

February 15, 2018

## Volunteers Thanked for Service to RCH

The Rooks County Health Center (RCH) hosted an event on January 28 to thank and honor members of the hospital auxiliary and Patient/Family Advisory Council (PFAC) for their volunteer work over the last year. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts were on hand to treat the volunteers who were able to attend the get together hosted by the RCH Senior Leadership team and held at the RCH Education Center.

“We’re proud of all that the Auxiliary and PFAC have accomplished in the last year. We are greatly appreciative of their energy and commitment to enhancing health care in Rooks County,” said Eric Sumearll, Communications and Development Director for RCH.

According to Sumearll, the 129 members of the Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary (RCHA) provide critical support for patients and their families as well as assisting hospital employees.

There were many notable success stories for both groups. RCHA once again raised \$10,000 towards the current hospital expansion, making for a total of \$20,000 raised for the project in just three years. The Auxiliary also secured an \$8,000 grant from the William H. Andresen Charitable Trust, which was matched by a donation from the Auxiliary itself for a total of \$16,000, to purchase an electronic materials inventory system for the hospital.

PFAC is now well into its second year of assisting RCH leadership in identifying new ways to assist patients and their families during hospital visits. The council has helped streamline the RCH patient satisfaction survey, given tours of the hospital and is currently working on developing initiatives to promote health education in Rooks County.

In summing up the value of the two organizations to RCH, Sumearll stated, “These volunteers are committed to the service of others and are crucial to the support of daily operations of the hospital. We can’t thank them enough for their work and for being such great goodwill ambassadors for the hospital”.

For more information about the Patient/Family Advisory Council please call Casey Arnold at 785-688-4446

The RCHA also seeks new members. There is a nominal \$5 annual membership fee or \$100 lifetime membership. For more information on becoming an Auxiliary member, please contact Karen Sinclair at (785)-688-4098 or Diane McReynolds at (785)-425-8393.

# Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Mark Waggoner! He is the February Employee of the Month.

He was nominated by Bill Stahl.

Mark has worked as a lab tech at RCH since November 2006.



## Human Resource News

### CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES:

**Scott Carpenter** has accepted the position of Director of Therapy.

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### OPEN POSITIONS

Cook/Aide/Dishwasher

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### PENSION REP

The pension rep will be here on Monday, Feb. 26. There will be an open meeting at 11:00 and another at 2:00. We highly recommend that you attend one of these sessions if you want to learn more about the pension plan and social security. These meetings will be held in the HIM conference room.

He will also be meeting individually with employees from 12:00-1:00 and 3:00-4:00. There will be a sign up sheet in the employee hallway. These meetings will be in the small conference room.

 Lunch Menu 

**Thursday, Feb 15**  
Salad bar, ice cream bar

**Friday, Feb 16**  
BBQ wings, cheesy french fries, Br. pickle chips, cake

**Saturday, Feb 17**  
Smothered pork chop, rice pilaf, vegetable, tossed salad, lemon bar

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