

From now on, general messages from the West Island HSSC will be published exclusively in *Flash-Info* in order to free your mailboxes and keep you better informed. *Flash-Info* will be your source of information regarding the HSSC. Be on the lookout for news!

HSSC NEWS

NEW NETWORK CLINIC

The West Island HSSC is proud to add a third network clinic to its territory. On January 30, 2008, the Brunswick Medical Clinic, located at 143 Place Frontenac in Pointe-Claire, received its accreditation as a network clinic. These clinics are open 365 days a year, 12 hours a day on weekdays and 8 hours a day on weekends. It is the place to go for minor emergencies, as the clinics offer lab and X-ray services onsite. Remember to check the clinic's business hours before going!

Brunswick Clinic: 514 426-6677

FLU VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

All employees who were vaccinated participated in a draw for a day off. Congratulations to our winner, Hélène Tasso! At the West Island HSSC, 758 employees (36.8%) opted to get vaccinated. This year, our objective was 45%. Last year, 37.3% of employees received the flu shot. To meet our objective next year, the Quality of Life team challenges you to encourage a work colleague to get vaccinated. Vaccination is a recognized and proven method to avoid getting the flu.

Paul St-Amour: 514 630-2225, extension 3326

RESERVING ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT

"Artologik", the new software to reserve rooms and audiovisual equipment, is now available to the HSSC from a tab on the main page of the Intranet. Please note that since February 13, it is impossible to make reservations using the old method. For more information or to access the software, contact:

LGH and CLSC du LSL:

Yves Bergeron, 514 630-2225, extension 5584

CLSC de PFDS and DBV:

Daniel Bolduc, 514 626-2663, extension 4314

OPEN HOUSE AT THE HOSPITAL

The Lakeshore General Hospital hosted an Open House on Saturday, February 16. The Career Day was intended for all nursing students, student nursing assistants and orderlies. The invitation to attend the Open House was extended to all schools in the Montreal area and surroundings.

Some thirty people attended the Career Day, mostly student nursing assistants, as well as nurses and other healthcare professionals. Several interviews were carried out on site and ended with hirings. Interviews are continuing this week. These hirings are a short-term solution to covering weekend shifts.

Marilyn Leduc and Nancy Coffin graciously answered visitors' questions regarding our HSSC programs and services. We thank them for their assistance and look forward to doing this again!

Source: Anne Laframboise: 514 630-2225, extension 3323

ACCREDITATION REPORT

Earlier this month, the HSSC received the final Accreditation Report from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA). The Directorate is currently conducting a detailed analysis of its recommendations.

In the following weeks, meetings will be set up with members of the Quality Teams who set up the visit in the fall. These teams will then develop action plans to implement recommendations from the CCHSA. The CCHSA granted our HSSC a three-year accreditation, effective from 2007 to 2010.

During the visit in the fall, our HSSC received kudos from the CCHSA for changes made within the last few years. The objectives of the recommendations in their report are intended to help us continue our quality improvement initiatives.

Source: Claudette Rivard, 514 626-2663, extension 4450

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS SIGNED

In February, the West Island HSSC signed local collective agreements with APTS, CSN and FIQ. The collective agreements meet the needs of employees, as well as those of the employer. Our HSSC and unions are proud to have conducted the negotiations peacefully. Before adopting Bill 30, working conditions were negotiated nationally with the *Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux*.

APPOINTMENTS - DEPARTURES

Appointment

Patrick Dubé

Director of Human Resources. Patrick has solid experience in Human Resources. He has been Acting Human Resource Director since June 2007. We welcome him on our Management Team and wish him much success in his new functions.

Source: Christiane Beauchemin, 514 630-2225, extension 5253

Absence

Marie-Claude Hens

Director of General Services. Marie-Claude will be absent for an indefinite period after her vacation from February 18 to February 29. In the interim, Nancy Coffin will be responsible for the Emergency Department and for pre and post-visit Medical Services Support. Line Robillard will take on responsibilities pertaining to clinic activities, short-term community assistance, Front Line Medical Services Support and service availability.

Source: Christiane Beauchemin, 514 630-2225, extension 5253

Departures

Paul Boyer

Head of Construction Services. We thank him for his contributions, as well as achievements, and wish him luck in his future endeavours.

Source: Suzanne Giroux, 514 630-2225, extension 6371

Lise Pion

Administrative Officer of the Appointment Centre at the CLSC de Pierrefonds. Lise will be on a one-year leave without pay. We welcome Carol Lauzon, who will be replacing Lise at the Appointment Centre during her absence.

Source: Lynda Fournier, 514 626-2663, extension 4423

THEMES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

National Epilepsy Awareness Month

Kidney Health Month

National Nutrition Month

International Women's Day and Week (March 8)

World Tuberculosis Day (March 24)

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

FOUNDATIONS

The LGH Foundation held Career Day on February 11 and February 12 for graduating students from local high schools. Over 140 students accepted the invitation and participated in one of the four two-hour orientation sessions. Students were able to obtain information and personally see the employment and different career opportunities that are available in hospitals. They participated in guided tours of the Hospital and met with healthcare professionals.

We hope that these two days, which focused on the different career and employment opportunities in the health care field, will yield positive results and encourage young people from our schools to consider careers in health care.

We extend our thanks to the West Island HSSC Human Resource Team for their enthusiasm and for supporting the Foundation's initiatives.

LGH Foundation: 514 630-2081

SOCIAL CLUB

Next activity of the Social Club: Happy Hour! (from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) Join us on Thursday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. at *Skratch* in Pierrefonds (11829 Pierrefonds Blvd., on the corner of Sources Blvd.). Pool is free and drinks are two for one between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy maple syrup with your family or colleagues on March 14 at the *Cabane à sucre des Pins verts* (751 ch. Saint-Emmanuel, Saint-Clet). Tickets are \$8 for members, \$18 for non-members and \$1 a year for children 12 years of age and younger. Visit the Intranet for more information.

Recruitment Campaign

The Organizing Committee is seeking new members who are willing to get involved in organizing one or more activities for the Social Club. If you are interested, please leave a message in our mailbox.

Social Club: 514 630-2225, extension 7038

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