



The GrapeVINE

Volunteer Information Network

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mission Statement: Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps serves as a link between the community and Memorial Health System by providing support through acts of kindness, donations of time, talents, and financial gifts.



MEET NOLA MAE JADERBORG

Dates to Remember January 2020

February 11th-TAB Cinnamon Roll

Sale -Hospital Lobby, 9a

February 13th- Card Committee -

9a-3p, Conklin Conf. Center

February 13th-Executive Board Mtg

Conf. Room C, 9:30a

February 27th-Craft Committee -

9a-3p, Conklin Conf. Center

Nola Mae Jaderborg is 90 years old, lives on her farm south of Enterprise, and keeps busy with her family and friends. She was born in Hope, KS on the family farm and went to elementary school at a rural school close to her home. She went to high school and graduated from Chapman High School in 1947. She attended cosmetology school in Salina and worked in that field for five years.

She was married to James Jaderborg in 1951 in Salina. They moved to their farm south of Enterprise. She was an only child. She grew up helping on the farm and really enjoys working with the cattle and horses, and would help her husband on their farm.

While their children went to school, she would also help a lady with doing alterations until January 1977, when she took over the business. She kept busy with her alterations for 34 years, using only word-of-mouth advertising.

They have three children, one son and two daughters.

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Dennis is married and lives only about one mile from Nola Mae. Dennis has five children. Judy is married, lives in Jewel, KS, and has three children. Karen is married, and lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Nola Mae and her daughter Karen are really interested in genealogy. They have even visited England to gain information about, and meet, family. She also loves to crochet and spend time with her children and grandchildren.

She has traveled to Florida, more than once, to see her daughter, and Chicago to see other family. She mainly keeps her travels close to home, and shares that she is happy just being around home.

Nola Mae volunteers her time at Memorial Hospital with the craft committee where she uses her talent in sewing. A friend suggested this committee to her. She also visits her sister-in-law at Village Manor, and while she is there, stops to visit with others.

She says she is thankful for the support of her husband and her faith in the Lord.

The volunteer for this spotlight is randomly selected from a list of the month's birthdays.

MHS RESPIRATORY CARE DIRECTOR, ERIC KOHN, RETIRES



Pictured, Matt Mead (left) and Eric Kohn (right)

MHS Respiratory Care Director, Eric Kohn will retire today, Monday, January 13, 2020. After a thirty-seven year career in respiratory therapy, Kohn is ready to move on to other things. "I am sure my wife, Debra, will have a list of honey do's for me," Kohn said with a smile. "I have also signed up to be a volunteer for the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief. So, we will just have to wait and see where that leads me."

Kohn says his wife plans to retire from her job as the School to Career Coordinator at Salina South in 2021. "We have two grandchildren, who don't live too far away, and we have a new puppy, Riley, who will keep me busy until my wife retires in another year."

Taking care of others is how Kohn has spent his entire professional career. Even as a director, he says he never gave up time working with patients because he did not want to lose touch with what his staff was doing and he enjoys people and building relationships with his hospital coworkers.

"Eric has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the respiratory care department, and has done an excellent job working with his staff to ensure he leaves them prepared for a successful future," Chief Nursing Officer, Angie Johnson said. "I will miss his ability to have a quick, witty joke during morning huddle time on particularly challenging days. He really enjoys his grandkids, and has some super interesting hobbies – I'm excited for him to get to spend more time enjoying these things!"

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Kohn came to MHS in the summer of 2008 as a part-time respiratory therapist. "I would fill in as they needed me," he said. In 2009, he became the director of the department. "At the time, respiratory care was a very small department, with one full-time therapist, one PRN therapist, and one LPN on staff."

Over the past 10 years, Kohn has seen the respiratory department grow in size and services. "We've doubled our staff size and offer more services to provide our patients with the local care they need," Kohn said. Respiratory care oversees the cardiac rehabilitation program, the sleep lab, and they work closely with the obstetric unit at Memorial Hospital to provide infants with respiratory care when needed. "We've built strong relationships with our physicians, APPs, and nursing staff, and we are proud to be able to help them provide patients with excellent health care; we make a great team because we all work well together."

Kohn says he is very comfortable about leaving the respiratory care department in the hands of Matt Mead, who he has worked with since 2010. "Matt is an instant fit for this role," Kohn said. "I am glad Matt wanted to take on this position because I feel like he is the best person for the job... why would we look outside of the organization for a new director when we have a great leader right here in the department?"

Mead is no stranger to the way Kohn has led the department, "I am proud and heavily invested in the organization," Mead said. "I am looking forward to continue building our department and adding services for our patients."

"Respiratory care is a small part of health care in Abilene, but it is a great feeling to be able to help the community be healthy, and know we will see our patients out and about in Abilene, as they are our friends and neighbors too," Mead said.

"I'm excited for this opportunity for Matt," MHS Chief Nursing Officer, Angie Johnson said. "He's going to be a great leader for the Respiratory department, and the energy he brings is simply awesome! He's truly committed to MHS and the community, and I'm excited to work with him as a manager."

Matt and his wife, Keely, have three daughters Ashley (12), Kristin (almost 10) and Shannon (6), and a dog named Turbo.

Gifting Time Items Approved

Respiratory Care: 2 High Flow Ultra Sonic Nebulizers

Village Manor: Meat smoker, BoxMaster, 6 armed sitting chairs, wooden book case

MH Maintenance Department: 2 rolling Craftsman tool cabinets, basic hand tools

Surgery/Outpatient Department: Lumex Clinical Care Recliner for infusion patients

ROSE Unit: 2 oxygen concentrators

MH Environmental Services Department: Clorox 360 Sprayer for new Wound Care Clinic

Heartland Health Care Clinic: Rapid response cart for clinic emergency response

Administration: Waiting room sofa

Volunteer Services Department: Desk chair and 2 side chairs

Impact Sports & Fitness: Recover 4 benches & 2 pads, 2 TRX suspension straps, 5 pairs of 10 lb dumbbells

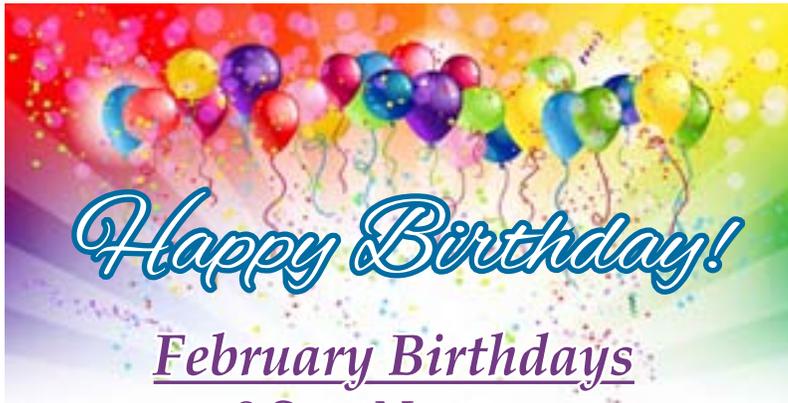
Accounting Department: Office chair for Amy Rice

OB Department: Infant scale

Emergency Department: IV fluid warmer

MH Food & Nutrition Services: Tray delivery cart for patients

MHS Dietitian: Outpatient resource material for providers, patients, and parents



February Birthdays

- 8 Stan Norman
- 10 Sue Courtois
- 15 Barb Hawk
- 16 Phyllis Welton
- 18 Nola Mae Jaderborg
- 26 Dorothy Holmstrom

*If your name has been left off, please forgive us and contact Michelle at 263-6692.



Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Valentine's Day
February 14th!**

Important Numbers:

- Memorial Hospital.....263-2100
- Volunteer Services Office.....263-6692
- Hospital Scheduling.....263-6660
- Heartland Surgery.....263-0505
- Rehab Scheduling.....263-6664
- Memorial Health Foundation.....263-6688
- Marketing and Communications.....263-6686
- Home Health & Hospice.....263-6630
- Impact Sports & Fitness.....263-3888
- Village Manor.....263-1431
- Michelle's E-mail.....mmclanahan@mhsks.org
- MHS Website.....www.caringforyou.org

*MHSVC Executive Board Meeting
Highlights - January 2020*

- Meeting called to order and prayer for Hospital Auxiliaries was read in unison.
- Minutes were approved.
- Communications- thank you card from the Employer of Choice committee for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for employees.
- Treasurer's Report- \$67,333.60 ending balance.
- Corresponding Secretary- four birthday cards were sent in January and two department recognition cards.
- Card Committee- none
- Craft Committee- none
- DVS Report- 402.75 hours in December, 66 cards sold, 235 cookies, and gift shop sales of \$8,169.
- CEO Comments- Mr. Courtois was absent.
- Old Business- 17 MHS employees received Christmas meal baskets paid for by the MHSVC.
- New Business- New board members were approved by unanimous vote; Elaine Mills as corresponding secretary and Elaine Walters as member-at-large. Department Managers presented gifting requests to the board. Fifteen departments requested gifts totaling almost \$20,000. \$18,963.60 in requests were approved.
- Next MHSVC Executive Board meeting will be February 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room C.