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You’re Invited to a Colleague Town Hall Meeting

BY SHEILA CABALLERO · NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Working for a large regional health network means there’s always lots of news to share with our nearly 18,000 colleagues. That’s one of the reasons we hold regular Town Hall meetings on each of our hospital campuses. We also hold Town Halls to hear what’s on your mind, because colleagues know best what’s working well and where we have opportunities for improvement.

Join us at one of the seven Town Hall meetings being held in the Lehigh Valley listed below. Presidents Bill Kent, Jim Geiger and other leaders will share news on our network-wide priorities and progress, as well as news specific to your campus location.

We also want to hear from you. Block out time in your calendar to attend and bring your suggestions, concerns and questions. Your first-hand observations and experiences can help make LVHN an even better place to work for colleagues and the best place to receive care in the region.

LVH–17th Street
Monday, Dec. 4
12-1 p.m., auditorium
9-10 p.m., roving Town Hall (leaders will come to you)

LVH–Muhlenberg
Tuesday, Dec. 5, ECC rooms C and D
7:30-8:30 a.m.
11 a.m.-noon
7:30-8:30 p.m.

LVH–Cedar Crest
Thursday, Dec. 14, auditorium

7:30-8:30 a.m.

7:45-8:45 p.m.

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We learned yesterday that a number of LVPG patients received a very confusing and potentially misleading letter from a different health care organization. The letter endorsed Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage Coverage and appeared to be supported by their LVPG physician. These letters were sent without LVHN's or our LVPG providers’ knowledge, review or authorization.

You may receive questions from patients, friends or family members who are confused about whether their doctor still accepts their insurance or believe their LVPG physician has left Lehigh Valley Health Network. It’s important you are able to guide patients who ask about the letter. Here are your talking points:

- Reassure your patients that these letters were sent without LVHN’s or their physician’s knowledge, review or authorization.
- Their doctor is not suggesting they change their insurance as the letter implies.
- Reassure them that their doctor practices at LVHN. Their doctor is a valued member of Lehigh Valley Physician Group and a critical member of their care team.
- If your patient would like to confirm that their doctor accepts their current insurance, please ask them to call 888-402-LVHN.
- Let them know LVHN values their relationship, and is committed to the highest levels of ethical practice and communication.
- Thank them for their trust and confidence in LVHN and their physician.

Thank you, too, for your ongoing commitment to caring for your patients at LVHN.
LVHN Names New Chief Financial Officer

BY ADMIN · DECEMBER 1, 2017

This message is from Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, President and Chief Executive Officer

Several months ago I shared with you the news that Ed O’Dea, MBA, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), has decided to retire at the end of the year. While it is hard to tell by his very busy work schedule, Ed is very much on track to complete his LVHN career on December 31. We will sincerely miss him and all he has done for our network.

Today, however, I am very pleased to announce that we have found someone with an extensive and diverse background and experience in health care finance and financial strategy. Thomas Marchozzi, MBA, CPA, will become Lehigh Valley Health Network’s new Executive Vice President and CFO, effective January 1.

Tom brings to us the best of not-for-profit and for-profit leadership experience. He is joining us from Universal Health Services, Inc., a for-profit integrated health care delivery system which operates 28 acute care hospitals. He served the last three years as Senior Vice President and CFO for the Acute Care division out of Universal's King of Prussia, Pa., headquarters, where he was responsible for hospitals across the U.S. in high-growth, competitive markets.

Prior to joining UHS, Tom served as the Executive Vice President and CFO at Hartford HealthCare in Hartford, Conn., where he led an impressive turnaround in that organization’s financial performance. He also assisted in cultivating Hartford Health’s relationship with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance.

During his more than 30 years of professional experience, Tom has held senior-level finance positions at MedStar Health in Columbia, Md., Jefferson Health System in Radnor, Pa., and Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Tom earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Drexel University, and a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from Villanova University. He has taken courses in a doctoral program with a concentration on higher education administration at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a certified healthcare financial professional and a certified public accountant. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
Tom and his wife, Shelly, have two sons, Tom (34) and Jeff (31). He grew up in, and still has the majority of his extended family in, Conshohocken, Pa. Tom and Shelly enjoy spending time in the Poconos as well as summers at the beach in Ocean City, NJ. Please join me in welcoming Tom to LVHN.
LVHN Acquires Weller Health Education Center

BY BRIAN DOWNS · DECEMBER 1, 2017

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital have acquired Weller Health Education Center, a Lehigh Valley organization with a rich history of providing health care information to students and their families. Weller Center has been providing preventive, science-based programs to children in grades K-12 for more than 32 years.

LVHN’s acquisition follows a process initiated by the center in 2015 to locate a potential partner with the depth and breadth of resources to sustain, expand and improve upon Weller’s intellectual property. Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital was the unanimous choice of the Weller Center’s Board of Directors, Foundation and staff. The new program will be known as Weller Health Education at Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital.

The new acquisition will enhance Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital’s existing school-based health services and outreach programs by providing more resources and accessibility to additional schools, parents and educators. Health education will be available for all grade levels (elementary, middle and high school) including parent/teacher programs.

“Partnering with the Weller Center will allow the Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital to expand its ability to help communities make the children of this region as healthy as they can be,” says Nathan Hagstrom, MD, Chair, Department of Pediatrics at LVHN. “It’s a perfect fit with our current pediatric population health and primary care programs and services.”

Weller takes pride in staying ahead of emerging health trends to create new programs that target the most pertinent health risks facing kids today including depression, prescription drug and heroin use, healthy relationships and building resilience and stress management skills. All programs are presented by professional health educators who are experts at connecting with young people and translating even the most complex information into easy to understand concepts. Faculty and parent programs are also available.

The Weller Center’s programs are rigorously evaluated and outcomes-based. Students take part in pre-
and post-program tests measuring knowledge gain and positive shifts in attitude using an Audience Response System. Following program delivery, participating schools and funders receive impact reports detailing program outcomes.

The Weller Center partners with hundreds of schools each year to change the behaviors of young people and help them develop life-long healthy habits which will prevent chronic disease, reduce violence and improve the overall health, safety and well-being of children and families in our communities.

Subject matter is centered on prevention in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, mental health (including stress, depression and suicide), healthy relationships character education, growth and development, nutrition and fitness, and personal hygiene. Each school will receive a risk assessment to complete prior to receiving recommendations from Weller/Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital for programming options.
LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, presented the State of the Health Network Address on Nov. 16. He began by reminding colleagues that you chose a career in health care because you care about people. Throughout his presentation, he talked about how LVHN puts people first: colleagues, patients and their loved ones.

Dr. Nester discussed the state of health care as well as LVHN’s strategy. The most important part of our strategy is creating a great experience for all colleagues, so that you can deliver a great experience to patients and families. Below, you can read an overview of his presentation and watch video snippets that provide more details, or watch a video of the entire presentation. (Note: Despite suffering bruises in a car accident a few days before his presentation, Dr. Nester delivered a passionate presentation.)
Amid the challenges of our evolving health care system, many Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems are realizing they cannot go it alone. Thus, we’re seeing mergers and acquisitions, and partnerships with health plans across the state. The graphic (above) shows the mergers, acquisitions and payer partnership that have occurred in the past three years. In this video, Dr. Nester explains our merger strategy.

The video below will only play in Google Chrome. If you are using Internet Explorer, click here to watch.
Creating strong partnerships with health plans (payers) also is important because health plans will continue to be the way Americans access and pay for care. Highmark, the largest insurer in Pennsylvania, chose to partner with LVHN to create a new health plan called Lehigh Valley Flex Blue. Highmark recognizes our ability to provide higher quality care to more people at a lower cost. One way we’re doing that is by making investments in outpatient services, as Dr. Nester explains in this video.

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During the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, inpatient admissions at LVHN were below budget. Contributing to fewer admissions is the hard work colleagues are doing to keep the people of our community healthy. We are well positioned for the future because we’re doing the right things: Providing great care, keeping people well and out of the hospital, and creating a healthier community. That will serve us well beginning in 2019 when 80 percent of Medicare payments will be based on the “value” of the care provided. In essence, we’ll be rewarded for how well we’re providing care and keeping people healthy (fee for value), rather than how much care we’re providing (fee for service). In this video, Dr. Nester explains how we’re creating a healthier community and how it is affecting LVHN today.

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The LVHN strategy begins with creating a great experience for you and all colleagues. When you have a great work experience, you’re able to give patients and families the best possible experience. They’ll remember how you made them feel and continually turn to us for care. That’s how we gain momentum and move our organization forward. At a recent leadership retreat, the visual of a flywheel was used to symbolize that momentum. With one push, the flywheel gains momentum and accelerates. LVHN’s first “push” is to create a great experience for you.

PRIDE is at the heart of everything we do because it’s all about how we treat people. We recently surveyed colleagues about our PRIDE behaviors, listened to your suggestions and updated our PRIDE behaviors to put you first, even before our patients. Here is what’s new about PRIDE:

- You’re asked to make the PRIDE Promise, a personal commitment to practicing these behaviors.
- We listened to you and included the new things that you told us are important to infuse into our culture (creating time, trust and teamwork by being present, engaged, positive and accountable).

Practicing PRIDE means we’re listening to you and making investments in you. Here’s how:

- You asked for better fitness benefits. Now, all colleagues can use LVHN Fitness facilities at no cost and with no minimum visit requirement.
You asked for professional and personal growth opportunities. Now through January, we’ll begin rolling out free development opportunities designed to help you be at your best.

- You asked to have more interaction with leadership. Now, colleagues are invited to the State of the Health Network Address. We’re hosting Town Hall meetings, Casual Conversations and PRIDE Rounds. Leaders also are providing more communication via blogs and emails. Coming soon, colleagues will be invited to join a “colleague ambassador” program, which will promote more two-way communication between staff and leadership.

- We’ll keep listening to you. In February, we’ll conduct our next Colleague Survey.

Creating a great experience for you is so important, it will soon be part of our health network goals. Dr. Nester explains in this video.

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When you’re at your best, our flywheel gains momentum. When you have the right work conditions, we all can give people the conveniences and experience they desire. We can “Just Say Yes.” Here’s what we’re doing to provide people with convenient access to care:

- We’re making a promise to people who call an LVPG practice or our Access Center for an appointment to get them in “today, tomorrow or the next day.”
- You can call one toll-free number, 888-402-LVHN, to connect to everything LVHN has to offer.
- You can click LVHN.org or MyLVHN to schedule an appointment.
- You can walk in to ExpressCARE without an appointment for treatment of minor illnesses and injuries. You also can check ExpressCARE wait times on LVHN.org to learn how fast we can see you.
- You can view providers’ star ratings and comments from verified patients on LVHN.org/find_a_doctor to choose the best doctor for you.
- You can have a video visit from the comfort of your home if you have a minor medical concern. Here, Dr. Nester explains what makes our video visits unique.

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During the leadership retreat, we brainstormed new ways to increase access to our services while keeping in mind things already on your plate. Innovative ideas were shared. For example, LVPG is now hiring Access Coordinators, a new position in practices that are seeing patients going elsewhere for care. Access Coordinators will focus on removing barriers and getting people in the door for care. These colleagues fulfill a need and allow other practice colleagues to focus on their responsibilities. It’s another example of LVHN’s commitment to you and our patients.

The flywheel is gaining momentum. As we make it easy for people to access our service and provide the best experience, people will continue to turn to us for care, and they'll tell their family and friends about their experience here. That patient loyalty propels the growth and revenue that allows us to create an even better place to work and make investments in all the regions LVHN serves.
We’ve created a health network in which all the quality services we provide are accessible within driving distance. Now, we will continue to make investments in all the communities we serve.

- In Hazleton, we’ll modernize LVH–Hazleton, create a health care campus of the future and recruit new primary care and specialty providers.
- In Monroe County, we’re building LVH–Pocono West in Tannersville.
- In the summer, we’ll break ground on a new campus in Lower Nazareth Township.
- In Schuylkill County, we’ll work to expand access to primary and specialty care.
- In Bucks County, we’re planning a new health center at Pumping Station Road and Route 309.
- Growth is taking place behind the scenes to connect our health network with one integrated health record: Epic.
- Our commitment to residents of Carbon County remains despite Blue Mountain Health System’s decision to merger with St. Luke’s. Dr. Nester explains in this video.

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The LVHN strategy is summed up in the statement above. The state of our health network is strong. Together we can make it even stronger.

Leaders should:
- Help create a great work experience by supporting your staff.

Colleagues should:
- Take advantage of the opportunities LVHN makes available to you. Join LVHN Fitness and take advantage of professional and personal development opportunities so you are at your best for our patients.
- Practice PRIDE. Promise to treat colleagues, patients and their families with PRIDE during every interaction.
- Just say yes when someone needs and appointment, test or service. If you see a barrier, raise the issue with the right people and help fix it.
- Never forget why you chose a health care career and that LVHN delivers care from the heart.

Watch the State of the Health Network Address in its entirety.

At the end of the presentation, Dr. Nester answers questions about our health insurance strategy, the progress of health care reform in Washington D.C., the possibility of additional mergers and more.

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Three Truths and a Lie

BY KIM JORDAN, DNP, RN · DECEMBER 1, 2017

On rounds, I like to get in on the huddle. Everyone is there listening and sharing information prior to patient care shift change. When I'm not talking, I like watching. Your attention and focus are key. By focusing, you hear and absorb essential information, and then you can ask questions to complete the picture. The huddle also provides a forum for managers to use the communication cascade, so you receive important LVHN information.

The communication cascade is one way to ensure you hear from LVHN leadership about news and issues that are important to the health network. What's the state of the health network? Hear the highlights at huddle (and get more on LVHN Daily). Want new computer security details? You'll hear it at huddle. The communication cascade also helps dispel rumors because you are hearing information firsthand from your leaders, not from someone who may or may not have a clue about what is going on.

Lie: Rumors are real

Let's say you did hear from someone who has a story to tell about LVHN and you aren't sure if it is true or not. Do you ask a colleague or post on social media? My advice is simple: Please ask your supervisor. If your supervisor is unsure about this information, she or he can ask their manager, and so on. It is important to not make assumptions about information you hear secondhand. Trust the communication cascade for the truth. Rumors are rarely real, but they can cause real damage.

Truth: Per diem incentive

If you know a registered nurse who is interested in per diem work, Patient Care Services (in Lehigh Valley core) has introduced a new, tiered incentive per diem plan for RNs. Here's how to learn more:

1. Speak with or email your patient care director to learn more about this incentive.
2. Visit Lehigh Valley Health Network's LinkedIn page to share the post for Tiered Per Diem RN Program on your own LinkedIn career page. This informs your contacts (who may apply), or they may, in turn, share that post on LinkedIn to inform their own connections about these opportunities.
3. Visit or send your nurse contacts to LVHN.org/RNperdiem. There, they can request more information and/or apply. (Note: This opportunity is available to current employees, as well.)

**Truth: Retention Committee is actively working for you**

The RN Retention Committee is diligently working on their three focus areas: social/networking, shared governance and clinical ladder.

The group met yesterday and they have great things in the works for you:

- **Social/networking:** This team is planning the first event…a night of bowling! Right now, it looks like this will occur on Feb. 20 at Parkway Lanes. However, we will confirm that in the next few weeks. In the meantime, save the date!

- **Shared governance:** Members of this group will visit a unit near you over the next few weeks. They want to ask about the current state of your unit-based committees and staff participation. Please spend a few minutes with them when they get to your unit. By understanding the successes and challenges of your current shared governance activities, they can work toward solutions to help it thrive.

- **Clinical ladder:** This team continues working on a proposed clinical ladder model. It is not yet ready to disseminate, but it is coming along; and I must say, they are working very hard on making this happen.

**An invitation**

If you would like to join the RN Retention Committee and participate in one of these subgroups, please speak with your director and send me an email (Marie.Jordan@lvhn.org)! We would welcome more nurses to share ideas and provide brain and muscle power to help us make LVHN a great place to work right now and into the future.

**Truth: I'm thankful for you and your dedication to patients**

As I mentioned, I am a people watcher at huddles, and I like what I see. You aren’t just “hearing” information – you are listening, absorbing and understanding. You then take that information and prepare for your shift, knowing that your patients have varying conditions, needs and personalities. How are we (the team) going to make sure all care is done in the right time and in the correct manner? How are we going to manage the unexpected? How can we celebrate the achievements?

Seeing you respond and lead patient care is, in a word, amazing. And inspiring. And one more word: impactful. What you accomplish in a shift makes an impact on your patients, and they are the better for it.

Thank you for all you do,
Kim

P.S.: A fourth truth: my email is available to you, so don’t be shy: Marie.Jordan@lvhn.org.

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.

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BY ADMIN · NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Remember that contributions to your Flexible Spending Account (FSA) must be used for services received within the calendar year.

To use your remaining 2017 FSA dollars, you must incur qualified expenses by Dec. 31, 2017. While you have until March 31, 2018 to claim reimbursement for those expenses, any funds unused by Dec. 31 will be forfeited. Also, 2018 funds cannot be used for 2017 expenses.

Populytics offers direct access to the FSA Store, the only e-commerce site exclusively stocked with FSA-eligible products and services. FSA Store eliminates the guesswork behind what is reimbursable under your FSA. You can access the site easily once you’ve logged into MyPopulytics.com. Simply click on “WealthCare FSA & HSA Account” under the “Quick Links” menu just as you would to check your FSA Balance. Then, click on FSA Store at the bottom left side of the page.

Keep in mind that incurring expenses is not the same as submitting a claim. In order to be reimbursed with 2017 funds after Dec. 31, a paper claim for 2017 expenses must be submitted to Populytics by March 31, 2018. Debit card transactions on Jan. 1, 2018, and after will apply toward 2018 expenses.

If you have questions about your 2017 funds or any FSA issue, please contact Populytics at 484-862-3505 or via MyPopulytics.com where you can submit your questions by clicking on “Contact Us” at the top right side of the home page.
December My Total Health Opportunities

BY TED WILLIAMS · NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Wellness offerings this month for raising a family include a CPR family and friends class, maternity tours, car seat checks and more. Also included this month is a baby care class for people who speak Spanish. Here are this month’s My Total Health events for raising a family.

LVH–17th Street

Dec. 4 – Preparing for Labor & Childbirth
Dec. 6 – Baby Care (Spanish)
Dec. 7 – Breastfeeding Baby
Dec. 11 – CPR for Family and Friends
Dec. 12 – Baby Care

LVH–Cedar Crest

Dec. 2, 9 and 30 – Prepared Childbirth (one-day class)
Dec. 4, 6, 10 and 18 – Maternity Tours
Dec. 8 and 21 – Car Seat Checks
Dec. 10 – Sibling Tours
Dec. 10 – Baby Care
Dec. 11 – CPR for Family and Friends
Dec. 13 – Breastfeeding Baby
Dec. 27 – Safe Sitter
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Dec. 20 – Hands-Only CPR Class

LVH–Muhlenberg

Dec. 2 – Baby Care

Dec. 3, 12 and 17 – Maternity Tours

Dec. 3 and 17 – Sibling Tours

Dec. 5 and 20 – Breastfeeding Baby

Dec. 9 and 16 – Preparing for Childbirth (one-day class)

LVH–Schuylkill

Dec. 5 – Breastfeeding Baby

Dec. 19 – CPR Family and Friends

For more information or to register, call 888-402-LVHN.

Learn about all of our My Total Health programs.
VALIC – December Investment Planning Seminar

BY TED WILLIAMS · DECEMBER 1, 2017

VALIC – Investment Planning Seminar

VALIC Retirement, the company managing our retirement plans, will host the “The Investment Planning Seminar” at the following locations:

Dec. 5 – 12-1 p.m., LVHN–Mack Boulevard room 6B
Dec. 6 – 12-1 p.m., LVH–Cedar Crest ECC room 5
Dec. 6 – 12-1 p.m., LVH–Muhlenberg ECC room D
Dec. 7 – 12-1 p.m., LVH–17th Street auditorium
Dec. 13 – 12-1 p.m., LVHN–One City Center room 8 East 2

Registration is required to attend one of these seminars. Click here to register and enter one of the following codes:

For LVHN–Mack Boulevard seminar: LVHALL11AX
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For LVH–Muhlenberg seminar: LVHBET11AY
For LVH–17th Street seminar: LVHALL11AT
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VALIC Retirement advisors are available to help you at:

LVH–Cedar Crest:
Jeff Hofmann: 610-402-8801
Michael Ryan: 610-402-8801 (advisor for LVPG colleagues)

LVH–17th Street:
Tim Schroyer: 610-969-2625

LVH–Muhlenberg and Health Network Laboratories:
Kevin Gertz: 610-392-9912

LVHN–One City Center:
Michael Ryan 601-402-8801
Tim Schroyer 610-969-2625

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Find Something Special in the 2017 Holiday Gift Collection

BY TED WILLIAMS · NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Colleagues, need some great holiday gifts at reasonable prices? Check out the newly released 2017 Holiday Gift Collection, which features merchandise found in our gift shops at LVH–Cedar Crest and LVH–Muhlenberg.

Be sure to take advantage of the Annual Gift Shop Sale Dec. 14-15 at both campuses, where all items will be 25 percent off listed prices.

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Thankfulness
Over the years, the Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital has supported the hospital by operating gift shops and conducting a variety of fund-raising events and activities. During December, the auxiliary will be hosting a $5 jewelry sale at LVH–Cedar Crest.

$5 Jewelry Sale

LVH–Cedar Crest, Jaindl Pavilion, lower level

Dec. 5 through Dec. 8, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

The history of the Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital

The Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital has roots that date back more than a century. Thirteen women formed the Auxiliary of Allentown hospital to raise money for the city's first hospital. Then they bought a plot of land at 17th and Chew streets in Allentown, and in 1899, they opened The Allentown Hospital.

Today, the Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital supports two hospitals and is the only one in the nation to support three endowed chairs.
Christmas Flower Sale, Christmas Tea Set for LVH–Muhlenberg

BY TED WILLIAMS · NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Over the years, the Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg Auxiliary has supported the hospital by operating the Camille gift shop and conducting a variety of fund-raising events and activities. Here is what the auxiliary has scheduled in December:

Annual Christmas Tea
LVH–Muhlenberg ECC rooms B & C
Dec. 6, 2-4 p.m.

Christmas Flower Sale
LVH–Muhlenberg cafeteria hallway
Dec. 13-14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The history of The Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg Auxiliary

When a group of Lutheran clergy purchased a 102-acre alfalfa field and set out to build a new hospital for Bethlehem in the late 1950s, a group of women who became The Auxiliary of the Muhlenberg Hospital Center went to churches all over the Lehigh Valley to gather members and funds in support of the project. By the time the hospital was dedicated in 1961, it was one of the largest auxiliaries in the country.
You Could Be a Winner. Read the United Way Weekly Prize List to Find Out.

BY ADMIN · NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Our annual LVHN United Way campaign runs through Dec. 1. This year’s theme is “Our Future. Our Community.” Your donation will help the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley support vital community-based programs that focus on education, food access, healthy aging and emergency services.

Each week, colleagues who donate are entered into a drawing for a variety of exciting prizes. Don’t fret if you don’t win. Your name will automatically be entered into the following week’s drawing. Below is the list of winners for week nine.

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Carol Nagazina | Gift card: Sodexho
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Stephanie Weakland | Wellness Gift Basket
Donated by: BeneFit Corporate Wellness

Elijah Chumo | One night stay at Bear Creek
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Service Anniversary List – December 2017

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Happy anniversary to these colleagues celebrating a career milestone at LVHN in December.

55 years
Christine Faller, nurse staffing office

40 years
Michael Holmes, engineering

35 years
Betty Attilio, physical/occupational therapy

30 years
Gail Best, Radiology admin
Terri Ferrizzi, nursing float pool
Kathleen Gower, LVPG Gynecologic Oncology-1240 Cedar Crest
Tracey Sechler, marketing and public affairs
Jack Seyfried, pharmacy

25 years
Kimberly Warrington, respiratory care services

20 years
Robert Blauser, LVPG Family Medicine-Hamburg
Angelo Cavuoto, information services
Teresa Confer, pediatric unit
Evelyn Fontanez, LVPG Family Medicine-Hellertown
Barbara Gouzouasis, department of family medicine
Mary Greenberg, LVPG Hematology Oncology-Muhlenberg
Janet Griffin, pharmacy
Lori Hefele, executive office
Ann Hinnerschietz, cancer financial services
Traci Kressly, hospice
Emily Morales, LVPG Infectious Diseases-1250 Cedar Crest
Donna Naftzinger, LVPG Family Medicine-Hamburg
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Celia Pereira, pre-services/financial clearance
Cheryl Pifer, human resources
Donna Rodriguez, outpatient registration
Bonnie Schantzenbach, home care

15 years
Meghan Bryan, pediatric unit
Mary Cipolle, inpatient diabetes education
Rhonda Cosby, adult psychiatry unit
Anita Dankel, respiratory care specialty float
Joumana De Santiago, interpreter services
Harold Estrada, pharmacy
Gail Fejes, 5T
Robert Fugazzotto, MICU/SICU
Jolene Hahn, network and provider services
Tracy Hartman, interventional radiology
Liza Harvilla, mother baby unit
Roy Hoch, Epic
Rebecca Johnston, LVPG Pediatric Endocrinology-17th Street
Leandra Kenny, radiology
Mary Lang, LVPG Neurology-1250 Cedar Crest
Janet McKinnon, case management
Loriann Meyer, emergency department
Kerry Miller, LVPG Rheumatology-3080 Hamilton Blvd.
Rita Ramirez, TNICU
Sallie Urffer, LVHN Fitness

10 years
Sofia Bassett, labor and delivery
Marlene Bayer, partial hospitalization
Teresa Buonanno, pharmacy
Dennis Catino, patient transport services
Judith Chernikovich-Clemens, hospice
Thomas Craig, patient transport services
Kenneth Delaurier, engineering
Philip Dolcemascolo, LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery
Lisa Erlsten, information services
Michelle Fey, hospice unit
Dylan Flaherty, nursing float pool
Jaclyn Goffredo, float pool
Joy Heck, Regional Burn Center
Michelle Keller, Wound Healing Center
James Kish, MedEvac Ground
Michelle Klepeiss, Health Spectrum Pharmacy
Angelika Langley, Cardiac Diagnostic Center
Allison Rompilla, LVPG reimbursement
Amanda Rooney, crisis intervention
Gerald Stauffer, ICU
Nolan Steffen, adolescent psychiatry unit
Donna Wegner, 5T

5 years
Amber Barnes, nursing float pool
Brenda Bradford, emergency department
Caress Christian, LVPG Family Medicine-Broheadsville
Marta Davis LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties-1210 Cedar Crest
Jennifer Delgado, Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice
Erin Dietrich, LVPG Family Medicine-Hamburg
Mary Anne Eminhizer, radiology
Alicia Farley, LVPG Surgical Oncology-1240 Cedar Crest
Charlene Fava, LVPG financial planning/budget
Robin Fritsch, OACIS
James Fuller, vascular lab
Melissa Geissinger, 6C
Christa Graddick Beldo, physician and executive recruitment
Andrew Hunadi, ExpressCARE
Masai Jones, emergency department
Ronald Kave, supply management
Stephanie Kershner, 3A IPCU
Tracy Kichline, information services
Daniel Lavelle, marketing and public affairs
Eileen Leibensperger, medical records
Neil Mathews, department of family medicine
Stephen McElroy, MICU/SICU
Taylor Miller, emergency department
Dayna Nelms, Heart Station
Heather Reph, Cancer Center multi-purpose area
Michelle Scales, Regional Burn Center
Denise Schwind, physical/occupational/speech therapy
Pamela Thompson, 6B
Kenneth Truscott, LVPG Family Medicine-Hamburg
Robert Verbosh, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services
Geetika Verma-Johri, ABC Family Pediatricians
Laurette White, LVPG Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery-1243 Cedar Crest
Matthew Yost, Health Spectrum Pharmacy