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We're #1 Again!



For the second time in three years Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) has been named the #1 hospital in the Nation for overall patient satisfaction.

GAHHS CEO, Rob Schmitt, said this number one ranking is the reward for the extra effort everyone at GAHHS puts in day in and day out. "It is a testament to the great work, dedication, and hard work of our staff, physicians, volunteers, and the Board that has allowed Gibson Area Hospital to not only achieve this status, but to sustain and maintain the benchmark of being number 1 in the country."

This ranking is awarded by Arbor Associates, Inc. an independent organization that surveys patient satisfaction for hospitals across the nation. Arbor Associates collects survey information via personal telephone interviews with recent patients. This allows for more accurate and higher response rates. Telephone interviews also provide extensive patient comments that clarify what patients truly appreciated about the care they received and what could have been done to improve their satisfaction. ■

GAHHS Welcomes New Executive Director of IT

In November, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services (GAHHS) welcomed Jim E. Edwards as the new Executive Director of Information Technology (IT). Jim has over 30 years of IT experience, 18 years of which, he was the Director of Information Systems with Decatur Memorial Hospital.

During his job search process, Jim came across the hospital's website. He was so impressed with the hospital's annual report and the diversity of care solutions listed on the GAHHS website that he decided to apply for the Executive Director of IT position. Jim said after his conversations with GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt that he knew he had made the right decision to apply. "After talking with Rob I was impressed with the fact that GAHHS is a very progressive healthcare provider who takes its Mission and Vision very seriously."

Even though Jim has only been with GAHHS for a short

amount of time, he said he likes that GAHHS is a "people first" organization. "GAHHS comes across as a very progressive healthcare institution that believes in treating its employees with respect and dignity, which is returned with happiness and a strong work ethic," said Jim.

Jim and his wife, Becky, have been happily married for 31 years. They have a son, a daughter, and 3 granddaughters, all of which are the joy of his life. Jim enjoys spending time with his family but you can also find him outdoors hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and working in his garden or on his lawn. ■



Changes Coming to Gibson Area Hospital



Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services' (GAHHS) guiding vision is "To be the model of excellence in community-based healthcare." Currently, we are the #1 Hospital in the Nation for Overall Patient Satisfaction (See, We're #1 Again), but GAHHS has never been an organization to rest on ones laurels. At GAHHS we are deeply committed to providing the very best in healthcare to the communities we serve. It is because of this commitment that GAHHS will begin construction for the 2012 Project this Spring.

The 2012 Project is a \$6-million venture to greatly expand the hospital's OB and Surgery departments. GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt said, "This expansion will create about 60 percent more space for the OB unit, increasing the number of delivery rooms from 3 to 5."

Schmitt explained that not only would the number of rooms be increasing, but that each room will be a private labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum (LDRP) room. LDRP rooms allow expectant mothers to stay in the same room during their entire hospital stay. In addition to the added space, the OB department will be adding state-of-the-art amenities.

The 2012 Project will also increase the size of the surgical unit by about 6,000 square feet. This extra space will add an additional surgery suite and six new private inpatient rooms. With these extra rooms, the hospital will be able to eliminate all semi-private rooms in the hospital creating 25 private patient rooms.

Schmitt said he hopes to have the new wing open by the summer of 2013 by renovating the second-story addition that was constructed in 2005. "In 2005, when we expanded the emergency department (ED), we had the foresight to add a second

floor above the ED," explained Schmitt. "We knew that as GAHHS continued to grow, so to would the hospital. However, the space was left empty and has been used for storage until now."

In addition to the renovation, a new addition will be added directly next to the 2005 expansion. While the OB unit will be relocated to the renovated space above the ED, this new addition will house the new surgical unit on the first floor and six surgery patient rooms on the second.

While having more space is always good, Schmitt said the primary drive behind this \$6 million dollar project is the creation of a more modern and expanded OB Unit. "Currently, the OB unit is the only patient-care service that still operates out of the oldest portion of the hospital," Schmitt continued, "The new OB unit will be completely modern and will rival any other OB unit in the area."

Presently, the hospital delivers between 150 and 180 babies each year, but with the modern look and amenities, Schmitt anticipates that number to increase. "Once we get the new addition done, I believe that we'll push that number up to over 200 because of the enticement of the new space," said Schmitt.

"While the extra space is great, another advantage to come from this expansion is the creation of new jobs," said Schmitt. "We expect to hire between 15 to 20 new employees in nursing, housekeeping, maintenance, and surgical techs."

A 4,000-square-foot, climate-controlled storage facility has been built across from the hospital. All of the equipment currently being stored above the ED will be housed at the new storage facility at a constant 72 degrees. ■



New GAHHS Patient Parking Lot and Storage Facility



New Storage Facility Interior



LDRP Headwall



Waiting Room



LDRP Corridor

Architectural Renderings courtesy of Shive-Hattery Architectural Engineering

Gibson Area Hospital Contributes More Than \$11 Million Annually in Community Benefits

Hospital's Focus is on Needs of the many Communities we serve.

Illinois hospitals contributed annual community benefits of more than \$4.6 billion in programs and services in their 2009-10 fiscal years, according to the fifth annual report issued by the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA). *Illinois Hospitals: Cornerstones of Health, Foundations of the Community* focuses on how hospitals in Illinois respond to the evolving health care needs of patients in their communities as they strive to combat obesity and diabetes, lend a helping hand when needed, and enhance the services they provide in a multitude of ways.

During that same time period, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services contributed annual community benefits of more than \$11 million in programs and services in their most recent fiscal year.

“It’s part of our Core Mission to provide these benefits to the communities that we serve. We provide healthcare services in parts of eight counties in Central Illinois. We are proud to be able to provide this level of benefits to these communities,”

– CEO Rob Schmitt.

Gibson Area Hospital provided:

- \$3.7 million absorbed by the hospital because of underpayments by government-sponsored programs such as Medicare and Medicaid;
- \$1.5 million in health care services for patients who were unable to pay;
- \$950,000 in free and discounted care at cost;
- \$4.9 million to subsidize money-losing services (e.g., ER, Ambulance, LTC, Cardiac Rehab);
- \$25,000 in language assistance services; and
- \$200,000 in donations, volunteer work and other services.

Despite the continuing economic downturn and Illinois’ challenging political and fiscal environments, the state’s hospitals contributed not only services and programs to benefit their communities, but also billions of dollars in tangible economic benefits as major employers, job creators and purchasers of goods and services. Illinois hospitals pump \$75.1 billion into the state’s economy each year, including more than \$14.8 billion in salaries and benefits to employ nearly a quarter of a million people. In nearly half of the state’s counties, hospitals are among the top three employers.

Gibson Area Hospital is the largest employer in Ford County, with over 500 full and part-time employees, and a salary base of over \$27 million annually. Gibson Area Hospital provides healthcare services in all or parts of Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Vermillion, Champaign, Piatt, DeWitt, and McLean counties.

Illinois Hospitals: Cornerstones of Health, Foundations of the Community demonstrates the enormous impact Illinois hospitals have on individual lives as well as entire communities. (The report can be seen at: <http://tinyurl.com/86hb833>.)

Illinois Hospital Association

The Illinois Hospital Association, with offices in Naperville, Springfield and Washington, D.C., is an advocate for 200 Illinois hospitals and the patients and communities they serve. For more information, see IHA’s web site, www.ihatoday.org. Like IHA on Facebook, follow IHA on Twitter.



GAHHS Achieves Milestone on Implementation of Electronic Health Records

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) is proud to announce that we are one of the first Illinois critical access hospitals to have met the Medicare requirements for Stage 1 meaningful use of electronic health records. The use of electronic health records is promoted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to improve quality, safety, and effectiveness of health care.

"In the U.S. there are approximately 1,300 critical access hospitals", said Rob Schmitt, CEO of GAHHS. "Of those 1,300, only 173 or 13% have attested for Stage 1 meaningful use in 2011. So not only are we one of the first in Illinois but we are among the first in the Nation. At GAHHS we are committed to providing the very best for the patients and communities we serve and this is just another aspect of how we are fulfilling that commitment."

In 2006, President Bush called for greater use of electronic records

and other technologies. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorized incentive payments to assist hospitals, physician practices, and other healthcare providers; meet a portion of the costs of the IT infrastructure upgrades, and to purchase hardware and software needed for the electronic health records.

Pat Schou, Executive Director of ICAHN stated, "This achievement by 10 of Illinois' smallest, rural hospitals demonstrates the commitment of the critical access hospitals to continuously upgrade their technological capabilities and provide the highest level of care for their patients and community residents."

CMS plans three stages of progressively more complex implementation expectations with current requirements classified as Stage 1. Stage 2 requirements will be implemented in federal fiscal year 2014 and Stage 3 likely in 2015. Medicare payment penalties for hospitals will begin in FY2015 if implementation requirements have not been met. ■

GAH Auxiliary Surpasses LLAT Fundraising Goal

For the past 7 years the Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Auxiliary and the GAH Foundation have sponsored the Love Lights a Tree (LLAT) fundraising campaign. LLAT runs each year from November 1st to January 1st and along with the annual Spring Event, they are the two main fundraisers for the Auxiliary and Foundation. Funds raised from these events are used to support Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services. Last year, LLAT raised over \$13,000, but given the current state of the economy, Auxiliary Co-Vice President Sue Walker said they set the initial fundraising goal at \$10,000. Even though the goal was set lower than the previous year, the generosity of the communities GAHHS services still remained. "This year we raised \$12,720 for LLAT," said Sue. "We were very elated to realize that we topped our initial goal and came within a few hundred dollars of last year's total. It really shows what a generous and supportive community we have."

Sue attributes this outpouring of support for the hospital, because the community recognizes the outstanding choice of health care providers at GAH. "We have so many services now available in our area that haven't always been here." Sue continued, "The community recognizes that they don't have to leave the area to receive the personalized care that they deserve."

LLAT gets its name from the 20 Christmas trees displayed on the hospital grounds. For each \$500 raised, a tree is illuminated to honor loved ones. In the past the funds raised during LLAT have been used to purchase a baby warmer for the nursery, new furniture for the waiting areas, and to help remodel the Gibson Area Hospital Long-Term Care Annex. This year the Auxiliary will use the \$12,720 raised to purchase a new elliptical machine for the Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation department and some new chairs for patients receiving chemotherapy. ■



Hess is Appointed New GAH Foundation Director

In 2011, the Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Foundation lost a very valuable asset; Jill Arends the Foundation Director retired from her position effective July 2011. Jill was the energetic driving force behind the Foundation, leaving a hole very few people are qualified to fill. Luckily for the Foundation, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) already had someone on staff that has the knowledge and skills to effectively take the reins and continue to lead the Foundation. This person is none other than GAHHS' very own Executive Secretary for the CEO, CCO, COO/CNO, CFO, Kathy Hess.

Not only does Kathy already have a rapport and experience in working with the Foundation as the Executive Secretary, but over the years she has worked side-by-side with Jill on numerous Foundation events. Some of these events include Fore... the Hospital Golf Outing, the Spring Event, Love Lights a Tree, and many more. Kathy said, "I have learned from Jill Arends, the best of the best. Working very closely with her over the years I know that I have huge shoes to fill, but I am confident that I can make the transition a smooth one."

While Kathy took over Jill's duties after she retired, Kathy officially became the Director of the GAH Foundation on November 14, 2011 after the Foundation Board unanimously approved her appointment. With her appointment, Kathy brings a unique set of abilities exclusive to her. As the Executive Secretary and Foundation Director, Kathy will be able to streamline her duties as Foundation Director. "Working everyday with Kat Streenz and

Denise McMahan (the Administration support staff), has helped us as a team when planning Foundation events," said Kathy. "They are able to step in for me when my Foundation duties take me out of the office, making sure nothing is missed."

When looking back at all Jill and Kathy have accomplished together for the Foundation, Kathy said, "Jill will be greatly missed and I know that in no way can I be the same person she is, but I will do my best to keep the image of the Foundation, that she helped build, one without blemishes."

Kathy doesn't have long to rest on her successes because she believes in order to be successful in this position you have to keep looking forward. "In addition to keeping the events we have already established as successful when Jill was the Director we need to continue to evolve," said Kathy. "I am already thinking of new and exciting ways to help GAHHS continue to be the model of excellence in community based healthcare."

In her spare time Kathy enjoys spending time with her husband, Tom, their children and 4 grandchildren, Kiersten, Kaitlyn, Christopher and Breanna. Kathy and Tom are members of Parents of Murdered Children and are contacts for the State of Illinois to help those who need to talk to someone that has 'walked in their shoes'. ■



Anna Frank, PA-C Joins the GAHHS Family

As the needs of the communities GAHHS serve, grow so too must GAHHS. In order to continue our promise to provide the very best patient experience, GAHHS has hired Anna Frank, a Certified Physician's Assistant (PA-C). As a PA-C, Anna will assist GAHHS President of the Medical Staff Dr. Katherine Austman at the Family Health Care of Gibson City.

While Anna is currently a PA-C, she never intended on working in the medical field. Growing up outside of the Philadelphia suburbs, Anna graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. Her degree provided her with few career opportunities and she was unable to find a teaching job in her discipline, so she packed up and moved to Danville, IL. In Danville, Anna found employment with a family practice physician, William Hensold, M.D. and his son, James Hensold, M.D. After working with them for a few years, they convinced Anna to return to school to further her medical training.

Taking their advice, Anna attended Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, TN. Here Anna received her training to become



a Physician's Assistant and after graduation she returned to Danville to continue to work with James Hensold, M.D. for 11 more years. After her employment with Dr. Hensold, Anna spent the next five years crisscrossing Illinois providing occupational medicine. This extensive travel eventually took its toll on Anna. "Because occupational medicine required a significant amount of travel I started to miss family medicine, so I decided to return to a family practice," said Anna. "Fortunately for me, GAHHS had an opening with Dr. Austman, which I jumped at."

Anna enjoys talking to her identical twin sister and spending time with her miniature dachshund, Moose. Her other interests include working in her flower garden, hiking, reading, and hanging out with her friends. While the winter months take their toll on Illinois, Anna has recently taken up Tae Kwon Do as a winter activity.

To schedule your appointment with Anna please call 217-784-5500. ■

GAH Hospital Board of Directors Creates Honor Society

Every year Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) holds an Annual Meeting. During these meetings the GAHHS CEO, GAH Board Members, GAH Foundation President, and others take turns reporting on the year's activities as well as the direction they will take during the next year. What really makes this year's annual meeting special isn't the money GAHHS brings into our communities (*See Gibson Area Hospital Contributes More Than \$11 Million Annually In Community Benefits*) or the announcement of the expansion of GAH (*See Changes Coming to Gibson Area Hospital*), but the spirit of honoring those who have helped build the Hospital and Foundation over the past 59 years.

To honor those who have supported GAH the GAH Board of Directors created an "honor society" to identify those members of our community who have been paramount in the success of GAH. This honor society was created to recognize persons in one of three categories: Physicians, Volunteers, and Employees; whose service has been meritorious in both its longevity and in its significance and notability. The GAH Hospital Board and Society Committee chose nine people, three from each category, for its first inductee class.

When announcing the inductees GAHHS Doctor Mark Spangler said, "After researching for tonight's speech, I quickly realized that we could have named this society after anyone of our honorees tonight, but there is one honoree whose dedication has spanned the entire history of the hospital." Spangler continued, "He was here 60 years ago when ground was broken in 1951; he worked as a physician here for 40 years; who after his retirement served on the Foundation Boards; who works tirelessly raising money for expansion projects; and who to this day, 60 years later, thinks everyday about ways we can improve the hospital and meet the demands of our mission. It is because of this tireless lifetime of effort we decided to name our Hall of Fame the Sunderland Society, in honor of our first inductee, Dr. Paul Sunderland."

Dr. Sunderland received a standing ovation for his lifetime of dedication to the hospital. As the applause waned, Dr. Sunderland stood and said, "Gibson Area Hospital is a testament to how a small acorn can grow into a magnificent oak."

Other Sunderland Society inductees included; Doris Winters, George Elfers, MD., D.K. Roth, Carol Mosson, E.C. Bucher, M.D., Maybelle Hufmeyer, Frank Hunt, Jr, and Dick Walter. ■



GAHHS Board of Directors President Jim Hood, GAHHS Dr. Mark Spangler, Dr. Paul Sunderland, and GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt.



Dr. Sunderland with GAHHS CMO Dr. David Hagan.

Gibson Cup



Two thousand eleven is over and the Gibson Cup Champion has been crowned. The first Gibson Cup Champion was the Surgery/Anesthesia team with 72.6 points. Radiology trailed with 61 point and Cardiac Rehab/Pharmacy/CPC placed third with 59.5 points.

"Because of the comradery of the surgical team we were able to win the Gibson Cup," said Cheryl Bond, Surgery/Anesthesia Team Captain. "The whole team appreciated the opportunity to participate and we loved every minute of it."

Points were scored by the departments throughout the year for participating in events including: designing bulletin boards (outside of departments), trivia night, turkey bowling, Easter egg hunt, chili cook-off, and the mystery box. ■

GAH OB Nurses National Certified



From Left to Right: Kris Cramer, Ann Benoit, and Lori Turk

If you have had a baby at Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) in the past 20 years, there is a good chance that you have met Kris Cramer and Ann Benoit. While their years of dedicated service to GAH (29 years for Kris and 21 year Ann) is something to be celebrated, they have continued to distinguish themselves. Most recently Kris and Ann earned their National Certification for Maternal Newborn Nursing, while Lori Turk renewed her certification.

To become nationally certified they had to pass an in-depth exam demonstrating the knowledge of physiological, psychological, and sociocultural factors that affect the childbearing family with emphasis on the postpartal/neonatal period, assessing the physical status of the mother and newborn, and analyzing data to identify nursing and educational needs of the childbearing family; among numerous other criteria. ■



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GAH Nurse Obtains Master's Degree and New Position

Now-a-days the average teenager wanders through high school not knowing what they want to do with the rest of their life. Brenna Schluter, however, knew from a very early age that she wanted to work in the health care industry. She attributes this desire to help others from her mother, who is a Registered Nurse. "I remember once while on a flight, a passenger went unconscious and his wife yelled out for help. My mother immediately offered medical assistance and ordered an emergency landing," said Brenna. "He survived and I was both fascinated and inspired. From then on, I knew someday I wanted to possess the medical knowledge to be able to provide care to those in need."

As Brenna grew up her desire to help others continued to grow. However, she wanted to be certain she was making the right choice. So during her senior year of high school, she enrolled in a dual credit medical terminology and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course at Parkland College. "I thoroughly enjoyed both classes and my decision was affirmed," said Brenna.

With absolute confidence that she wanted to dedicate her life to medicine, Brenna enrolled in Parkland College's Nursing Program. While at Parkland, Brenna met a classmate who would help guide her professional and educational career, whether either of them knew it at the time. "At Parkland one of my classmates worked part-time at Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) as a CNA," explained Brenna. "Since we were graduating soon she recommended that I apply for an open position on the Medical Surgical floor."

Brenna graduated from the Parkland Nursing Program in December of 2005 with an Associate's degree and soon she had an interview with GAH. Brenna said, "I was rather unfamiliar with GAH at the time but I developed a great first impression during my interview. I was especially drawn to the tuition reimbursement program since I had plans to further my education."

Brenna accepted the Medical/Surgical (Med/Surg) RN position and in January of 2006 she started working the night shift. Wanting to continue her education, Brenna utilized the GAHHS tuition reimbursement program and began taking classes part-

time towards her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Fall 2006 semester. Shortly before she graduated in May of 2008, a weekend program position with Med/Surg became available. Brenna took this position because it allowed her to work 12-hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday, which gave her Monday through Friday off. "It was only because of this position and the tuition assistance program that I was able to go on and pursue my Master's in Nursing," explained Brenna.

Just 3 months after she received her Bachelor's degree, Brenna started work towards her Master's degree in the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago (Urbana Regional Site). Brenna completed her Master's program and graduated from the U of I in August 2011.

With her Master's Degree of Science in Nursing, Brenna became a licensed Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and a Board Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner (A.N.P.-B.C.). She has taken a position under GAHHS doctor Jeremy Henrichs, M.D. at the Paxton Clinic (227 N. Market St.). "Dr. Henrichs has been a great mentor and a valuable resource both during my training and as I have transitioned into my new role," Brenna said. "I look forward to complementing his practice and providing the personalized, knowledgeable care his patients are accustomed to."

As an A.N.P.-B.C., Brenna is able to provide high-quality healthcare services similar to a physician to patients 13-years-old and above. Some of her expanded abilities include: managing acute and chronic illnesses, performing wellness examinations, ordering and interpreting laboratory and diagnostic tests, making diagnoses and prescribing the appropriate medications, and treatment recommendations.

Brenna is now accepting new patients at the Paxton Clinic. Her special interests include Geriatrics, Women's Health, and Diabetes Management.

To schedule your appointment with Brenna please call 217-379-4864. ■

Annex Director of Nursing Continues Geriatric Education

The Director of Nursing (DON) for the Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Long-Term Care (Annex), Kristy Elder, is no stranger to hard work. Ten years ago Kristy began her career with GAH as a CNA. As a CNA, Kristy continued her education in the medical field and in 2006 she became a nurse. As a nurse, Kristy continued to excel and in February of 2011 she became the DON for the Annex. With this position Kristy was given more responsibility as well as a group of residents whom she would be able to provide long-term care for.

As DON, Kristy has continued to educate herself, specifically in the field of geriatrics. Recently, she was awarded her multi-disciplinary certificate in geriatrics after completing a 3-month course with the Continuing Education Institute of Illinois in cooperation with the University of Illinois, College of Medicine. In this course Kristy studied: Biology of Aging, Nutrition in the Older Adult, Local, State, and National Resources, Dementia Symptoms Management, Elder Law, Laughter the Best Medicine, among numerous other topics.



“This course was a great way to learn about the numerous different aspects of caring for the elderly,” said Kristy. “It provided me with several new resources and ideas that we, at the Annex, can tap into to help our residents in their daily lives.”

One of these resources that Kristy has utilized is the Illinois Pioneer Coalition. The purpose of the Illinois Pioneer Coalition is to improve the quality of life for individuals and staff in all care settings throughout

the State of Illinois. Kristy said, “After hearing a speaker from the Illinois Pioneer Coalition I was inspired to join a coalition. I soon realized that we did not have one in our area. So the Annex Team and I decided to start our own area coalition to continue to improve the lives of our areas elderly population.” ■



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Karen Christensen Elected as Newest INHAA Board Member

The Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Long-Term Care Annex Administrator, Karen Christensen, has become the newest board member for the Illinois Nursing Home Administrator's Association (INHAA). Voting for INHAA Board members took place during their annual conference in November.

Karen, a member since 2008, said INHAA is an excellent organization and that she has been looking into becoming more active within the group since she became the Annex Administrator. "I joined INHAA because it provides excellent networking opportunities and resources for nursing home administrators to utilize in their homes", said Karen. "Now that I am a board member, this will allow me to further advocate for our Annex residents."

In addition to attending the quarterly board meetings and conferences, Karen also serves on the Legislative and Program Committees.

INHAA is a professional organization dedicated to providing timely and quality educational programs and relevant publications for the long-term care profession. They work closely with health care related agencies, health care associations and legislators statewide for the benefit of all health care providers, personnel and residents of our facilities. INHAA is the only Illinois Association designed specifically to support the Nursing Home Administrator. ■



Handcrafted Gift Donated to the Annex

In December, Gibson Area Hospital Long-Term Care Annex advocate and resident, Dr. Paul Sunderland, sent out word that the Annex was in need of a flower bench for the Annex's growing sunroom. One Gibson City resident, Walton Sparks, heard Dr. Sunderland's call and did so much more than just purchasing a simple bench for the Annex; he designed, handcrafted, and painted a unique bench specifically for the Annex and its residents. "The time and effort Walton put into this beautiful bench, really shows that we have one of the best communities around," said Dr. Sunderland.

Having worked for Ford (designing interiors for Thunderbird) and as the

Director of Advanced Design and Development for Electrolux, Walton drew inspiration from his career when he created the

flower bench for the Annex. When asked why he spent so much time designing, crafting, and painting the flower bench, instead of going to Walmart? Walton said, "The residents at the Annex deserve nice things and I think that to these residents, handmade things just mean a lot more than something that is picked out of a catalog."

At 82 years of age Walton spends very little time resting. Walton said, "There is very little in life that I would rather do than make sawdust." ■



Gibson Area Hospital Long-Term Care (Annex) hosted first Co-op Event.

The Gibson Area Hospital Long-Term Care Annex hosted the first of many co-op events between the Annex and Heritage Health. The residents of both facilities enjoyed a day of fellowship and Bingo. Annex Activity Director Miranda Leonard said that the decision to get these residents together was an easy one.

"Residents of both facilities are former neighbors, friends, and family members," said Leonard. "These events will help enable these two groups to rekindle these relationships that would otherwise be lost."

Heritage Health will host another Co-op Spring Social in March. ■



GAHHS Pharmacy Scores in the Top 10 Percent



GAHHS Pharmacy Department
From Left to Right:
Tammy Meister, Kim Kern,
Greg Beesley, Kelsey
Zebarth, and Dave Dawdy

At Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS), we pride ourselves on providing the best healthcare possible to our patients. This goal drives GAHHS and our employees to be the very best. In order to rate how GAHHS and our departments compare among other healthcare organizations, assessments are often performed from outside independent organization.

Recently, Cardinal Health's Pharmacy Solutions conducted hundreds of pharmacy performance assessments across the nation. Of these assessments, the GAHHS Pharmacy scored in the top 10 percent of peer pharmacies, with an excellent score of 96.5 percent.

Greg Beesley, GAHHS Director of Pharmacy, credits his staff as the real reason for the pharmacy's success. "The real champions in our success are the two staff pharmacist, Dave Dawdy and Kelsey Zebarth; and the technicians Kim Kern, Jackie Lee, and Tammy Meister," said Greg. "They make sure I have the time needed to problem solve and develop processes."

The GAHHS Pharmacy currently oversees the medication distribution of the hospital and the seven GAHHS clinics. They also played a vital role in implementing the computerized physician order entry system (CPOE). CPOE is a software program that allows physicians to enter all of their orders into the program which pharmacists and other medical professionals can access. Greg said, "This system helps to decrease the possibility of misreading orders and also has the potential to speed up the medication ordering process."

In addition to CPOE, the GAHHS Pharmacy helped implement the medication verification system used to ensure that patients are receiving the correct medications. "This system is great because it virtually eliminates wrong drug medication errors," explained

Greg. "Prior to administering the medication a nurse must scan the bar code on the medication and on the patient; making sure the correct medication is provided."

The GAHHS Pharmacy also provides a learning environment for students. The GAHHS Pharmacy has sponsored a GCMS high school co-op student, as well as college pharmacy interns. Recently, the GAHHS Pharmacy was accepted as a preceptor for pharmacy students affiliated with the University of Illinois Rural Health Pharm. D. Program. This program allows a pharmacy student to shadow GAHHS pharmacists and technicians for a week. "Our goal was to engage them as much as possible in our day-to-day activities," said Greg. "We wanted to show her the difference between being a hospital pharmacist in a rural community setting versus being a retail pharmacist or a pharmacist at a large institution."

Greg said the differences are more than just where the pharmacy is located. "As hospital pharmacists, we have a unique opportunity to work closely with physicians, nurses, and patients. We are actively involved with I.V. admixture, chemotherapy, pharmacokinetics, renal dosing, and discharge patient education," explained Greg. "Hospital pharmacy is more involved with the patient's therapy acutely, whereas retail pharmacies see a lot more maintenance medications and long-term medications."

It is this interaction with the medical staff and the patients that provides the real reward. "Working directly with the physicians, nurses, and patients we get to see firsthand how the therapy, initiated in the hospital can make a difference in the patient's overall health," said Greg. "We get to observe and monitor a patient's progress throughout their whole stay in the hospital and see how our work has helped them. Knowing that because of what you did helped them recover, that is the true reward." ■

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Gibson Area Hospital
Geriatric Behavioral Services

As we age we are confronted with numerous changes. Seniors, however face a number of changes and issues that are uniquely challenging to their age group. Whether it is declining physical ability, the loss of loved ones, and/or isolation; these issues can lead to depression, anxiety and other issues. While changes in life are natural, seniors do not have to suffer alone. It was for this reason that the Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) opened the Geriatric Behavioral Services (GBS) Clinic.

Located at #4 Doctors Park in Gibson City, Geriatric Behavior Services' number one goal is to help their patients safely return to their optimal style of living. GBS utilizes a multi-disciplinary design to ensure the very best quality patient care possible. By utilizing a Psychiatrist, Therapists, and a RN; GBS is able to provide an immersive experience where all of the patient's needs, both physical and mental, are met.

While GBS Psychiatrist, Dr. Martin Repetto, monitors patient progress and prescribes psychotropic medication; the real work takes place during the therapeutic group sessions. "Depression and anxiety are common for seniors," said GBS Primary Therapist Kenna Dunlap-Johnson. "These sessions offer our patients a chance to talk to and interact with others having similar issues."

A typical day of treatment at GBS starts at 9 a.m. when patients



GBS Program Director and Primary Therapist
Kenna Dunlap-Johnson

arrive. After a daily nursing assessment and refreshments, patients attend their first group therapy session for about 45 minutes. After a fifteen minute refreshment break, patients begin their second therapy session until lunch is provided around 11:15 a.m. After lunch, patients meet with a RN for a nursing education session. During this session medication management, information on relaxation skills, managing diabetes, and pain management; among other topics are discussed. After another break, patients attend the third and final therapy session. "This program is effective because it provides patients the complete experience," said Kenna. "Whether it is medication management, addressing any of the patients' needs or updating their

Primary Care Physician, we are involved."

Some topics discussed in a group therapy session include: grief and loss, setting boundaries with family, coping strategies, stress relief and healthy lifestyle choices.

Currently, GBS offers a free no obligation pre-screening assessment to anyone interested. Kenna noted, "While our program is geared towards senior citizens, there is no age limit."

To schedule your pre-screening assessment, call the Geriatric Behavior Services Clinic today, (217) 784-4540. ■

GAHHS Joins the Illini Quarterback Club

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) is very proud of the fact that we are able to help support the schools and athletes in our communities. In continuing with this tradition, GAHHS became a sponsor of the Illini Quarterback Club. Robin Rose, GAHHS COO/CNO, said, "Being a sponsor of the Illini Quarterback Club is great way for us to not only support the Illini, but to also spread the message and mission of Gibson Area Hospital."

The Illini Quarterback Club was founded in 1942 and is the official booster club for the Fighting Illini Football Team. The Quarterback Club raises money for the Illini football team by providing members with a wide variety of activities and outings to keep members involved and connected

with the Illini team, its coaches, and other fans. Some of these events included weekly luncheons and tailgates, participating in the Illini Radio Show, and an annual Golf Outing.

For more information on the Illini Quarterback Club visit www.illiniqbc.com. ■



GAH Employee's Breast Cancer Journey



From left to right: Amy Cabbage-Bork, Martha Zimmerman, Ellen Lee, Terri Eyer, and Kellie Thilmony.

According to National Cancer Institute 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Basically, this means that you are either related to or friends with a woman who has been or will be diagnosed with breast cancer. 1 in 8 is a very daunting rate in and of itself, but what would you do if those odds were around 90%? Ellen Lee, of Paxton, was confronted with this terrifying prognosis when her sister was diagnosed with breast cancer in May of 2010.

When Ellen's sister Terri was diagnosed with breast cancer they also discovered that she had a BRCA 2 gene mutation. Anyone with this gene mutation has up to a 90% chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer and up to a 44% chance of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer. To make matters worse, a blood relative of someone diagnosed with a BRCA 2 gene mutation has a 50/50 chance of having this mutation also. For Ellen and her family this became a devastating reality when they received this information. In August 2010, Ellen, her other sister, Amy, her mother, Martha, and her niece, Kellie, found out that they too had the BRCA 2 gene mutation.

"When I received my test results, I was home on my lunch break from work," said Ellen. "I cried for about a minute and then decided I couldn't change the outcome and decided to do something about my situation and attack it head on."

With this diagnosis Ellen and her family began to research the numerous options available to them. Rather than wait for the day

when a doctor would tell her she had breast cancer Ellen took a stand and decided to be proactive with her treatment.

"For me the thought was if you know about this and you can do something about it, why wait, said Ellen."

In January of 2011, Ellen took a huge step in her personal battle against the BRCA 2 gene mutation and had her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed. 5 months later she would again go under the knife for prophylactic bilateral mastectomies with Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS)

General Surgeons, Anthony San Diego, M.D. and Joseph Chung, M.D. With this procedure the breast tissue is removed, while the nipples and the skin are spared to allow for insertion of expanders. Immediately after the bilateral mastectomies, GAHHS Cosmetic Surgeon Chad Tattini, M.D. began the breast reconstruction surgery and inserted the expanders. The expanders were expanded for about 6 months at which time Dr. Tattini replaced them with implants. Ellen said that while this may not be the best option for everyone, she feels that it was a great decision for her.

"Looking back I know I made the right decision to be proactive and have these surgeries. Because I had these surgeries I now have a 95% decreased chance of getting breast and ovarian cancer. These are odds I can live with," said Ellen,

Ellen said while her decisions were not easy ones, she received nothing but support from her husband Steven and their sons, Luke and Nathan. "They, along with the rest of my family, friends, my pastor Terry Westerfield, and fellow church members were a great comfort to me before and after my surgeries."

For those who are facing risks from hereditary breast and ovarian cancers, Ellen recommends the support group FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered). "FORCE is a great recourse for BRCA gene mutations carriers. While I was researching my options, I came across their website, www.facingourrisk.org, and it provided me with a lot of good information to help me through this ordeal," said Ellen. ■

Find Support In Numbers

Support Group Opportunities at GAHHS

CANCER Support Group

The Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services Cancer Support Group meets the second Monday evening of each month at 6:00 pm. We offer emotional support and are willing to provide links to any education or support the community needs. In the last year we have had speakers on Chemotherapy from a pharmacy view and lymphedema from a certified therapist's view.

If you need any other information please contact Missy Stiger in the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Department at GAHHS, 217-784-2667. ■

DIABETES Support Group

For people whose lives have been affected by diabetes, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services provides a diabetes support group that is a forum for learning about diabetes, and for sharing ideas, concerns, and feelings about living with this disease. Each meeting usually features a presentation by a professional staff person who provides information to better help manage diabetes. Questions and general discussion usually follow the presentation. Topics for the past year have included, "Tips for the Holidays", "Medications", "Reading Food Labels", "Diabetes and Stress", and "Heart Healthy Living".

The group is open to all those with diabetes and their family and friends, or those simply interested in learning more about the disease. The diabetes support group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, excluding December and January, from 7 pm to 8 pm at the hospital.

If you have questions, please call Eileen Woolums at 217-784-2344. ■

ARTHRITIS Support Group

Arthritis causes pain and often disability to one in every seven Americans. Find out how the numbers can work for you. You'll find friendship and support when you join the Arthritis Support Group at Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services. Topics of discussion will include pain management, diet and exercise. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings will be held the first Monday of every month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the hospital. Call Julie Bowen at 217-784-2259 for more information or to register. ■

Support Group Time & Date at a Glance

Arthritis Support Group

1st Monday of every month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
in the Radiology waiting room

Cancer Support Group

2nd Monday of every month – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
in Outpatient waiting room

Diabetes Support Group

2nd Thursday of every month – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
in Radiology waiting room

Total Joint Class

1st and 3rd Tuesday – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
in the EDUP meeting room



Kelsey and Mike after she said yes.

GAHHS Employee's Unique Proposal

her boyfriend, Mike Sandsmark, got the answer he wanted.

For Kelsey and Mike their story begins at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. "Going to the same college, we had known of each other for the first 5 years of pharmacy school, but didn't start dating until our final year," said Kelsey. "Our first date was great. Being big Cardinals fans we went to a Cardinals game, but instead of watching the game we were too busy talking to each other. To this day we are not really sure who they were playing or who won the game."

As their relationship continued to grow they graduated from college and found employment in Gibson City, Kelsey at GAH and Mike with the Medicine Shoppe. It would be Kelsey's employment at GAH that would give Mike the opportunity and resources he needed to surprise Kelsey. "I came up with the idea to propose to Kelsey in the emergency room because I knew she would be surprised," explained Mike. "I knew if I took her out to a fancy restaurant or on a trip she would know that something was up, like a ring."

Mike had the idea in his head, but he just needed some help to pull it off. For this Mike contacted GAHHS Pharmacist Dave Dawdy. "I called Dave, one of the other pharmacists, about an hour before the proposal," said Mike. "They only problem was that Kelsey actually answered the phone twice when I was calling Dave."

"When Mike called asking for Dave he disguised his voice," said Kelsey. "I thought it sounded like Mike's voice, but he kept asking for Dave, so I figured it wasn't him and told him Dave wasn't available at the moment."

Finally on the third attempt Mike was able to talk to Dave and the plan to propose to Kelsey was created. After Dave finished planning with Mike, Dave went to the ER to set their plan in motion. The plan was to get Kelsey to the ER where Mike would pretend to be a patient and wait for her behind the curtain. Now all they had to

do was pull it off right under her nose.

As the nurses and doctors feverishly wrapped Mike's head and neck in bandages, Dave had to get Kelsey to the ER, without raising suspicions. "Dave told me that Terry had a question for us and that we had to go the ER. At first I just thought they had a medication question for me" said Kelsey. "However, when I went down there, Dr. Geada had just come out of a patient's room. He told me that he wasn't breaking patient confidentiality because the patient said it was okay, but that my boyfriend Mike fell and hurt himself and was in the room. Dr. Geada said it was okay for me to go in."



Above: Mike pops the question; bandages and all.
Left: Dr. Omar Geada prepping Mike



As Kelsey's mind began to race she slowly opened the curtain. She saw Mike lying in the bed with his head and neck wrapped in bandages. To her right sat her parents, her mom's face was red and she appeared to be crying, (turns out she was laughing). Kelsey thought, "It must be really bad if my parents were here."

Luckily for Kelsey, Mike didn't wait too long before he jumped out of the bed and held up a ring, turning terror into excitement as he asked her the question. For those of you who don't know how this story ends she said "Yes."

Looking back Kelsey said there were clues that should have given her a heads up that something was suspicious. "I thought it sounded like Mike's voice on the phone and when I walked into the room, I wondered why he was lying in the bed with a shirt and tie on, especially since it was his day off" Kelsey said, "All of this should have clued me in, but I was completely oblivious. The ED staff and Dave did a wonderful job at keeping me in the dark. Even though I was momentarily petrified, it turned out to be a fantastic day! It will be a great story to tell!" ■

GAH Employee Celebrates 45 Years of Service

Confucius said, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." For Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Director of Laboratory Services, Ken Sprau, this quote holds significant meaning. The reason this quote holds special meaning for Ken is because since 1966 Ken has been a member of the GAH family. What is more impressive is the fact the GAH was only established in 1952, giving Ken a very unique perspective when talking about GAH.

For example, when Ken began his career with GAH he was a staff medical technologist and an x-ray technician, because the lab and x-ray departments were combined. Ken said this led to some very interesting nights. "When you were on-call, you were on-call for labs, x-rays, EKG's, and blood gases. This could keep you very busy some nights."

Now, the lab and x-ray are separate departments and each department is staffed 24 hours a day. However, one of the biggest changes in his department over the years has been the use of technology. Ken said, "When I first started at GAH there was no automation in the lab, all the testing was done manually. There was no quality control to assure accurate test results and we did not have a microbiology department." Ken continued, "Now 95% of testing is automated, 25% of the testing is done for quality control, and we average close to 500 microbiology cultures per month."

Over 45 years the lab has continued to grow and run efficiently. Ken attributes this success to the various administrations and board members he has seen over the years. "They have always given the lab the two things needed most to have a highly efficient, accurate laboratory" explained Ken, "State-of-the-art laboratory instrumentation and a highly skilled, professional, laboratory staff."

The lab has always continued to evolve as newer and better technologies emerged but during Ken's 45 years of employment the hospital has seen its fair share of changes as well. "When I started at GAH there were between 80 and 85 employees and everyone knew everyone else," said Ken. "I remember one particular department head meeting when they announced we had over 100 employees. That was a very big deal back then. Now we have over 500 employees and are able to provide more services to more communities than ever before."

"The biggest change however would have to be the hospital itself," Ken said. "With the additions and upgrades in the surgery and



GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt (Left) with Ken Sprau after receiving his 45 year pin.



emergency departments we rival any hospital in our area, big or small."

When asked about his favorite memories over the years Ken didn't have any trouble finding a few choice memories. "Besides working with many fine healthcare professionals down through the years, I would say I definitely enjoyed traveling for work. I was able to travel to California, for training on the first automated instrument we got in the lab and going to Alabama, for computer training," Ken continued, "However, one of my favorite memories that sticks out the most, is getting the raise that brought my salary to \$10,000 a year. I remember telling my wife that we would always be able to live on \$10,000 a year and from now on all additional raises would just be gravy. Looking back I may have made a small miscalculation."

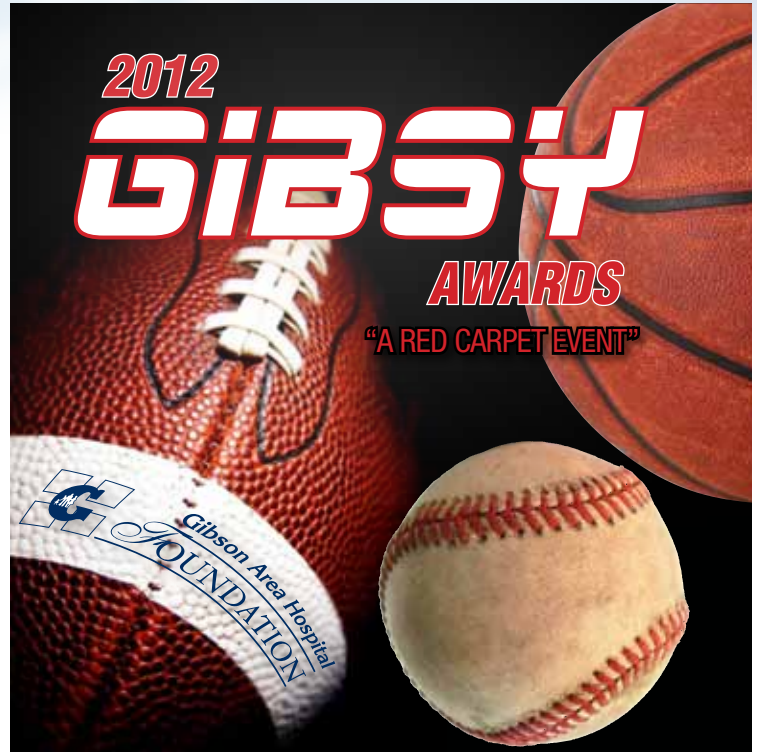
Ken attributes his longevity at GAH to not only liking his job, but also to the fact that "GAH is a great place to work." As for retirement, Ken doesn't have a set date in mind, but said that right now they don't have to worry about ordering him a 50-year pin. ■

Gibsy Awards “A Red Carpet Event”

For the past 9 years the Gibson Area Hospital Foundation and Auxiliary have hosted an annual spring fundraiser to benefit the hospital. Over the years the Spring Event has grown and evolved; most recently from the Gala to the Red Carpet Event. Every year the Spring Event incorporates a new theme to keep the fundraiser fresh; Mike Meunier, GAHHS CCO and Marketing Director, explains this year's Red Carpet Event.

“As you may recall, the 2011 Red Carpet Event was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The 2012 Spring Event is shaping up to be even better. The theme for this year is the “GIBSY.” It is a takeoff similar to ESPN Sports Networks yearly award show “The ESPYs”. The ESPYs recognize the top athletic achievements by teams and individuals. Although we won't be awarding sports awards, the event will have a sports award show theme with a few planned surprises. The Foundation and Auxiliary will once again have a great party planned for the supporters of GAHHS.”

The 2012 Gibsy Awards will be held Saturday, April 14th at the Kruse Center in Gibson City. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 7. For more information or to R.S.V.P. call 217-784-2600. ■



GAHHS Employee and Junior Auxiliary Member Makes Headlines

February 1st, at the GCMS High School gym, GAHHS Patient Access Employee and Junior Auxiliary Member Sydni Meunier made headlines again when she signed a national letter of intent to run cross-country and track with the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Sydni said that being able to attend Notre Dame is a reward only possible because of a lot of hours of work. “I am so honored to get to be a student there and represent our community at such a prestigious university. Most of all I believe it shows that when you set goals and strive for them, anything is possible,” said Sydni.

At Notre Dame, Sydni will be competing at the Division 1 level against some of the best athletes in the nation; however she is also focused on her education. At Notre Dame Sydni plans on working toward becoming

an Orthopedic Surgeon. “At Notre Dame, they do everything possible to prepare you for the next step in your education, career, and life. I will be majoring in Biology, and spending my time in the Science Building,” said Sydni. “This will include lots of time in labs as well as participating in undergraduate research with medical school students and professors, which I am looking forward to. This will all add to my education preparing me for medical school in the future while creating a well-rounded person in the present.”

With the 2012 track season just getting started, Sydni said, “My goal is to be fit and ready to compete when the indoor season opens in March. And for our team, I have high goals. I look forward to returning to state this May to help bring home a trophy for the school!” ■



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#7 Doctors Park, Gibson City, IL 60936
217-784-5500

George Bark, M.D., PhD

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Paxton Clinic

227 N. Market St., Paxton, IL 60957
217-379-4864

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837 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942
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KRUSE CENTER in Gibson City

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