



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I saw Matt Damon's latest movie called The Adjustment Bureau. The theme is about this group that supposedly has a futuristic plan for certain people; and when Matt fell in love with someone who wasn't in their plan for him, it messed everything up, including his being groomed for a presidential run. I was thinking about my plans, our plans, and all the plans I have seen and been involved in throughout my career. It does seem like when we plan, that many of "the plans" get changed for a variety of reasons. I guess my conclusion is that although it is necessary to have a plan, it is probably more important to be flexible and adaptable. That could be in our personal lives when we are thrown a curve ball or certainly our work plans.

We are in the midst of the final stages of the transition plan, and now that includes what we look like as a 211 bed hospital. We have seen significant changes in where we are now compared to this time last year. The final part of "this plan" is to have some functional changes at the unit level. By now the new assignments have been made, and the office moves are being completed, along with the duty changes in order to make this successful.

As a result of the completion of all of these plans, a celebration for achieving the targeted staffing reductions, the budget reductions, and the reorganizing, is in order. On April 20th, Leadership and Grassroots will be preparing and providing a breakfast for the patients and employees. The patients will be fed at the normal times, and employee times are from 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. This is our way of thanking everyone for all of their sacrifices during these past 9 months. I hope many of you will take the time to come "celebrate our accomplishments".

Jeff Butler

Special points of interest:

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In the Spotlight

Bud Parrish, Information Technology

By Mary Chaney



Bud Parrish works in Information Technology. When he started 26 years ago in the electrical shop, he was the “light bulb man”, as was the practice back then for entry level in that shop. He states

that is how he learned the hospital, where every unit, office and out of the way place was located. About 5 years ago he started to work in the IT Department because of his knowledge of the telephone lines, and the tunnel system. Bud states that he spent most of last summer in the tunnels. Bud works on the infrastructure that is out of sight and out of mind for most of the employees. He provides support with computers, printers, phones and faxes so the employees can get on with doing their jobs. He has worked with some really great people that are like family, some names that came to mind were Gene Griffith and John Coryell. He really enjoys his co-workers and supervisor in the IT Department and says they are a good team.

Bud attended Tri-State College and Lincoln Christian College. He’s been bi-vocational for over 26 years. He is blessed to be the pastor of The Christian Church

in Abington. He has also provided clergy services for co-workers. Bud has been married to his wife Carol for 48 years. They have 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren (all boys) the last of which was just born March, 2011. Growing up Bud’s father thought if you didn’t have meat and potatoes on the table, it was just a snack. Bud is still a meat eater. However, his favorite food is Ben & Jerry’s Wavy Gravy (now retired) ice cream. Just ask him about it. Bud spent two weeks traveling to Greece, Egypt, and Israel. He says Israel felt like home to him as a Christian. He has had the pleasure of meeting John Wayne, David Wilkerson, Jamie Buckingham and Dr. David DuPlessis. Bud stated he sat across the aisle on a plane from Dr. DuPlessis, in fact he wouldn’t leave him alone he just kept asking him questions. He also met Carl and Julie Ware of central Illinois, ordinary people who live a frugal life, and give away more money than they use for themselves, helping others. Upon retirement (no date set) Bud wants to take training at Billy Graham’s “The Cove” in North Carolina to help people in crisis. He still wants to preach and reach out to people with Jesus’ message.

Please send us some suggestions for whom you would like to see featured in the Spotlight!

March Madness Shopping Spree at HH Gregg

And the winner was
Linda Gregory!!!
Congratulations
Linda!



Grassroots Easter Basket Drawing



Hop on over to a Grassroots member, the Credit Union, or the Switchboard to get your chance on a basket full of Easter goodies and summer time items. Lots of treats with useful children and adult items.

Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Drawing will be April 20th at 1 p.m.

Staff Development News

Training Schedule

Recertification in Bridge Building

Dates: April 8 & 21
 Time: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Location: Staff Development

Recertification in One-man CPR

Dates: April 8 and 21
 Time: 12:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 Location: Staff Development

Recertification in Professional CPR

Dates: April 8 and 21
 Time: 12:15 to 3:45 p.m.
 Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in Bridge Bldg.

Date: April 27
 Time: 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in One-man CPR

Date: April 6
 Time: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in Professional CPR

Date: April 12
 Time: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Staff Development

*Annual recerts are scheduled during your birth month.

Leadership Workshop for Nurses

Gretchen will be conducting a Leadership workshop for nurses in Staff Development on Tuesday, April 5
 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
 Contact Terry Slayback in the Nursing Admin. office for more information

Meetings in Staff Development

PI group on Tours/Community Outreach
 April 4
 9 – 10 a.m.

PI group on Formatting Treatment plans
 April 4
 1 – 2 p.m.

Active Treatment training class
 April 6
 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

PI group on Formatting Treatment plans
 April 11
 1 – 2 p.m.

Staff Development will be closed on April 22nd in observance of Good Friday

A Look Back in Time

By Mary Clark

The site for the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane, now known as Richmond State Hospital, of approximately 307 acres, was purchased in 1878. Construction started in 1884 and was completed in 1890. While the Indiana legislature had authorized the establishment of a "hospital for the insane" as early as 1827, the doors of the Indiana Hospital for the Insane (later re-named Central State Hospital) did not open until 1848.

At Richmond, between 1887 and 1890, three of the completed buildings were occupied by "The School for Feeble Minded Youth." In 1890, these patients were transferred to what is now known as the Fort Wayne Developmental Center. The buildings were refurbished and the hospital formally opened on July 29, 1890, with the first patient admitted on August 4, 1890.

The hospital buildings were constructed on the cottage plan in order to prevent any "disastrous conflagration," and provide for immediate evacuation of a small number of persons in case of fire. There are many interesting architectural details in the older buildings, including exterior cupolas, interior detailing such as intricate railings and stained glass.

Although the general layout followed the cottage plan, the main administration building with adjacent buildings extending like wings is very similar to the Kirkbride plan which was the model for many asylums constructed during this era. The Hospital has had a number of names through the years, including East Indiana Asylum for the Insane, East Indiana Hospital for the Insane and finally Richmond State Hospital. Although it was never an official name, it was long referred to as "East Haven."

In 1911, the Colony Act was passed and additional acreage was purchased to allow patients to work the farmlands. Richmond was selected to be the parent institution for this type of treatment. The five farms acquired were christened "Wayne Farms." The local arboretum furnished the names: Cedar, Maple, Pine, etc. Male patients with a agricultural background were placed in the colonies. Their productive efforts were realized in many ways, but specifically through ribbons and prizes received from the exhibits of cattle and farm products at the Wayne County Fair as well as the Indiana State Fair. On May 16, 1927, the hospital's name was changed from Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane to Richmond State Hospital.

Located on the grounds is the Klepfer All Faiths Chapel. Financed entirely by donations from the community, the chapel was named in honor of Dr. Jefferson Klepfer, M.D., who served as superintendent from 1953 to 1976.

To better serve the patients who require continued treatment, the hospital has programs geared to the needs of individuals with persistent and severe mental disorders and the older person with mental illness. Richmond State Hospital provides services to patients from the Community Mental Health Centers in East Central and Northeast Indiana. Many patients come from larger urban settings, but many of the patients continue to be from small rural communities.



Giant Peanut Butter Zebra Cookies

by Jessie Dalbey

Ingredients:

- 1 roll (16.5 oz.) Pillsbury refrigerated peanut butter cookies
- 12 miniature chocolate-covered peanut butter cup candies, unwrapped
- 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon shortening



Directions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Divide cookie dough into 12 equal pieces. With floured fingers, wrap 1 piece of dough around each peanut butter cup, shaping into ball. On ungreased cookie sheet, place 6 dough balls, arranging evenly apart. Refrigerate remaining 6 balls until ready to bake.

Bake 11 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 15 minutes. Bake remaining balls of dough.

In small saucepan, melt chocolate chips and shortening over low heat, stirring constantly. Drizzle melted chocolate in crisscross pattern over cooled cookies. Let stand until glaze is set before storing.