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Those on hand for the presentation of the 2014 Clint Jones NH Nursing Award at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua included, from left, Beth Gustafson Wheeler from the Foundation for Healthy Communities, Leslie Glines Jones, widow of Clint Jones, recipient Elizabeth Kearns, RN, Pam Duchene, PhD., ARPN, who is vice president of nursing services and patient care, and St. Joseph Hospital CEO Dr. Richard Boehler.

St. Joseph Hospital RN Receives Clint Jones NH Nursing Award

CONCORD – Elizabeth Kearns, R.N., a registered cardiac nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, is the 2014 recipient of the Clint M. Jones New Hampshire Nursing Award presented by the Foundation for Healthy Communities.

Kearns, a graduate of the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, received the ninth annual award during a special Nurses' Day program held May 7 at St. Joseph Hospital.

The Clint Jones Nursing Award was created in 2006 by the Foundation for Healthy Communities to honor the memory of the former director of the Foundation's N.H. Nursing Workforce Partnership. The award recognizes a registered nurse practicing in New Hampshire for at least one year but not more than six years, who exemplifies quality nursing care and demonstrates a commitment to a career in nursing.

Kearns first joined the staff at St. Joseph in 2010 and currently serves in the hospital's Cardiovascular Unit.

"Liz is one of St. Joseph Hospital's finest nurses, proving cardiovascular nursing care that reflects the St. Joseph Hospital vision of 'Commitment, Compassion and Caring,'" said Pam Duchene, PhD., ARPN, who is vice president of patient care and services at the hospital.

In nominating Kearns for the award, Duchene cited her participation in the hospital's Wound Care Committee, the Patient-Centered Care Committee, her completion of a Progressive Care Certified Nurse program, her on-going pursuit of a master's degree in nursing and her knack for drawing anatomically correct images of hearts on her patients' communication boards.

"Two of the things I love most about Liz are her enthusiasm and her passion for continual improvement" noted co-worker Paula Descheneau, RN. "In all of her roles, she is a champion for communicating with patients and families, providing excellent education, and meeting people at their own level."

"Clint worked with extraordinary enthusiasm and commitment at the Foundation for Healthy Communities and with several other New Hampshire organizations to encourage people to pursue a nursing career," said Shawn LaFrance, the Foundation's executive director. "This award in Clint's name is one way to honor those who work so hard to care for patients across the state."

Theresa Grella Recognized for Bronze Circle Sales

AMHERST – Theresa Grella has recently been recognized by Bean Group as a 2013 Bronze Circle Agent, with closed transactions totaling $3 to $5 million. 2013 was Bean Group's most successful year ever and they acknowledge their agents' efforts and achievements.

Grella is a sales associate with Bean Group in Amherst. She is a member and 2014 President of the Greater Manchester Nashua Board of REALTORS. Theresa is also a member of the National Association of REALTORS, a member of the Amherst Junior Women's Club, a member of SHARE & their Food Pantry Resource Committee and an Educational Surrogate Parent in several school districts. Theresa holds the Council of Residential Specialist, Seller Representative Specialist and Loss Mitigation Specialist Designations.

Veteran Sales Consultant Toby Payne Joins Sandler Training

AMHERST – Sandler Training, Manchester hired Toby Payne of Amherst to help keep pace with the firm's current growth and continue to attract the quality of clientele that Sandler is best known for serving.

Toby Payne is a sales force development expert. His education, work experience and proven skills are ideally aligned with his role in the Manchester office of Sandler Training. Business owner Kevin Hallenbeck is thrilled to land Payne, recently saying "Toby is one of those professionals you can get to know for a short time and immediately start realizing this guy is the real deal!"

In 2003, Toby built his own successful sales consulting business from the ground up by calling on presidents, CEOs and owners, quickly establishing rapport, uncovering business needs and opportunity costs. Clients included Xerox, RR Donnelly, and Solutions by Computer.

In 2007 Toby sold his sales consulting business and worked as Director of Sales for one of his clients, Advantec Computer Systems, resulting in $12 million dollars in new business revenues. In 2011 Toby successfully led an inside sales force of forty people at American Management Services – A turnaround consulting company specializing in profit improvement.

Payne's formal education includes A.A. in Liberal Arts at Mt Ida College in Newton, MA and B.A. in Business and Psychology at Anglia University in Cambridge, England.

5th Annual "A Taste of Milford"

MILFORD – Save the date for this year's 5th Annual A Taste of Milford! On Friday, May 30, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm, the Milford Improvement Team will be hosting its very popular annual event, in and around the Milford Oval. A Taste of Milford, pairs food from Milford area restaurants/caterers with an Oval retail or service business, and showcases both the food and the Oval businesses. Event attendees purchase tickets ($25) and receive a program/map that allows them to visit each select retail location for food and drink provided by the local restaurants. Attendees stroll at their own paces to each location, sampling the specialties of each restaurant. Attendees also vote for the Best Entrée, Best Dessert and Best Presentation. The evening is a fun and relaxing way to try the different cuisines offered by the talented chefs of our many local and diverse restaurants. There will also be live music throughout the evening, and each attendee will receive a goody bag filled with coupons and specials. This year's event is sponsored by Amherst Label and Edward Jones, with both businesses located in Milford. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.milfordimprovementteam.org or call 249-0676.

Do You Want to Dance?

Auditions To Be Held for The Souhegan Valley Dance Theatre and Project Plié

AMHERST – For dancers who want to have a full dance and performance experience, two significant dance auditions are taking place on Sunday May 31st at 2:00p.m. at the VouliDance studios in Amherst.

Souhegan Valley Dance Theatre, the performing company of VouliDance, helps members of the company through their practice to develop their skill and versatility to further their dance education and performance experience. Members of the SVDT have amazing opportunities to create and live through dance with the annual Nutcracker performance, a tremendous success and gratifying experience for all in our community, and the Spring and End of the Year performances. Other opportunities to create and perform throughout the year make for a full dancer's life.

Project Plié: To prompt more diversity onstage and off, American Ballet Theatre has launched Project Plié, a training initiative that combines outreach to potential students in underserved communities, and funding to help increase the pool of well-trained dancers across the racial and ethnic spectrum. "The ballet field has not done a good job of reaching out and actively supporting interested kids," says ABT CEO Rachel Moore. "Being a ballet dancer is like being an Olympian. It's a huge commitment in terms of time and emotional energy, and when your family has few resources that's much harder."

VouliDance is happy to be part of the American Ballet Theatre's national initiative and invites dancers from diverse ethic backgrounds to audition for this scholarship-based training.

The audition consists of a full barre class and a demonstration of the dancers' skills in center work. Please arrive well ahead of time for completing paper work and in full ballet class attire. For more information and to reserve your audition space contact VouliDance: 603 554 8626 or by email: vouli@vouli-dance.com

Audition date: Sunday May 25th 2 p.m.
Audition Place: VouliDance Studios 71 Route 101A Amherst
Audition Fee: SVDT $ 20.00 Project Plié: Free

SNHHS Offers Health Screenings and ImPACT Testing for Concussion Management

NASHUA – Southern New Hampshire Health System is offering the following health screenings and tests as part of its Spring 2014 Community Wellness Calendar.

"Hearing Screenings" are held the second Monday of each month. Upcoming screenings are May 12, and June 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Certified Audiologists conduct basic hearing screenings for adults who have not had a hearing screening in the past year or who do not have a hearing aid. Free.

"ImPACT Testing," will be held Tuesdays, May 13, and June 10 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursdays, April 24, May 22, and June 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Take a baseline cognitive test for concussion management. Open to high school athletes and healthy individuals ages 10 and up. Testing takes approximately 35 minutes. Fee: $10.

"Pediatric Speech Screenings" are available by appointment. Certified Speech-Language Pathologists will screen toddlers through school-age children for language understanding, communication through sounds, gestures and words, social interaction and play. Call 579-3601 to schedule a screening. Free.

"Skin Cancer Screenings" will be held Wednesday, May 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Nashua; Tuesday, May 20 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Nashua; and Thursday, May 29 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Merrimack. Routine skin screenings can help detect skin cancer in its earliest and most treatable form. Open to all adults how have not had a skin cancer screening within the last two years and who are not currently under a physician's care for skin cancer. Free.

All are welcome to attend. Appointments are required for these screenings and ImPACT testing. Unless listed otherwise, please visit www.snhhs.org/classes or call HEALTHMATCH at 577-CALL (2255) to register for your appointment and for location information.

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St. Joseph Hospital Honored with Quality Achievement Award for Stroke Care

NASHUA – St. Joseph Hospital has received the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients.

This marks the fifth year that St. Joseph Hospital has been recognized with a quality achievement award and the third year for Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus, the highest Quality Achievement Award given out by the American Heart Association.

Get With The Guidelines Stroke helps hospital teams provide the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. St. Joseph Hospital earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include aggressive use of medications and risk-reduction therapies aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

"St. Joseph Hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of stroke care and The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines–Stroke helps us achieve that goal," said Khawaja Rahman, MD, Stroke Medical Director at St. Joseph Hospital. "With this award, our hospital demonstrates our commitment to ensure that our patients receive care based on internationally-respected clinical guidelines."

"We are pleased to recognize St. Joseph Hospital for their commitment and dedication to stroke care," said Deepak L. Bhatt, M.D., M.P.H., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines steering committee and Executive Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Programs at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. "Studies have shown that hospitals that consistently follow Get With The Guidelines quality improvement measures can reduce patients' length of stays and 30-day readmission rates and reduce disparity gaps in care."

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