Nursing Scholarships Awarded

The Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary recently awarded five nursing scholarships to local students seeking to pursue nursing careers. This year, the Auxiliary awarded four of the scholarships, and an anonymous donor awarded the fifth.

The KCH Auxiliary nursing scholarship program annually awards up to $2500 per recipient to five nursing students. This year’s scholarship recipients included Jessica Johnson, Russell Nishihara, Charilou Presiados, Kui Len Rocha and Michael Warnecke.

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit a resume, school transcripts, two letters of recommendation and a personal essay on why nursing was chosen as a career. In addition, students must already be accepted to a nursing school.

The Auxiliary’s goal is to provide financial assistance to nursing students, and to aide Kona Community Hospital in meeting its future nursing needs.

Kona Hospital Foundation

“Heart of Champions”

Dr. Ronald Davidson’s Cardiology Clinic at Kona Community Hospital

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 19th, 2012

Kona Country Club Ocean Course

Check-in: 7:00 AM   Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM

Continental Breakfast, Lunch Buffet & Awards

2 Person Scramble  $150.00 per person
Multiple $10.00 each
$100 Hole Sponsorship
50 Handicap Maximum

Prize Awarded to:

First Top 10 playing teams
Grand Prize in 1st Place Team
Best Score All-Female Team
Husband/Wife Team
Closest to the Pin

Left to right: KCH Auxiliary treasurer, David Clark, Kui Len Rocha, Rich Mears RN, KCH education director, Jessica Johnson, Michael Warnecke, Charilou Presiados, Mary Quinn

The Talk Story Riddle:

Whoever responds first BY PHONE to Community Relations at 322-6960 with the correct answer will receive a complimentary meal ticket. This issue’s riddle is:

There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house, there were lots of babies.  What is it?

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The Doctor Is In:
Kona Community Hospital Teams with Maui Heart & Vascular

Andrew Rosenblum, MD, FACC
Non-Invasive Cardiology

Michael Dang, MD
Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeon

Kona Community Hospital has partnered with the Maui Heart & Vascular Clinic to open a new cardiology clinic at Kona Community Hospital. The cardiology clinic began seeing patients on April 4th. Maui Heart & Vascular’s Kona Clinic is located on the KCH campus and provides on-site, comprehensive cardiac testing.

The clinic is able to provide patients with the convenience and comfort of receiving non-invasive cardiology services in Kona instead of traveling off-island to Oahu or Maui. Since there is limited cardiac care in West Hawaii, the partnership between KCH and Maui Heart & Vascular is one solution which addresses the cardiology needs of the community.

Andrew Rosenblum, MD, FACC, is a non-invasive cardiologist who will provide outpatient services. If more extensive services are required, patients may be referred to Maui Heart & Vascular’s Clinic at Maui Memorial Medical Center where Dr. Rosenblum and other cardiovascular specialists will be able to provide additional diagnostics and treatment.

Michael Dang, MD is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon who will see patients in the MHV Kona clinic monthly to monitor vascular heart disease, as needed.

Maui Heart & Vascular at Maui Memorial Medical Center offers the only full-service cardiovascular service line on the neighbor islands. All of the physicians are fellowship-trained, board-certified, and have many collective years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of cardiovascular problems.

Dr. Kathleen Rokavec, KCH Medical Director, commented on the new service line. “I am excited and grateful that KCH and Maui Memorial Medical Center have teamed up to provide much-needed cardiology services in Kona. Dr. Rosenblum and the entire Maui Heart & Vascular medical staff bring a high-caliber of experience, knowledge, and care. This collaboration will bring a higher level of healthcare to our West Hawaii community.”
**Upcoming Events:**

**July 1—31** Mandatory Health & Safety Fair must be completed on-line through HealthStream. For more information, call Education Dept. at 4559.

**August 1** Quarterly Medical Staff Meeting — 7:30am in Conference Room 2.

**August 19** Kona Hospital Foundation’s “Heart of Champions” Golf Tournament at the Kona Country Club Ocean Course — Continental breakfast, lunch buffet and prizes. Catering by Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa. Check-in 7:00 am Shotgun Start 8:00am. Registration deadline Friday, August 17. Proceeds benefit the new Cardiology Clinic at Kona Community Hospital. For more information, call the Foundation office at 322-4587 or visit their website: [http://www.kehawaii.org](http://www.kehawaii.org)

**August 20** Apparel Order Form Due—See below right for more information.

**August 27** EMERGE Integrated testing begins at KCH to ensure that EMR system being implemented works in a simulated, controlled environment.

**September 30** Walk to End Alzheimer’s—Old Kona Airport, main pavilion. Registration at 8:30am, walk starts at 9:30 am. Join the Alzheimer team as we walk with the Alzheimer’s Association to raise funds for research, support and care for those living with the disease. Prizes and entertainment. Call Judy Donovan at 322-6960.

**October 3** Meet and Greet for new physicians. Join us in welcoming new physicians from 4pm-6pm in CR2 & 3. Everyone is invited!

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**COMMUNITY VOICES**

**Say Mahalo**

Dear Kona Community Hospital:

My wife and I had the opportunity to spend two weeks touring the Hawaiian Islands in April. Our first visit was to Kailua-Kona. Two days into our trip, we were snorkeling…when my wife began to suffer breathing difficulties…She was rushed to Kona hospital. Her condition was severe…After a 7-day stay, my wife made a full recovery. We are sure this was due to the professional staff that works at Kona hospital. The hospital staff was so helpful and professional, we felt the need to thank everyone that was involved. Everyone was so nice and supportive during this very stressful time. The compassionate attitude by everyone was so genuine, we felt blessed to be in such a caring facility. We cannot thank you enough for what we feel was the best care and bedside manner we have ever experienced. We worked with many doctors and nurses, but please make sure to pass this appreciation along to all your staff as there were many involved who we never met in person. You saved my wife’s life, thanks to the work of your expert staff. Thank you so much for all you have done for us. God Bless.

Keith and Tamee Sandvall
Sioux Falls, SD

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**KCH WINS GOLD**

Kona Community Hospital recently received the Get With The Guidelines®—Heart Failure Gold Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. This award signifies that KCH has reached an aggressive goal of treating heart failure patients with 85 percent compliance for at least 24 months to core standard levels of care as outlined by the AHA / American College of Cardiology secondary prevention guidelines for heart failure patients.

In addition to our new cardiology clinic, implementing the AHA’s Get With The Guidelines program will help KCH make cardiac care more readily available, and make it easier to improve the long-term outcome for cardiology patients.

Congratulations Quality Improvement Team!

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**Order Your KCH Apparel!**

The apparel line has expanded and now includes “embroidered” polo shirts and sport shirts in a variety of colors. As usual, shirts, long sleeve shirts, tanks, and hoodies are also available. Look for the apparel order form in your department box or visit Community Relations. **Due by August 1.**