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Winners and Liars
The Annual Housestaff Holiday Party was held on Thursday, December 19th in the Kinney Center. Secret Santas were revealed, goodies were enjoyed, and the annual holiday contest was played. The game this year was “Truth Truth Lies”. Faculty and residents were invited to submit two truths and one lie about themselves. Players were asked to figure out which statement was the lie. There were a total of 36 Truth-Truth-Lies entries submitted by faculty and residents. The long awaited answers are available online at www.upstate.edu/gch/education/images/crierjan1.pdf.

Out of the 32 contestants who turned in their answer sheets, there were four entries with 21 correct responses. Honorable mention goes to each of them: Gloria Kennedy, Ishita Kharode, Melissa Schafer, and Helena Gutierrez. One entry had 22 correct answers putting Stephanie Oliva in second place. But the grand prize winner, soaring to the top with an amazing 26 correct answers, is Allison Martin. Way to go, Allison! Once again this year we also had a Nancy Roizen “I Couldn’t Possibly Have Cheated” Award given out to the one with the least answers correct. This year’s winner is Dr. Joe Domachowske. It is refreshing to know that there are still those out there who play fair and don’t cheat.

Congratulations to all. Allison and Joe, you may stop by the Crier desk to pick up your fabulous prize packages.

The Heme/One Award

Tara Wilhoit
The Pediatric Hematology/Oncology division held a nursing recognition dinner at Casa Di Copani’s on December 4, 2013.

Scott Carter, RN, passed away unexpectedly on January 1, 1999. As a tribute to Scott and as recognition for the many "little things" that the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology nursing staff accomplishes throughout their day, each year we reward members of our nursing team with the W. Scott Carter Award.

This award is presented to the member of the nursing staff who best demonstrates the qualities exemplified by Scott – namely, compassionate concern for the welfare of children, excellence in the technical aspects of nursing, and the ability to touch others with an infectious joy of life. Past winners have been honored and excited to be recognized by the families they care for throughout their career here at University Hospital. This year’s recipients were Melissa Barringer, RN of the Ambulatory Center, and Deb Metallo, RN of the Inpatient 11G Unit.

Honorable mention goes to Yvonne Dolce, RN, Nicole Fehrmen, RN, Diana Loveland, RN, and Sandra Flowers, PSC.

Outstanding Service
Cheryllynn Clary
The Annual Pediatric Holiday Party was held in the Kinney Center on December 11th. As has become a tradition and a part of the festivities each year, an award for outstanding service was presented. This year, GCH security officer Daryl Lohm was the recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Service Award from the Department of Pediatrics. Daryl was given the award to recognize how kind and welcoming he is to patients and families as they enter the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Dr. Welch stated that parking and getting into the hospital was one of the biggest complaints he use to receive from patients and families but since Daryl has been stationed at the Tree House entrance that has totally turned around. Now he hears how warm and welcoming we are right from the start of their visits.

In an exclusive interview, Officer Lohm told the Crier, “When my name was called to receive the award I was pleasantly shocked, humbled, and honored. To receive an award from people who I respect and admire greatly encouraged me to keep being passionate every day in helping the family members who come to the
Golisano Children’s Hospital
Treehouse Entrance.”

Congratulations to Officer Lohm for this well deserved honor and thank you again for the wonderful job you are doing for the kids and families visiting the GCH.

The Tooth Fairy
A big thanks to Walmart for its generous donation of $65,000 to the GCH to help integrate preventive dentistry and oral health screenings into our patients’ routine physical exams. The grant will help provide funding for the “Introducing Oral Health and Preventative Dentistry into the Well Child Physical Exam” pilot program for children through age seven at Upstate Golisano’s Pediatric and Adolescent Center. The donation will help by covering costs associated with supplies and equipment needed for oral examinations, fluoride treatments, educational materials and home care kits. You can read the full story in the latest issue of Upstate Online.

The GCH Gets SMART
Last month, the GCH 11th floor Classroom got its first SMART board interactive whiteboard. The Smart Board is new technology which is common in classrooms throughout the CNY area. The new GCH SMART Board is 74 inches wide by 46 inches tall and interfaces with a computer that allows students and instructors and students to write on the board using their finger or a pen. The SMART Board was purchased with funds from Lukie’s S.O.U.L. Foundation, which was established to celebrate the life of Luke Vincenzo Frechette, who died from a rare pediatric cancer. Read more at: http://upstateonline.info/static/Dec5-Dec122013/blog/story-3/index.html

Birthday Girl
The Monthly Housestaff Meeting was rudely interrupted on 12/5 by noisemakers and cheers as the residents surprised Dr. Kennedy with a belated birthday party. It was a special year as Dr. Kennedy celebrated her 29th birthday ….again.

Shower Girls
On a blustery Sunday in December (12/15), Carla Overton hosted a baby shower for Katie Fry and Lindsay Tamborelle. It apparently worked since 11 days later we had our first arrival.

The Small Fry Arrives
Congratulations to Katie Fry on the safe and fast arrival of baby boy Benjamin Gabriel Wohlford who was born on 12/26 at 6 lbs and 6 oz. Everyone is going great.

Pediatric Stars-of-the-Month
By Lisa Blystone
There were two winners this month:
The first Pediatric Star-of-the-Month goes to Kathy Valentino. Kathy took on the arduous and unfavorable task of rescheduling the 11th floor conference rooms in order for Epic to perform training in that space for the next 5 months. She created a spreadsheet allowing others to easily see old bookings and new ones, who had been contacted and who was still in limbo. Kathy took this project on from start to finish and made it look easy. She deserves an "atta girl" for her organization and willingness to take on a task that was challenging for the Peds team. Kathy, you can pick up your stars prize any time from Lisa or Patty in the Pediatric Offices.
The second Pediatric Star of the Month goes to Marsha Kernan. She was nominated by Mary Lou Lake who wrote, "She saved a baby's life today. Last week at an initial newborn appt she noticed a baby not being strapped in their car seat appropriately when brought in to the office. She instructed the parent in the importance of being strapped in properly and at all times. Today the baby was being carried in the car seat and was dropped and fell down some stairs flipping over in the car seat. The baby was strapped in appropriately and saved from serious injuries. This is just one example of what a great service that Marsha provides for our parents. She is such a great patient advocate and always has the patient's best interest as her top priority. She is also the most thoughtful and caring person and such a great asset to have working at the Pediatric and Adolescent Center. Thank you. Mary Lou Lake" Marsha, please stop by the pediatric offices and pick up your stars prize.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
1/2 Emad Awa
1/4 Bob Hingre
1/5 Muaz Alwan
1/13 John Andrake
1/15 Ishita Kharode
1/20 John Friedman
1/25 Nienke Dosa
1/28 Marwan Al Aswad, Brian Tran
1/31 Aamer Imdad