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Your wrap-up of the week's news from LVHN.

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Colleagues save the life of a man having a stroke.

Welcome New Colleagues

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Service Star of the Month—September 2018

BY [EMILY SHIFFER](#) · SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

SEPTEMBER SERVICE STARS OF THE MONTH



April Esposito, Alexandra Mercurio-Woch, OD
and Deirdre Ward, LVH-17th Street

During a holiday weekend, the husband of colleague Terry Ward started to experience unusual vision loss and floating waves in his eyesight. She knew it was serious and started making calls to numerous ophthalmology offices to get her husband an appointment, to no avail.

She then called LVPG Ophthalmology—17th Street and explained her husband's symptoms to colleagues from the practice's triage staff, Deidre Ward and April Esposito. They advised her to bring her husband into the office immediately.

Ophthalmologist Alexandra Mercurio-Woch, OD, performed an examination and advised him to go to the ER right away. "She was extremely thorough and very caring to his needs," says Terry Ward, who nominated the trio for the Service Star Award. "She was very concerned when test results showed there was nothing going on in his eyes that would cause the symptoms he was experiencing."

Mercurio-Woch believed Ward's husband was experiencing a stroke. She and her team called ahead to the ER. They provided all the pertinent triage information to expedite the process upon the couple's arrival to ensure the fastest treatment possible.

ER colleagues informed the man that if he would have waited much longer, it would have been a much worse medical outcome. “He may have died or suffered a severely debilitating stroke from which there would have not been much hope of returning to a normal life,” Ward says. “I cannot thank these three individuals or praise their practice enough, as all the people there are so very caring, concerned and professional in all they do.”

Next Steps

Nominate a Service Star.

Congratulate these PRIDE Award recipients. The PRIDE Award is part of our expanded [Service Star Award program](#).

Allison Froehlich, MD, Sharron Gallop, Lynn Garris, Timothy Clark, Janice Hewitt and Christine Nary, LVH–Pocono

During a community educational event, a man fell and hit his head. Froehlich examined him and determined he was in cardiac arrest. The team started CPR and chest compressions in rotation and used an AED on the man before he was transported to the hospital. Thanks to heroic teamwork, the man survived and suffered no neurological affects.

Louise DeFranco, LVH–Cedar Crest

DeFranco saw a man struggling to walk near Fish Hatchery Road. She went to him and learned he was going to the hospital for cancer treatment. She called a cab to transport the patient. While waiting with him, she learned he was homeless. DeFranco contacted an oncology navigator to discuss the patient and ensure he had resources upon leaving his treatment.

Lori Steinhart, MSN, John Steinhart, RN, LVH–Schuylkill

While at a gas station, Lori and John saw a man slumped over a steering wheel in his car. With the help of police, they broke the car window to reach him. The man was not breathing, but had a pulse. The duo opened his airway while waiting for EMS personnel to arrive. One minute later, the man sat up and was cooperative, but very emotional. Lori consoled him.

Inpatient rehabilitation colleagues Beth Stepanczuk, MD, Melissa Mee, Heather Faust, Simone Rubero, Katy Denault, Nathalie Larose, Paulette Guzy, Candice Veale and Steven Haas; guest services and security colleagues Scott Parry and Anthony DeMilio, LVH–Muhlenberg

A woman exited her car outside the Family Health Pavilion and shouted that her passenger was bleeding. A colleague arrived to find a pale man bleeding from a severe laceration. The patient had gone through glass and lacerated an artery. The team applied a tourniquet and provided care. EMS arrived to

bring the patient to the emergency department, where he was assessed before going directly to the operating room for a successful surgery.

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Welcome New Colleagues – September 2018

BY [JANE DANISH](#) · SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

We are happy to welcome these new colleagues to our LVHN family. They are working at LVH–Hazleton.



(First row, l-r); Ashley Robinson, sterile processing; Samantha Green, emergency department; Nicole Zakutney, laboratory; Victoria Maldonado-Garcia, patient registration; Joanne Trotman, RN, nursing; Tracey Forish, laboratory; Rose Parise, RN, Gunderson Rehab Center; Isabella Seritsky, food and nutrition services

(Second row, l-r) Matthew Fisher, food and nutrition services; Kaitlyn Daniels, emergency department; Peter Bendza, RN, emergency department; Linda Antosh, RN, ICU; Richard Greco, Jr., DO, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology; Susan Kuhel, RN, HWC Oncology; Shermanda Davis-Roberts; central scheduling; Justin Lazusky, central scheduling

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Hazleton Leadership to Round With Colleagues Sept. 20-28

BY [JANE DANISH](#) · SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Senior leaders at Hazleton will conduct leadership rounds with colleagues in clinical and nonclinical departments at LVH–Hazleton from Sept. 20-28. Take note of when rounds are scheduled in your area and share your thoughts with a leader. Together, we can make a difference for our colleagues and our patients.

Sept. 20, 6:30 a.m.

Gunderson Rehab Center

Leader: Melissa Curto

Sept. 20, 4 p.m.

Seventh floor nursing unit

Leader: Michele Roberts

Sept. 21, 6 a.m.

Emergency department

Leader: John Fletcher

Sept. 25, 1 p.m.

Admissions, switchboard, PAT/SPU, endo, OR, radiology

Leader: John Fletcher

Sept. 25, 2 p.m.

Third floor: respiratory therapy, physical therapy, cardiology

Leader: Tony Valente, MD

Sept. 26, 10 a.m.

Purchasing/storeroom, central/sterile supply, food service, housekeeping, pharmacy

Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Healthy Beginnings and Health & Wellness Center

Leader: Melissa Curto

Sept. 28, 11 a.m.

B&E: marketing, community relations, patient access, home health, finance

Leader: Murray Swim



Attend ‘Updates in Children’s Surgery’ Symposium Oct. 10

BY [EMILY SHIFFER](#) · SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital will host an evening educational event for pediatricians and family practitioners on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 5-8 p.m. called “Updates in Children’s Surgery.” Key topics in children’s surgery, management plans and treatment options will be discussed. At the event, you’ll [get to know providers](#) from [LVPG’s pediatric surgical specialties](#) and the many services they provide.

The event will be held in LVH–Pocono’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center (181 E. Brown Street, East Stroudsburg), Serenity conference room, second floor.

You can [register online now](#) before Oct. 1, or on the day of the event if space permits.

[Read the full symposium agenda.](#)



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Get 76ers and Phantoms Tickets

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The LVHN Recreation Committee is offering discounted tickets to 76ers and Phantoms games for all LVHN colleagues.

76ers tickets:

The following games are available for the 2018-2019 season at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 vs. New York Knicks at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$110 each, Corner Club Box #22.

Each ticket holder will receive a 76ers water bottle.

Reserve by Friday, Oct. 12.

Friday, Jan. 11 vs. Atlanta Hawks at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$110 each, Corner Club Box #22.

Each ticket holder will receive a 76ers drawstring bag.

Reserve by Friday, Nov. 9.



To order tickets, complete [this form](#) and send with payment to:

Kelly Beachamps, Patient Safety Department
1251 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Suite 204
Allentown, PA 18103

Phantoms tickets:

The following games are available for the Phantoms 2018-2019 season at the PPL Center in Allentown.

Friday, Oct. 19 vs. Wilkes Barre/Scranton Penguins at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets: \$23 each, Section 112 and 113

The first 6,500 fans receive a Phantoms hat.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



Saturday, Dec. 8 vs. Cleveland Monsters at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets: \$47 each, Private Sky Lounge Deck with full buffet; game seats in section 208

Buffet includes hot dogs with the fixings, burgers with the fixings, potato salad, house-made chips, assorted cookies/brownies and non-alcoholic beverages.

Reserve by Friday, Nov. 9.

To purchase tickets, fill out [this form](#) and send with payment to:

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Saturday, Jan. 12 vs. Hershey Bears at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets: \$47 each, Private Sky Lounge Deck with full buffet; game seats in section 208

Buffet includes hot dogs with the fixings, burgers with the fixings, potato salad, house-made chips, assorted cookies/brownies and non-alcoholic beverages.

Reserve by Friday, Dec. 14.

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LVHN Exclusive: Kelly Clarkson Presale Tickets

BY [EMILY SHIFFER](#) · SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

See Grammy award-winning pop singer Kelly Clarkson when she comes to the PPL Center on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

The ticket presale begins on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m. and ends on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 10 p.m. Tickets go on sale to the public on Sept. 24.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#) and enter promocode: HEAT2019.



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LVHN Exclusive: Monster Jam Triple Jam Threat Series Presale Tickets

BY [EMILY SHIFFER](#) · SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

The Monster Jam Triple Threat Series roars back into PPL Center in downtown Allentown for five shows between February 22-24, 2019.

The presale begins Friday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m. and ends Monday, Sept. 24, at 11:59 p.m.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#) and use promo code: PTLVHN.



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Art Auction Proceeds Will Create Nursing Scholarships

BY [MIKE PECKMAN](#) · SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

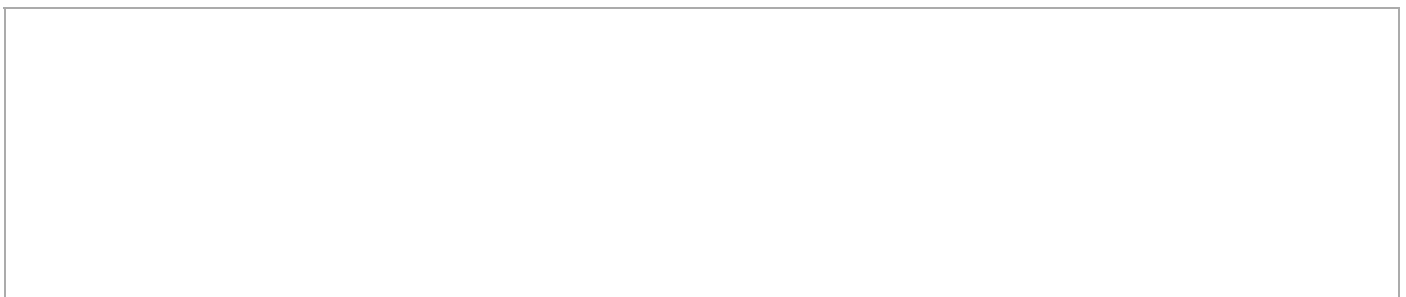


It is an art show and auction to honor a spouse and to benefit local nursing students. Retired surgeon and local artist Abdul Wahhab, MD, has planned the special event for Oct. 13, 14 and 15 to honor his wife of 50 years, Zarina, by creating a scholarship in her name to assist nursing students.

The “Works of Wahhab” will take place in the Wall Auditorium of LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street E. Norwegian Street. The silent auction will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday.

Schuylkill Area Community Foundation (SACF) is serving as the sponsor and organizer of this event. “We are very excited to help Dr. Wahhab establish the Zarina Wahhab Nursing Scholarship Fund,” says Amanda Campbell, Executive Director of SACF. This scholarship will provide needed financial assistance to nursing students who attend the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing at LVHN, which is located in Pottsville.

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Known for his florals, detail and brilliant colors, Wahhab has created 100 original framed pieces ready for any office, den, family room or other viewing area. “I am humbled that many of my patients and friends have enjoyed my paintings,” Wahhab says. “Zarina has been with me every step of the way on my journey as a student, physician, parent and artist. This scholarship is a tribute to Zarina; wife, mother, and supporter of so many programs in our community.”

Silent auction attendees can visit the Wall Auditorium during the specified days/times, view the artwork and place their bid as appropriate. Each painting has a fair market value of \$100, which will be the opening bid. In typical silent auction formatting, people can bid in increments of \$25 on a particular painting. On the final day of the auction, the highest bidder will be awarded the painting. Cash, check (made out to Schuylkill Area Community Foundation), credit card and PayPal are all accepted forms of payment. All purchases are tax deductible to the amount allowed by law.

Members and colleagues of the Lehigh Valley Hospital–Auxiliary and LVH–Schuylkill have volunteered to help with this project.

For more information, call the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation at 570-624-7223 or visit www.sacfoundation.com.

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