

## The Way I See It

10-15-16

I would like to thank **Jackie Martin** for coming in on a Sunday, Oct.2<sup>nd</sup>, to count supplies, restock, and do the paperwork involved. She was taking Monday and Tuesday off , and didn't want to leave our department with extra work. Your extra dedication really is appreciated. Thank you from Lorie **(Submitted by Lorie Sieg)**

Thank **Bethany Egeberg** for bringing apple crisp for employee's afternoon coffee break. It was delicious!! Also, thanks to Bethany for taking over coordinating our Weight Loss surgery support group sessions. She has such a positive attitude and is a perfect role model for others. **(Submitted by Nancy Meland)**

The State of North Dakota is changing many of the rules for radiology departments. Unfortunately, they do not have much experience in operations of small rural hospitals. **Danica Grossman and Krystal Wiesz** provided input this week that will improve the effectiveness of the administrative rules.

**Lora Streifel** always assures that our resident's rooms and units are clean and attended to. In addition I appreciated her willingness to help me this week. She stopped what she was doing and went the extra mile. Thank you Lora! **(Submitted by Gail Grondahl)**

Thank you to **Kathy Sieg** with help from **Crystal Holzer** and **Chantel Grossman** for switching out the new wireless bed monitors and writing up the procedure for this. I have had many positive comments about the monitors. **(Submitted by Gail Grondahl)**

I was impressed by the team problem solving between the **Dietary** and **Housekeeping** departments this week. I appreciate that they worked together to ensure timely cleaning of the dining rooms under tight time constraints to clean tables and move residents.

Our CNA's ROCK!! They are currently at 97% completion of the annual Healthcare Academy training. We rely on this training to stay current in the changing regulatory environment and appreciate their commitment. **(Submitted by Lee Ann Krahler)**

I would like to give a big Thank You to **Lanette Mertz** for doing payroll for me while I was on vacation. She is also taking on extra duties while another staff member is out on medical leave. She does a great job & is always willing to help out; it is great to have her on our team! Thanks Lanette!! **(Submitted by Lynette Bender)**

Thank you to the Dietary Supervisors: **Kim Walters, Michelle Watkins, Shannon Masseth & Nicole Snyder** for making sure things ran smoothly while I was on vacation. Thanks to the whole Dietary Department for the great job that you do. It's nice to be able to leave & know that everything is being taken care of. You are awesome! **(Submitted by Lynette Bender)**

I would like to thank **Melissa Lesmeister** for taking the time to clean and organize several resident closets. **(Submitted by Tonia Erickson)**

I want to say thank you to **Danita Rixen** for all her ideas and creative ways in which to help out at the switchboard. She is always full of energy and comes up with ways to improve processes. I appreciate all the input I get from her and the caring thoughts she puts into her work each and every day. **(Submitted by Jessica Hanson)**

You already know I give **Gary Kennedy** tough work. I think it keeps him young. A few months back I really stumped him by ordering patient room televisions that refused to link to our pillow speakers. As luck would have it, he figured a

way to make them work. Just as we were claiming victory, the local cable company changed things and once again, the speakers will not link. Once again, Gary is danger close to another solution. I appreciate Gary's leadership over his departments and his technical expertise on some of the toughest problems behind the scenes.

I would like to say thank you to **Brittney Schmaltz** and **Dana Fitzgerald** for taking the time to encourage and assist a resident whom hasn't been out to activities for a couple weeks to come out for happy hour.....It was so good to see this resident out again😊 **(Submitted by Tonia Erickson)**

Thank you to **Krystal Weisz** who picked up my lunch ticket off my empty tray and gave it back to me. That's the second time I have left it somewhere and it was returned – got to keep better track of it! **(Submitted by Sandy Teubner)**

Thanks to **Colleen LaFontaine** and **Carol Reimche** for being on our St. Aloisius Relay for Life Cake Auction team last night. It was a fun night and we helped raise money for a great cause! **(Submitted by Sandy Teubner)**

Many thanks to **Sandy Teubner** for offering to do a Wellness registration shift for me and to **Sr. Mary Agnes** for offering to take a breakfast hostess shift for Monday's added wellness clinic. You are both very much appreciated! **(Submitted by Donna Corneliussen)**

Nancy Meland and Gary Kennedy worked tirelessly to establish a video teleconference connection with the folks in Bismarck. This was no small task and they had to work with many external players.

I would like to thank **Ruth Meckle** for the great job she does with the infants, especially on the days when they give her a run for her money! We really understand how hard she works when she isn't here and we get to try and fill her shoes! Thanks Ruth! **(Submitted by Jaime Bush)**

I would like to thank **Krystal Wiesz** and **Colleen LaFontaine** for jumping in to October Breast Cancer Awareness month with enthusiasm and professionalism! We have all three rooms going at the same time (CT, Mammo & X-Ray) and get our patients through with a caring touch. I truly appreciate their caring attitudes and professional performance. We do about 70-80 extra mammograms in October. I ask a lot of them and they just do it. I appreciate the way we help each other out. What a team! **(Submitted by Danica Grossman)**

Upcoming Events:

1. Our Employee Awards Banquet/Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday 9 Dec at the Harvey Eagles Club. This year we are arranging for music and dancing.
2. M&M days sessions are scheduled for 19 and 20 October. These are important sessions and I look forward to seeing you there.

Greg