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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network
December 24, 2010-----



Congressman Rangel addresses the community



The Honorable Larry English, Chair of Northern Manhattan Community Board 9 moderates



The Honorable Community Boards Chairs 9-12 (l-r) Larry English (9), W. Franc Perry (10), Matthew Washington (11), and Pamela Palanque-North (12)



Manhattan Borough
President Scott Stringer addresses the house



Panelists (l-r) John M. Palmer, PhD, Executive Director, Harlem Hospital Center and Renaissance Health Care Network, Ms. LaRay Brown, Sr. Vice President, Corporate Planning, Community Health and Inter governmental Relations, Ms. Iris Jimenez-Hernandez, Senior Vice President, Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network, Matthews Hurley, MD, Local Vice President, Doctor's Council, Mr. Henry Singleton, Executive Vice President, Health Systems IV, 1199 SEIU Health Care Worker's Union East, and Mrs. Jackie Rowe-Adams, President of Local 299, DC 37, AFSCME

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARDS 9-12 AND HARLEM CAB HOLD

EMERGENCY TOWN HALL MEETING

On Saturday, December 4, 2010, Elected Officials, Community Board Leaders, and members of the community came

together to have a meeting of the minds relative to the present state of Harlem Hospital Center. The Town Hall began with a press conference where Congressman Rangel dispelled rumors of the closing of Harlem Hospital Center. During the press conference, it was noted that Harlem Hospital Center is a community hospital with a rich history of providing quality healthcare. Harlem Hospital Center has serviced its community for over a century, and will continue to do so. The Elected Officials stands in full support of Harlem Hospital Center.

The meeting called to order by Ms. Stephane Howze, Chair, Harlem Hospital Center's Community Advisory Board, and Northern Manhattan Community Boards Chairs which includes, Honorable Larry English (9), W. Franc Perry (10), Matthew Washington (11), and Pamela Palanque-North (12) were given an opportunity to speak to the community. The panelists for this meeting included: John M. Palmer, PhD, Executive Director, Harlem Hospital Center and Renaissance Health Care Network, Ms. LaRay Brown, Sr. Vice President, Corporate Planning, Community Health and Intergovernmental Relations, Ms. Iris Jimenez-Hernandez, Senior Vice President, Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network, Matthews Hurley, MD, Local Vice President, Doctor's Council, Mr. Henry Singleton, Executive Vice President, Health Systems IV, 1199 SEIU Health Care Worker's Union East, and Mrs. Jackie Rowe-Adams, President of Local 299, DC 37, AFSCME. The Honorable Larry

English and Matthew Washington served as moderators for the event.

During the meeting, Dr. Palmer referred to the open letter to the community, informing all who were present that the Hospital is not closing, the Departments of Rehabilitation Medicine and Neurosurgery will remain open as well. The community was provided with a thorough explanation of the decision to change partnerships. It was a mutual decision on the part of Columbia University and Harlem Hospital Center to discontinue their partnership on the clinical side; Columbia will continue to provide academic services to the Hospital. The Doctor's Council mentioned that the absence of a contract is troubling. Sr. Vice President Hernandez explained that the contract with PAGNY (Physicians Alliance Group of New York) could not be provided until the contract with Columbia University has expired.

The Community Boards thanked everyone for their participation and vows to support the Hospital in every way that it can.



Santa and his honorary Elves (l-r) Dr. Ima Confused, and Dr. Dibble



Vulcan Society Firefighter plays "Little Drummer Boy" on drum



Santa and the Vulcan Society Elves



Santa visits little children in Pediatric unit at Harlem Hospital Center



Santa spreading bringing cheer to a little girl who's hospitalized



Little Kevin pulls at Santa's beard

SANTA AND THE VULCAN SOCIETY VISIT OUR PEDIATRIC UNIT

"You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why... Santa Claus is coming to town! He's making a list, and checking it twice, he's gonna find out who's been naughty and nice, Santa Claus is coming to town."

Each year the Vulcan Society graces the Pediatric Unit with their presence, and this year was no different. Santa and the Vulcan Society elves paid a visit to the Pediatric Unit on Monday, December 6, 2010, bringing much laughter and cheer to children who have been hospitalized. The children were presented with dolls, games and other toys while taking a picture with Santa and his elves. One child was so amazed at how much Santa resembled his father, that he pulled at Santa's beard to make sure it wasn't Daddy in disguise.

The Vulcan Society, comprised of Black Firefighters of the City of New York was established in 1940 at the suggestion of Chief Wesley Williams after noticing the mistreatment of fellow Black Firefighters. In the Society's inception, there were 40 Black men working for the New York City Fire Department. 1944, The Vulcan Society with courage, took a stand and forced a public hearing to expose some of the segregated practices. As a result, a clause was passed in the regulations banning racial practices in the Fire Department.

Minding Our Matters

TOWN HALL MEETING ON WORKPLACE CIVILITY

On Wednesday, December 8, 2010, the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium became a platform for staff to address their concerns relative to professionalism between management and their employees. Questions were submitted to the Department of Human Resources in advance and displayed on PowerPoint for the panelists to respond. The panelists for the forum included: Stephen Lawrence, PhD, Deputy Executive Director, Maurice Wright, MD, Medical Director, Laureen Goodridge, Director of Nursing, Rick Walker, CFO, Marsha Style-Appiah, Sr. Associate Director, Human Resources, and the moderator was Christine Greenidge, PhD. After questions were asked and answered, the floor was opened to the staff for their questions.



Christine Greenidge, PhD, Deputy Directory of Nursing moderated the Town Hall Meeting



Stephen Lawrence, PhD, Deputy Executive Director, Maurice Wright, MD, Medical Director - Panelists



(l-r) Laureen Goodridge, Director of Nursing, Rick Walker, CFO, Marsha Style-Appiah, Sr. Associate Director, Human Resources - Panelists

Dr. Palmer closed the meeting encouraging all to take away from the meeting the concerns rose by staff, and to review the concerns thoroughly and see what can be done in your immediate area to improve the staff/manager relationship. The department of Human Resources was thanked for their organization of the meeting. A follow up meeting will be scheduled in the near future.



(l-r) Corwin Breeden, President of Friends of Harlem Hospital Center, Dr. Muriel Petioni, Councilmember Inez E. Dickens, and Assemblyman Keith Wright



Melba Joyce and the Jazz Trio, led by Dr. Farris



The Friends of Harlem Hospital Center

Board Members... Standing (l-r): Tawan Davis, MBA, Board Member, Eugene W. Webb, Honorary Board of Trustees, Michael J. Garner, Board Member, Gregg Walker, Esq., Board Member, Barbara J. Evans, MDiv., MPH, Board Member, Corwin J. Breeden, Chair & President, Edgar O. Mandeville, MD., Board Member, John M. Palmer, Ph.D., Ex-Officio, Jacinth Fairweather-Panton, Esq., Board Member, Valencia Porter, MBA, Board Member... Seated: Candie Cline-Collins, RN., MS, Board Member, Thelma C. Davidson Adair, Ed.D., Board Member, Muriel Petioni, MD., Chair & President Emeritus, and Elaine Edmonds, Board Member.

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY HONORING ASSEMBLYMAN KEITH L. T. WRIGHT

The Friends of Harlem Hospital Center hosted their 3rd Annual Holiday celebration at Londel's Supper Club on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The theme for this year's party was, "it is better to give than to receive." The Friends honored New York State Assemblyman Keith L. T. Wright with their 2nd Annual Health Initiative Award, which was presented to him by the Honorable Inez E. Dickens.

As a silent auction took place, the standing room only crowd was entertained by Melba Joyce and the Jazz Trio, led by none other than Dr. Linsy Farris.

Dr. John M. Palmer, Dr. Muriel Petioni, Mr. Eugene E. Webb and countless other guests, enjoyed the entertainment and solidarity of the occasion.



(l-r) Catherine Bridgeman, Mrs. Patricia Butts, Stephanie Harewood, Dorothy Payne-Morehead, Tawan Davis, Zella Jackson, and Randreta Ward-Evans

HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER AUXILIARY, INC HOSTS ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The cold crisp air wasn't a deterrent for the attendees of the Harlem Hospital Center's Auxiliary Annual Public Meeting held on Thursday, December 9, 2010. The Herbert G. Cave Auditorium welcomed the audience who sat attentively listening to guest speakers Maurice Wright, M.D., Medical Director, Harlem Hospital Center and Mrs. Patricia Butts, President Emeritus, Health Ministry, Abyssinian Baptist Church, speak to this year's theme "Community Health." The focus of this year's event was on the disparities our community face relative to race and ethnicity.

The Auxiliary, established in 1911, has continuously served the Hospital and its community through the implementation of projects and programs that enhances patient care. The organization supports the administration and staff in its efforts to offer our community the highest level of quality health care. The Auxiliary is a supportive arm of the Capital Campaign Modernization Project.

Each year, the Auxiliary grants awards to various departments in need of funding. This year's Grant Recipient was Ms. Stephanie Harewood, Associate Director, Volunteer Services. At the conclusion of the event there was a changing of the guards. Ms. Zella Jackson stepped down as President of the Harlem Auxiliary, Inc., and Ms. Dorothy Payne-Morehead stepped up as the newly elected President.



Newly elected President Ms. Dorothy Payne-Morehead stands with President Emeritus Zella Jackson



(l-r) Mike Patillo, Chris Arnold, Dr. John M. Palmer, Dennis Edwards, David Sea and Paul Williams, Jr.



(l-r) Mike Patillo, Paul Williams, Jr., Francise Brooks, Dennis Edwards, David Sea and Chris Arnold, joined by the Dance Leadership Program.



(l-r) Paul Williams, Jr., Dennis Edwards, Mike Patillo, Chris Arnold and David Sea

THE TEMPTATIONS REVIEW VISITS HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER

On Saturday, December 11, 2010, The Temptations Review graced the halls of Harlem Hospital Center receiving a tour and taking in a private performance from

the Dance Leadership Program. Ms. Francise Brooks graciously welcomed the group and members of the Dance Leadership program danced to the music of the legendary entertainers. Enjoying themselves so much so, they in turn sang two of their famous hits acapella.

The Temptations Review also received information on our Modernization program during their visit.

The Temptations Review performed later that evening at the STAT concert sponsored by New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Forefather's Day	-
Tuesday, December 21, 2010	
First Day of Winter	-
Tuesday, December 21, 2010	
Christmas	-
Saturday, December 25, 2010	
Kwanzaa Begins	-
Sunday, December 26, 2010	
New Year's Eve	-
Friday, December 31, 2010	

Harlem Hospital Center's next General Staff Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium.

RETIRING

Harlem Hospital Center wishes the very best for Ms. **Maureen Blagrove**, RN., Nurse Coordinator, Rehabilitation Medicine who retired. Ms. Blagrove was honored for her 39 years of service to the Health and Hospitals Corporation.

HOLIDAY TIPS

The Environmental Services Department wants to remind everyone that as we celebrate the Christmas spirit with the many festive parties, we also want to prevent the harborage of pest and odors; therefore we suggest:

- 1.) You may need additional trash receptacles; please call us in advance for them.
- 2.) Address urgent matters like spills and stains on carpet, hard surfaces and sensitive furniture (Board/Conference room tables). The sooner the spills and stains are attended to, the easier they are to get rid of.
- 3.) Check all leftover food and drinks - refrigerate or discard promptly.

It is best that the major cleanup is done immediately after the party to prevent post-party mishaps, minimize odors, and remove potential lures for pests. Detailed cleaning can be done later on. Do not package trash and leave it overnight in the corridors, call ES for all pick up.

Have fun and eat responsibly.