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Harlem Hospital - Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network
March 20, 2009-----

FEBRUARY 2009
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Sandra Knight-Lewis, Senior Addiction Counselor

Ms. Sandra Knight-Lewis often takes on work beyond her job description and mandate. Nevertheless, during the Joint Commission preparation, Ms. Lewis came to work early and could often be found at her desk after her shift had ended. We are grateful for her efforts. The Harlem Methadone Program scored one of the highest evaluations compared to similar programs citywide.

However, her dedication and commitment to the program has not ceased. Ms. Lewis recently spearheaded an effort to increase outreach and program census. She

has inspired MTP staff and has helped change the culture of the program: Leading By Example.

YOUR LEGACY IS OUR LEGACY
Donate to the Donor Wall.

Honor the memory of a loved one, family, group or organization with the purchase of a plaque to be placed in the MLK Pavilion Lobby. Stamps, Mugs and Postcards are on sale with your favorite Mural scene!

With your donation, you become part of the Modernization Project at Harlem Hospital Center. For more information contact the Development Office at Harlem Hospital, ext. 1390.



Dr. Glendon Henry, Dr. Lynette Carrington and Randreta Ward-Evans at the Donor Wall Purchase Center...More photos on the last page.

HIGHLIGHT: SEYDOU SOW



Seydou Sow, Language Assistance Program

Seydou Sow was featured in the Daily News, Monday, March 2nd for his work with the Harlem Hospital Center Language Assistance Program. Mr. Sow speaks French, Malinka, Bambara (both Malinka and Bambara include several dialects). Congratulations Mr. Sow for your contributions to Harlem Hospital Center and to our community.

CAB/AUXILIARY ADVOCACY DAY

On Wednesday March 4, the Council of Municipal Hospitals Community Advisory Boards and Auxiliaries of HHC (Council of CABS) hosted a Legislative Advocacy Day in Albany, New York. HHC chartered 4 buses, providing transportation to members of the CABs and Auxiliaries of its acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities and diagnostic and treatment centers and community residents who wanted to support HHC.

Fifteen (15) members representing the Harlem CAB, Harlem Auxiliary, Renaissance Health Care Network CAB and Renaissance Health Care

Network Auxiliary attended Advocacy Day, delivering petitions with 2,300 signatures that they collected as part of their ongoing budget advocacy activities. Thank you.

SOCIAL WORK MONTH 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

On Monday March 23rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dr. John Palmer, Executive Director of Harlem Hospital Center invites you to attend a ceremony in recognition of National Social Work Month and the Dept of Social Work milestone, celebrating 100 years of Excellence. The keynote presentation will be presented by Danna Wood-Webb, M.S., Esq.

We hope you will join us for this momentous achievement in Harlem Hospital Center's history. For more information, please contact Social Work at (212) 939-4601.

FLU SHOTS SAVE LIVES

Harlem Hospital is pleased to announce that free flu vaccinations are being offered through March 31, 2009. If you have not been vaccinated, there is still an opportunity to get a flu shot. Protect your patients, your family and your self. Flu vaccinations are being offered Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in MLK, Room 6-102

Influenza can kill. Flu shots save lives. For more information, please contact the Nursing Department at 939-4466.

JOIN THE ORAL CANCER WALK

On Saturday April 18, 2009 the Fourth Annual Oral Cancer Walk will begin from the Marcus Garvey Park Auditorium, at 122nd St and Mt. Morris Park West. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 11:00 a.m. Call Dr. James King at X2882 or save time by going on-line: www.oralcancerwalknyc.org.

Oral cancer kills 7,000 Americans every year. The key to survival is prevention and early detection.

PATIENT SAFETY CULTURE

The Annual Hospital Patient Safety Culture Survey ends Friday, March 20, 2009. If you have not already completed one, surveys are available from your supervisors and on-line at the Harlem home page. The goal is 100% response.

NETWORK DIRECTOR FINALIST 2009 NURSING SPECTRUM AWARD

Harlem Hospital Center proudly announces that Ms. **Laureen Goodridge**, Network Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing and Patient Care Services at Harlem Hospital Center was recently honored as a Regional Finalist for the 2009 Nursing Spectrum Nurse Excellence Program. She is a finalist in the category of "Advancing and Leading the Profession", one of six categories (clinical care, community service, management, mentoring and teaching, advancing and leading the profession).

As a leading finalist, Ms. Goodridge is one of 30 nurses (there are five in each category) from the New York/ New Jersey region that will be honored at the NY/NJ Nursing Spectrum Excellence Gala on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Glenpointe Marriott in Teaneck, NJ. We will keep you updated.

ANNUAL SPRING JAZZ CONCERT

On Tuesday, April 21st, the Family and Friends Program at Harlem Hospital Center, in collaboration with Lincoln Hospital Center, will host its 3rd Annual Spring Jazz Concert to be held in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium from 2 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the spring concert.

COLUMBIA FACULTY AT HARLEM NAMED "BEST BLACK DOCTORS"

Congratulations to the six physicians from the team of Columbia faculty at Harlem Hospital who have been named to The Network Journal's February 2009 Issue of "Best Black Doctors" of New York/New Jersey:

Alfred R. Ashford, MD

Jay Cowan, MD

John T. Herbert, MD

Ferdinand Ofodile, MD

Orville Palmer, MD

Velvie A. Pogue, MD

**FEBRUARY 2009 -
CAUGHT IN THE ACT**



Dr. John M. Palmer, Donna Crummell and Dr. Joe Brewster



Dr. John M. Palmer, Michelle Bonomo, and Dr. James McKnight (Behavioral Health)



Dr. John M. Palmer, Dr. Helen Oller and Dr. Peter Flemister (Rehabilitation Medicine)



Dr. John M. Palmer, Eriberto Maligaya, RN., Sun-ah Park, RN., JiYoung Kim, RN., Yvonne Reynolds, RN.



Dr. John M. Palmer, Derrick Smith, Lefterry Gurnelos, and Andrew Nichols (Facilities Management)



Dr. John M. Palmer, Fakhrul Huda, Dr. Shahnawaz Khan (Pharmacy)

Congratulations to everyone who was Caught in the Act, "Providing Good Customer Service"!

**ALSO CAUGHT IN THE ACT
FEBRUARY 2009....**

Sylvia Bethea, RN

Cynthia Gillespie, RN

Christola Phoenix, RN, HN

Brinette Rodriquez, RN

Cedric Rouse, RN

Cynthia Zafra, RN

LET'S GET AMERICA COVERED

Each year, Cover the Uninsured Week seeks to raise awareness about the need to cover America's uninsured, which is estimated to be nearly 46 million Americans.

In addition to doing our part to enroll individuals who are uninsured into free or low cost health insurance plans, we are also doing Health and Vision Screenings, providing Cancer Control, Food Stamps, Quit Smoking, WIC and HIV information.

WHEN and WHERE?

Monday and Tuesday, March 23 - 24, 2009 at: MLK and Ron Brown from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 25 - 27, 2009 at Ron Brown from 10:00 - 3:00 pm.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at the Riverside Church, 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at St. Matthew Soup Kitchen from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

All are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday March 20th, is the First Day of Spring!

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH®

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the American Dietetic Association. The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Registered Dietitian Day, (March 11, 2009), increases awareness of registered dietitians as the indispensable providers of food and nutrition services and recognizes RDs for their commitment to helping people enjoy healthy lives.

Each week, Dietitians at Harlem Hospital Center will share with you a Nutrition Tip, as part of the month long celebration of National Nutrition Month. Questions regarding each tip can be directed to Regina Hughes, M.S., RD, Clinical Nutrition Manager @ Ext. 1921.
"Eat Right!"

PROTECTING INFORMATION

Health Information Privacy and Security Week is April 12, 2009 - April 18, 2009. This year's theme is: "Protecting Information: It's a Top Priority."

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FINALE

The Employee Recognition Committee held its Black History Month Grand Finale on Friday, February 27th from 12:30pm to 2pm in the MLKP Auditorium. The Invocation was given by Iman Luqman Abdush-Shahib, Pastoral Care, and opening remarks were made by Dr. John M. Palmer, Executive Director. The master of ceremonies was Allen Cole, of Materials Management.

The event highlighted an exceptional variety of talent from or related to Harlem Hospital Center. Congratulations on a great Finale to Black History Month.



Brenda Miles and the Harlem Dancers



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Ms. Ida Brown-Outlaw, Associate Executive Director Emergency Services, in costume portraying Ms. Ida B. Wells. In 1909 Ms. Wells was part of the Committee that established the groundwork for the organization now known as the NAACP



Christopher Thompson, nephew to Ms. Lisa Thompson, Labor and Delivery, shared a gospel rap with the audience



The Jazz Doctors, featuring R. Linsy Farris, MD share their musical gifts



Renee Gatlin and Nancy Simmons singing -"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Note: There are a few Network Black History Month Newsletters (February 2009) available. If you are interested in obtaining one, contact Stephanie Harewood at extension 3520.

HARLEM LEGACY REMINDER:

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Randreta Ward-Evans, Director of Development and Dr. Glendon Henry, Medical Director



There are six mugs, 5 different Mural prints and one with the New Patient Pavilion print. Get one of each!

RETIRING

Elena M. Franklin, MA, RN, Senior Associate Director, Human Resources, after 41 years of full-time employment as a Professional Nurse, Administrator and Educator, on April 1, 2009.

"My departure is bittersweet." Ms Franklin says. "While I look forward to my retirement with excitement and great anticipation, I will miss the rewards and the challenges of working in Human Resources. Indeed, it has been my great fortune to have had the opportunity to work with all of you."

Our best wishes for happiness and success in your retirement, Elena.