

DCMH NEWS SCAN

Insight to Monthly Happenings & Highlights at DCMH

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DCMH Recognized in Top 20

Decatur County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) has been honored as one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) from among over 1,300 CAH's in the Nation. The recognition came as part of a prestigious Top 100 list which analyzed a wide variety of performance measures.

DCMH CEO Linda Simmons stated, "The broad based nature of the ranking is certainly important, but the fact that we were in the top quartile of the Hospital Strength Index™ and awarded HealthStrong™ "Best in Strength" and "Top 20 CAH" Awards adds to our satisfaction. We have an excellent staff and capable physicians that are at the heart of our ability to receive such recognition."

The Hospital Strength Index (HSI) was developed by iVantage Health Analytics, and provided the basis for the CAH Ranking of the Top 100. This new ranking system is based on data that is publicly-available and includes 56 various measures. The ranking is unique since it is the first to include market, quality, safety, satisfaction and financial information and bring it all together in a consolidated score.

The names of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in America were announced in September at the Critical Access Hospital Conference of the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) held in Kansas City, Missouri. A new NRHA partnership with iVantage was also announced at the conference.

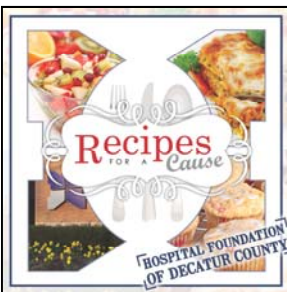
Legislation enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 authorized states to establish programs under which certain facilities participating in Medicare can become Critical Access Hospitals. According to information from the Rural Assistance Center there are 1,327 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States and 35 of them are located in Indiana. DCMH was one of only four from the State to make the Top 100 list.

Decatur County Memorial Hospital will celebrate 90 years of serving the community in 2012. The Hospital is supported by the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County through donations and bequests. More information regarding DCMH and its programs may be found at www.dcmh.net or www.facebook.com/dcmhgreensburg.

Lt. Governor Skillman Returns to DCMH

Decatur County Memorial Hospital has been notified Lt. Governor Becky Skillman will make a return visit to DCMH on Tuesday, December 13, as part of her 92 county tour. Specific details will be forthcoming in November. During her last visit in the summer of 2010 Lt. Governor Skillman helped launch the statewide telehealth network from DCMH.

Hospital Foundation Hosting Cookbook Launch Event



On Friday, November 11, (11-11-11) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Hospital Foundation is planning a special launch event for its new cookbook. The event will feature a "recipe cutting" at 11:11 a.m. to officially kick off sales of the 1st books. Proceeds from the special book have been dedicated to a new medical/surgical unit at DCMH.

The event on November 11 will allow attendees to sample some of the recipes from the cookbook, win a prize and participate in other special events. The cookbook promises to offer a great gift option and will feature nearly 300 recipes from Hospital Staff, Physician's Offices and the Hospital Auxiliary. The books will be published just in time for the holidays and are scheduled to arrive in early November. The hardcover book will include a professional dust jacket and sell for \$20. Advance orders will be taken in the Foundation office and through a special site available at www.dcmh.net/cookbook. For more information phone the Foundation office at (812) 663-1220.

Spirit of Women Offers Girls' Night Out

Spirit of Women recently celebrated its 5th Girls' Night Out. The biggest Girls Night Out yet was hosted at the Wolf Theatres with over 200 women in attendance. The women participated in blood pressure and glucose screenings as well as picked up educational literature on diabetes, mammography, Komen Grant, oncology and the importance of taking a mental break with a Girls' Night Out. Twenty-five vendors set up a variety of booths for the women to shop from which included jewelry, purses, home decor, and food. While enjoying a signature cocktail, the women met DCMH's Oncologist, Dr. Jaime Ayon and listened to his presentation on the top 12 cancer issues. Finally, the women enjoyed the premiere of the remake *Footloose*.



Upcoming Events

November 14—Alpha1-Antitrypsin Deficiency Screening and Pork-n-Cork

December 8 & 9—Cheesecake, Champagne & Cheer

Final Flu Vaccine Clinic Announced

The popular flu immunization clinics provided by Decatur County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) are coming to an end. The final vaccine clinic is scheduled on Thursday, November 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the first floor outpatient clinic. This year's vaccines are being supported with a grant of \$10,000 from the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County and \$1,500 from the Decatur County Community Foundation, yet actual costs of administration of the thousands of vaccines far exceed those commitments. Despite that fact, DCMH charges no fee for the vaccines this year in support of the community and recognizing the importance of receipt of the vaccination by the general public. More information and resources surrounding the flu may be found at www.dcmh.net/flu.

Employee Earns Certification

Congratulations go to Mindy Busemeyer of Radiology who took her CT boards with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and now is registered in CT scanning. She now holds 3 registries - Radiography, MRI and CT.

Her achievement adds to those within the department. These achievements give the Radiology Department even more credibility in terms of our technologists being highly qualified.

Spring Gala Attracts First Sponsor

The Hospital Foundation is thinking spring as we head into winter and attracted its first gala sponsor!! Hickory Creek at Greensburg has committed as the first supporting sponsor for the 2012 gala event. With a contribution of \$2,500 the local facility will be noted as a silver sponsor for the evening and will be represented with a table of 8 guests.

The Steering Committee is planning the 2012 Hospital Foundation Gala event and initial preparations are complete. This 5th annual, popular event is slated to be held at The Commons facility in downtown Columbus on Friday, April 13, 2012. The facility has been reconstructed and offers additional space and the theme will be "A Magical Masquerade."

Watch for more details to be coming soon at the event's official page located at www.dcmh.net/gala. You may also be a part of the event planning by phoning the Hospital Foundation office at (812) 663-1220.



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