



SATELLITE NEWS

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The newsletter for the physicians and employees of TUH-Episcopal Campus and TUH-Northeastern Campus



Message from Kathleen

Reflecting and Engaging

Dear Colleagues,

When Hurricane Sandy struck the region last year, we lost the beautiful tree that was planted 22 years ago during former Pennsylvania Governor Bob Casey's dedication of the Beacon House program. During the recent National Hospital Week celebration, several staff members stepped outdoors with shovels in hand and ceremonially planted a new "Remembrance Tree" in the same location as its predecessor (see photo, at right). The new tree now stands as a reflection of our rich past, while also serving as a symbol of future growth on our campus.



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We celebrated National Hospital Week with special events, including a barbecue, "Spin the Wheel," a slide show presentation of our staff throughout the year, and an interactive educational session on Music and Movement by Behavioral Health Therapists. The week truly served to demonstrate the enthusiasm and dedication we bring to our patients and colleagues as we uphold our mission at Episcopal and Northeastern each day.

This issue of *Satellite News* exemplifies the ongoing commitment of staff across disciplines to remain engaged in the Temple spirit in varied ways, such as participating in the Independence Dragon Boat Regatta, presenting our research findings at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Meeting in California, and ensuring that our facilities are of high quality and "survey ready" at all times. Let's keep this level of spirit and camaraderie flowing all year long, and be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming happenings around our campuses.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Barron, FACHE
Executive Director
TUH-Episcopal/Northeastern Campus

National Hospital Week

Celebrating our staff's daily dedication to patient care, Temple University Hospital-Episcopal and Northeastern Campuses celebrated National Hospital Week in May with treats and festivities.



Psychiatry Residents Present Research Findings at Annual APA Meeting

Psychiatry residents from Temple University Hospital-Episcopal Campus presented an impressive 12 posters to more than 20,000 attendees at the annual American Psychiatric Association (APA) Meeting in San Francisco, California, from May 18-22, 2013. The APA meeting put Temple's name on the national map for psychiatry research, and paved the way for lively, professional dialogue with psychiatrists throughout the country.

"This was a great opportunity for our residents and faculty to exhibit a variety of clinical research, on topics ranging from the unknown addictive properties of the prescription sleep drug, Ambien, to understanding hallucinations in schizophrenics," says **William Dubin, MD**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry.



TUH-Episcopal's APA meeting resident presenters, from left, Nima Sharif, MD; Adil Mohammed, MD; Natasha Dalseth, MD; Ricardo Budjak, MD; and Harvinder Singh, MD.

Not pictured: Kiran Majeed, MD; Leorah Walsh, MD; and Mona Masood, MD.

TUH-Northeastern CMO to Lead TPI

Marc P. Hurowitz, DO, MBA, FAAFP, Chief Medical Officer of TUH-Northeastern Campus, has been named Chief Executive Officer of Temple Physicians Inc., Temple's community physician-practice network, succeeding **Eric Mankin, MD**. Previously, Dr. Hurowitz was Temple University Hospital's Associate Chief Medical Officer, a position he held since 2009.



Dr. Marc P. Hurowitz

Endoscopy Center Earns DOH Approval

Less than a year after the new outpatient Endoscopy Center at Temple University Hospital-Northeastern Campus opened, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) gave its approval in its annual life safety and clinical survey on June 6. "We did really well, and fulfilled all of the DOH's standards and requirements," says **Timothy Ward**, Associate Hospital Director and Chief Nursing Officer. "Once again, Northeastern personnel have exceeded the state's quality expectations."

TUH-Episcopeal and Northeastern Campuses Well-Represented at Dragon Boat Regatta

Dozens of staff members were among the 250 Temple Health participants who brought their competitive spirits to the 2013 Independence Dragon Boat Regatta on June 1 along the Schuylkill River. Four Temple teams joined in the annual event: Temple Administration, Temple Emergency Medicine, Temple Cherry Bombs, and Temple Jeanes & Fox Chase. Each competed in the first round, with Temple Emergency Medicine placing second out of 12 teams in their category to bring in a silver medal!



Episcopal Pioneers Food Waste Composting

In the kitchen of Temple University Hospital-Episcopeal Campus (TUH-E), food waste is discarded twice each week. But this "garbage" doesn't ever reach the local landfill. Each month for the past five years, about 4,000 pounds of organic food scraps have been converted into valuable compost, making TUH-E a regional pioneer in hospital composting, and the first hospital in Philadelphia to do so.

"This is an environmentally-friendly and cost-effective way to reduce our impact on the solid waste stream, while doubling our recycling rate over the last five years, to 26 percent," says **Bill Conway**, Episcopal's Director Environmental Services. "We want to take whatever steps we can to be 'green' in our practices, while staying compliant with the Philadelphia Health Department," he adds.

Any organic item, such as fruits, vegetables and coffee grounds, can be effectively composted. After food waste is collected, it decomposes and is sold as a nutrient-rich soil additive.

Stericycle's Sustainability Supervisor **Christine Gray, MS, MBA, RN**, who works with TUH-E to manage waste streams efficiently in partnership with local business Philly Compost, says the hospital's ingenuity is novel and innovative. "Kitchen composting is not yet a mainstream process in hospitals, but is a vital resource in reducing greenhouse gas (methane) emissions, and lessening the environmental footprint of an organization," Gray explains.



From left, Food Service Supervisor Kerry Aikens and Director of Environmental Services Bill Conway show off a composting bin in the TUH-E kitchen. Episcopal is a food waste composting pioneer among regional hospitals.