

Baldwin Park Bulletin

Weekly News For KP BPMC Physicians and Staff

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CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Last Tuesday, BPMC hosted a celebration to recognize RNs, RNP's, CNMs, LVNs, CNAs, MAs, and WCTs, with various activities and information booths. MOB's held similar events.



Some members of the Nurse's Day Planning Committee.



Karaoke



4th Flr Med Surg UBT performs a hip-hop inspired song about patient safety.



"Name that Nurse"

NURSES WEEK CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE

Additionally, all nurses were encouraged to wear a white uniform, cap, and pin in tribute to the early days of nursing.



Maggie Pierce, exec. director, expresses her appreciation.



Neurology, BPMC



West Covina MOB

FARMER'S MARKET IS THIS FRIDAY

The Farmer's Market will be held on **Friday, May 21, 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm**, cafeteria patio, BPMC. Cal Poly is bringing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.

KP STAFF COUPON BP Farmer's Market \$1 off a \$10 purchase

Make a \$10 purchase at the Farmer's Market and receive \$1 off. Present this coupon to Cal Poly staff when you make your purchase(s). Valid at the **May 21** market.

Limit: 1 coupon per person. Valid on Cal Poly, non-Cal Poly produce, Old Town Bakery goods, The Bean Coffee Company, and flowers. Not valid on plants.

RECOGNIZING EXCEPTIONAL CARING EFFORTS

Inpatient Services congratulates **Yorlina Semmere, RN**, Med Surg, 5th Flr, BPMC, the DAISY Award winner for March 2010. She was recognized by a coworker for her caring efforts.

"While caring for a patient, Yorlina noticed his increasing lethargy and alerted the medical staff to his decreasing neuro status. CT showed that the patient needed emergency surgery and was transported to another KP facility. Yorlina showed great compassion and wonderful nursing skill while caring for this patient. After the patient was transported, Yorlina stayed quite late charting the events accurately and thoroughly so that the nurses and medical staff could continue his care properly. Yorlina is a very skilled nurse and deserves to be recognized."



BALDWIN PARK RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Avatar International, an industry leader in healthcare quality improvement services recently announced its award winning hospital partners in 2009. **BPMC is being awarded Avatar International's Exceeding Patient Expectations award.** Maggie Pierce, executive director, will accept the award in July at Avatar's 2010 Annual Symposium.

HCP GRADUATION CEREMONY

On May 10, BPMC hosted a graduation ceremony at the Courtyard in Baldwin Park for students participating in the **Hippocrates Circle Program**, a youth mentoring program that encourages students to pursue careers as a physician. The 20 graduates from Sierra Vista Jr. High attended along with family and friends. The activity served as the culmination of the program that is part of KP's commitment to building a diverse workforce. This was the 5th year and 9th session of the program hosted by BPMC.



Physician mentors Jack Chou, MD, FM, Baldwin Park; Victor Cheng, MD, FM, Diamond Bar; Maria Carrasco, MD, FM, Montebello; with Jose Avalos, MD, chief resident, KP LAMC Family Medicine Residency Program, who served as the motivational speaker; and students.

MARCH CEP HONOREE

Congratulations to **Andy Hidalgo**, CNA, Laboratory, BPMC, for receiving the Care Extraordinaire Program's *Extraordinary Service Award* for March. Over 70 nominations were received for the month. **Thomas Harris, AMCA**, presented Andy with a signed certificate from BP Leadership, a CEP button to wear with pride, a KP goodie bag of Thrive items, and a dedicated parking space to use throughout the month. **Congratulations!**

Here's a synopsis of the nomination from a member:

"Andy withdrew a blood sample so painless and so knowledgeable that he eased my fear and my pain. I do this quarterly so I know the difference. The technicians sometimes have difficulty finding a suitable vein - but not Andy! He taught me how to check for the best angle to put the needle for the best result."

Many people get anxious about needles and having their blood draw, so this act—although it may seem simple—had such an impact on the patient that it not only calmed her fears but also provided her the knowledge so that she can continue to benefit when she visits the lab on a regular basis.



Andy Hidalgo with coworkers at the award presentation.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES

- **Los Angeles Angels vs. Los Angeles Dodgers**, Tuesday, June 22, 7 pm, Angels Stadium. Ticket price: \$24 per person. Seating Section: 258 - left outfield (seats are located in front of the video board and behind the bull pens). Limited tickets available! Contact Charlotte Bryant – Kellam, Employee Services, for more information or to purchase tickets, 8-370-6953.

VIP LUNCHEON: JUNE 9

If you received an invitation to the **BP Public Affairs Department's Annual Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) Luncheon on June 9**, please return your reply card as soon as possible. This event recognizes employees, and physicians from our medical center and outlying MOBs who participated in KP-sponsored community volunteer activities during 2009.

