patient gave Virginia a singing balloon that reportedly sounded like Elvis.

At the height of the party, "there was no place to park," Virginia said, still amazed that so many people turned out. "I wrote thank-you notes for a week."

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Ultrasound tech **Sue Gibbs'** boyfriend recently won \$25,000 with a Texas Lottery scratch-off ticket .

**Rusty McAlvain**, EMT-I; **James Walger**, EMT-I and Paramedic **Mike Ganz** earned Pediatric Advanced Life Support certification this month.

**Sandy Maurer**, LVN has a new grandson, **Robert Winston Hunt Jr.** He was born at 7:19 p.m. Nov. 22 at Brazosport Memorial Hospital weighing 8 lbs., 7 ounces and measuring 20 ¾ inches long.

November was a record-setting month for Brazoria Pediatric Rehabilitation and Brazoria Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation (aka "the hand clinic"). Together they provided 301 treatments in a single month, the most they've ever done.

