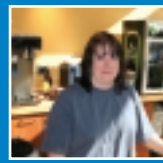




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At left, employee **Kelly Wilkinson** signs up to become a fan of Waterbury Hospital on Facebook using a laptop outside the cafeteria during a sign-up drive in early February; below (inset), employee **Ruth Veneziano** holds a Valentine's Day gift basket given to her daughter, 17-year-old **Emily Veneziano**, for becoming the hospital's 500th fan.

Hundreds of Hospital Employees become Facebook Fans

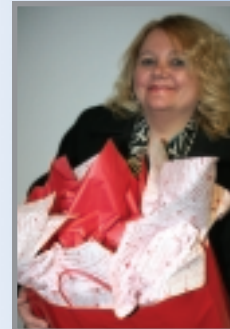
Waterbury Hospital has a lot of computer-savvy fans – more than 600 of them so far!

A recent effort to enlist “fans” on the hospital’s Facebook social media web page met with a wave of enthusiasm from employees and their friends and family members, who expanded the hospital’s Facebook fan base by hundreds in just a couple of weeks. Employees were encouraged to sign up on laptops during two sign-up sessions outside the cafeteria in early February.

The 500th fan to officially sign up on the page was 17-year-old **Emily Veneziano**, daughter of hospital employee **Ruth Veneziano**. Emily and Ruth were given a special Valentine’s Day gift basket full of sweets and other goodies.

Waterbury Hospital’s Facebook page is an excellent, free way to keep abreast of hospital news on a daily basis, and for fans to communicate with the hospital about what is important to them.

Recent posts to the Facebook page include: 1.) Photos of employees of the hospital’s award-winning cardiac team; 2.) Photos of the hospital’s bronze award-winning stroke team; 3.) Information on the hospital’s upcoming Speakers Series; 4.) The hospital’s Humanitarian of the Year video; and 5.) Photos of employees who attended the annual hospital gala.



Several employees went the extra mile in enlisting family and friends to sign up. Employee **Paul Andrade** signed up 14 people, and employee **Tammy Markey-Beloin** also signed up several of her friends and family members. Other employees, such as hospital surgeon **David Knight, MD**, showed their tech savvy by using mobile devices such as iPhones to sign up.

Anyone who wants to become a fan must first have their own personal Facebook page. Using their home computers, they can enter “Waterbury Hospital” in the search box and then click on “Become a Fan.”





A Waterbury Hospital ultrasound machine gets ready to be shipped to a Third World hospital. From left, **Frank Vensel**, Director of Clinical Engineering at Waterbury Hospital; **Jean Assobmo**, biomedical engineer for American Medical Resources Foundation; and **Charles Clark**, a driver and assistant for American Medical Resources Foundation.

Hospital Donates Ultrasound Machines and Other Equipment to Help Third World Hospitals

Waterbury Hospital has donated two ultrasound machines and other hospital equipment valued at more than \$200,000 to help bring medical relief to overburdened hospitals in developing countries such as Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

The equipment, some of which is more than 20 years old and has been replaced at Waterbury Hospital with more modern technology, will prove to be beneficial to the hospitals which will be receiving it, said **Jean Assobmo**, a biomedical engineer for the American Medical Resources Foundation, the Massachusetts-based organization which accepted the donated equipment from Waterbury Hospital this week.

"We are very grateful to Waterbury Hospital for making this donation possible," he said.

Assobmo said the equipment would be part of a shipment being

sent to hospitals in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. The equipment could also be sent to Haiti, which is recovering from a devastating earthquake that has led to an intense demand for medical relief.

Frank Vensel, the Director of Clinical Engineering for Waterbury Hospital, said the two donated ultrasound machines are highly functional and efficient in treating a wide variety of health issues, including heart problems and troubled pregnancies.

"We could not be more pleased that these pieces of equipment will continue to be put to good use," Vensel said.

Mary Prybylo, RN, the Chief Operating Officer at Waterbury Hospital, said the donations reflect the hospital's mission to serve and treat people in medical distress, no matter where they are.

"This is a wonderful way to make a difference in people's lives," she said. 🤝



SURGEONS JOIN ALLIANCE

Three of the region's premier surgeons have joined the Alliance Medical Group in Middlebury. The surgeons, who specialize in general and laparoscopic surgery, are, from left: **Jayakara Shetty, MD**; **David C. Knight, MD**; and **John J. Mazzucco, MD**. Alliance Medical Group, one of the largest hospital-affiliated, multi-specialty groups in the state of Connecticut, has 120 physicians and healthcare providers practicing in 12 specialties. Alliance serves a population area of 300,000, with more than 160,000 patient visits each year. For a complete listing of physicians and healthcare providers who are members of the Alliance family, visit www.alliancemedicalgroup.com. 🤝



Jonathan Hasson, MD, a vascular surgeon at Waterbury Hospital, holds a baby being examined in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Hospital Surgeon Sees Horror and Hope in Haiti

When an earthquake last month left the island nation of Haiti in ruins, Waterbury Hospital surgeon **Jonathan Hasson, MD**, quickly volunteered his services to help those who were most in need.

Dr. Hasson, who specializes in vascular and endovascular surgery, traveled to the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince within a few weeks of the disaster as part of the International Medical Surgical Response Team, a group of medical professionals spearheaded by the National Disaster Medical System and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The team included orthopaedic surgeons, critical care trauma surgeons, OBGYN physicians, anesthesiologists, critical care nurses, trauma nurses and surgical PAs.

Dr. Hasson, who is a member of Connecticut's Disaster Medical Assistance Team, worked out of makeshift tents with limited electricity in a guarded compound in a school courtyard. There, he encountered all kinds of devastation, from children being treated for missing limbs to gunshot victims to cancer patients in desperate need of care. At one point, the team used a cardboard box to help incubate a

prematurely born baby. Throughout it all, Dr. Hasson said, he was struck by the optimism and strength of the Haitian people.

"The people were incredibly grateful and resilient," he said. "They had such strong faith."

Dr. Hasson said the chaos of the devastated capital city was kept at bay inside the compound because of the orderly and efficient system set up by the medical team. The team's day started at 6:45 every morning, with shifts often lasting 12 hours. They ended up treating more than 3,000 patients and performing 250 surgeries, said Dr. Hasson, whose deployment ended after two weeks in Port-au-Prince.

Scott Kurtzman, MD, the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Waterbury Hospital, said he was proud of the work Dr. Hasson performed in Haiti.

"What Dr. Hasson did captures the true spirit of the medical calling," Dr. Kurtzman said. "We are proud to have him on our staff." 🌐



New Coffee Bar Opens in Hospital Lobby

Kelly's Espresso Bar offers coffee blends, cold drinks and snacks

Some of the people who were instrumental in bringing the coffee bar to the hospital include, from left: **Kelly Yordon**, owner of Kelly's Espresso Bar; **Donna Duncan, RN**, a board member of the Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary; **Nancy Rhodes**, a board member of the Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary; **Virginia Paolino**, a board member of the Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary; **Mary Calvo, RN**, president of the Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary; and **Steven Jalowiec**, Administrative Director for Facility Operations at Waterbury Hospital.

Visitors and employees visiting the Waterbury Hospital lobby have a new place to stop for a hot coffee or pastry. Kelly's Espresso Bar, owned and operated by **Kelly Yordon**, had its grand opening March 1 as a steady stream of curious visitors and employees stopped by to try a wide variety of coffee blends, cold drinks and snacks such as bagels, turnovers and muffins.

The new coffee bar replaces the former Zuzu coffee bar, which closed Jan. 31. Kelly's Espresso Bar leases the space from the Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary, Inc., which in turn leases the space from the hospital.

"We are very excited about this new vendor," said **Mary Calvo, RN**, President of the Auxiliary. "We think people will really enjoy the coffees and other delicious items that are now being offered."

Kelly's Espresso Bar is open from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. After 4 p.m., the coffee bar also offers soups and salads.

"We're very pleased to provide this new service for our guests and our employees," said **Steven Jalowiec**, the hospital's Administrative Director for Facility Operations. 🌐

It's All About You!



Waterbury Hospital
2010 Spring Speakers Series

CLASSES ARE FREE!

Autism – What Is It and What Kind of Help is Available?

Wed., April 7, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Nancy Renner, OTR/L, Lynne Zailckas, COTA/L, Access Rehab Centers and
Cara O'Brien, MS, ABA teacher



This presentation will provide an overview of autism and how it presents itself in children and how it impacts a child's behavior and sensory systems. The presentation will also discuss resources and treatments that are available to help cope with autism.

Child and Adolescent Eating Habits, Food Preferences and Eating Disorders

Wed., April 14, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Missy Stevens, OTR/L, Lynne Zailckas, COTA/L, Access Rehab Centers and Cara O'Brien, MS, ABA teacher

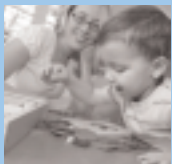


This presentation will discuss the kinds of red flags to look for in a child's/adolescent's eating habits as well as other issues concerning picky eating, food preferences and eating disorders.

Developmental Delays in Children

Wed., April 28, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Missy Stevens, OTR/L and Lyn Wittmer, PT, Access Rehab Centers



What signs of development should your baby or child be showing as they grow and learn? This seminar will discuss basic milestones for movement and learning, ways to identify when your child may be struggling and reasons for developmental delays and various ways to overcome them.

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ON THE MOVE



Brian Emerick has been named president of Access Rehab Centers, a Waterbury Hospital and Easter Seals partnership in physical rehabilitation. Brian joined Access Rehab Centers as executive director in August 2000. Under his leadership the company has grown to 10 outpatient locations and holds management arrangements with school districts and health care institutions alike. He is also a regional representative for the National Association of Rehab Providers and Agencies.



Peter Porrello, MD, has been appointed the Chief Medical Informatics Officer for Waterbury Hospital. Dr. Porrello has spent the past several years working as a physician in the hospital's Emergency Department, but increasingly also took on responsibilities in managing and streamlining the hospital's computer medical databases. Dr. Porrello will now work full-time in this role, providing leadership in the design and meaningful use of advanced clinical information systems that support clinical practitioners at Waterbury Hospital.



Lorraine Medina, a preschool teacher at the Children's Center of Greater Waterbury, has been awarded the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC. The award is given in recognition for outstanding work with young children.



Ben Wishneski, RN, has been appointed manager of clinical operations for the evening/night shift in the Emergency Department. Ben received his BSN from the University of Connecticut, and began his career in emergency medical services before joining Waterbury Hospital in 2004.



Christine Rocco-Strachan, RN, has been appointed as a clinical instructor in the Emergency Department. Chris received her BSN from Utica College and her MSN in nursing education from the University of Phoenix. She began her career at Waterbury Hospital in 1995 and has been with the ED since 1999. She is also a Certified Emergency Nurse and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.



Jackie Moran, RN, has been appointed as manager of clinical operations for the day shift in the Emergency Department. Jackie received her RN from Naugatuck Valley Community College and her BS in human development from the University of Connecticut. She began her nursing career in 1995 and has been with the ED since 1997.



Denise Armstrong, a Waterbury Hospital social worker, has been selected as a Face of Social Work honoree in recognition of Social Work Month by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Social Work. Denise has been a social worker at the hospital for three years, specializing in helping young adults and seniors overcome the stresses of everyday life.



Stephanie Ataman is interning for the spring semester with the Department of Public Relations, Media Relations and Marketing. Stephanie is a senior at Quinnipiac University, where she is majoring in Public Relations.

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