

Inspiring Our People

SJHC's Annual Retirement Tea Honours 45 Staff

St. Joseph's Health Centre will be honouring all staff that have retired between July 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010 at the annual Retirement Tea.

The tea is being held on Friday, June 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Education Centres A & B. All staff and colleagues are invited to attend.

Congratulations to the following retirees:

Olive Anderson
Murelda Bailey
Teresa Bilyj
Judith Bramhill
Margaret Chabot
Debra Cooper
Donald Costello
Hernani Dato
Elba De Leon
Cora Degroot
Mary Lou Drohan
Marianna Dubek
Olive Ellis
Anne Fernando
Bernard Francis
Kian Goh
Teu Boon Goh
Uriah Halstead
Sandra Louise High
Mary Joseph
Lynn M Leuschen
Sue Lie
John Stephen Macdonald

Karen Macpherson
Abraham Margel
Carolyn McClement
Colleen McKenna
Catherine McQuarrie
Zerina Motayne
Elizabeth O'Connor
Juliet Persaud
Norma Pompey
Elizabeth Quinlan
Donna Ramalho
Joan Ramnauth
Maria Eduarda Rebocho
Josephine Santiago
Anica Smoljanovic
Marlene Theuma
Judy Merle Thomas
Sandra Thompson
Evangelina Tobias
James N Williams
Derrick Wood
Stefan Zejma

Enhancing the Health of the Communities we Serve

G20 Summit - SJHC Update

As you all know, the G20 Summit will be held in Toronto on June 26 and 27. The G20 Toronto Summit will bring together political leaders from 20 countries and will focus on recovery from the global economic and financial crisis and the implementation of commitments from previous G20 summits. At other summits across the world, there have been protests and we are also expecting the same in Toronto. Ongoing preparations for protests are taking place at the federal, provincial, city-wide and local levels.

SJHC has been working with the Toronto Central LHIN, Toronto Police Services and Toronto EMS to ensure that all hospitals and first responders are prepared for any situations that may occur as a result of protests in the city. In addition, various code responses, such as Code Orange, are being reviewed internally and many of the Emergency Department staff are attending refresher training sessions in CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear & Explosion) responses.

Traffic congestion, particularly in the downtown core, and intermittent highway closures for security reasons from the airport to the Metro Convention Centre can also be expected, making travel around the city very difficult leading up to and during the summit weekend. All staff are being asked to ensure that they have an alternate route to get to work and to allow more time for the journey to work.

More information from the Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) on SJHC's preparations for the G20 summit will be communicated as we get closer to the event.

Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Innovation

Spring is in the Air: It must be National Physiotherapy Month!

by Chris Ashdown, Professional Practice Leader, Physiotherapy

Have you noticed? Winter's icy grip has finally slipped away and the leaves are peeking out. For many of us May is the month when we emerge from our long hibernation. Once again, we're riding our bikes, cleaning our gardens, and looking to shed some layers (and maybe a few pounds too)!

Whether you're a diehard golfer keen to hit the links, an Ultimate Frisbee fan, or perhaps simply a board-walk stroller looking to stretch your legs, a sudden increase in your activities will definitely put your body through its paces.

Don't fall victim to a burst of well-intentioned enthusiasm that takes you way beyond your typical routine – and leaves you wishing you'd actually taken the words "Warm Up" to heart. Sprains, strains and other similar ailments are not unusual for those of us who may be inspired by the beautiful Spring weather.

Thankfully, May is also National Physiotherapy Month. The week of the 17th to the 21st, in the Lakeside Café, registered physiotherapists will be around to answer your questions and to share information about what we do in the orthopedic, neurologic and cardio respiratory domains. We'll also be showing some video clips that highlight just what a tremendously positive impact the right kind of treatment and support can have for our Health Centre patients.

I hope you'll take a few minutes that week to stop by and to learn a little bit more about us.

Wishing you a wonderful, safe and active Spring!

Health and Safety - It's Everyone's Business

The Health Centre will be celebrating Health and Safety Week during the week of May 17-21, 2010. The Joint Health and Safety Committee would like to invite everyone to visit the Health and Safety table in the Cafeteria on the following days:

Tuesday, May 18
Fire Safety Day

Test your fire safety knowledge by completing the Fire Safety Quiz. Deposit your completed quiz in the ballot box to be eligible for prizes.

Wednesday, May 19
Wellness Day

Discover the opportunities offered by the Sun Life Financial Lakeside Wellness Centre. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

Thursday, May 20
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Appropriate Footwear Day

Learn more about your PPE and the recently approved Appropriate Footwear Policy. Occupational Health staff will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the correct usage of personal protective equipment.

We look forward to seeing you!

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