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What's cookin'? A new foodservice partner

Big changes are on the way for The University of Kansas Hospital's foodservice operations.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, Aramark Healthcare will assume management of the hospital's food and beverage business, taking the reins from Sodexo USA, the hospital's foodservice provider for eight years.

The hospital's multimillion-dollar foodservice operation is extensive, serving 185,000 meal equivalents per month between the cafeteria, hospital patient food delivery and Jazzman's Café. The operation also includes Parkway Café at the Westwood Campus, and foodservice at the Rainbow Mental Health Center.

While hospital executives note Sodexo has been a valued partner, Aramark will bring enhanced programs



One of the hospital's key foodservice operations is the main cafeteria (left), where **Shannon Hoffer, RN**, Unit 63, sampled sides. Another is patient deliveries. Dietetic technician **Louise Smith** scanned a food ticket while delivering lunch at Unit 43.



and flexibility that benefit patients, visitors and staff. By late fall, for instance, most patients will be able to specify what time they'd like their meals delivered; they're currently served at the same time as other patients in their units.

Another eventual change: When they order, most

patients will choose food items tailored to their specific dietary needs. They currently select from a comprehensive menu that includes food choices that might not be suitable for them – which can lead to frustration when told the juicy cheeseburger is off limits for their cardiac diet.

“Our goal is to avoid disappointing our patients by telling them they cannot pick an item from our menu. In the future all menus will be customized to diets prescribed for each patient,” said **Dwight Kasperbauer**, vice president, Operations, and chief Human Resources

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With board in place, institute looks to commercialize research

The University of Kansas Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation has taken a major step forward since its formation last December.

The institute on July 20 announced its inaugural advisory board of directors,

a six-person group made up of international industry leaders. The institute's new board will provide strategic direction to advance the most promising projects into commercialization. The board also adds extra weight to The University of

Kansas Cancer Center's quest to achieve National Cancer Institute designation, said institute Director **Scott Weir, PharmD, PhD**.

The institute focuses on advancing medical innovations created by university researchers and training the

next generation of medical innovators. It was established through an \$8.1 million gift from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. KU Endowment will raise an additional \$8 million to support the program.

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Program can ease travel headaches

Getting ready to hit the road for vacation? Eligible employees at The University of Kansas Hospital should check out a great travel benefit.

Provided by The Hartford, the Employee Travel Assistance Program provides an array of help. Highlights:

- Toll-free emergency assistance for you, your spouse and your dependents 24 hours a day, seven days a week, when traveling 100 miles or more from your primary home (national or international travel) for up to 90 days.
- Pre-trip information and assistance with visas, passports, inoculation and immunization requirements, international hot spots, travel advisories, exchange rates and embassy and consular referrals.
- Emergency medical assistance, including referrals for physicians, dentists

and medical facilities worldwide.

- Emergency personal services, such as emergency cash advances, help locating luggage and other lost items, and legal assistance.

Details at intranet.kumed.com/default.aspx?id=2575, or you can pick up a brochure in Human Resources offices.

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executive.

Some changes will be noticeable very soon. The “Jazzman’s Café” name will come down and will be renamed. And although no hospital dietary department jobs will be affected, a new Aramark team will move in.

Other plans include renovation of the main kitchen in coming months, with new production equipment and work flows. Eventually the cafeteria food court will also be remodeled to include a wider variety of offerings, possibly to include pasta and barbeque bars. One high

priority is to develop café service for evening and night staff.

Behind the scenes, the hospital and Aramark will work on an array of other changes aimed at achieving the highest level of patient and staff satisfaction with foodservice.

“This will be a very big change, coming about because of a remarkable team effort involving the dietary staff, clinical dietetics, hospital operations and nursing,” said Kasperbauer. “It’s an exciting change for employees and patients.”

What’s in a café name? You tell us

With the upcoming changes in hospital foodservice management, the name of Jazzman’s Café – located in the atrium of The Center for Advanced Heart Care – also will need to switch. (The name ‘Jazzman’s Café’ is owned by Sodexo USA, the hospital’s outgoing foodservice manager.)

What should we call it? That’s where you come in. Give us your ideas for a new café name by midnight Thursday, July 30. The survey, at tinyurl.com/NamingContest, can be accessed from any computer. Employees who don’t have computer access can submit their ideas on a form at the hospital Human Resources office.

A committee of hospital employees will pick the name they think is best. Prizes will be awarded to the employee (or employees) who submit the winning name.

In addition to the name change, the café will serve a new brew – Starbucks coffee. Otherwise, the ambiance and overall beverage and food choices won’t change dramatically: fresh-baked breakfast pastries, hot and cold lunch items and other snacks and treats.

Look for the new name to be unveiled in several weeks.



New office building takes root

Construction of the Medical Office Building is officially under way. The July 22 ground-breaking included (from left) **Joe Reardon**, mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County; **Kirk Benson, MD**, president of The University of Kansas Physicians; **Bob Page**, president and CEO of The University of Kansas Hospital; and **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center. The day before the groundbreaking, a two-story expansion on the building’s northwest side was approved, primarily to house Orthopedics.

eXtracurricular

Thursday, July 23

BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS Seminar: "Translational Bioinformatics for Genome Medicine," Jake Chen, PhD, noon-1 p.m., B012 School of Nursing. Lunch provided for first 25 attendees.

Friday, July 24

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Frontal Lobe Epilepsies," Srinivas Bandi, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Tuesday, July 28

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Exercise and Alzheimer's Disease," Heather Anderson, MD, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

ALZHEIMER & MEMORY Program Seminar Series: "Oxidative Stress and Alzheimer's Disease," In-Young Choi, PhD, 4-5 p.m. 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcomingprograms.htm.

Wednesday, July 29

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Near Death Experiences," Myra Hyatt, LSCSW

noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric Education Center Seminar: "Reducing Injuries From Falls," Linda Redford, RN, PhD, 3-6 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcomingprograms.htm.

Thursday, July 30

2009 FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS for State of Kansas Employees: Stotland Lounge. For information or to make an appointment: khpa.ks.gov/healthquest/screenings.html or call 888-275-1205, and select option 0.

Friday, July 31

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "fMRI Studies of Motivation and Reward Processing in Obese and Healthy Weight Groups," Cary Savage, PhD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

eXpress reminders

- 2009 Excellence Awards in Hospital Operations Support Nomination
Deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, July 24. Information: **Jennifer Peavler**, 8-7817.
- Race for the Cure Sign-up Deadline: Sunday, July 26. Event is Aug. 9 at Union Station. Register: komenkansascity.org. Information: **Paula Baum**, 8-1017, or **Ally Moore**, 5-5248.
- "Best Places to Work in Healthcare" Survey Deadline: Tuesday, July 28.
About 400 employees were chosen randomly to participate.

Race for the Cure packet pickup Aug. 4

Participants in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure can pick up their t-shirts and walk packets Tuesday, Aug. 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Westwood Atrium Conference Room, or 2-3 p.m. in the hospital Wyandotte Room. You can go to either site.

Golfology Fore Cardiology

Join golfers throughout the region at Golfology Fore Cardiology, a pro-am tournament 10:30 a.m. Aug. 24 at Shadow Glen Golf Club in Olathe.

The tournament benefits the cardiac rehabilitation program at The University of Kansas Hospital's Center for Advanced Heart Care. Proceeds will help establish a preventive vascular disease program with a focus on diabetes, obesity, and heart and vascular diseases. Register by Saturday, Aug. 1. Entry forms are online at kumed.com. Click on Charitable Giving, then Heart Care. Information: **Larry Louk**, 913-438-7700.

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Nearly all the board members are KU graduates and work in the life sciences industry. They are:

Christopher Austin, MD director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Genomics Center, Division of Intramural Research.

Steven Averbuch, MD oncology executive at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Anand Burman, chairman of Dabur India Ltd., which

has holdings in pharmaceuticals and health care.

David Jenkins, managing partner of FatBoy Capital, L.P., a venture capital partnership concentrated on medical technology investments.

Michael Webb, executive chairman of Virtify, Inc., a provider of software solutions for regulatory compliance to life sciences companies.

Thomas Wiggans, CEO of Peplin, Inc., a biotech company developing a product

for serious skin diseases.

"They have outstanding track records in the commercialization of medical innovations and strong connections to the university," said Weir, who also serves as associate director of translational research at The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

"The board will help us make decisions on which projects we invest in, assist us in developing commercialization strategies for the

medical innovations, and help us secure the resources to sustain the institute long term."



Institute Director **Scott Weir** said the new board will help the institute make decisions on which projects to invest in.

eXchange

Vehicles

1997 FORD RANGER XLT 4x4 lifted, 119K, V6, automatic, custom grill/grill guard, tinted windows, extended fender flares, much more. 816-674-6256.

1996 SATURN SL1, 135K, purple, CD player, AC, automatic, great mpg, \$800 OBO. 816-686-3825.

1993 CHRYSLER FIFTH AVENUE New Yorker, about 134K, leather interior, V6, 3.8L, loaded, regular maintenance, \$1,500. 816-506-7348.

For Sale

BLACK SLIM PS2 with remote, 2 8-MB memory cards, extra wireless remote, 2 years old, includes all cords and adapters, \$125, cash only. 816-699-1218.

NEW DINING SET: pedestal table, 4 schoolhouse chairs, buffet and hutch, \$750; new iron/leather bar stools, set of 3, \$180. 913-907-8881.

TWILIGHT SERIES books, 3 hard-back copies, 1 paperback, gently used, 1 book corner chewed on a bit, \$40 for set. 816-206-9834.

BEST FITNESS Sportsman Gym, \$225; Proform 995 fitness trainer, \$325; country-style hutch, honey maple finish, \$300; opera-style pearl necklace, \$200. 913-709-2090.

KELTY KIDS backpack child carrier, Elite model, good condition, includes safety recall repair kit for seat adjustment strap, \$50 OBO. 816-444-5958.

KENMORE ELECTRIC range with smooth top, 7 years old, works perfectly, \$250 OBO, you pick up. 913-620-7374.

OAK BUNK BED with built-in desk, light, bookshelf, dresser, ladder, 2 twin mattresses, purchased for \$1,200 at the Mart in '06, asking \$200. 913-362-9246.

XBOX 360 Fight Night Round 4 game, played 1 time, \$50. 816-277-4527.

2 JONAS BROTHERS concert tickets for July 29, face value, section 105, row 8, seats 15-16, \$204. 913-526-7337.

WHIRLPOOL SIDE-BY-SIDE refrigerator, stainless steel front, black sides, used 1 year, \$800; Whirlpool Cabrio washer/dryer, like new, paid \$1,800, asking \$1,000 OBO. 816-457-2136.

VITO ALTO SAX, with case, paid \$1,400, asking \$500; Selmer C-star mouthpiece, retails for \$200, asking \$50. 913-634-1980.

SOFA COVERS and love seat covers, suede-like, rich brown, barely used, \$30 each. 816-452-5903.

SLEEPER SOFA and matching love seat, blue cloth, nice condition, \$400 OBO. 816-305-8693.

SINGER SEWING Machine, Serger, several books, desk, chair, light, all in good condition, \$225. 913-782-1705.

COACH PURSE, purchased last summer, \$75. 913-219-6073.

Please send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads run on a space-available basis.

Housing

• FOR SALE

OLD LEAWOOD RANCH, beautiful home in a great school district, 3 BR, new roof, completely repainted, largest lot in neighborhood, \$250,000. 913-302-9649.

• FOR RENT

HOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, large kitchen, living and dining rooms, washer/dryer, central air/heat, off-street parking, \$500/month, plus utilities. 913-558-8602.

HOUSE, walking distance to KUMC, 2 BR, 1 BA, large kitchen, living and dining rooms, garage with opener, washer/dryer, \$700/month, plus utilities. 913-745-5722.

FARMHOUSE in West Olathe, 2 BR, clean, no smoking, no inside pets, good references required. 913-782-1705.

Wanted

2 TWIN MATTRESSES for bunk beds. 913-915-7364.

FLAT SCREEN TV for college student, any size, reasonably priced. 913-713-9354.

ROOMMATE to share house close to KUMC, 3BR, 2BA, new appliances, private yard, garage, quiet cul-de-sac, \$325/month, plus utilities, move in July 31. 214-991-9524.

2 SPRINT NASCAR tickets for Oct. 4 race. 913-907-9950.

RESPONSIBLE SITTER to watch 1-year-old daughter in her home near KUMC, 8-10 hours/week, experience necessary, references required. 913-831-7245.

FEMALE ROOMMATE to share 3 BR, 1 BA in Waldo, 10 minutes to KUMC, off-street parking, no pets, move in end of Aug., \$325/month, plus half utilities. 913-575-2370.

USED HIGHCHAIR, willing to pay. 816-914-5383.

Garage Sale

RED BRIDGE area multi-family sale: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 403 Glen Arbor Rd. in KCMO, Kenmore washer, furniture, clothing, housewares, more. 816-806-0882.

LARGE MOVING SALE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., July 31 - Aug. 1, loads of good stuff, 2532 W. 90th St. in Leawood. 913-302-9649.

Pets

KITTENS, 9 weeks old, need good home. 816-690-6378.

6-YEAR-OLD CAT needs good home. 913-209-3241.

eXtra: Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, intranet.kumc.com.

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Karen Rayford has received the Emerging Leadership

Award from the National Association for Medical Minority Educators (NAMME), Central Region. Rayford, Central Region treasurer, is associate director for the University of Kansas Medical Center's Post Baccalaureate Program, Office of Cultural

Enhancement and Diversity.

The award is given to members who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and dedication to the association's mission and activities. NAMME strives to ensure racial and ethnic diversity in all health professions.