



GENERAL HAPPENINGS

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Brockville General Hospital

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5th Floor GSS Patients and Staff Show Their Patriotism During the 2010 Winter Olympics

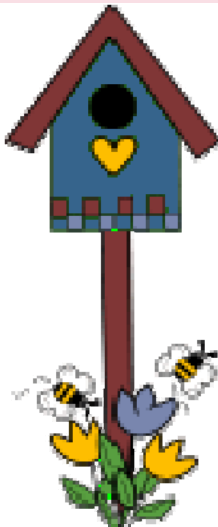


Thanks to 5th Floor Garden Street PSW, Mary Ann Libby, the patients and staff were able to get updates on our Canadian athletes progress and their medal winnings. Seen here is Mary Ann Libby who created the Olympic tracking board which was visited frequently by patients, families and visitors.

Welcome to the Following New Employees

- Marilyn (Marnie) Dahl - Contract, CNE, Feb. 22, 2010
- Susanne Mielke-Vasic, - Casual, Pharmacist, March 15, 2010
- Kim Earle, - Temp. Full Time, Generalist—H.R. March 9, 2010
- Maggie Wheeler - FT, Communications Officer, March 22, 2010
- David Gregus - Casual, Assistant Rehab, March 22, 2010

HAPPY
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Teamwork

The capability to comprehend and recognize the diverse strengths and abilities in a group setting and then applying them to one final solution .

Workplace Wellness Events

Fri. April 16 Workplace Wellness traveling cart will be at CSS in the morning

Fri. April 23 Workplace Wellness traveling cart will be at GSS in the morning

Fri. April 30 Workplace Wellness TGIF lunch and learn at noon **“Making time work for You”** (auditorium, video-conferenced to GSS boardroom)

On site chair massage—CSS – weekly on Fridays from 1:30 to 3 pm (\$7.50 for 15 minute massage) – pay at the CSS business office GSS – weekly on Tuesdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Pay at the GSS business office

YOGA Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:45 pm contact Christine Deault X 1254 (\$40 for four sessions or \$12 for a single session)

BGH clothing We have golf shirts, wind vests, sleeveless vests, denim shirts, jackets available for employees to purchase. The price for each item includes the BGH logo, all taxes, and delivery. Contact Shirley X 1104 for more details. Samples are available for you to try. To order please call 1-888-685-8488



BGH Volunteer Association Garage Sale

It's officially spring! The weather is getting milder, and it's time for spring-cleaning and getting rid of unwanted stuff. The Volunteer Association is holding a Garage Sale on Friday, April 23, 2010 in the hospital Auditorium at Charles St. site. We invite all members of staff to participate by donating items for sale, and by coming to the sale on Friday to check out the bargains.

Donated items may be dropped off to the Auditorium on Thursday, April 22, between 1 and 4 pm only. Everything except clothing, large appliances, TVs and microwaves will be accepted. Small appliances should be in working order.

All profits from this sale and other Volunteer Association fundraising efforts are used for comforts for the patients or to purchase hospital equipment. As always, staff support for these efforts is deeply appreciated.

Wine and Food Tasting

April 22, 2010

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Brockville General Hospital - Cafeteria

In support of the

Brockville

Cardiovascular

Program



Tickets are \$50.00.

To purchase your tickets please contact Brockville and District Hospital Foundation .

foundation@bgh-on.ca

613-345-4478

Students' comments after completing their clinicals here at BGH

A group of Personal Support Workers and RPN students completed their clinical experience at both sites. Here are some of their comments about their experiences at BGH:

What did you like the most about your clinical experiences at BGH:

- "The overall learning experience. Each and every day we experienced something new, and I enjoyed the opportunity to learn immensely."
- Tenika commented "The experience was amazing."
- Chantal said "The opportunity to assist patients "hands-on."
- Daina commented "The staff were very helpful. They didn't just provide us with answers, they taught us where to look for ourselves which I find more helpful!"
- Melissa wrote "All employees seemed eager and patient in sharing their knowledge. The lab technicians were also great!"
- David and Betty Ann— "They were willing to help and explain when I had a question – very knowledgeable nurses!"
- Tia, Letty, Augusta, Dr J Bhatt and Jim (DI porter) - "They were very helpful, wanted to help us learn and made us use our minds, wouldn't give answers away – made me think!"
- Karen, Tammy, Cassidy, Lisa, France, David, Francine (ultrasound), Cecil, Wilda and Tia.— "They were very helpful, informative, patient and great guidance was provided by them all."
- Jim (porter) - "He was always eager to teach and get us in to see something new. Heather (RT) was a wonderful source of information and so great about explaining things."
- Augusta was willing to explain everything and share her knowledge."
- Letty, Betty Ann, Viet – "All excellent role models for nursing – treated you as a student nurse, shared and taught."

The BGH employee who made your experience great was:

- PSW Karen. "She was compassionate with the patients and took the time to laugh with them. She opened my eyes to relax and be professional, yet still show the patients that you are there for them, and this I found very rewarding."
- Vaughnette - "She was so willing to help, if I had any questions, they were answered."
- The PSW's. "They each gave me something or advice I will take away from GSS."
- Nancy - "We worked together as a team to accomplish tasks."
- Tracy and Francis — "I found their work ethic and attitudes toward the patients to be one to strive to match. They provide excellent care and meet the patients' every need."
- Nancy and Vaughnette – "They were very patient and took great interest in being part of our learning. They were supportive and encouraging and I learned a lot from them. All of the staff were welcoming and patient. I would like to thank the residents for also being so supportive of us. Our learning experience was amazing."
- Nancy and all the staff on 5th floor. "Nancy was patient and she explained as she went along. The residents really like her and I felt very comfortable with her, which made it nice to go in to work with your staff at GSS."

The time I spent with patients really became very rewarding. I know I made the right career choice!"

Overall this was a great learning experience because:

- "The staff at CSS & GSS took the time to show me how to do things and the time I spent with the patients really became such a rewarding part. I know I made the right career choice. My clinical teacher was amazing, I learned a lot and am thankful. It was just an overall incredible experience."
- "The staff were so kind and generous. I am now comfortable with my care towards the patients – thank you!!"
- "I had the opportunity to work alongside some excellent health care providers and participate in the care for patients with a wide variety of health care needs."

Thanks to all our staff who welcome students into our facility and take time to include the students as part of the caring team at BGH!"

Shirley Lazurko, Manager, Organizational Development

Learning at BGH

- Thurs. April 1** **Accessibility inservice:** 2 to 2:30 pm (auditorium) “Visually impaired” – tips and tools for assisting our clients, presented by Anne Chirelli, CNIB
- Tues. April 6** **Safe Driving Program:** 10:30 to 11 am (CSS room 324) Bring your drivers license, car insurance papers
- Wed. April 7** **Charge Staff training:** 1 to 2 pm (auditorium) “Bullying” by Jessica Gerritsen and Shirley Lazurko
- Thurs. April 8** **“Protect Yourself, Protect your Practice”:** 12:30 to 3 pm (auditorium) presented by Ethyllynne Phillips, Professional Liability Officer, Canadian Nurses Protective Society. Topics include your accountability and proper documentation. This will be of interest to health care providers who must document.
- Fri. April 9** **Code White Initial Training:** 7:30 am to 11 am (auditorium)
- Fri. April 9** **Code White Refresher Training:** (auditorium) noon to 1:30 pm OR 2 to 3:30 pm
- Mon. April 12** **Orientation:** 8 am to 4 pm (CSS Room 324) Welcome to our new BGH employees!
- Wed. April 14** **NRP – initial and recertification:** 8 am to 4 pm (Room 316) presented by Pat Carter and Susan Jones
- Wed. April 14** **5th Annual Transfusion Medicine Symposium:** 9 am to noon OR 1 to 4 pm (auditorium) See posters for topics.
- Mon. April 19** **FHM – full session:** 8 am to 4 pm (library) presented by Pat Carter
- Tues. April 20** **Infection control “Hot Topic”:** 2 to 2:30 pm (auditorium and GSS boardroom) “Just Clean Your Hands” – updated information; latest audit results
- Thurs. April 22** **Mock Code Blue 1 east**
- Mon. April 26** **Orientation:** 8 am to 4 pm (CSS Room 324) Welcome to our new BGH employees!
- Tues. April 27** **Computer training:** 1 to 3 pm (CSS computer lab) Sandra Graham – Excel for beginners
- Wed. April 28** **Harassment in the workplace:** 9 to 11 am (auditorium) presented by Denise Koster – mandatory for all staff to attend once
- Wed. April 28** **Leadership Development:** 12:30 to 3 pm (auditorium) presented by Denise Koster “Assessing complaints”

Please register on-line using the Events Calendar on the Organizational Development Sharepoint site. For further information or to register, call Jessica X 1335 or Shirley X 1104.

In Memory of
Cathy Gosselin
January 9, 1952—November 6, 2009



From left Dr. Grant, Pierre Gosselin, Cathy Gosselin

There will be a Celebration of the life of Cathy Gosselin on May 2, 2010 at the Brockville Rowing Club. All staff are invited to attend. Cathy and Pierre (her husband) loved the river and Diane, Cathy's sister, chose the Rowing Club for the view.

Dr. Brannen who is remembered here also, hired Cathy here at BGH in 1974 as an X-Ray Technologist. Cathy eventually was promoted to Charge Technologist for Diagnostic Imaging and in that capacity was instrumental in the planning and execution of the new Diagnostic Imaging Department as it now stands. She retired in November, 2007 and was pre-deceased by her husband, Pierre, in May' 08.

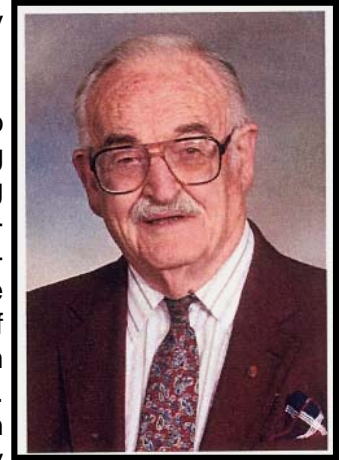
For more information, please contact Chris Barnett at 342-1705.



In Remembrance of
Ronald Ellsworth Brannen, M.D.
June 15, 1917—March 14, 2010

Peacefully, after a lengthy illness in his 93rd year.

Dr. Brannen moved to Brockville with his young family in 1957 becoming the first resident Radiologist at the Brockville General Hospital where he also worked as Chief of Staff. He retired from medical practice in 1982. Dr. Brannen was active in the Brockville community



including the position of Trustee with the Board of Education. Prior to his tenure in Brockville, Dr. Brannen had specialized in the study of Diagnostic Radiology at Toronto General Hospital and the hospital for Sick Children. He had also served for one year on the medical staff at St. Michael's Hospital prior to his relocation to Brockville.



The family received friends at the Irvine Funeral Home Wednesday, March 17th. Interment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Donations to the Brockville General Hospital or charity of your choice would be appreciated.



General's Retreat

Watch for Toasted Sandwich Day! in the cafeterias at both sites in the Month of April. Also check out the new available snack items and salads available in the Garden Café.

