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## Hospital Encourages Volunteerism

To encourage staff volunteerism, The University of Kansas Hospital has designed a way for employees who participate in organized volunteer events, including charity runs and walks, to be heroes – with nifty T-shirts to prove it.



Hospital Employees Reaching Out (H.E.R.O.) recognizes the efforts of staff members who volunteer in events such as Christmas in October, United Way Day of Caring, the American Stroke Foundation's Walk on the Wildside and many other

activities. Employees can request free H.E.R.O. T-shirts to wear at these events.

**Christy Mesik**, event and community relations coordinator, Marketing, outlined how the program works:

- Three or more hospital employees must be involved in the event.
- A Group Volunteer Project Sheet must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event to Mesik, [cmesik@kumc.edu](mailto:cmesik@kumc.edu). Forms are available on the hospital intranet, <http://intranet.kumed.com> (under "employee info" on the navigation bar).
- One employee, designated team captain, will distribute T-shirts, conduct guidelines and other information.

- A calendar of events detailing H.E.R.O. volunteer opportunities is on the hospital intranet.
- Participants must agree to abide by conduct guidelines, which include not using tobacco or drinking alcohol while wearing H.E.R.O. T-shirts.

- Political and religious events will not be considered for H.E.R.O. recognition.

"This is a win-win effort because it encourages our employees to lend a hand in our community, and the T-shirts let the community know that The University of Kansas Hospital employees really care," Mesik concluded.

### Spring Volunteer Opportunities for H.E.R.O.

#### Install Smoke Detectors

Volunteers are needed to install smoke detectors in Kansas City, Kan., homes from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 29, and Saturday, April 19, and to discuss fire prevention and fire escape plans with homeowners. To volunteer, contact **Sidonie Welsh, RN**, 8-0193, [swelsh2@kumc.edu](mailto:swelsh2@kumc.edu).

#### Save the Date for Heart Walk

The biggest volunteer event for The University of Kansas Hospital is the annual Kansas City Heart Walk. To be a team captain for this year's event at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 31, in Theis Park, contact **Christy Mesik**, [cmesik@kumc.edu](mailto:cmesik@kumc.edu). For more information, visit [heartwalk.kintera.org](http://heartwalk.kintera.org).

### KUMC Police Plan 'Active Shooter' Drills

If you see numerous police cars and uniformed officers at the intersection of 39th Street and Cambridge Tuesday, March 11, through Friday,

March 21, don't be alarmed.

The University of Kansas Police Department at KU Medical Center will host its annual safety training during that time. In a "first," the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department will join the sessions for a total of 75

officers to receive training.

The sessions will include "active shooter" scenarios inside the Breidenthal building, which is empty for remodeling. Those near the building may hear simulated gunfire. Collaboration with area law enforcement will help ensure a more realistic

experience for KUMC's officers while maximizing the training opportunity for all agencies.

Training will be from 4 p.m. to midnight on Tuesday, March 11, through Friday, March 14, and again Tuesday, March 18, through Friday,

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March 21. On Saturday, March 15, training will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Training is closed to the public.

"Training exercises like this occur annually, and are just one component of our overall effort to ensure everyone on our campus is safe," said **Rick Johnson**, director, Public Safety. "We're especially pleased to include our community partners this year."

KUMC's Police Department, with 35 commissioned officers, is a full-service law enforcement agency that operates around the clock. The Patrol Services Squad Room/Communications Center is in the basement of The University of Kansas Hospital. The Command Staff, Investigations, Special Enforcement and Community Policing units are

headquartered in the Support Services building.

**eXtra:** For more information, visit [kumc.edu/police](http://kumc.edu/police).

## Atkinson Named to Top 50 List

Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center, and executive dean, KU School of Medicine, was named to *KC Business* magazine's list of "50 Most Influential Women."

The magazine noted Atkinson is the first woman to lead KUMC, overseeing nearly 800 faculty and 2,700 students in the medical school and the KU Schools of Nursing and Allied Health. It also championed her continuing efforts to bring National Cancer Institute designation to KUMC.

The list is featured in the magazine's March issue. Selections were based on

## Be Ready for TJC in 2008!

This week: **10 Things to Do to Prepare for The Joint Commission (TJC) Survey Visit.**

- Know your role in the event of a fire.
- Know what to do when a disaster occurs.
- Do not block exits, fire alarm stations or MedGas shutoffs.
- Do not prop open or block doors.
- Minimize items left in hallways; all items must be on wheels. In the event of a fire, push items into a room and close the door.
- Do not store items within 18 inches of the ceiling.
- Report all repairs to Hospital Maintenance immediately, 8-12773.
- Make sure patient charts are kept in locked wall units.
- Know where to locate Medical Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for chemicals in your work area (on the hospital intranet).
- Wear your ID badge on the upper half of your body.

Watch *Center eXpress* each week for information from "Joint Commission Preparation 101," available on the hospital intranet, <http://intranet.kumed.com>. Be prepared to demonstrate to the survey team our commitment to providing the safest, highest quality patient care.



business acumen; career advancement and/or entrepreneurial spirit; board

affiliation; community involvement; and awards and recognition received.

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## Ancillary Care Staff Awards Announced

The University of Kansas Hospital's Ancillary Care directors presented the Ancillary Care 2007 Clinical Excellence Awards Feb. 21. Recipients included (from left) **Meg Williams**, Clinical Nutrition; **David Mueller**, Pharmacy; **Cathy Hunke**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; **Bryan Allen**, Medical Imaging Services; **Dan Conyers**, director, Respiratory Services, who was named Leader of the Year; and **Trenton Oestreich**, Sleep Disorders Center. Not pictured are **Emily Bewyer**, Rehabilitation Services; and **Heather Durow**, Respiratory Therapy.

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# eXtracurricular

## Thursday, March 6

**ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY SEMINAR:** "Interactions of Intraenel Dopamine and Cyclooxygenase-2 in Regulation of Kidney Physiology and Pathophysiology," Raymond Harris, MD, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 4-5 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

## Friday, March 7

**NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds:** "Neuroinflammation and Neurodegeneration as Mechanisms for Worsened Outcomes in Elderly Traumatic Brain Injury," Greg Onyszchuk, PhD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS:** "NCPAP and SNIPPV: Something Old, Something New ... in the NICU," Vineet Bhandari, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

**CAMPUSWIDE LEADERSHIP 2008:** "What Motivates Me to Lead or Influence Change," Mamie Hughes, Kansas City area community leader, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing. Lunch provided for first 125 attendees.

**LONDON CENTER ON AGING Research Seminar Series:** "Predictors of Long-Acting Oral vs. Transdermal Opioids Among Older Adults," Sally Rigler, MD, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

## Monday, March 10

**CANCER CAREGIVERS Support Group:** Second Monday, 1-2 p.m., Westwood Campus Atrium Conference Room.

**ALZHEIMER AND MEMORY SEMINAR Series (AMSS):** "Alzheimer's Disease Pathology as a Host Response," Rudy Castellani, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine, 4-5 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging.

## Tuesday, March 11

**BURN SURVIVORS SUPPORT Group:** Second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., Burnett Burn Center, 5th floor hospital.

**GI GRAND ROUNDS:** "Medical and Surgical Management of Fulminant Colitis," Sachin Wani, MD; case presentation, Rashmi Tadipathi, MD; 5-6:30 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

## Wednesday, March 12

**INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS:** Interdisciplinary Medical Research Conference, "Sensory and Autonomic Innervation of Smooth Muscle in Diabetic Patients with Gastroparesis," Richard McCallum, MD, and Douglas Wright, PhD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

**KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH Grand Rounds:** "Update on Status of Accreditation for Local Health Departments," Edie Sneathen, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

**JAYDOC LUNCH & LEARN Series:** "Your Writing Project: Discussion and Conclusion," Lauren Aaronson, RN, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Register for lunch and handout: [www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining](http://www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining).

**BROWNBAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults:** "You Deserve a Break! Caregiver Self-Care," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging.

## Thursday, March 13

**TOPICS IN TRAUMA:** "Advances in Critical Care Management of the Trauma Patient," Michael Hastings, RN; David Northrop; Michael Moncure, MD; John Ashcraft, DO; Meredith Morrell, PharmD; Lowell Tilzer, MD; Sherwood Barefoot, MD; and Karin Porter-Williamson, MD; 7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Wahl Hall East Auditorium. Non-physicians must pre-register via e-mail to Pat Brunson, [education@kumc.edu](mailto:education@kumc.edu).

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP for Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders:** 2-3:30 p.m., second Thursday, 145 Landon Center on Aging.

**LUNG CANCER Support Group:** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Brandmeyer Patient Resource Center, Westwood Campus.

## Nominations Open for Alumni Awards

The Alumni Associations of The University of Kansas Medical Center seek nominations for the 2008 Alumni Awards in the categories of Distinguished Alumni, Honorary Alumni and Early Career Achievement.

The awards are the highest honors the organizations present to graduates of the KU Schools of Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing, and to those who have made outstanding contributions to health care. The awards will be presented Oct. 3 and 4 during the Alumni Reunion 2008.

Submit completed nomination forms, available at [kumc.edu/alumni](http://kumc.edu/alumni), by April 4. For more information, contact Alumni Relations, 8-1255.

## Blood Drives Planned for March

The Community Blood Center will host two blood drives in March on The University of Kansas Hospital and Medical Center campuses.

- **Westwood Campus:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, Multipurpose Room
- **KUMC:** 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, March 20, Stoland Lounge

Be sure to eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating. Bring a photo ID, such as a driver's license. Appointments aren't necessary.

The blood center must collect 580 pints of blood daily to meet the needs of hospitals in the Kansas City metro area.

For more information about the Westwood Campus event, contact **Eileen Stanton**, 8-4528. For more information about the KUMC event, contact **James Ramey**, 913-383-6812. For medical eligibility questions, call 800-245-7035.

## Auxilians Will Tour Nelson Gallery

The University of Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary will take a guided tour of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21.

**Wilfred Arnold, PhD**, KUMC professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, an authority on Vincent Van Gogh, will provide commentary during the tour. It begins at the Visitors Desk in the Bloch Building lobby. Afterward, the group will have lunch in Rozzelle Court. Museum admission is free; parking is \$5.

Reserve a spot by Friday, March 14, with **Dorothy McGhee**, 8-0188. Call 816-751-1278 for directions.

## Friday, March 14

**NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds:** "Bone Density in Neurology Patients: Why Should We Worry?" Nancy Hammond, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS:** "Learning from Medical Journals: An Infectious Disease Clinician's Prospective," Cheng Cho, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

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## Vehicles

2005 SUZUKI BOULEVARD C50, 3.2K, black and silver, fuel-injected, \$5,300. 913-378-3627.

2002 MUSTANG GT, less than 68K, silver, 5-speed, great condition, \$11,000 OBO. 913-742-3311.

1990 DODGE RAM TRUCK, heavy-duty 3/4-ton with a 1-ton chassis, new brakes, fuel lines, tires, bed liner, great farm truck. 913-220-6043.

## For Sale

GE FLAT SURFACE STOVE, white with black ceramic top, self-cleaning oven, good condition, \$200; GE side-by-side refrigerator, ice/water dispenser, fair condition, \$300 OBO, you pick up. 913-217-8762.

COMPOUND BOW, PSE Brute Force Maxis, 30", with arrow rest, quiver, sights and stabilizer; includes 8 arrows, 2 packs of extra broad heads, trigger release and hard case, excellent condition, \$150. 913-709-8155.

MASSAGE TABLE with head rest and bolster, \$350. 816-337-2269.

DANSKO, size 38, 2 pairs, dark and medium brown Mary Janes, great condition, \$30 each or \$50 for both. 816-223-7621.

COUCH AND LOVE SEAT, hunter green, good condition, \$500 OBO; wooden entertainment center with 35" TV, great condition, \$400 OBO; NordicTrack treadmill, needs tread replaced, best offer. 816-590-1073.

LAWN TRACTOR, John Deere 111 with bagger, \$350; snow thrower attachments, \$150; \$450 for all, will deliver locally. 913-568-9002.

LARGE DESK CHAIR, blue cloth, adjustable, with arms, excellent condition, smoke-free home, \$40, you pick up. 816-914-3164.

## For Rent

3 ROOMS AVAILABLE in newly remodeled home near KUMC, cable and Internet paid, utilities split among tenants, quiet neighborhood, \$350-\$450/month. 913-713-9897.

REMODELED HOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, across the street from KUMC, \$895/month, available June 1. 913-383-1349.

RED BRIDGE AREA DUPLEX, 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, finished basement, 1-car garage. 816-728-2601.

BUNGALOW, 2 BR, 1 BA, carport, deck, security system, small yard, 1 mile from KUMC, 3-minute walk to Plaza, \$1,000/month. 816-590-1073.

## Wanted

BASKETBALL BACKBOARD with rim and net. 816-506-7348.

**eXtra:** Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, <http://intranet.kumc.edu>, under "Quick Links."

## Hospital Sponsors Photo Contest

If you're a shutterbug, The University of Kansas Hospital is eager to showcase your creative talent for its "Celebration of the Arts" Photo Contest.

Open to hospital employees, staff and volunteers, the contest is designed to promote awareness of the arts and the ArtsKC Fund.

Participants can submit up to three black and white or color photos on any subject. If the photo includes a patient, a signed consent form must be included with the entry. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and composition, and will be chosen by staff vote.

Winning photos will be featured in displays and hospital publications.

Contest guidelines and an online submission form are on the hospital intranet at <http://intranet.kumed.com> under ArtsKC Celebration. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

The ArtsKC Fund provides financial support for a variety of arts organizations and

programs throughout Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri. Each spring, it conducts a fundraising campaign, and then distributes money to grant recipients.

"Celebration of the Arts" events will be Monday, March 24, through Friday, March 28, at several hospital locations. Donation forms

for the ArtsKC Fund will be available at the events. Watch *Center eXpress* for details.

**eXtra:** To learn more about the ArtsKC Fund, visit [ArtsKC.org](http://ArtsKC.org).

## In Memoriam

**Stanley Friesen, MD**, a retired professor emeritus of General Surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center, died Feb. 28.

He retired in 1989 after 39 years of practicing and teaching at KUMC. An author, he wrote "The University of Kansas School of Medicine: Eyewitness Reflections on its Formative Years."

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, at the Old Mission United Methodist Church, with a reception afterward. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Stanley R. Friesen Fund at KU Endowment or to the church.

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