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UPCOMING hospital EVENTS

Thursday, May 28
Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Joan Ross Board Room, NHH

NHH recognized by Canadian Nurses Association with Employer Recognition Award



Earlier this month, NHH Program Director Linda Calhoun received notification from the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) that the Hospital had been selected for a prestigious Employer Recognition Program Award.

The Award, given to three recipients in Canada in 2009, recognizes employer innovation in health-care facilities that provide “unique incentives or out-of-the-ordinary tools in support of nurses pursuing specialty certification.”

Kudos were also extended from the CNA to Linda herself for inspiring nursing staff on the ED team to both pursue the certification process and, in turn, nominate NHH for granting them the flexibility to complete their studies.

Certified nurses must meet rigorous requirements to achieve this expert credential. The certification credential is an important indicator to patients, employers, professional licensing bodies and the public that a nurse is qualified, competent and current in a nursing specialty or area of nursing practice.

Congratulations to Andrea Doyle, Sarah Cowin, Marley Gimblett, Elizabeth Geddes and Catherine Setterington for successfully completing the CNA Emergency Nursing Certification, and Kimberly Baxter for completing the CNA certification for Oncology Nursing. The group is shown celebrating the accomplishment above, with Program Director Linda Calhoun (far left). Missing from the photo is Catherine Setterington.

New parking payment process for visitor lots coming to NHH this June

Early next month—June 3 and June 5 respectively—NHH will migrate to a new parking gate mechanism in the visitor and Emergency Department (ED) lots. This change marks the latest in a multi-phase project to improve the parking payment process at the Hospital.

With the move to the new gates, NHH will introduce the option of credit card payments and, further, permit people to instantly receive hard copy receipts for use for tax or other documentation purposes.

What changes can visitors expect this June when parking at the hospital?

The entry gate to the front visitor lot will remain in the same location, but the exit gate will move from the north side of the front visitor lot to the west.

Where previously people paid on exit from the lots, when the new gate mechanism goes live June 3 (main visitor lot) and June 5 (ED lot) visitors will be required to pay at the on-foot pay stations INSIDE the hospital. There will be two pay stations. One will be located

in the ED. The second will be located at the front door, beside the Inquiry Desk. Payment will no longer be accepted at the gate. Pay stations will accept cash or credit cards. Effective June 5, parking tokens will be discontinued for all hospital lots.

Will there be pricing changes?

There will be no change to the current \$5 flat fee price for visitor parking at NHH at this time. The Hospital will review the traffic data the new system will generate and, from there, determine how best to price parking rates going forward. NHH is committed to offering reduced rates for short-term use. It is expected that at least two months will be required before sufficient data can be gathered to determine exactly what that new visitor pricing will be.

Questions or suggestions regarding the parking process at NHH should be directed to Elizabeth Vosburgh, Vice President, Human Resources and Quality, at evosburgh@nhh.ca or 905-377-7759.

MESSAGE FROM

HELEN BRENNER,
Vice President, Patient Services,
and Chief Nursing Executive

National Nursing Week was celebrated at NHH May 12-18 and once again I was struck by the enthusiasm of the health care professionals in this organization. Under the leadership of Clinical Resource Nurse Karen Bruton, a creative Nursing Week committee developed a week full of activities celebrating nurses, nursing and all that this dynamic profession brings to hospital and community care.

Included in the week of activities were visits to our Hospital from several special guests. Together with NHH President and CEO Robert Biron I had the pleasure of hosting Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi on a “walk-about” to the various units inside the Hospital. Staff and patients appreciated the opportunity to meet privately with our provincial representative, and to share their unique perspectives on the many challenges and success stories in health care today.

Another memorable visit was a May 12 talk by Wendy Fucile, Peterborough-based President of the Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario. Wendy inspired hospital staff with her insight into ongoing developments in the nursing profession, the opportunity to maximize the scope of practice for all nurse practitioners (Registered Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner), and innovative ideas that are being trialed in the workplace in support of nursing. Her talk sparked very good discussion during the question period which highlighted the passion for nursing at NHH.

One Nursing Week event that struck me as particularly inspiring was the winning entry in our first “nursing tree” contest. Put forward by the nursing staff in our Birthing Suites department, the tree illustrated all that nursing means to them. Complete with miniature blue and pink paper diapers, the tree was filled with messages illustrating the joy these professionals take from helping to bring a new life into the world. One of many remarkable entries, this nursing tree was a fitting reminder for me of how fortunate we are for the many caring individuals who have chosen to bring their talents to a career with NHH’s nursing team.



RN and Emergency Department Team Leader Mary Derks and RN Keith LeRoux show off their scores after completing the Walk and Roll

Physiotherapy Month celebrated with “Walk and Roll” at NHH

NHH’s physiotherapy team joined forces with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit’s Health for Life team again this year to organize the annual spring NHH Walk and Roll in celebration of National Physiotherapy Month.

The Friday, May 8 event attracted close to 100 participants, including staff, volunteers and community members alike who laced up their sneakers and headed out on the one-kilometre footpath surrounding the hospital. Walkers got to “roll” giant dice at four stations along the route and prizes, donated from local businesses, were awarded to those with the highest score.

Walking is a healthy, weight-bearing exercise that can provide a total body workout. As a “health-promoting hospital” NHH is very proud to host this annual event. The walking trail circling the hospital—dedicated to the honour of the late Ross Michael Troop in June 2008—was designed with just these sorts of joint hospital/community events in mind. Special thanks to the physiotherapy staff and Auxiliary volunteers for their work on this popular annual event.

Career opportunities

- Director, Emergency and Ambulance Care,
- Director, Finance and Decision Support
- Director, Professional Practice
- Medical Radiation Technologist, Mammography – part-time
- Pharmacists – full- and part-time opportunities available now

More opportunities available. For more information and a full listing, go to the Careers section of the hospital Web site, www.nhh.ca

Save the date! Upcoming NHH Foundation events

Tuesday, June 16 – Northumberland’s Biggest Coffee Morning
For information please contact the Foundation office at 905-372-6811, ext. 3065 or visit www.nhhcoffee.ca

Upcoming Auxiliary events

Monday, June 29 – Wine Tasting in the Park, Victoria Park, Cobourg, 7:30 – 9:30 PM.
Tickets are \$30 in advance only, available now in Cobourg at the Hospital’s Little Treasure Shop and the Human Bean and Cest Please in Port Hope. For more information, contact Young Mee Kim at 905-885-7783.

Feedback on our hospital communications?
Please email or call Jennifer Gillard, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, at jgillard@nhh.ca or 905-377-7757