

## The Way I See It 12/9/16

Thank you, **Robin Arnold** for rushing out with a wheelchair to assist a patient into the hospital that was slipping on the ice. **Brianna Weinmann** was coming to assist you as she had seen the patient was struggling to make it in too. (Danita Rixen)

**Nancy Selzer** filled in for Marian Hase, in playing the organ for the memorial services, on Wednesday. Thank you Nancy to helping out last week. (Sr. Mary Agnes)

**Majorie Kleinsasser** is very willing to help out. She even worked for me last Tuesday during the snow storm so I could stay home. **Candie Thompson** is always willing to work out scheduling issues to the best of her ability and is very understanding when it comes to employees and their families. **Matt Voeller**, a CNA on Med Surg is very good at his job. He enjoys what he does and it shows. Thanks to everybody. (Melanie Long)

We are so grateful for the dedicated employees (and spouses/families) who even in very stormy and blizzard conditions take great effort to be at work to take care of our residents and patients. Some walked clear across town because a car would not have made it through the snow, others got up very early to shovel in order to even get their 4-wheel drives out, others offered rides to those who needed to get to work and then took employees home that had worked the night shift and others planned ahead to stay in Harvey in order to be at work. Some even worked double shifts and then came to work early for their next shift. We make a great family and we have a lot of awesome people in our community. Thank you! (Pam Stewart)

I would like to recognize **Marjorie Kleinsasser** and **Emy Becker** for their continued dedication... they spent many overnights the past couple of weeks due to weather. Thank you also to **Jasmin Jimenez** for covering a shift due to staff inability to come in and to **Marianne Keller** for making her way through the storm to walk to work. **Jessica Coombs** also stayed to cover a double shift. (Candie Thompson)

Thank you to everyone who worked extra shifts, trudged through the snow or found rides with those who had four wheel drive vehicles to get to work. Thank you to those who worked solo in their department because their coworkers couldn't make it in or pitched in and helped in other departments because they were short and needed just an extra hand. Thank you to supervisors who called/texted/emailed and kept in touch with their staff to make sure things kept going. I do not want to name names, as there are too many to mention, but it is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! (Sandy Teubner)

A huge thank you to **Danita Rixen** and Leon, her husband for taking me home from work and bringing me back in when I had no other way to get here because the streets by my house were blocked. Also a huge thank you to them for helping all of the people who had their cars stuck in the snow. (Joan Adams)

I would like to thank **Mark Sommers** and **Gary Kennedy** for coming in to clean the parking lots in the middle of the night and with a smile on their faces every time. (Joan Adams)

Thank you to **Jessica Hanson** for covering the switchboard so that **Danita** could go over to the nursing home to help them when they were shorthanded. (Joan Adams)

**Jackie Martin** did a great job of keeping things going this week in Purchasing. Thanks for her dedication to St. Aloisius and also thank you to **Paulette Martin** this week. (Lorie Sieg)

All staff has had to make major adjustments to schedules this week, and I've heard of and seen all departments cover each other and help out where needed. We always seem to make things work through troubling times like this! I'd like to give a huge shout-out to all the switchboard ladies who have been making switches all week long and giving each other rides to/from work. I had the chance to work out front for a few hours this week during the storm. The phone was ringing off the hook and there were many requests put upon me in a short amount of time. It was a challenging few hours for me, but I know the ladies who sit out there on a regular basis handle these situations like it is no problem at all. Your jobs out front are much more challenging than it might appear to the rest of us and you are all so very awesome at what you do! (Jessica Hanson)

Thank you to **Reed Trosen** for giving fellow employees rides to and from work during the bad weather this past week. (Joan Adams)

What a wonderful group of people we have working at St. Aloisius. So many made adjustments to their schedules or provided transportation for others. It was amazing to see all the team work taking place to make sure patients' needs were met. (Danita Rixen)

I would like to thank **Colleen LaFontaine** for working three days by herself while Krystal and I were stormed in! This is the first time in 17 years that I got to take a storm day with my kids! I did not expect to take 3 days off, but Colleen volunteered to work an extra day so I didn't have to worry about rushing in on Thursday if I still couldn't make it out. Plus, she covered 2 extra days of call, plus her own 2 days! Both Krystal and I are so thankful that she lives right here and could just walk over and work! One less thing I had to worry about and her willingness to cover the department is greatly appreciated. (Danica Grossman)

I don't even know where to begin thanking people for their willingness to pick up shifts, switch shifts, work doubles, work short, etc due to the storm this week. The **Dietary Department** really pulled together this week to get meals served to the patients, residents & staff.

**Shannon Masseth** came in on Monday & ended up spending 3 nights sleeping at the hospital, she worked some extra hours to fill in for staff who were stormed in at home & helped to rearrange staff to cover other shifts. **Talise Boskat** pitched in to cover a cooks shift, a shift she has never done, after already working her own shift and she did an awesome job! She also came in on Wednesday, her day off, just in case someone else didn't make it in, which did happen. What dedication!! **Brent Sabot** also gave up part of his only day off to help out. Aliyah Heil picked up a number of extra shifts, **Tammy Shank** worked a short shift after working her regular 8 hour shift, **Tailor Burton & Carissa Gleave** also worked an extra shift. **Heidi Luckau & Nicole Snyder** helped out by switching to do different shifts. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Great job everyone, wonderful example of teamwork!! I would also like to thank our Maintenance guys for giving rides to staff so they could get to the facility. Also, for the hours & hours they have spent moving snow!! (Lynette Bender)

Enjoy the Award's Banquet and week ahead!

Sandy