

DCMH NEWS SCAN

Insight to Monthly Happenings & Highlights at DCMH

Decatur County Memorial Hospital

Volume IV Issue XII

May 2010

Board Reviews New State of the Art CT Scan

The Hospital Board of Trustees reviewed one of the most significant single capital equipment requests in recent years. Under consideration was the purchase of a new 128 slice CT Scanner that would provide more capabilities and the addition of better quality images. The purchase would serve to replace a seven-year-old scanner that has reached the end of its useful life and has seen increased maintenance costs. The entire cost of the new CT project over 7 years would amount to \$1.7 million.

The new Siemen's Definition AS+ 128 Slice CT Scanner can capture over 12 times the images in one single rotation as compared to the current 10 slice piece of equipment. This not only allows for better quality images but speeds the exam time and thereby limits the exposure to exam radiation. In addition, another important piece of the scanner package was the addition of special "Iterative Reconstruction Software" that allows for lower dosages and new techniques to lower patient exposure.

The new unit also offers the ability to perform new procedures that are currently not possible with the existing equipment such as: Cardiac Coronary Artery CT Angiography (CCTA), CT Brain Perfusion for Stroke and 3D-4D CT. DCMH would currently be the only Hospital within 40 miles of Greensburg to have the 128 slice technology available.

Director of Radiology, Jay Becker, RT, RVT, RDMS stated, "Our CT scanner is on the normal upgrade path given its age and service requirements. The new equipment not only offers the latest technology but significant potential for additional patient benefits when combined with new capabilities."

DCMH to Stage Largest Health Fair Ever!

The largest and most comprehensive Health Fair in the history of DCMH is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 16 at the Greensburg Elementary School from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m with more than 70 booths! The public is encouraged to attend the event and receive free screenings, vital health information and more!

The Health Fair is a natural extension of the Hospital's mission to "advance the health and wellness of the community" and presents a rare opportunity to receive diverse health information. Area residents can also take advantage of free screenings and new this year is a free Complete Blood Count and Basic Metabolic Profile taken at the event. This screening has been made possible by a special grant from the Hospital Foundation and should be a popular addition. Other screenings will include such items as O2 saturations, pulse and blood pressure checks, glucose screening, body mass index and several others.

Also this year, attendees will be able to enjoy free healthy lunches thanks to generous community sponsors. Those include Arbor Grove Village, DaVita-Greensburg Dialysis, Humana, Crystal Clear Window Cleaning, Hampton Inn, Heritage House, Subway, Blue River Printing, CrownPointe, Grace Lutheran Community, Hillard Lyons/Paul Pank, Napoleon State Bank and Sintering Technologies.

More information about the Health Fair event is available at www.dcmh.net/healthfair or by calling 663-1167.



Healthy Fair—Wednesday, June 16, Noon-3:00 at Greensburg Elementary School

Women's Symposium Scheduled for June 10

On Thursday, June 10, Spirit of Women at Decatur County Memorial Hospital will transform the Greensburg Elementary School's cafeteria into a fairy tale destination for a girl's night out and its annual symposium. The 600 Spirit of Women members are invited to an evening filled with delicious salads, appetizers, and a huge assortment of desserts.



David Fry with the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County, and main sponsor for the evening will open the evening with information about the Hospital Foundation. Dr. Ed Negovetich, a physiatrist at Decatur County Memorial Hospital, will give a short presentation on pain management. The featured speaker of the evening will be Peggy Cline with a topic for the event of "Treating Yourself Like Royalty." All in attendance will walk away with a copy of her book. For more information on how to attend this event or become a member of Spirit of Women, please contact Annie Wilkison at 812-663-1325.

Recycling Effort Gaining Momentum

Decatur County Memorial Hospital continues to look for green initiatives and has a special committee devoted to the efforts. The ROPE (Rescuing Our Planet Earth) Committee has been meeting to consider ideas and alternatives for a variety of initiatives. The committee will soon be placing additional recycling receptacles throughout DCMH. The hope is to encourage additional efforts and usage. The group also offers recycling tips such as the one noted below.

RECYCLING TIP— "Grasscycle"

Grass is composed mostly of water and will decompose rapidly if left on the lawn. The grass clippings will also nourish your existing lawn with nitrogen!

Med Student Studying at DCMH

Decatur County Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome an IU Medical Student for an 8-week period this summer. Robert Kinne will be rotating through various departments and practices while studying to become a medical professional. A huge DCMH welcome goes out to Robert!

Radiology Recognizes Certification

DCMH Radiology announced that Molly Pierson RT (R), (M) passed her mammography boards given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and is now registered in Radiography and Mammography. Jay Becker, RT, RVT, RDMS stated, "This gives our Mammography program additional credibility and reinforces the fact that we have qualified and credentialed technologists."

Foundation Awards Special Grants

Due to the success of the Hospital Foundation's annual gala event the Hospital Foundation Board issued two special grants. Up to \$3,000 was granted for a new patient paging system that will be used in the outpatient clinic and same day procedure units. It will allow those with appointments or families of SPU patients to leave the immediate area but stay in touch with the staff and be available when called. Another amount of up to \$3,000 was granted for a special health fair screening to be made available to the public during the upcoming health fair. This will offset expenditures and allow a more comprehensive screening to be conducted.

In June, the Hospital Foundation Board will be reviewing the regular grants that are presented three times annually. Questions about the Foundation may be directed to (812) 663-1220.

News Scan

News Scan is a monthly publication highlighting important activity at DCMH and is provided for the news media, board of trustees and the community. The publication may be accessed online at www.dcmh.net. Quotes within the document are available for publication and photos are available in a jpeg format. Questions regarding the information presented here may be directed to Bill Alloy, DCMH CEO, 812-663-1170 or to David J. Fry, Director of Community Relations, david.fry@dcmh.net or 812-663-1220.



HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION
of Decatur County