

THIS WEEK

Women of the Year

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Cathi Fontenot, M.D.



Lynn Besch, M.D.

Doctors, Cathi Fontenot, Medical Director and Acting CEO, Interim LSU Public Hospital and Lynn Besch, HIV Division Director, LSU Health Sciences Center, Infectious Diseases, were each honored as 2008 Women of the Year by CityBusiness.

CityBusiness quoted Dr. Fontenot as saying, *“Working at the Medical Center has allowed a variety of experiences...seeing patients, teaching medical students and residents, working with alumni and colleagues as well as with various health care employees has given me opportunities that only a medical center can provide.”* In the interview Dr. Fontenot said her secret to happiness is, *“based, on my belief that God’s timing is perfect and that I am in the right place.”*

CityBusiness wrote of Dr. Besch, *“It takes a great deal of skill to become either an outstanding doctor or an outstanding administrator. To become both requires someone special, and that’s what Dr. Ceryl Lynn Besch has accomplished in her years as the Louisiana State University HIV Outpatient Clinic.”*

Dr. Besch’s secret to happiness, to quote CityBusiness, *“Having strong connections with other people and finding contentment with what you have.”*

We are exceptionally blessed to have two such dedicated physicians and administrators leading the way at the Interim LSU Public Hospital. We also congratulate Sandra Andrieu, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, LSU School of Dentistry, along with all of the women selected for this prestigious honor.

Remember World AIDS Day December 1st.

World AIDS Day
1988-2008



Medical & Surgical *Open House*

*THIS WEEK
thanks
Peggy Vicknair
for her
assistance!*



Julie Newman, RN, Interim ANA, Medical/Surgical Services, standing center in white lab coat, coordinated with her staff to produce a well planned open house. Congratulations to all!

5 East-Cardiology

Left: Esther Guajardo, RN, Sup.2 (in red) explains CT Angiograms of the heart with two nurses visiting the unit from other areas of the hospital. 5-E believes they are *“the pulse of MCLNO, caring for our patients with every beat of our hearts.”*

7 East-Oncology

7 East is a 19 bed unit providing diagnostic and therapeutic management of adult patients with medical, hematological and non-hematological cancer diagnoses. Intervention and treatment is provided by highly qualified staff using a multidisciplinary team approach. Their motto: *“Knowledge plus Compassion equals Oncology”*



7 West-Adult Isolation

The adult isolation unit is a specialty unit that cares for patients with infectious diseases. All rooms are equipped with built in negative pressure to meet CDC requirements for airborne isolation as required for: Tuberculosis, measles, chicken pos, disseminated zoster, agents of bioterrorism (small pox and viral hemorrhagic infections) and bird flu. 7-W believes they are, *“Your Home for Infectious Disease.”*

In-Patient Units

Open House



8 West-Medicine Unit

The Medicine Unit currently has 20 beds comprised of both private and semi-private rooms. Their goal is, *“To provide efficient, quality, individualized and comprehensive nursing care to all patients.”*



Each unit was nicely decorated for the open house and tours

were conducted by staff members knowledgeable of the services provided. Brochures and flyers were created by each unit for handouts. Refreshments for those attending the open house were provided by vendors.



6 East-TTCU

Trauma Transitional Care Unit is a 34 bed unit composed of private and semi-private rooms. Their motto is: *“Transitioning Patients Back to Health.”*



DeTox

Staff from other areas of the hospital visited each unit to learn about more about services available to our patients. The motto for the DeTox Unit is, *“Change occurs when you believe in yourself”.*



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A Successful Day in Diabetic Education



Below: Jerilyn Frazier and Lorean Smith first year nursing students learn as they teach. The two handed out information on diabetes.



Employees as well as patients and visitors attended the event taking advantage of the free screening and consultations offered.



Darleen Benson and Judy Alexander attended the fair to learn more about the disease as both are married to men who are diabetic. While there, they each had their glucose level checked.

Dr. Lydia Melendez, Coletha Riley, RN APRN CDE, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Diabetes along with our dietitians and Delgado nursing students conducted a health fair focused on diabetes. The event was extremely well attended and well received! Health information, healthy snacks and giveaways made the event enjoyable as well as educational. Even new glucose monitors were provided to those who needed them. Congratulations to Ambulatory Services who recognized World Diabetes Day by providing this wonderful service!

Christmas Giving



&

helping homeless veterans



If you wish to donate money, items or clothing, new or used (that's in good shape)

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Christmas decorations are also welcome!

We need all items collected by Dec. 8th.

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Laurie L. Smith
for her
assistance!*

This year we have been invited to take part in a health fair for homeless veterans sponsored by Quad Vets. The event is called Stand Down 2008 and is scheduled for December 10th and 11th. It is estimated that there are 10,000 homeless veterans in Louisiana. We are expecting approximately 100 homeless veterans to attend this year's event in New Orleans.

With this in mind, the Marketing Department would like to gather small items that can be given as early Christmas gifts to those who attend. Rather than purchasing a gift, if you wish, donate \$1.00. Your money will go to purchase items that the homeless veterans can use. At the Stand Down, other services will be on hand to assist the veterans in signing up for housing, jobs and government programs that will help them on a larger scale. Our role will be to provide health screenings and any other offering that we can bring forward.

Thank you for your support and gifts.