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WPH Hosts Women's Tea to Increase Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women. Unfortunately, every woman has at least two risk factors for developing the disease—being a woman and growing older.

Because the five-year survival rate for patients whose cancer is discovered early is extremely high, preventive screening and education are critical parts of West Penn Hospital's program.

The public is invited to an inspirational afternoon of art and education celebrating the courage and

hope of women facing breast cancer at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 6 in the West Penn Hospital Conference Center.

This free program will begin with a talk by Lillie Shockney. Ms. Shockney is a nurse, author, breast cancer survivor and administrative director of the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. She uses humor and her personal story to help other women who would "wear her bra" in the future.

Participants will also learn about early detec-



Paintings created by breast cancer survivors will be on display at West Penn Hospital May 1-15.

tion of breast cancer from West Penn Hospital physicians, enjoy afternoon tea, and have the opportunity to view a display of artwork by breast cancer survivors.

For more information, please call Jennifer Davis at 412-578-7131.

Vendors Get Down to Business with WPH

The Resource Committee of The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Community Partnership will host a reception for businesses within the Partnership service area on March 8, 2006.

Representatives of the West Penn Allegheny Health System Purchasing Department will be available at the reception to talk with local businesses about the needs of the Hospital.

Information on West Penn Allegheny Health System's (WPAHS) purchasing policies will also be available at the reception.

All businesses located within the Partnership's service area (Lawrenceville, Bloomfield/Garfield, East Liberty, Homewood, and Wilkinsburg) are encour-

Vendor Reception

Wednesday, March 8

2 to 5 p.m.

West Penn Hospital
Wintergarden

aged to attend the reception and explore opportunities for doing business with West Penn Hospital and WPAHS.

The reception is one of the Resource Committee's many efforts to improve the economic health of local communities.

The Committee also organizes workshops to encourage Hospital employees to purchase homes in nearby neighborhoods and instituted a training program at the Hospital that provides local students with valuable work experience and, in some cases, full time job offers.

For more information on the reception or joining the Resource Committee, please call 412-578-5142.

Upcoming Events

Men's Health Conference 2006

Join the American Cancer Society, University of Pittsburgh Heart SCORE, Macedonia Church and Mt. Ararat Baptist Church on Saturday, **February 25** for this free seminar designed to help men take charge of their health.

Free health screenings, including body composition testing, blood pressure checks and cholesterol and blood glucose testing will be provided.

The Rev. Dr. William H. Curtis of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church will give the luncheon keynote address.

The program will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Macedonia Church, 2255 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Parenting Education Classes

The Nurturing Parenting Program, a twelve session group for parents, will begin on **Tuesday, March 7, 2006** at 6:00 p.m. at the PSC Family Center, 5877 Commerce Street. Facilitated by a certified parenting educator, the program helps parents learn what to expect of children at different ages and how to encourage positive behavior, develop listening skills, and increase self-awareness. Discussion topics include: rules, rewards and consequences; communication; problem solving; and anger and stress management.

A Fathers Support Group meets at the PSC Family Center **every Monday** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Registrations are now being accepted for a series of parenting education classes designed especially for fathers to begin in mid-March. For more information about these Parental Stress Center groups call Terra Jones at (412) 361-4800, extension 211.

Free Tax Help

The PSC Family Center is now a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program) site serving low income families and individuals. Certified tax preparers are available from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays through April 15. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Tee Thomas at the Parental Stress Center at (412) 361-4800, extension 201.

YMCA Membership Drive

YMCA of Homewood is conducting a membership drive. Discounted memberships are available for a limited time. For information please call 412-243-2900.

Ex-Offender Job Fair

The Career & Workforce Development Center—East and the State Board of Parole and Probation will host the third annual "Get Back To Work Help Fair" for ex-

offenders on **March 22 and 23** at Trinity Lutheran Church on the North Side. Day one will feature talks on healthy lifestyles and workplace etiquette. Day two will allow participants to network with area service providers and employers. Any provider that may want to participate on March 23 may contact CWDCE at 412-241-2811, extension 35 for registration information.

Children's Health Fair

If you're healthy and you know it... clap your hands! Join the staff of West Penn Hospital for a fun Children's Health Fair featuring health and safety topics.



The fair will be held Wednesday, **April 5** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Allegheny, Liberty & Burstin Conference Rooms at West Penn Hospital. A variety of children's health booths, snacks and face painting will be available. Complimentary parking is available in the Hospital's parking complex, located on the corner of Liberty and South Millvale avenues. For more information, call 412-578-5644.

CWDCE Introduces Life Coach & On-site Recruitment

The Career & Workforce Development Center - East is pleased to announce two new services for its clients.

A Life Coach is now available to assist clients in coping with life crises. Dr. Mary Burke, a clinical psychologist and professor from Carlow University, will be available each Monday to discuss

lifeburdening issues with consumers. If you have issues that are prohibiting you from moving into the workplace or obtaining the right job for you, contact Career & Workforce Development Center—East (CWDCE) at 412-241-2811, extension 35 to make an appointment to meet with the Life Coach.

The CWDCE also is hosting bi-weekly, on-site recruitment sessions to better acquaint local job seekers with opportunities available in various industry clusters. In addition, Bidwell Training Center is available bi-weekly to discuss training opportunities that will prepare job seekers for various fields.

