

KONA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

The Kona Hospital Foundation is dedicated to improving Kona Community Hospital for the entire community. We fund medical technology, expanded services and enhanced facilities that would otherwise be unavailable.

Kona Hospital Foundation Begins Free "Informal Lecture Series"

The Kona Hospital Foundation kicked off a new Informal Lecture Series on October 17th at the West Hawaii Civic Center. The Kona Hospital Foundation will be hosting lecturers who will share with the community a variety of informative and timely topics. Lectures are free and open to the public.

The Foundation's first guest speaker was Dr. Andrew Rosenblum from Maui Heart and Vascular Clinic (MHV). Dr. Rosenblum is a non-invasive cardiologist with specific training in cardiac ultrasound and arrhythmia management. He is currently seeing patients weekly at the recently opened MHV Kona Clinic on the Kona Community Hospital campus. Dr. Rosenblum's presentation on cardiovascular disease was both informative and engaging.



Dr. Andrew Rosenblum, MD, FACC

The Foundation's second guest speaker on November 28th will be Dr. Nathan Tomita, DO, MPH. Dr. Tomita will be speaking about gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). He will introduce a new treatment option available in West Hawaii for chronic acid reflux sufferers. Dr. Tomita is one of the few surgeons in the United States who performs this incisionless surgical procedure for GERD. Informational handouts will be available.



Dr. Nathan Tomita, DO, MPH

For more information, please contact the Kona Hospital Foundation at 322-4587.



HOLIDAY HOUSE

Let Your Holidays Begin Here!

The Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual holiday extravaganza, *Holiday House—Christmas At The Volcano* on November 23, 24 and 25 (9am—6pm). This is a highlight of the holiday season where you'll find art, antiques and gifts. The crisp, cool mountain of Kilauea creates the perfect holiday atmosphere. 99-1949 Pukeawe Circle, Volcano Village. (From Highway 11, turn onto Pi'i Mauna Drive)



Gift Shop Sale: All hospital gift shop items will be reduced by 10% from Friday Nov. 23—Friday, December 7 (8am-4pm). Stop in to browse their great gift options.

For more information, call 322-4577 or go to www.kchauxiliary.org

Talk Story

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Good News and Big Projects at Kona Community Hospital



Kona Community Hospital (KCH) leadership has a positive outlook on the hospital's goal to launch comprehensive initiatives and attract new services. These initiatives and services will help increase efficiency and produce better patient outcomes and improve financial performance.

The hospital's partnership with Maui Heart and Vascular (MHV) to open the MHV Kona Clinic on the KCH campus has attracted approximately 100 new patients to KCH. Hawaii County has limited cardiac care, and also has the highest rates of death from coronary heart disease in the state. This partnership addresses these issues. The cardiology clinic provides patients with on-island access to diagnostics and non-invasive treatment of cardiovascular disease. If more extensive services are required, patients can be referred to the multi-disciplinary team at Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC).

Everyone knows that minutes count during a cardiac emergency, making transit times critical. Because of this, KCH has contracted with Hawaii Life Flight (HLF) to receive a medically equipped, over-water helicopter that will be dedicated to Kona Community Hospital. It will be used specifically for facility to facility patient transfers. This dedicated helicopter will give cardiac patients 24/7 access to emergency transfer from KCH. Additionally, it will cut transit time down from the 4 hours it currently takes to transport a patient to Oahu, to about one hour.

Finally, over the next six months, KCH will be launching its long-term plan to build a replacement hospital. The current hospital is aging and lacks sufficient space to grow current clinical services or to add new services. The hospital's plan to continue to acquire state-of-the-art equipment, attract new physicians and increase efficiency will require a new, modernized physical infrastructure. The hospital has engaged consultant Peter Adler PhD to assist with planning issues and explore what is best for the community. Over the next several months, KCH will launch several initiatives intended to enlist input from key stakeholders including the medical and business communities as well as the public. This exploration began with employee Town Hall meetings held in October. Please visit KCH website to participate in a Community Survey which seeks input about what is needed in a replacement hospital (www.hhsc.kch.org).



"We are in the starting process of defining what our community hospital should be," said CEO Jay Kreuzer. "Things are changing at Kona Community Hospital. We're focused on big projects that will match the community's evolving health care needs."

The Talk Story Breaking News: Kona Community Hospital is proud to announce that it will be a smoke and tobacco-free campus as of January 1, 2013. Employees must complete the smoke-free unit of Health Stream by December 31. 49.6% of KCH employees have already completed this unit! As of December 1, you can bring your certificate of completion to Human Resources to receive your free stress kit. Mahalo to everyone who provided feedback via suggestion box or email. Suggestions are still being accepted. ###



MEDICAL STAFF NEWS

The KCH Medical Staff currently consists of 168 physicians representing 26 specialties.

Natl. Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

Nov. 4—10

Physicians' Lounge:

Renovations have been completed on the 2nd floor physicians lounge.

New KCH Physicians:

Linda Gemer, MD - Radiation Oncology
Paul Hayward, DO - Internal Medicine
Simong Youmans, MD - Emergency Med.

4th Quarter Events:

October 8 & 9 Employee Town Hall Meetings.

October 17 Kona Hospital Foundation Informational Lecture. 7pm-8pm, Hawaii County Civic Center, Building G. Guest speaker Dr. Andrew Rosenblum.

October 19 Hope Event. 1:00 pm—4:00 pm.

October 20 Mayor's Health Fair. Old Airport Main Pavilion

October 31 Annual Employee Pumpkin Contest. 8am-11am KCH cafeteria.

November 8 Great American Smoke-Out. 11:00 am—1:00 pm.

November 14 & 15 HeartCode Open House. 9:00-11:00am, 1:00-3:00pm or 2:00-5:00am. Interactive sessions for Basic Life Saving hosted by Education Dept.

November 17 Kona Hospital Foundation's "Heart & Soul" Annual Gala at the Four Seasons Hualalai.

November 23, 24 & 25 Auxiliary Annual Holiday House Extravaganza—See page 4 for more information.

November 26—December 14 EMeRGE Integrated testing Cycle 2. Hosted at KCH all conference rooms.

November 28 Kona Hospital Foundation Informational Lecture. 6:30pm-8pm, Hawaii County Civic Center, Building G. Guest speaker Dr. Nathan Tomita.

December 15 28th Annual Kailua-Kona Christmas Parade. 5:00pm.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



July
Trixy Sakata
Clerk



August
Iwalani Tsai
Education



September
Floyd Tokusato
Info. Systems Dir.



Update: On November 26, Cycle 2 of Integrated testing will begin. KCH will again play host as in-depth EMR scenarios are put through trial runs by testing teams from HHSC regions. We are planning to provide a "sandbox" for staff so all can demo the program before the formal training begins in January.

GO LIVE DATE: February 1, 2013



New EMR devices coming our way.

Education Department Introduces HeartCode Program

Contributed by Stephanie Irwin, RN

The Kona Community Hospital Education Department would like to introduce you all to the two newest members of the KCH Family, Anne and Baby Anne!!

We are proud to announce that as of December 27, 2012 the KCH Education Department will be introducing the new HeartCode program for BLS (CPR).

"What is HeartCode," you may be asking. HeartCode is the American Heart Association's comprehensive, e-learning program for Basic Life Support. It is a web-based, self-paced program that uses eSimulation technology to allow students to assess and treat patients in a virtual healthcare setting. Debriefings and coaching are provided after each simulation to help with learning. After completing the e-learning portion of the course, staff will practice and test their skills on our Voice-Assisted Manikin (VAM).

This is where Anne and Baby Anne come into to play. During hands-on skills with Anne and Baby Anne staff will experience interactive coaching that will help them perform CPR in accordance with American Heart Association guidelines. Anne and Baby Anne will actually talk to you and tell you what you need to do to perform Life Saving CPR.

Education staff hosted a HeartCode Open House on November 14 and 15. This was an opportunity for all KCH staff to meet Anne and Baby Anne in person. Anne and Baby were ready to show off their skills during fun and interactive practice sessions.



Quality Assurance Pilots Innovative Fall Prevention Program

Marcy Rogers, RN, and the Quality Assurance department are developing a program to address fall prevention in the hospital. The **Falling Star Volunteer Safety Program** will train Auxiliary volunteers who are vetted to play a role in this important aspect of patient safety. Volunteers will act as safety monitors and will be trained to observe patients and their surroundings. Safety Volunteers will monitor selected patients who are at risk for falls. The goal is to enhance falls prevention strategies, measure protocol compliance, reduce falls, and increase patient and family awareness.

QA will be seeking input from nurse managers and supervisors as this program is further outlined.



Marcy Rogers, RN and Volunteer Matt Edison look forward to launching the Falling Star Volunteer Safety Program

KCH GOES PINK FOR HOPE EVENT

Kona Community Hospital hosted the 7th annual Hope Event to promote cancer awareness, and support cancer patients, their families, friends, caregivers, and the community. This year, "Go Pink" day to raise breast cancer awareness was held on the same day. Mahalo to dedicated staff and volunteers for making this event possible.



Our New Ohana Members

July:

Diana Trevino, Soc. Services
Whitney Dunigan, ES
Tiffany Young, SNF
Sandra Stricker, MS
Alsen Saito, Float Pool
Rebecca Fujikawa, Admitting
Timothy Alspach, Maintenance
Alexandra Woodrum, JVC
Erin McKinnon, ES

August:

Abby Green, MS
Hildi Viera, Auxiliary
Susan Wheeler, BH
Annette Burvick, Float Pool
Cherry Talledo, Dietary
Joe Allen, Maintenance
Matthew Edison, Auxiliary
Vanessa Amazona, MS
Twanna Watson, DIS

September:

Lori Waller, PACU/Short Stay
Jillian Antes, Critical Care Float
Thomas Checkie, Respiratory
Charles Gibson, Surgical Svcs.
James Martin, Maintenance
Leyane Bantilan-Trubell, Admitting

Did you know...

Birthday Lunch—

is a celebration that will occur the first Friday of every month from Noon to 1 p.m. with CEO Jay Kreuzer. If your birthday falls within that month, you are invited.

