

**Congrats to  
 Guy Vitello  
 Our**



**Winner!!!!**



**- Human Resources -**

**September Birthdays:**

- Robert Anderson, ED Tech 9/03
- Carol Woodward, RN 9/06
- Jessica Gardner, HIM 9/11
- Julius Mungai, CNA 9/11
- Margo Acuna, Dietary Manager 9/24
- Cristina Prokop, FNP9/24
- Serena Meadows, Auth Coord 9/29
- Kelly Benson, LVN 9/30

**Anniversaries:**

**1 Year**

- Catrenea Yampolsky, FRC
- Lisa Martell, CLS

**3 years**

- Jessica Gardner, HIM
- Markie Maples, EVS

**19 years**

- Linda Candiotti, PA-C

**New Hires:**

- Judy Gallagher, CNO
- Nina Greenberg, RN
- Peter Crosiar, LVN
- Jennifer Melvoen, Business Svc. Manager
- Alicia Ordaz, CNA
- Patrick O'Rourke, Foundation Director
- Nicole Danner, RN – Visiting Nurse
- Jessica Lowrie, Maintenance
- Adrienne Wohlfeil, ED Tech /CNA
- Jason Dockins, IT Manager

**- Kudos -**

This month's KUDOS inner is **Vanessa King**. Her winning nomination was submitted by Jessica Little, "Vanessa takes pride in her work, and works hard. Thank you for all your work; it's noticed and greatly appreciated." Congratulations and A HUGE thank you to Vanessa for all she does to help make SHCHD a great place!

For having her name submitted and picked, Vanessa will receive a \$25 gift card.

Runner up nominations:

"Huge KUDOS for Courtney Embry for doing great hand washing before the email was sent that we would be monitoring! Great job, Courtney!!" © Lora

"I would like to nominate Billie Bachman for KUDOS because of the excellent level of care she provides. Billie's grace and kindness is inspiring. She is supportive, dependable, and a true team player. I am constantly learning from her and am grateful to work with such a true professional." — Anonymous

"KUDOS to Serena Meadows. Serena is always in a great mood. Very helpful and supportive, she helped me with a personal problem recently and I wanted her to know how awesome she is!!! Serena, you ROCK. Thank you." — Anonymous

"KUDOS to Marie Brown, who is always there to help in any way she can." — Susan

"Tracy Smith – For always being kind, patient, and accommodating. Seems to go above and beyond to please the residents... and does it with a smile on her face." — Chuck Thompson

"Shannon, who never complains, always works hard, and goes above and beyond to do so!" — KR

\*\*\* Thank you to everyone who submitted KUDOS this month. Keep them coming! Who knows... maybe next month the KUDOS winner will be someone you nominated! \*\*\*

— Hunter Tucker, Human Resources Manager



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**- Registration -**

Welcome to Christina Curia, our new registration clerk in the ED. She has previous extensive hospital experience in Medical Records with other hospitals in southern CA. She has completed training, working in our ED and is the friendly new face greeting our customers and helping make sure their registration process is smooth. She's new to our community and has moved here with family, so you'll see her around town - please say hello.

— Diane Meredith-Gordon, HIM

## **• Engineering and - Plant Operations**

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have lots going on at our hospital. A new roof project is almost completed. A new courtyard is in the works with new concrete sidewalks and patio area. This will also serve as a great place for staff barbecues and outdoor meetings. As these projects come to a close others will open so stay tuned for any updates.

### **Physical Therapy**

There is light at the end of this tunnel. By the time you read this we should be just about ready to move Ther-A-Con to their new home. This has been a fun project and will reap great rewards.

### **State Surveys**

As you all know we have had a couple of surveys recently. One of the questions asked of our staff members was the location of the gas and water mains. So to help jog our memories Engineering has placed signs next to those two items. Please feel free to look those over as we will surely be asked those same questions in the next survey, and that could be sooner than we think.

### **Questions a state survey team would ask**

#### **Where is the main water shutoff located?**

Outside of the employee entrance, on Cedar St. To the left if you are entering. To the right if you are exiting.

#### **Where is the gas main shutoff located?**

Outside of the ER entrance along side of the building. (The shut off tool is located in the Engineering department next to the fire alarm panel.)

And last but not least an Info/Update. We have moved the small oxygen bottles from the utility room to the old linen closet two doors up. There was a question about oxygen storage in the utility room and the closet having linen too close to the sprinkler head, **fire sprinkler heads must have an 18" clearance around them at all times.** So the correction was to remove the linen from the closet and use the closet for oxygen storage. Problem solved!

— Guy Vitello, EVS Manager

## **- From the CEO -**

I am sad to see Dr. M leave. He has been a vital part of the District for the past 4 years. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. I am excited to announce that Dr. Shabana and Dr. Gadallah will be joining our staff shortly. I have worked with Dr. Gadallah before and he is an excellent physician and will be a great asset to the hospital. Dr. Shabana came highly recommended by Dr. Gadallah and others.



There are a couple of new managers who have joined our staff. Please welcome Judy Gallagher our new Chief Nursing Officer, Troy Hetherwick our new Laboratory Director and Patrick O'Rourke our Foundation and Public Relations Director. I look forward to working closely with these new managers. As I mentioned before we have many changes coming and I can see a very bright future with these new people joining our team.

**Welcome Dr. Tawfik Shabana on Thursday, September 15 and say goodbye to Dr. Marcin Matuszkiewicz on Friday, September 23**

— Matt Rees, CEO and Administrator

## **- Security -**

This month's safety message has been brought to you by Officer Jake Ku. With the summer and coming fall events and increased foot traffic for the streets of Garberville, let's curb theft and opportunistic robberies right from the start.

We encourage staff here at Jerold Phelps to roll-up their windows and lock their vehicles, as a preventive practice. And don't forget, awareness of surroundings lessens the chances of a surprise encounter.

Let's prevent crime before it starts! The Security Staff is here seven days a week, from 7 pm-7 am., located at the reception desk at the ER entrance.

— Your Security Team

## **- Clinic Happenings -**

### **Welcome Nicole**

I would like to welcome Nicole Danner, RN, to the district. She is our new Visiting Nurse. We are so excited to have her!!

### **Reminder**

About every three weeks we have a visiting doctor, David Ploss, M.D., Cardiologist who works out of our clinic. In addition, we have an Echo Technician (Ploss's office) and an Ultrasound Technician (Palmer's office) that work out of our clinic. So if a patient presents for these services point them in the direction of the clinic and we will get them taken care of. Thanks!!

— Julie Moore, Clinic Manager

## **- News from the -**

### **Family Resource Center**

The Family Resource Center's summer rec program ran for three weeks, July 12-28, with youth ages 5-12 years old. Featuring events in nutrition, exercise, cooking, and arts and crafts, along with local field trips, the program was aimed at being both fun and educational. We would like to thank The Lost Frenchman, KMUD, and BLM, for hosting workshops.

The Family Resource Center is part of the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District (SHCHD) and is a partnership with Southern Humboldt Unified School District. Offering family and community support, counseling, parenting education, nutrition and educational assistance, as well as other assistance, the Family Resource Center is available to serve a variety of needs.

— Amy Terrones, MSW, PPSC, Family Resource Center Coordinator  
Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District