

Calendar of Events

FREE AFib Info Event

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wall Auditorium

LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian St.

Register 610-402-CARE

Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, April 29

Details: LVHN.org/calendar

LVH-Schuylkill Spring Gala

Saturday, April 29 • 6 p.m.

Season's Restaurant

Mt. Valley Golf Course

For more information:

570-621-4242 or

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LVH-Schuylkill

Skin Cancer Screening

Saturday, May 6 • 9-11 a.m.

Outpatient Surgery Center

200 Schuylkill Medical Plaza

LVH-Schuylkill

President's Town Hall Meetings

May 2017

Dates and times to be

announced soon



A strong, vibrant, progressive health care delivery network is an important key in opening the door to a healthy business community. So says Robert S. Carl Jr., President & Chief Executive Officer of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

Carl made those remarks at LVHN Rehabilitation Center-Schuylkill this week where Center colleagues and members of our post-acute service lines welcomed about 150 members of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

The session was part of the Chamber's monthly series where a local business or organization hosts Chamber members in a program that promotes education, awareness and networking.

"This provided opportunity for us to reinforce our scope of services to our business community and in some cases, introduce services that we have," says Kristina Guers, OTR/L, MBA, Vice President of Post-Acute Services at LVH-Schuylkill and Executive Director of LVHN Rehabilitation Center-

Schuylkill. "We have a facility here that is recognized in the top three percent worldwide," says Guers, referring to the CARF accredited outpatient rehabilitation facility. Colleagues provided information and demonstrations highlighting the Center's advanced technology and programs such as physical, occupational and speech therapies, vestibular or balance program, the new AlterG Anti-gravity Treadmill®, hand therapy, Workinetics, aquatic therapy, cancer rehab and others.

"This is a great opportunity to welcome our business community as we share information about the services here in our community that can and do make a great difference for their employees," says William J. Reppy, LVH-Schuylkill President.

In addition to the services of the Rehab Center, colleagues from LVH-Schuylkill were also on site representing post-acute service lines including Advanced Wound Care, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Occupational Medicine, Nutrition & Wellness Center, Counseling Center and Pediatric Rehabilitation.



Darnell Furer, MSN, RN
LVH-Schuylkill
Board of Directors

LVH-Schuylkill Welcomes Furer to the Board

For Darnell Furer, MSN, RN, it is a homecoming of sorts as she has been elected to the Board of Directors of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill. Furer, who retired in June of 2015 as Vice President Patient Care Services/CNO of Schuylkill Health and the former Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, became our newest Board member in January.

Since retiring, Furer has served as a member of the Board's Professional Care Committee, a group that examines clinical and quality issues and initiatives throughout the hospitals. In addition to chief nursing responsibilities, Furer also served as Acting Administrator in 2014 when our health system was undergoing change. "I am thrilled to be part of LVH-Schuylkill in this new capacity as we continue to integrate into LVHN and work to deliver health care of the future."

Furer is a graduate of Polyclinic Medical Center receiving her RN Diploma. She earned her BSN at Lebanon Valley College and her MSN at The Pennsylvania State University. Furer has vast experience in numerous clinical assignments and also as a nurse educator. She has been active professionally and within our community as part of part of professional, municipal and community organizations.

Congratulations Dr. DeColli



Robert DeColli Jr., DO, MBA, CCDS, has been named Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Physician Group–(LVPG) Schuylkill effective April 1. The announcement was made by Gregory Brusko, DO, MMM, FACOS, Senior Medical Director, LVPG.

DeColli is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and is currently employed by LVPG–Schuylkill. Prior to that he practiced with Schuylkill Health and has been part of the Schuylkill medical staff since 1995.

He is active in the community and serves on the Board of Directors of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

DeColli graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). He did his IM residency at Suburban General Hospital in Norristown, Pa.

Network Welcomes Joe Stewart

Joe Stewart has joined Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) as Director of Talent Acquisition.

Stewart comes to LVHN from DoubleStar, Inc., a talent acquisition firm, where he was the Practice Director for Talent Technology Solutions.

He has had a successful career in talent acquisition, working in both a consulting role for international clients, and for Einstein Healthcare.

Stewart will lead our talent acquisition team. His role is critical in maintaining the strength of our network as we seek to attract the best and brightest talent and continue to provide exceptional care for our patients. At LVHN, he will be responsible for best practices, analyzing trends, establishing metrics and reporting on HR activities. He also will be responsible for developing an annual workforce plan to support recruiting activities for critical hard-to-fill positions.

Profiling Elizabeth Wise of LVH–Pocono

We continue our series of stories about the presidents of our hospitals. As these leaders begin to play a greater role in keeping you informed through our Communication Cascade, their stories will give you a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities, and help you get to know them better.

There are numerous words you can use to describe Elizabeth Wise. She's a nurse and a leader. She's a people-person, collaborator and go-getter. She's a singer and sports fan. She's a wife and daughter. And she's Acting President of LVH–Pocono, a role she assumed when the hospital became part of LVHN in January. "I'm honored to serve in this role," says Wise, who realized at a young age that a career in health care would fuel her passion for helping people.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Wise began her career as a bedside nurse and became a nurse manager. She soon discovered a desire to develop business acumen to blend with her clinical background. After earning master's degrees in nursing and business administration from Rutgers University, Wise held leadership positions at health care systems throughout the nation. In 2014, she joined what is now LVH–Pocono as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer.

During her career, Wise learned the importance of building relationships and that teamwork breeds success. She hosted "Breaking Bread with Elizabeth" sessions where colleagues were invited to breakfast or lunch to discuss their challenges, accomplishments and questions. Today, she gets feedback from colleagues by rounding on units throughout the hospital and hosting Colleague Town Hall meetings.

She encourages feedback and input from colleagues about ways to raise the health care bar at LVH–Pocono, Monroe County's only full-service hospital. As they strategize and plan, Wise is likely to utter her favorite saying: Let's think about the patient. "We will always make the right decision if we consider the most important thing, the patient," Wise says.



Wise's list of career achievements shows she practices what she preaches. She helped LVH–Pocono earn recognition from Healthgrades for Patient Safety Excellence and a 4-star rating from Medicare. She developed the Patient and Family Advisory Council at LVH–Pocono, which allows patients and families to provide feedback about how we can enhance service. With firsthand experience of nurses' impact on the delivery of quality care, she worked to empower nurses to participate in decision-making. "There's nothing we can't do if we work together," Wise says.

As the integration process continues, Wise vows to remain visible, keep the lines of communication open and help colleagues work together as cohesively as a choir of singers, another area in which she has experience. An opera singer, Wise used to sing advertising jingles. Engineers would record her voice multiple times and overdub the tracks until the finished product sounded like a chorus. Although she's singing less these days, she and her husband, Calvin, continue to cheer on their beloved Philadelphia sports teams.

As Wise helps write the next chapter in LVH–Pocono's story, she can't help but think about the hospital's rich history, which spans more than 100 years. When the hospital was founded, her grandmother was 8 years old. "My grandmother just recently passed away after living a full life – she was 108 years old," Wise says. "My mother is 84. With my good genes – and great health care – I could live to be 120. From my vantage point, the future is bright. With LVHN in this community, it's even brighter for all of us."

State of the Health Network Next Week

Next Week, LVHN President & CEO Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FCOEP, will be featured. As part of our Communications Cascade, Nester delivers network updates twice a year. Town Hall forums then follow on the local campuses hosted by campus presidents.

LVH–Schuylkill has scheduled Town Hall Forums in early May.

Remember to visit our intranet site regularly for LVH–Schuylkill and LVHN updates.