

IN THE CENTER

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Holiday Parties Rock for University, Hospital

With the help of a stand-up cardboard Elvis and a little rock 'n' roll, employees, faculty and staff of the university and the hospital celebrated the holiday season with Jingle Bell Rock parties held Dec. 17-19.

Below, Cheryl Barnes (left) and Gwen Dorman gave Santa (George Gunderson) their wish lists at the hospital's holiday party.



Above, Angelina Page with her daughter, N'Jera Kimotho, and Nasya Washington enjoyed the fun and food at the university's holiday party for faculty, staff and employees.

Below right, Melinda Clark, director, Admitting, talked with Patricia Sanders-Hall, vice president, Ancillary Services, at the hospital's holiday party.



Right, Valerie Hahn, Margaret Burns and Gloria Davison shared a holiday toast at the university's holiday party.



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Partygoers and Holiday Revelers

Celebrating at the hospital's holiday party Dec. 17 were John Florio, executive director, Cardiovascular Services, Tajquah Hudson, senior vice president, Business and Strategic Development, and Sue Pingleton, MD, chair, Internal Medicine.



Front & Center



Peggy Davis told Santa (George Gunderson) what she wants for Christmas this year at the university's holiday party.

Below, Dorothy McGhee, Winnie Dunn, PhD, and Sandra Colyer collected canned goods for Cross-Lines from employees attending the university's holiday party Dec. 19 in the School of Nursing Atrium.



Hospital employees enjoyed a variety of appetizers and desserts catered by the hospital's Department of Dietetics and Nutrition.



The Secret Gift

This is the story of an anonymous donor, who gave spontaneously out of gratitude and love.

It happened last week in a second-floor waiting room at The University of Kansas Hospital. *KU Med* magazine staff members Kleila Carlson, editor, and Shari Hartbauer, photographer, were there to interview Lance and Janelle Feyh of Rossville, Kan., parents of two-and-a-half-year-old Daegen, a cancer patient who was being readied for a bone marrow transplant.

Hartbauer was taking photos of Daegen and his mother, when a woman seated across from the Feyhs took Kleila by the arm and asked her to step outside the waiting room.

“She didn’t ask me what was wrong with Daegen,” Kleila recalled. “She said that was a private matter. She just said that the little boy had been admiring the colorful Donald Duck sweatshirt she was wearing.”

She then reached into her purse and pulled out two \$50 bills and handed them to Kleila.

“With tears in her eyes, she told me she had raised two healthy sons and she had a happy and healthy two-year-old granddaughter. She said Christmas giving was going to be light this year for her family because her husband was to have surgery that day. Then, she asked me to give the money to the Feyhs and to tell them it was a ‘gift.’ She refused to give me her name.”

As Kleila accompanied the family to the Pediatric Unit, she gave the money to Daegen’s father.

“It’s been unbelievable – the outpouring of love by complete strangers,” said Feyh, who was both



Janelle Feyh and son, Daegen

surprised and grateful.

Because of many gifts from strangers as well as friends, the family has established a trust fund in Daegen’s name at the Goodyear Credit Union in Topeka, Kan., where Daegen’s grandfather worked for years. It will help to pay for his medical care.

Shari Hartbauer



Serving Patients

Staff at the Renal Dialysis Center, 4720 Rainbow, served holiday dinners Dec. 16 and 17 to more than 100 patients who are treated each week at the center. Preparing for the dinner (from left) were Jean Davis, RN, charge nurse, Sharon Slusher, RN, unit educator, Brad House, dietitian, who coordinated the menu for the event, and Sandra McTaggart, RN, home training nurse.

Classifieds, etc.

Automotive:

1998 Chevy Silverado, extended cab, sport bed, sprayed liner, fiberglass cover, after-market wheels, AM/FM/cassette, CD, alarm system, excellent condition, 98K, \$11,700. 816-896-8463.

1993 Mustang LX, 4-cylinder, 5-speed, CD, AC, cruise, black, gray interior, moon-roof, spoiler, 94K, very clean, \$2,400. 913-422-8951.

1983 Datsun 280 ZX, 82K, original owner, good condition, \$2,600. 913-422-8951.

To Rent:

Town home, 9939 W. 52nd St., Merriam, 2 BR, 1½ BA, backyard, basement, more, \$625/ mo., initial \$625/refundable deposit. 785-393-9957.

Cozy Roeland Park home, 3 BR, 1 BA, DR, LR, fenced yard, garage, quiet neighborhood, close to everything, pets allowed, deposit required. \$950/mo. 913-236-6011.

For Sale:

Extra large dog kennel, excellent condition, \$90. 913-451-2659.

Amana side-by-side white refrigerator, ice/water dispenser, width 36", depth 29", height 67", less than 5 years old; Maytag Quiet Series 300 dishwasher, white, 4 cycles, less than 1 year old; GE Spectra range, freestanding, electric, ceramic-glass cooktop, less than 1 year old; \$1,600 for all. 913-980-3721.

Lost:

Black coat left in ladies restroom off the main hospital lobby near the cafeteria, with a pair of gloves, some sentimental value, please return to lost and found. 816-589-2875.

Coming Up

Monday, Dec. 29

- “Aspects of Health-Related Quality of Life Among Prostate Cancer Patients,” Christie Befort, VA Palo Alto Healthcare System, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

Thursday, Jan. 1

- New Year’s Day

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Holiday Wreath-Decorating Contest

Winners of the hospital’s holiday wreath-decorating contest in three categories were:

- 1 Festive Theme – Volunteer Services
- 2 Creative Theme – Patient Financial Services
- 3 Department Theme – Units 54/56/Full-Term Nursery

