

# POSITIVE FINDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2008



## SWEENEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

### HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- \* Water-1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days
- \* Food-at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- \* Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio w/tone alert and extra batteries
- \* Flashlight & extra batteries
- \* First aid kit
- \* Whistle to signal for help
- \* Dust mask-to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting & duct tape to shelter-in-place
- \* Moist towelettes, garbage bags & plastic ties for personal sanitation
- \* Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- \* Can opener for food
- \* Local maps
- Additional Items to Consider:**
- \* Prescription medications & glasses
- \* Infant formula & diapers
- \* Pet food & extra water for your pet
- \* Important family documents
- such as copies of insurance policies, identification & bank account records in a water-proof, portable container
- \* Cash or traveler's checks and change
- \* Emergency reference materials
- \* Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- \* Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- \* Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper-When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant.
- \* Fire Extinguisher
- \* Matches in a waterproof container
- \* Feminine supplies & personal hygiene items
- \* Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- \* Paper & pencil
- \* Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Family Disaster Plan**
- \* Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- \* Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard.
- \* Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet.
- \* Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- \* Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- \* Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- \* Check your insurance coverage.
- \* Stock non-perishable emergency supplies
- \* Use a NOAA Weather Radio. Remember to replace batteries every 6 months.
- \* Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.

Kathy Smedley	1
Julia Ryan	2
Stephanie Smith	4
Gwen Norton	9
Andre Lemons	9
Tammy Sanderson	10
Jeanetta Simple	10
Theresa Morgan	11
Stuart Butler	17
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### PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Rosanna Garcia, Virginia Tripson and Grace Hankins from the physical therapy department participated in the STP Nuclear Plant Health Fair on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. They enjoyed providing free hand massages. Biofreeze samples, SCH pens and physical therapy brochures were given out. Residents from Bay City,

Sweeny, Brazoria, Lake Jackson, Damon, Boling and Wadsworth visited the booth. The first person Grace gave a hand massage commented they recently sat over an hour at another facility's ER. Not wanting to wait any longer, they drove to SCH ER and were treated promptly with excellent care!



### NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Jasmin Matula, P.T.A
- Wanda Lemon, L.V.N.
- Stephen Hodder, Maintenance

# STAT TEAM NEWS

The Silent Auction brought in \$417.00.

We will be having a Breakfast Fundraiser on Wednesday, September 24th, from 6:30 am to 8:30 am. The menu is posted on the STAT Team bulletin board.

There are sign up sheets on the STAT Team bulletin boards for our Silent Bake Sale Auction. We need goodies to auction off. The Auction will be held On October the 30th. It will be a one day auction to close at 2:00 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to attend

Senior Day at the Brazoria County Fair in October.

Plans for the Christmas Party are coming along. We still need volunteers to sign up to help with set up and clean up. Get with any STAT Team Officer. STAT Team will be handing out invitations to the Christmas Party, everyone will need to RSVP by Oct. 31st to either Paula Gutzman ext. 1552 or Michelle Gonzalez ext. 1562.

We are also discussing being in the Christmas parade on December 6th around 6 pm. We also talked about decorating a

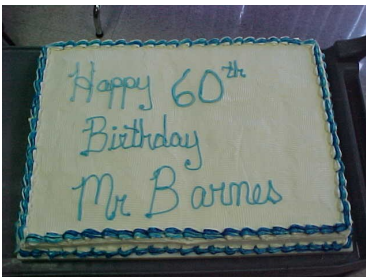
tree for Christmas in the Park.

We are always looking for new ideas to help with employee morale. We also need more staff to attend meetings. We have moved our meetings to Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. We meet every other Wednesday either in the Cafeteria or the Main Conference Room.

## JIM'S RETIREMENT PARTY



We recently held a retirement party for Jim McGuire, former Radiology Director. Frank Knezek, Ancillary Services Team Leader, presented Jim with an engraved watch. Jim worked for the hospital for 23 years. We enjoyed cake and punch.



## Mr. Barnes Turns the Big "60"



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Everything is looking good throughout the hospital and I am really excited about all the positive improvements and positive attitudes I see every day. In fact, I have received many compliments from the community about our exceptional customer service and caring for patients. We are very fortunate that we did not suffer the damage that many communities did because of Hurricane Ike. Everyone came together and worked hard to get the hospital secured for the hurricane and up and running after the mandatory evacuation. Great job everyone!!

Our bottom line has improved considerably and we just came out of our slow months with the highest number of admissions and observations since I have arrived here. Our outpatient procedures have also improved our bottom line with the number of procedures going up every month in our clinical departments. We are starting to get really busy and I know we all welcome the change.

We are trying to recruit specialists to come to Sweeny and we have an ophthalmologist, a nephrologist and a gastroenterologist who have expressed strong interest in opening a clinic. Our surgery department is now up

and running and Dr. Young is seeing patients and scheduling cases. We are also looking at the possibility of recruiting an internal medicine physician in the next year. Our healthcare system is growing and we have many plans to improve or replace equipment and make renovations to the facility in the coming year as well. On a personal note, you all really surprised me with the birthday party!! Thank you very much for the cake and card and especially for singing "Happy Birthday". That was really special!!!

Bill

## HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

### Where Am I?

I said one day while getting out of bed, What day is it on the calendar? Is this the book I've read? Do I wear glasses such as these? I must be going blind and the dentures there in the glass, surely they aren't mine. Is that a walker I see over there, begging for someone to use? It can't be for me, no way. But, I'll give it a try, what's to loose. Standing up and reached for the thing, becoming dizzy in the head. For pity sake, what's going on. I'm beginning to feel like lead. Am I really the person who needs these things. I best lay back on the bed. I've told everyone, that aging is the

pits. Who wants to go that way. Take me back, way, way back it's there I want to stay.

Anonymous

The Heritage Program has been busy as usual. We have a record number of patients with twenty-nine so it seems sometimes like we are in each other's way! The energy and enthusiasm can be felt by walking in to the unit, especially in the morning when our patients are in attendance.

This month we are working on cultural issues. We had a high tea last week and it was really a treat. Everyone contributed

to the fun; Linda Butcher put together the "facts" about teas; Linda Runnells brought homemade scones; Margie brought pictures from her trip to London; Glen brought the special little cups we used; Jerry made a British flag-better know as the union Jack; Veronica helped the ladies make their own special bonnets to wear for the tea. It was a bit of work but it was worth it to see the faces on our patients. This week we are discussing the Native American culture and it promises to be just as exciting as last week. Stay tuned!

Linda Runnells

## FOUNTAINS ASSISTED LIVING

The Fountains had a luau Aug. 20. The dining room was beautifully decorated and looked like a tropical paradise with fishing nets, palm trees, lanterns and tropical fish everywhere. A special lunch of tropical pineapple salad, hula hula chicken, island yam bake, plantation blend rice, fruit kabobs, Hawaiian beach cake and fresh strawberry daiquiris (no alcohol) was served. The staff dressed in Hawaiian print shirts and grass skirts and the residents were given lei's as they came to the party. After lunch, the employees played games (volleyball in the dining room, a hula hoop contest, pin the coconut on the palm tree) and gave the prizes to the residents. The residents took home

party favors of party glasses, candy and lei's.  
Crystal J.



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**August Birthday Party**

Jackie Tolbert, Mr. Barnes, Linda Runnells, Cammie Christi, Charles Bailey, Amber Harvell and Terri Edwards

**INSIDE SCOOP**



**Paula Gutzman** received her Associates in Business Administration in December.

**FOR SALE**

Bowflex, \$700 contact Christy Warner for more information at ext. 1596.



**BLACK BEAUTY**

Who has had this tarantula for more than 20 years? Ask Cathy Sisson, RN