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# This Week at MCL

A Memorandum to the Employees of The Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans  
Charity Hospital Campus ▪ University Hospital Campus

November 8-14, 2004

## Happenings & Deadlines.

- **Tulane HSC Medicine Grand Rounds.** November 10, noon-1 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> floor medical school auditorium, 1430 Tulane Avenue. Musser-Burch Society Annual Grand Rounds: "ARDS in 2004: What a Clinician Needs to Know," with **Dr. Thomas J. Nuckton**, California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute and University of California, San Francisco.
- **LSU HSC Medicine Grand Rounds.** November 11, 8-9 a.m., 1542 Tulane Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> floor auditorium. "Asthma, Infectious Disease and Bioweapons: Emergence of Aerobiology as a New Interdisciplinary Science" with **Dr. Mary F. Lipscomb**, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque.
- **Saints Ticket/T-Shirt Offer.** MCL employees can get a package deal of two tickets and two T-shirts for the November 14<sup>th</sup> noon game against the Kansas City Chiefs: \$87 + \$3 handling fee. To place your order call Jason at 731-1853 or fax your order to him at 522-1692. Deadline: November 12.
- **The ABCs of Critical Care.** November 16, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 9th floor, Charity, Education Department. "Critical Care Gumbo: Patient Transport, Moderate Sedation, Neuromuscular Blockade, GI Assessment, GI Bleed & Management, Nutrition, Renal Assessment, ARF, Hemodialysis vs. CRRT," with **RNs Kirsten Berberovich, Adrienne Thomas-Poret and Marie Childs Sandi**, 7.8 contact hours. To register contact **Carolyn Robinson-Thomas** at [crobin5@lushsc.edu](mailto:crobin5@lushsc.edu) or 2-5268. Cost: \$10 per class for MCL employees; \$45 for non-employees.
- **Interview & Selection Class.** November 16, 1-3 p.m. November 16. To register call **Melinda McBride**, Human Resources, at 2-9320.
- **Spring 2005 Tuition Exemption and Educational Leave.** Deadline: November 19, 2004. If you are interested obtain a copy of the policy containing a career path verification form from Education/Staff Development or from the U drive in the MCL Policies folder, policy 0104. A career path verification form, proof of acceptance/registration at an accredited school, a printout of your last 12 months' leave, and a copy of your current PPR score sheet must be turned in before you will receive a valid signature form. For other details contact **Key Bernard** at 2-2687 or [kberna@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:kberna@lsuhsc.edu).
- **Hazardous Material Team Training.** December 13, University auditorium; December 14, Charity auditorium. The two-day session covers skills and

knowledge required to be a HazMat Team member. 16.8 contact hours/CEUs for RNs, radiology techs and respiratory therapists. Register in Staff Development, 9 center, Charity Campus. For further details call **Tim Butcher** at 2-2687.

- **Savings Lids to Save Lives.** Now through December 20. Drop off your clean pink Yoplait lids in the office of **Teresa Krutzfeldt**, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, University Campus, across from the auditorium, or call **Colleen Lemoine** at 2-3767 to arrange to have them picked up. Yoplait will donate 10 cents for each lid the company receives up to \$1.2 million to help fight breast cancer.
- **Asthma Group Session.** Tuesdays, 2-3 p.m., General Clinical Research Unit, 5 East, Charity Campus. Bring your asthma medications and devices, including inhalers, peak flow meters and spacers; peak flow meters and spacers will be provided if you do not have your own. Open to anyone with asthma. Free, but if you plan to attend please call **Adonica Webb** at 2-0237 or page her at 574-1767.
- **Exercise Class.** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Education, 9 center, Charity Campus. For further details contact **Paul Hildreth** via e-mail.
- **Outpatient Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)/Disease Management Teaching Session.** Each Wednesday, 8-9 a.m. and Thursday, 1-2 p.m., Cardiovascular Clinic, 2025 Gravier Street, room 601. Those who receive their medical care at MCL and have had their diagnosis verified by an echocardiogram are welcome. Please bring all of your medications to class. For info call **Patsy** or **Yolanda** at 2-3112. Physicians and medical providers can call 903-4652 to refer hospitalized patients who have been evaluated in our Emergency Department to ensure speedy follow-up in the CHF Clinic. This CHF line is for use by physicians and medical providers only; it is not a triage line.
- **LSU/Tulane Multidisciplinary Tumor Board Meeting.** Each Friday, noon-1 p.m., 1542 Tulane Avenue, room 710. Physicians wishing to present a case should call **Nicole Chatelain**, 568-4765.
- **Employee Assistance Programs.** All the following groups meet at LSU Lions Clinic, 2020 Gravier Street, 5th floor. Call 568-3931 with questions or for full details: **Co-dependency Anonymous**, Mondays at noon, free; **AA**, Tuesdays at noon, free; and the **Chemical Dependency Education Group** for those who may be chemically dependent or have family members who are, Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., \$10 per group period.

# 2004 MCL Talent Show: A Night to Remember!



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Human Resources

1. Winners, left to right, Miscellaneous Category: **Yolanda Berden**, Cardiology (Poetry); Dance Category: **Dwayne Jackson**, 5 East; Song Category: **Sbaron Greer**, OB/GYN Clinic, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, **Tocbá Williams**, OR, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; & **Marc Orgeron**, son of Connie Orgeron, Utilization Review, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

2. **Cherri LaCoste Jackson**, Admit  
3. **Miyab Clark**, granddaughter of Annette Raby, Neurosurgery

4. **Lauren Williams**, left, Neurosurgery, and **Sabrina Spears**, Central Material Services (also appearing in this skit were **Monchielle Bolds** and **Annette Raby**, Neurosurgery, and **Melissa Williams**, daughter of Lauren Williams)

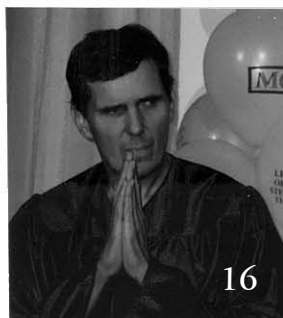
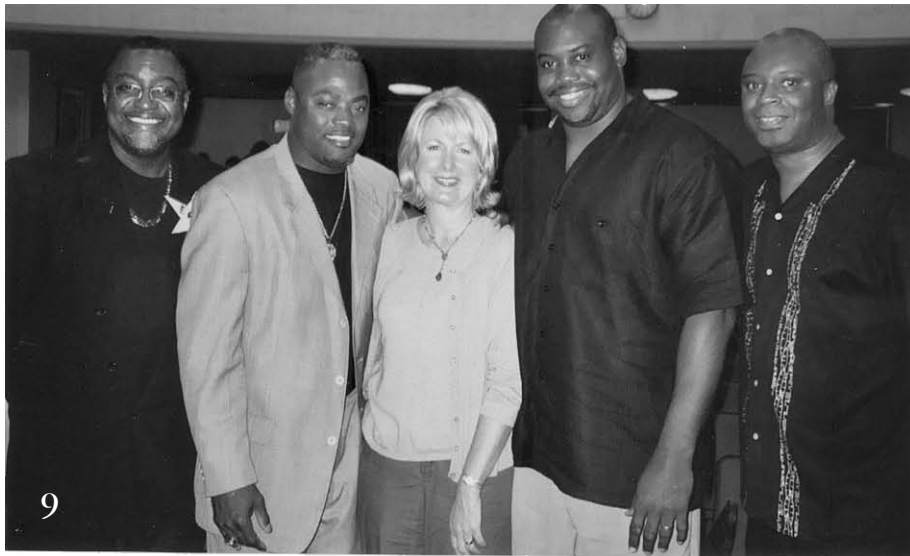
5. **Kim Lacy**, Admit  
6. **Bobbie Gathright**, Facility Management  
7. **Marla D. Boyd**, 5 West  
8. **Edmond Dennis III**, Admit

9. Left to right, Emcee **C.J. Morgan**, ClearChannel Radio; Judges **Michael Jones**, Houma Bayou Bucks, **Jane LeBlanc**, Touro Rehab, **Michael Lewis**, New Orleans Saints, and **JoJo Walker**, Clear-Channel Radio

10. **Marlene Glazer**, Mental Health Services  
11. **Jobnie Nunery**, Admit  
12. **Brianna Scott** and **Arianna** and **Tia Madison**; Brianna is the daughter of Rose Madison, Admit, and Arianna and Tia are her granddaughters.

13. **Doc Raj**, Tulane Resident, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  
14. **Shantel M. Henry**, daughter of Maxine Henry, Quality Management  
15. **Gisele Norton**, Pathology  
16. **Ronald Gibson**, Environmental Services

Each of the performers, the emcee and the judges made the MCL Talent Show on October 15, 2004, fun, joyous and memorable!



We extend a special and giant THANK YOU to **Rabjuanti**, Sound Director; **Kenny Williams**, Warehouse, Lighting Director; **the Bio-Med Staff**, for furnishing the equipment; **Diane Angelico** and **Harrab's** for donating the door prizes; the **LSU Health Sciences Center** for allowing us the use of its auditorium; the **MCL Police** for providing security; and the **Employee Activities Talent Show Committee** and other **EAC members** for their hard work in sponsoring this most enjoyable annual event. We look forward to next year's show!



As MCL employees, we have a responsibility to care for ourselves so that we can better care for others. If you smoke and have been considering quitting, we offer the following facts to help you decide to quit or help with your resolve to quit:

- tobacco is the Number 1 cause of preventable deaths in the United States;
- tobacco use is responsible for at least 440,000 deaths annually;
- tobacco use is the cause of 26 million illnesses each year;
- one in four adults age 18 years and older smoke;
- environmental tobacco smoke is linked to an estimated 3,000 lung cancer deaths among non-smokers and between 35,000 to 62,000 heart disease deaths each year; and
- secondhand smoke is also associated with sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), childhood ear infections, and asthma.

Do you smoke and have been thinking about quitting? If so, we invite you to join **Quit To Live!**, a tobacco cessation program offered to patients and employees through the MCL Disease Management Program. **Quit To Live!** offers counseling and medicine to help tobacco users kick the habit. A new class begins each month in the Special Assessment Clinic on Charity Campus. Classes last one hour one day a week for four weeks. If you wish to enroll call (504) 480-3420 or (504) 480-3422. Patients should ask their doctor or nurse about the class.

If you smoke and have been thinking about quitting, why not join the **Quit To Live!** program as a starting point? Your heart, lungs and life – and that of others –will be healthier as a result.

**Get Ready! Get Set! Quit To Live!**

This column is submitted by the Education /Staff Development Department. Please direct any comments to the Employee Opinion Line at 2-3801.



**MCL Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, left to right, Kathleen Langan, Debbie Ratterree-Travis and Ecoee Rooney take a dinner break during the five-day International Association of Forensic Nurses Conference in Chicago. Our SANE program stood out as one of the best in the nation: our follow-up rate for our patients is one the highest in the country; our collaborative working arrangements with law enforcement, the Rape Crisis Center, YWCA and others are outstanding; and our community support and fund raising activities are superb. We salute these three as well as the other MCL SANE nurses: Angelique Bello, Cindy Caron, Jeanne Sumestre, Sonya Hardy, Jean Holland, Lisa James, Betty Jo Mitchell, Sherri Pellagalle, Wanda Pezant, Evelyne Soboloff, and Luann Wenthold. As members of this outstanding program these nurses dispense a compassionate brand of caring to those they serve.**

#### **This Week at MCL Holiday Schedule.**

- **Thanksgiving:** The *This Week at MCL* issue that will be distributed on November 15 will cover the period of November 15-28. The deadline for submitting news or items for that issue is Monday, November 8.
- **Christmas:** The issue that will be distributed on December 20 will cover the period of December 20, 2004-January 2, 2005. The deadline for that issue will be Monday, December 13.
- **New Year:** The deadline for the first issue of 2005, which will be distributed January 3, will be Monday, December 20.

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