

Their Mission Helps LVH–Schuylkill Focus On Its Mission

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill Auxiliary history dates back to the mid-1890s when it was first established to support the work of the hospital. Through The Pottsville Hospital years, Lemos B. Warne Clinic and Hospital, the A.C. Milliken Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital and eventually Schuylkill Health, there has always been an active, vibrant Auxiliary in place helping to provide the hospital with the resources it needed to deliver care.

Things have not changed. At its annual luncheon this week, the new LVH–Schuylkill Auxiliary donated \$140,000 to pediatrics at LVH–Schuylkill. “This represents proceeds from our recent Annual Gala, our Gift Shops sales as well as special fund-raising events we have done throughout the year,” says Mary Hauck, LVH–Schuylkill Auxiliary President. “We thank you, the Auxiliary members, for helping with an event, serving on a committee or finding a way to support what we do.” Pediatrics is part of Phase Two campus integration, which includes pediatrics and maternity.

The Auxiliary also took the opportunity to see the fruits of its labor from last year's efforts. LVH–Schuylkill President Bill Reppy unveiled one of 13 Med-Carts the Auxiliary purchased through funds raised in the 2015- 2016 fiscal year. “These carts are a very welcome addition to patient care here,” says Reppy. “The carts, accompanying secure medication drawers and computer all aid in patient safety and delivery of medications. With barcoding and

other controls as part of our electronic medical record, we are able to match patients with their medications for timely, efficient delivery.” Each cart has a small plaque acknowledging the Auxiliary's gift.

In addition to the medication carts used throughout the hospitals, the Auxiliary also funded a colleague walkway, which connects the East Hospital with an adjacent parking lot on the most northern end of the campus near the Medical Mall complex. “Because Phase One of our campus integration brought many colleagues from our South Campus, parking has become even more of a premium,” says Reppy. “The Auxiliary's gift allowed us to add this walkway that connects our parking facility to the hospital. We thank the Auxiliary for this gift that benefits so many.” The hospital continues to run a shuttle from the Medical Mall lot to the Main Campus at East Norwegian Street. A special bench noting the Auxiliary's contribution has been located mid-way on the walkway.

In addition to the Gala and Gift Shops, the Auxiliary also sponsors a “Little Red Dress Event” for heart health awareness for women, an annual Cancer Dinner focusing on breast cancer and other events.

The Auxiliary is always looking to add to its membership rolls. To join, or for more information, contact Auxiliary Liaison Mary Bardell at 570-621-4242 or mary.bardell@lvhn.org.



(l-r) Bill Reppy, LVH–Schuylkill President and representing the LVH–Schuylkill Auxiliary, Pamela Purcell – Membership, Hermine Murphy – Treasurer, Linda Humphrey – Past President, Sandra Sippel – Legislation, Roseanne Ladue Bedway – President Elect, Kathy Case – Membership, Gail Burgess – Parliamentarian and Mary Bardell – Auxiliary Liaison. A bench recognizing the Auxiliary is located at the far right of the photo.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free Community Lecture

LVHN Rehabilitation Center–Schuylkill
Keeping Kids Active During Summer
Wednesday, June 21, 6 p.m.
300 Schuylkill Medical Plaza
570-621-9500

EMT Training in Schuylkill County

FREE Information Session
Lehigh Carbon Community College
Tuesdays, Aug. 8 and Aug. 15
Held at Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing
450 Washington St., Pottsville, Pa.
610-799-1703 to request a brochure

LVH–Schuylkill Golf League

9-hole league
Thursdays at Hidden Valley Golf Course
Details: **570-739-4455**



It's the question on everyone's mind: If a new health care bill becomes law, will it impact LVHN? The answer: Yes, it will. It unquestionably matters to us if the Affordable Care Act – commonly referred to as ObamaCare – is repealed. Additionally, the details of the law that replaces the Affordable Care Act will significantly impact our health network. That is why I recently visited Washington D.C. to talk with members of Congress about how hospitals and health systems will be affected by their decisions.

As a new bill is crafted, our hope is that “shared responsibility” remains so that people have equivalent or increased coverage. That's why it's imperative that a new health care plan is developed in a thoughtful and cooperative manner with all stakeholders at the table.

If you've been following the news, you know that a new bill – called the American Health Care Act – passed the House and was to be sent to the Senate. While I cannot yet tell you what or when changes to the bill will be proposed, I can ensure you we will continue to be advocates for the people of our community. I – along with colleagues from our Office of Government Affairs – welcome the opportunity to talk with our elected officials and to be part of the process to create a sensible health care plan that gives people access to primary care and the other services they need to live a healthy life.

I will continue to keep you updated and explain how proposed changes will affect us. Regardless of what happens in Washington, at LVHN, providing better health and better care at a better cost will always be our aim. Thank you for all you do to make it happen every day. I'll talk with you next month.

You can view Dr. Nester's video at: youtube.com/watch?v=sFU5_loDAMA&feature=youtu.be



Mary Tirrell, Vice President Governmental and Legislative Affairs with Brian Nester at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.



ABOUT ME: My name is Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, and I am the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). I came to LVHN in 1998 as the Director of LVH–Muhlenberg's Emergency Department. Prior to becoming President and CEO in 2014, I served as the health network's Chief Strategy Officer. I am originally from Reading, and I'm proud to lead an organization that continually strives to provide better health and better care at a better cost for the great people of our community.

New Resources Available on Intranet

LVHN Library Services is excited to share new e-resources available via the LVH–S intranet homepage. The **LVHN LIBRARY SERVICES/PATIENT EDUCATION** link connects users to the Library Services and Patient Education homepage for our campus. Some of the evidence-based medical, nursing and allied health information online databases now available include Dynamed and PEPID (point of care reference programs),

Lexicomp (pharmacology reference), and e-journals: The New England Journal of Medicine, Pediatrics and Pediatrics in Review.

We will keep you informed of e-resource releases planned for the near future. LVHN Library Services is dedicated to supporting the information needs of our colleagues and medical staff caring for patients.

Trees of Love Fund Nursing Scholarships

The successful holiday tradition

of selling angels on trees has translated to more scholarships for students at our Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing. During the annual luncheon of the Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill Auxiliary, four scholarships were awarded to junior students attending our school.

Each year, the Auxiliary places holiday trees in the main lobbies of each hospital and then sells angels and tree toppers where people can make a purchase in honor or in memory of a loved one. The Auxiliary hosts a special tree lighting ceremony and features a local choir to sing holiday and seasonal songs for both patients and colleagues. It is a program that is historically well-attended and enjoys great support from both colleagues and the general public.

Phyllis Anchorstar and Angela Pasco, MSN, RN, led the Auxiliary's efforts for the most recent Tree of Love events. "It is very interesting looking at this from the other side of the table," says Pasco, a graduate of the school and its former Director who retired in August after 49 years working here at Schuylkill. "This is something very close to my heart. I am very happy that we are able to award four \$500 scholarships as a result of the efforts of our angels at both hospital locations."

Lynne Hausman, MSN, RN, Director of the School introduced the four junior students to the cheering Auxiliaries giving a brief profile on each student. "We are thrilled to be here," says Hausman. "We thank you for recognizing and supporting these deserving students and remind you that we will be graduating our 120th class from the School of Nursing on August 3."



SCHOLARSHIPS

(l-r) Lynne Hausman, MSN, RN, Director of the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing with junior scholarship recipients Michael Neidlinger, Alyson Finster, Megan Bowers, Maria Sands, Angela Pasco, MSN, RN, former Director of the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing and Co-Chair of the LVH–Schuylkill Auxiliary Tree of Love Scholarship Project. Missing from photo Phyllis Anchorstar, Tree of Love Co-Chair.



At the Empire Education Group Benefits Fair

Members of our Nutrition & Wellness Center recently attended the Empire Education Group benefits fair. Colleagues provided body fat screenings and also took the opportunity to introduce many of the LVH–Schuylkill and LVPG–Schuylkill services to the employees of Empire.

LVH–Schuylkill Event Photos

Visit webserver/news.html to see photos from Colleague Star Celebration and EMS appreciation picnic. This page will only load if you access it from the LVH–Schuylkill computer network. These photos are also available by going to the LVH–Schuylkill Intranet. Click LVHN News where you view these pictures and other LVH–Schuylkill and LVHN News.



Lehigh Valley Health Network continues to grow, expand and touch new lives throughout our entire service area. It is important for colleagues to know how the network is expanding not just in Schuylkill County, but throughout the network as well.

LVHN will be expanding its commitment to Northampton County families by opening two new health centers in June. You're invited to attend our community open house events at both health centers. Here are the details.

HEALTH CENTER AT EASTON

Community Open House: June 10, 10 a.m.-noon

- ▶ Free health screenings, giveaways and family activities are included. Get more information at LVHN.org/Easton.
- ▶ Location: 2401 Northampton St., Easton
- ▶ Open for business: June 12

Health care services: ExpressCARE, LVPG provider services including family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, adult rehabilitation services, imaging services and blood testing from Health Network Laboratories.

HEALTH CENTER AT PALMER TOWNSHIP

Community Open House: June 14, 5-8 p.m.

- ▶ Free health screenings, giveaways and family activities are included, as well as tours of the new facility. Get more information at LVHN.org/PalmerTownship.
- ▶ Location: 3701 Corriere Road (Route 248), Easton, just behind Applebee's
- ▶ Open for business: June 15

Health care services: The health center will have a special concentration on children, with the region's only Children's ExpressCARE, an LVPG pediatrics provider services and four pediatric subspecialties. There also is an adult ExpressCARE, a dozen adult provider services, a full array of rehabilitation, imaging and diagnostic testing services for both adults and children, and blood testing from Health Network Laboratories.