

Straight From The Heart

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The WINNERS: The "HEART to BEAT" Dragon Boat Team

Congratulations to the "HEART to BEAT" Dragon Boat Team", winners in their division of the 2005 FMG Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival. Steerperson, **Dave Turton**, and Drummer,



Reva Wiebe, called a perfect race to lead the team in a winning time of 2:04:12. On behalf of the group, Team Managers, **Pam Rohatynsky**, **Judy Patterson** and **Kathy van der Vis** extend thanks to the Team Sponsor, Rosalind Lehr of Abbott Laboratories.

Back Row: (Left to right) Ben Ganaden, Leon Myskiw, Bill Comstock, Dave Stasiuk, Al Saydak, Wendy Dinnin, Aaron Giesbrecht, Patrick Saydak, Bob Davedow, Kevin Chen; Middle Row: (kneeling) Leanne Nichol, Kathy van der vis; Front Row: Cindi Schellenberg, Daniel Lapkoff (hidden), Nicolle Gauthier, Heather Comstock, Pam Rohatynsky, Denise Northover, Reva Wiebe, Julieta Hernandez; Foreground: Dave Turton; Missing: Jim Hilton

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Welcome to the Regional Perfusion Team

The Cardiac Sciences Program is pleased to welcome the **Regional Perfusion Team** as they transfer from the Surgery Program to the Cardiac Sciences Program. The Team will continue to provide perfusion services for the region from their current base at HSC and SBGH.

Watch For It Website for the Cardiac Sciences

The Cardiac Sciences Program is soon to launch its own website. Webmaster **Maureen Kuppe** advises that the website will be up and running in time for the 2005 holiday season. The site is designed to showcase and inform the reader about each element of the Program, with specific features for staff and public. Announcement of the site address will be made shortly.

Recent Appointments ...

- The Section of Cardiac Anesthesia would like to welcome **Rachel Gerstein**, Research Nurse and **Lynda Bourguin**, Administrative Secretary.
- **Susan Mertin** has been appointed as Nurse Practitioner at SBGH site

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Cardiac Credits

Thank you ... to the "RFP Team" of **Petr Kresta, Tidi Gaamangwe, Idris Elbakri, Leona Nichol, Joyce Thomas, Mitch Impey, Dr. Kevin Wolfe, Annette Harmen** and **Silvana Dupre** for their invaluable support in the purchase of Y2 diagnostic imaging equipment.

Thank you ... to **Mike Howanyk, Tom Fogg, Kerry Liebrecht, Dr. Kevin Wolfe, Barb Shearer, Maureen Kuppe** and **Ray Larkins** for their role in developing an RFP for arrhythmia devices and information management system.

2005 Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences Awards

The 7th annual Symposium of the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences was held in Winnipeg on September 30, 2005. Six members of the Winnipeg Cardiovascular Sciences community were honored at an Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with the Symposium.

Congratulations to **Ms. Harjot K. Saini** who received the Henry Friesen Young Scientist Award; **Dr. Raja B. Singh** the Sr. Jacqueline St Yves Award for Best Paper; **Mr. Rudy Redekop**, the Jack Litvak Exemplary Service Award; **Dr. Rohit Singal**, the Heart & Stroke Foundation Award for Masters Student; **Mr. Aric Mahay**, the T. Edward Cuddy Student Research Award and **Mr. Michael Wiwchar**, the James S. McGoey Student Research Award.

Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, Oct 23 - 26, 2005

The WRHA's Cardiac Sciences Program (CSP) was well represented at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress held in Montreal from Oct 23 to 26, 2005.

Congratulations to Manitoba Presenters ... **Joyce Thomas, Dr. S. MacKenzie, Dr. N. Shaikh, Lorraine Avery, Lillian Hall, Dr. A. Menkis, Dr. J. Tam, Dr. K. Bhagaraith, Dr. M. Kass, Dr. A. Aminbaksh** and **Dr. S. Zieroth**. Dr. Zieroth was a student presentation finalist and will be joining the section of Cardiology as a staff Cardiologist next August.

Thank you ... to **Joyce Thomas, Dr. Tam** and **Dr. Menkis** for setting up "Manitoba Night", the social event of the congress!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Blood Pressure Screening Clinic, Feb 2006

The Cardiac Sciences Program is planning to hold blood pressure screening clinics for staff and visitors at HSC and SBGH. The clinics will be held in February of 2006 to coincide with Heart and Stroke Month. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to staff a screening booth at either site for a one hour period, please contact Mary Hastings, c/o Z3055, 409 Taché or by email to mhastings@sbgh.mb.ca

Cardiac Services Enhancement Project Update



Construction is proceeding on Y2/Y3 as scheduled. The building envelope is expected to be complete by mid December and work has begun on connecting spaces to the A Block. Decanting to accommodate work at the west entrance to Emergency is underway and will continue to January 2006. Equipment Planner, **Collette DeSchutter**, reports that purchase of equipment for the Project is underway, starting with major equipment for procedure rooms and echo cardiology.

Consolidation of Cardiac Surgery at SBGH

Work on this project is pending approval of the Functional Program by Manitoba Health.

Experience Counts

Fall is traditionally the time to honor long service employees and physicians. Events were held to recognize long service employees and physicians at HSC, SBGH and the WRHA. Would you believe that Cardiac Sciences Program employees and physicians represented, in total, about 800 years of service/experience?

Talkback Corner

We invite your feedback Please forward articles for the newsletter or questions/ comments for the Cardiac Sciences Program Team to Mary Hastings, c/o Z3055, 409 Taché or send an email to mhastings@sbgh.mb.ca