

Richmond University Medical Center

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July 2018

Center for Cancer Care

The opening of our new Center for Cancer Care - located at 1000 South Avenue - was a huge success! The new state-of-the-art center will bring much-needed additional support to Staten Island, which experiences some of the highest cancer rates in New York.

With speeches delivered by our President & CEO Daniel J. Messina, Ph.D., FACHE, LNHA; Richard Salhany, MBA, FACHE Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning & Medical Operations, Executive Director, A.C.O.; and Board Chairperson Kathryn Krause Rooney, Esq.; Dr. Marc Adams, Director of Radiation and Oncology; and Dr. Thomas J. Forlenza, Director of Oncology, attendees were inspired by our new state-of-the-art facility that will house the most sophisticated tools and technologies available to diagnose and fight cancer. The cancer care professionals will work to develop comprehensive care plans and preventive initiatives, in addition to providing radiation therapy treatments. The center will also be used to train residents and hematology/oncology fellows in cancer care "We see this as a springboard for a program that will continue to grow, combining medical oncology and radiation oncology," said Daniel Messina, president and CEO of RUMC.



Message from the President & CEO

Daniel J. Messina, Ph.D., FACHE, LNHA



Welcome to the July issue of the Chronicle. There are several exciting projects and hospital events to report on.

First let me begin with a special thanks to all who made the grand opening of our Center for Cancer Care at 1000 South Avenue a success. Over 100 people attended the event, and it is an exciting step forward to be able to offer a new comprehensive state of the art cancer care center at this convenient mid-island location.

Work continues on the former Walgreens location at the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Clove Road. This location will house the Breast and Women's Center and our third Immediate/Walk-In Primary Care location, offering an additional location to complement our facilities on Forest Ave. and Hylan Blvd. Tiesha Wilson, MD, a fellowship trained breast surgeon, will help lead the Breast and Women's Center. In addition to being the only fellowship trained breast surgeon on Staten Island, she is also trained in oncoplasty, which combines breast cancer surgery with cosmetic reconstruction. The Breast and Women's Center will offer 3D mammography, breast biopsies and related services. This new program is slated for completion sometime in late summer.

In the final construction and renovation stages is a new Cardio Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center. This much needed service, on the ground level of the residents building, is also slated for completion soon. On the Emergency Department Construction front, we have completed the revised design and more details will be forthcoming regarding the specifics of the physical construction start slated in first quarter 2019 as well as that of the new Co-Generation Plant. Additional project updates will be included in future issues.

Welcome and thank you to our new Auxiliary Board members—Donna Flood, President; Barbara Huszczka, Vice President; Gina Perotta, Recording Secretary; Pat Caldari, Corresponding Secretary; Karen Sanicola, Treasurer; Stefanie Racano, Assistant Treasurer. We appreciate the great contributions our auxiliaries make to our hospital!

Best wishes to you for an enjoyable, safe and healthy summer. Remember, the power of one – you make a difference!



Patient Satisfaction

A Note of Thanks

Just wanted to say a big thank you for all you did for us while we welcomed our son Kiernan into the world. You were all so comforting and really made us feel like we were with friends. You made a very scary time quite enjoyable and very memorable with the laughs and stories we shared.

I especially want to thank Nurse Eileen for being so patient with me, making sure she took my blood pressure and she even had my meds ready to go a bit early so I wouldn't panic. I thank her for taking care of her patients not only through her skill but with her heart.

We will always remember you all in a special way. Endless gratitude!

The Thorne Family

Tiffany, Mike, Iesha, Val—The 6th Floor Heroes!

"It's not just their job...it's a higher calling!"

The Shalaby Family



The Center for Wound Healing



Richmond University Medical Center is committed in caring about the health and wellness of Staten islanders. The opportunity to provide exceptional patient care and to improve quality of life of our patients is our goal. Chronic wounds can present a huge burden in patient's lives. It can affect their physical, emotional, social, and economical aspects of their lives. Non-healing wounds can develop from diabetes, trauma from surgery, bone infections, poor circulation, burns, and pressure ulcers.

Along with using other modern wound therapies, the staff at the Center for Wound Healing have introduced two new advanced treatments. The first is called Kerecis™ Omega3 Wound. Kerecis™ uses intact fish skin from Icelandic cod to repair tissue damage. The EPA and DHA Omega 3 fatty acids help to reduce inflammation of the wound. The second is the total contact system. Total contact casting is considered the Gold Standard of Care for off-loading a diabetic foot ulcer. TCC-EZ® creates a natural healing chamber that promotes active wound healing.

These new products help achieve our goal to improve the general well-being of our patients as their activities of daily living are not affected by daily laborious wound care dressing changes. The patients only need to come in once a week for casting and dressing changes.

Left: Dr. Henry Habib, DPM, Director of Podiatry; Dr. Michael Lacqua, MD, Medical Director of Wound Care; and Georgia Ferrara, RN, FNP-BC, Wound Care Coordinator

Stroke Team Recognition

Richmond University Medical Center has once again been awarded the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award & Target Stroke Elite Plus Honor Roll. This award represents the highest category of stroke center awards given by the AHA. It is truly a great achievement and the result of tremendous work and dedication by our terrific multidisciplinary team.



Join Us

FREE SEMINAR

WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY



**Thursday, July 19
7:00pm**

Hilton Garden Inn (Cherry Blossom Suite) | Staten Island

Topics:

What are my options for weight loss surgery?
Am I a candidate?
What are my next steps?

Hosted by

**Richmond University
Medical Center**

Presented by Alex Barkan, MD, MBA, FACS, FASMBS
Please call 718 818 4020 for any questions

Medical Staff Dinner



This year's honorees were Jay Nfonoyim, M.D., Chief of Critical Care; Sara Warren Gardner, MPH, Member of the Board of Trustees; and Frank Scafuri, D.O., who received a plaque in recognition of his service as President of the Medical Staff from 2016-2018.

We also welcomed Alex Barkan, MD, MBA, FACS, FASMBS, Bariatric Surgeon/General/Laparoscopic/Endoscopy; Sean C. Galligan, MD, Cardiology; Tihesha Wilson, MD, FACS, Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon; (pictured); and Cedric K. Oliveria, MD, MS, FACOG, FACS, FPMRS Urogynecology/Pelvic Reconstruction; and Maxim Shulimovich, DO, Hematologist/Oncologist (not pictured) to the Richmond University Medical Center family.

Foundation News

Subaru of America, through their national "Share the Love" campaign, gives back to charities and non-profits around the country and we at Richmond University Medical Center recently received a check from them for \$42,324 for our new ED. Pictured is our President & CEO, Daniel J. Messina, Ph.D., FACHE, LNHA; Marcello Sciarrino of Island Auto Group; and Greg Kemp of Island Subaru. We are very grateful to our corporate neighbors for their generous contributions to the new ED here at RUMC.



2018 RUMC Run/Walk T-Shirt Design Contest!

Show off your creativity! Enter the RUMC Walk & Run T-shirt Design Contest and your design could be chosen as the official t-shirt!

Deadline: Midnight on July 15th Winner will be announced July 20th

Contest Rules:

- All RUMC staff are invited to participate.
- The winning design will appear on the front of the shirt only, in up to 4 colors, and may not exceed 12" wide, 12" high.
- One design per entry, one entry per staff member
- Your design must be wholly original. By submitting a design you are guaranteeing that you hold rights to everything in it and that it does not contain any copyright material.
- Strong points for creativity and thoughtful representations of the culture and spirit of RUMC
- Design must be easy to reproduce by silkscreen. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the winning design. Entries become the property of RUMC. By submitting you are agreeing to all contest rules.

How to enter:

- Submit entries as AI, EPS or PDF files by July 15 2018 to kdesiderio@rumcsi.org. Please be prepared to submit the original artwork file in the case your artwork is chosen.
- Include your name, address, telephone number, email address, employee ID and department

What you win:

- Design will be featured on the official RUMC Walk & Run t-shirt. Designer receives two free t-shirts, RUMC Run/Walk registration, and \$100.00

Run/Walk is Saturday, September 8th at Clove Lakes Park. To register please visit www.rumcsi.org/5k

Patient Experiences

HCAHPS	2017	2018
	Top Box	Top Box
Rate hospital 0-10	48.2	48.0
Recommend the hospital	50.2	53.4
Cleanliness of hospital environment	57.3	63.5
Quietness of hospital environment	49.1	50.7
Comm w/ Nurses	72.4	74.8
Response of Hosp Staff	60.5	62.6
Comm w/ Doctors	74.8	75.3
Hospital Environment	53.2	57.1
Communication About Pain	-	53.7
Pain Management	65.8	-
Comm About Medicines	60.0	58.7
Discharge Information	75.5	77.9
Care Transitions	41.9	44.7

Emergency Department	2017	2018
	Score	Score
Overall	53.0	55.9
Arrival	47.3	50.0
Nurses	57.5	61.3
Doctors	55.1	56.6
Tests	57.2	58.4
Family or Friends	55.9	59.5
Overall Assessment	51.2	55.0
Personal Issues	45.0	49.1
Personal/Insurance Info	56.7	60.1

Ambulatory Surgery	2017	2018
	Score	Score
Overall	77.3	78.6
Registration	79.3	81.5
Nursing	82.1	83.5
Physician	86.1	85.5
Facility	62.1	66.3
Overall Assessment	84.3	81.5
Personal Issues	70.9	72.6

Resident Graduation

Categorical Graduates

Esayas Abebe, MD – Chief Resident
 Ramiz Alchi, MD
 Arash Darvish, MD
 Sostanie Enoru, MD – Chief Resident
 Victor Nooam Fossi, MD
 Christine Hanna, MD
 Quarrat-UI-Ain Hayat, MD—Chief Resident
 Jackeline Nino Hernandez, MD
 Cecil Kumfa, MD
 Terence Lee, MD
 Anila Nanzli, MD
 Ei Moe Phyu, MD
 Pooja Pulijal, MD
 Sirisha Repudi, MD
 Bhavin Patel, MD – Chief Resident
 Sophia Siddiqui, MD
 Charles Sineri, DO, MHA
 PGY1 (Preliminary)
 Jocelyn Abraham, MD
 Alicia Barclay, MD
 Melanie Burgos, MD
 Daniel Chen, MD
 Thao Doan, MD
 Ali Elazab, MD
 Livia Frota Lima, MD
 Ariel Prozumenshikov, MD

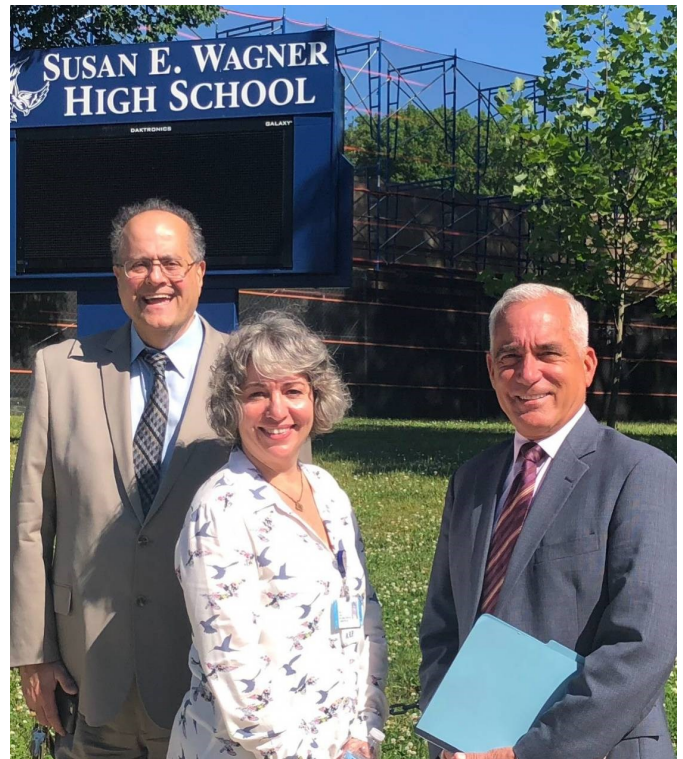
Congratulations

RUMC to Open Clinic at Susan Wagner High School

Richmond University Medical Center is proud to announce that a School –Based Health Center (SBHC) will open soon at Susan Wagner High School. SBHCs are like a doctor's office within a school and provide a great benefit to students. Research shows that SBHCs can help a student manage his/her illness at school and, therefore, decrease absenteeism from school and parents' time away from work as well as fewer hospitalizations and trips to the emergency room. A student that is healthy and shows up to class is better equipped to succeed academically.

SBHC can serve as a student's Primary Care Provider (PCP) or complement services provided by an outside PCP. It provides scheduled and walk-in services when schools are in session and 24-hour telephone coverage to assist with problems that may arise when the SBHC is closed. Primary care and preventive health services, first aid care to all students registered in the building, and emergency care to all in building will be part of the program.

The new SBHC at Susan Wagner High School provides Richmond University Medical Center an excellent opportunity to further its mission of providing high quality community based care to residents across Staten Island.



Welcome June 2018 New Hires

Victoria R. Stazzone, Speech Pathology
Michael E. Dixon, EMT
Sonny N. Hodge, Paramedic
Sepide E. Nematian, ECRIP Research Fellow
Rahat N. Suddle, ECRIP Research Fellow
Rebecca L. Sherman, Child Life Specialist
David P. Ferrelli, Registered Nurse
Andrew A. Wojuola, Nursing Assistant
Cristina D. Cisar, Nursing Assistant
Margie Cardona, Nursing Assistant
Jehonathan J. Tetteh, RN 12 HRS
Jennifer Espinosa, Nursing Assistant

Andrea K. Finn, RN 12 HRS
Gabrielle P. Sindet, Nursing Assistant
Dianne J. Brown, Nursing Assistant
Megan A. Collins, RN 12 HRS
Robert E. Aurilia, RN 12 HRS
Dana P. DelGrosso, Unit Clerks
Denise M. Huebler, RN 12 HRS
Nicole M. McLean, RN 12 HRS
Cheryl A. Parisi, Unit Clerks
Heidi Reyes, Unit Clerks
Samara A. Penniston, Registered Nurse
Tammie D. Mincey, Delivery Room Tech



Employee of the Month, Linda Bianchini, Human Resources Supervisor

Nominated by: Andrew Burt

From working with Linda over the past few years to enhance the New Employee Orientation (NEO) day Linda has been instrumental in assisting me personally to trial out new content, engagement material and interactive breakout sessions. She jumps right in every time and helps to keep the audience engaged throughout a long day of the new hires sitting in the Sipp. At the end of every NEO that Linda runs we play an empathy video for the team. Linda selflessly started sharing her personal healthcare experiences she has had throughout her life. She reminds everyone in the room of the importance of their role whether clinical, ancillary or administrative. Consistently she inspires the new employees as they leave for the day to embark on their careers at RUMC. It is amazing to watch the audience become captivated by her stories and you can visibly see their facial and body language change throughout the course of her wrapping up the day. Time and time again I hear people sharing how helpful Linda is during any interaction they have with her. During the transition to ADP Linda stepped up and assisted in educating and troubleshooting the timekeepers and administrators

in areas beyond her scope. Every year she consistently works to ensure that everyone is enrolled in a benefits package that is personal to their needs.

Linda shares at the end of every talk with the new hires that even though she might not work clinically she views that we all have the ability to touch a patient's life. If she is able to assist and support the staff who perform patient care and make sure they are taken care of she is ensuring that patient's receive the very best care.

Linda while non clinical in a formal professional capacity embodies every day a team approach to compassionate connected care. For the reasons listed above and the many more I am sure many of us will never be aware of I wholeheartedly believe that Linda deserves to be honored as an Employee of the Month at Richmond University Medical Center.



The Community Outreach Team, led by Lorraine Scanni, visited Stapleton U.A.M.E. Church where literature was distributed about our HPV and breast health services. Attendees were able to speak with our doctors and sign up for free PAP smears and HPV testing.

Pictured is Marjeta Argjir, MD; Nisha Lakhi, MD, and Gabrielle Tricorico. Also, thank you to Breast Nurse Navigator Marie Kimball, RN for participating.

outREACH

May was National Stroke Awareness Month and to that end the Community Outreach Team of Richmond University Medical Center co-sponsored a Senior Wellness and Wealth Seminar at the Old Bermuda Inn.

Nearly 800,000 people in the U.S. experience a stroke each year, and someone dies from stroke every four minutes. Knowing the signs of stroke, how to prevent it, and how to help others around you, just might save a life. Our Stroke Team Coordinator Patricia Abbruzzese, RN, LNC, delivered a lecture on FAST, which is an acronym used to help detect and enhance responsiveness to the needs of a person having a stroke. The acronym stands for Facial drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulties and Time to call emergency services.



Pictured is Patricia Abbruzzese; Community Outreach Specialist Lorraine Scanni; and Lung Nurse Navigator Nancy Sayegh-Rooney, RN. Thank you to Marlena Burek for also attending.

Happenings-In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

- ⇒ Recently more than 100 people gathered in our Sipp Auditorium for the 24th Staten Island Crime Victims' Rights Week Candlelight Vigil, organized by Safe Horizon and the office of Richmond County District Attorney Michael McMahon. We are pleased that we were able to do our part for victims of crime in our community. Through prayers, poems, and song attendees got to honor the loved ones they lost.
- ⇒ The American Lung Association's Lung Force Expo 2018 took place at the Hotel Pennsylvania in Manhattan. Nancy Sayegh-Rooney, RN, CTTS spoke at the expo and served as a panelist on two important topics: "Navigating the Journey Post Lung Cancer Diagnosis" and "Can We Talk? Tobacco Cessation and Motivational Interviewing in Your Practice"
- ⇒ Nancy also led our NYC Lung Force Walk Team over the Brooklyn Bridge. She was joined by Dr. Loren Harris and Dr. Arash Darvish, where they raised \$3,000.
- ⇒ Richmond University Medical Center teamed with St. Mary's Church and City Harvest to host a food pantry for RUMC Pediatric patients diagnosed with obesity and their families. 600 pounds of food was distributed.
- ⇒ May 31st was "World No Tobacco" Day and we at RUMC honored the occasion with a table in our Main Lobby. If you are a smoker and want to quit Nancy Sayegh-Rooney, RN, CTTS can be 718-818-2391.
- ⇒ We love our local schools! Students from PS 45 recently marched from their school on Lawrence Avenue to our campus to deliver get-well cards to our babies in the NICU. Coordinated by Richmond University Medical Center's Community Outreach Specialist Lorraine Scanni and Joelle Brancov, March of Dimes Development Manager, these kids certainly made an impact on our staff and our NICU babies!
- ⇒ May was also National Trauma Awareness Month and the trauma department held a breakfast to offer appreciation to those who aide in the trauma services provided at Richmond University Medical Center.
- ⇒ As a part of National EMS Week Richmond University Medical Center EMT's and Paramedics were honored at the Excelsior Grand. Congrats to Paramedic Jeff Brown; Paramedic Moishe Stein; EMT Manual Rodriguez; and EMT Luis Raffon. Also, sunny weather visited us for the Annual EMS BBQ. A great time was had by all!
- ⇒ Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to Deborah Rodriguez, CTR, for her outstanding work on the 2018 Cancer Survey. Stay tuned for more news on this!

Tammy the Trauma Ambi—Tammy Log

Tammy had a busy June! On Saturday June 2nd, Tammy the Trauma Ambi and the RUMC Trauma Department partook in the Snug Harbor Carnival and Science Spectacular. Approximately 150 kids and their parents were able to take a tour of Tammy and participate in a basic Teddy Bear Clinic. On June 7th, the New York Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff event took place at Tappen Park. The Trauma Department and Tammy were there to provide educational materials and videos focusing on improper use of child restraints and the consequences of misuse were utilized to educate the parents. On June 9th, Tammy the Trauma Ambi participated in the 8th Annual Staten Island Community Partnership Program Fatherhood Family Fun Day and Resource Fair at Clove Lakes Park. This event was set up with a variety of local organizations to offer education, resources, and fun activities for fathers and their children. On June 11th, Tammy the Trauma Ambi went to the Jewish Community Center to participate in the First Annual Aging Conference. The trauma team educated community members on falls prevention techniques. Chris Ruiz, Trauma Program Director, reviewed Matter of Balance exercises. Education on creating a safe space for falls prevention, moving with confidence, and strength building exercises to combat falls was provided. And on June 13th, Tammy and the Trauma team went to Petrides Elementary School to provide education to 50 Pre-Kindergarten students. Students were provided a tour of Tammy the Trauma, learned the Stop the Bleed techniques geared to their age group, and participated in a Teddy Bear Clinic.

Our Trauma Department Team should be commended for all of their efforts and enthusiasm in getting Tammy out into the community. Stay tuned for more news on Tammy.



RUMC is initiating a monthly Employee Photo Contest!



We are looking for fun, exciting, dynamic, high quality images that reflect the active lifestyles of those on the staff here at RUMC. These should be photos that reflect the idea to restore, support, and promote active and healthy lifestyles. Going for a run? Snap a photo of the sunrise. A late night stroll? Send us that picture of the sunset. Use your imagination and capture the beauty, whimsy, or nostalgia that surrounds us every day.

Please send those photos or any newsworthy materials Lorraine Scanni at: Lscanni@rumcsi.org.