

Celebrating Our Nurses

When I am on rounds and have a chance to speak with patients, the words "thank you" are often heard. Your patients want me to know how much they appreciate you and everything you and your colleagues do to help them relieve suffering, get well, stay well or rest well. As your chief nursing officer (CNO), those words make me feel great – I am proud of the professional care you provide patients and their families. For National Nurses Week (and all weeks, for that matter), I want you to feel the warmth of my gratitude and theirs too.

- Thank you for taking time to get to know a patient. Patients tell me they love having a chance to tell you about life outside of the world of medicine.

- Thank you for encouraging the stubborn. I've heard from more than one patient that your encouragement (and tenacity) to get them up, walking, eating or voiding helped them feel better faster.
- Thank you for being there for your fellow colleagues. Patients see good chemistry between people and notice when you are there for each other through good times and the difficult ones too.
- Thank you for everything you do for our patients. Patients are very observant and appreciate every detail you bring to their care – how you explained what an MRI is; how you helped them understand their medications; how you prepared them for upcoming tests; how you patiently answered questions from their family

members; and on and on – all handled with professionalism and, above all, caring.

From me to you, thank you for choosing to be a nurse. And thank you for thinking about patient care as if you were the patient. Believe me, they notice and are thankful for you.

Kim

P.S. Is your unit planning a National Nurses Week celebration? Let me know! I'd love to attend or invite one of our patient care services vice presidents or administrators to celebrate with you too! Send an email to Laurie Moshier (Laurie_P.Moshier@lvhn.org) with the date, unit and your contact information.



Kim Jordan

About Me: My name is Kim Jordan, DNP, RN, and I am Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at LVHN. I came to LVHN 15 years ago as director of the open-heart and transitional open-heart units. I consider it an honor and a privilege to lead our outstanding nursing colleagues.

National Nurses Week Celebrations

MAY 9

LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian St.

MAY 11

LVH-Schuylkill S. Jackson St.

A Nurses Week ad also will appear in our local newspapers.

Town Hall Meetings Rescheduled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Town Hall meetings originally scheduled for May 4 have been rescheduled. Thank you for your understanding. Town Hall meetings have been rescheduled to May 12 at the follow locations and times.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

**LVH-Schuylkill S. Jackson St.,
conference rooms A and B**

7:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

**LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian St.,
Wall Auditorium**

9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free Skin Cancer Screening

Saturday, May 6: 9-11 a.m.
Outpatient Surgery Center
200 Schuylkill Medical Plaza

Weight Loss Info Event With

Mark Walko, MD

Monday, May 8: 6 p.m.
LVH-Schuylkill S. Jackson Street
Conference rooms A and B
Register: 570-621-4584 or
LVHN.org/weighFIE

Nerve Injuries of the Hand and Wrist

A Free Community Lecture
Wednesday, May 17: 6 p.m.
Rehabilitation Center-Schuylkill
300 Schuylkill Medical Plaza, Pottsville



LVH-Schuylkill President Bill Reppy thanks Spring Gala Co-chairs Chris DeColli (left) and Debra Kukta.

Spring Gala Is a Success

Children who receive care in our pediatrics unit will benefit from funds raised by the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)-Schuylkill Auxiliary. The Auxiliary hosted another successful Spring Gala on Saturday at Seasons Restaurant at Mountain Valley. Themed "April in Paris," the event attracted 242 guests who dined and danced in support of our pediatrics program. The relocation of the pediatrics and maternity departments to the LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street campus are included in the second phase of our campus integration project. The Auxiliary raised more than \$50,000 in direct donations at the gala.

Dr. Abdul Wahhab, a retired surgeon and respected local artist, donated a special painting of the Eiffel Tower in keeping with the Auxiliary's theme. Chances were sold at the gala and the painting was awarded.

IN THE NEWS

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill Infection Prevention Coordinator Gail Newton talks with Haley Bianco from WBRE/WYOU television about West Nile Virus. This week, officials with the Department of Environmental Protection Agency confirmed a positive test result of the West Nile Virus present in a mosquito. Newton talked about the signs, symptoms, treatment and prevention of West Nile Virus in a story that aired several times on both stations.



LONG-DISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

What do two LVH-Schuylkill volunteers have in common with 30,000 other people worldwide? They ran in the 2017 Boston Marathon. The Rev. Christopher Zelonis (left) participated in his second Boston Marathon, while it was the ninth time for Rick Devaney. LVH-Schuylkill congratulates Zelonis and Devaney for their service to our patients and community, and their training and dedication as they trained for the marathon.



How Will Information Technology Continue to Impact Health Care?

“The Future of Informatics in the Trump Years” is the topic of the 2017 Feather Lecture. The featured speaker is John Halamka, MD, the International Healthcare Innovation Professor at Harvard Medical School, Chief Information Officer of the Beth Israel Deaconess System and a practicing emergency physician.

Halamka will describe changes on the horizon of the health care landscape and discuss how IT innovation will continue to impact health care. Halamka will discuss:

- What to expect from the new administration and why
- Health care IT innovations at Apple, Google, Amazon and other industry leaders
- Five areas to focus on to achieve interoperability

Physicians, advanced practice clinicians, nurses and allied health professionals are invited to attend this free event. Here are the details:



2017 FEATHER LECTURE: THE FUTURE OF INFORMATICS IN THE TRUMP YEARS

May 16 • 12-1 p.m. • Live at the LVH–Cedar Crest auditorium

Simulcast to LVH–Schuylkill–E. Norwegian Street, administrative wing, conference room C.

To register for this free event, visit LVHN.org/CE-calendar. The registration deadline is May 12.

LVHN designates this live educational activity for a maximum 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*.[™] Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activity. Registered nurses who attend the entire program and complete the evaluation tool will receive 1 contact hour. If you have questions, please contact LVHN's Department of Education at 610-402-2277, option 1.

Community Accolades

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Schuylkill was among 12 organizations honored this week as part of the Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association (MAEA) Annual Awards. LVH–Schuylkill was recognized for the LVHN merger in 2016 and the resulting expansion of LVHN into Schuylkill County.

In presenting the award, MAEA President Darlene Robins noted the noticeable additions and improvements to our facilities including the new emergency department (ED) construction, interventional radiology suite, operating room enhancements and other projects, as well as the growth of Lehigh Valley Physicians Group (LVPG) in our community.

In addition to the MAEA Award, LVH–Schuylkill was awarded citations and proclamations from the National Association of

Manufacturers, The Pennsylvania Association of Manufacturers and the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter, United States Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Pennsylvania Senate and Pennsylvania House of Representatives as well as a citation of congratulations from the Schuylkill County Commissioners. Federal and state lawmakers as well as county officials signed the awarded documents. Representatives from the LVH–Schuylkill ED, rehabilitation services, critical care, management and LVPG also attended.

“On behalf of our team and our patients, I thank you for this honor,” says Bill Reppy, LVH–Schuylkill President. “We continue to see positive change in our community as we look to expand our services, introduce new ones and recruit physicians.”



LVH–Schuylkill President Bill Reppy (right) receives an award from Schuylkill County Commissioners Gary Hess and Schuylkill County Commissioner Chairman George Halcovage at the MAEA Pennsylvania Dinner at Capriotti's in McAdoo.