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**Welcome to Trinity Tidbits.** This bi-weekly electronic resource is part of a larger effort to improve communication and help control costs at Trinity Regional Health System. We respectfully request that you not print Tidbits, unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for helping us to conserve our limited resources.

**Congratulations** to nurse **Alexander Fischer-Oelschlaeger** (SICU), who achieved his CCRN specialty certification for critical care on June 17.

**Sunrise, sunset** Effective Monday, July 25, Trinity Retail Pharmacy will change its hours to 8 a.m. through 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The pharmacy will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and major holidays.

**Relay for Life members needed** Join the Trinity Trailblazers, Trinity's 2011 Relay for Life team, and help raise money to fight all types of cancer. This year's Relay will take place July 15-16 at Black Hawk College in Moline. Team members are asked to raise \$100 each. If interested in donating or becoming a member of the team, call **Carolene Robinson** at (309) 779-5080. More information can be found at [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org).

**Standards spotlight: CONFIDENTIALITY** 1) Speak in a soft voice when sharing personal health information (PHI). 2) Make sure that PHI is accessed and stored in a safe area. 3) Never share your computer password. (submitted by ACES Navigator Karla Nightingale, ER/Moline)

**Kudos from the Bishop** Congratulations to Trinity's Director of Pastoral Services, Chaplain **Bob Hansen**, for being honored for his service on the Northern Illinois Synod Council's Executive Committee. Bob received commendation from the Bishop of the council and also was re-elected to another three-year term on the committee by the 500 delegates in attendance. The Synod Council and the executive committee carry out the administrative functions to assist pastors, churches, seminaries and colleges within all of northern Illinois.

**Movin' on up** Congratulations to **Lora Loete**, RN, for her promotion to Nurse Manager of the Rock Island inpatient rehabilitation unit. Lora began her career at Trinity as a PCT on 7th floor and transferred to Rehab when she received her nursing degree.

**Financial future** Jason Taulbee, Trinity's J.P. Morgan Education Consultant, will visit our various campus locations in July to provide individual education sessions for plan participants. If you would like to schedule a half-hour meeting with Jason, please log on to Net Learning, select "Enroll in Class" and choose the J.P. Morgan one-on-one meeting time that will work for you. Spouses are welcome to participate.

**Duct tape goes viral** Trinity's Infection Prevention team recently gave a presentation at the APIC 2011 annual conference about the hospital's use of red duct tape to designate a safe zone for communication with patients on contact precautions. After the presentation, the virtual world took notice: news of Trinity's innovative strategy was mentioned 273+ times in national and international online or print publications such as the *Orlando Sentinel*, *Chicago Tribune*, *LA Times*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Modern Healthcare* and *Time Magazine's* health newsletter. Even celebrity blogger Perez Hilton gave it a mention in his online fitness newsletter!

**5K training** Have a goal to run one of the many Trinity-sponsored 5K races but don't know where to start? Check out Trinity Live Well's six-week 5K training guide located on the Intranet on the Employee Health Management page or at [www.trinityqc.com/For-Associates/Health---Wellness/Wellness.aspx](http://www.trinityqc.com/For-Associates/Health---Wellness/Wellness.aspx).

**Condolences** Heartfelt condolences go out to **Jamie Mathis** (MICU) on the loss of her father-in-law, as well as to **Carol George** (Transcription) on the loss of her spouse.

**Best and great** As part of IHS' participation in the "Best Places to Work in Healthcare" program, 400 randomly selected associates will be asked to complete an online survey that will arrive via email on July 22 from EmployeeSurvey@BestCompaniesGroup.com with the subject line, "Best Places to Work in Healthcare – Employee Survey." The survey is optional, not mandatory, and shouldn't be confused with our recent "Great Places to Work" employee survey. Your honest feedback is extremely valuable to the process. Responses are due by Friday, Aug. 5.

**Travel the world** Trinity is once again sponsoring the Bettendorf Library's summer reading program, held Tuesday, May 31, through Saturday, July 30. The program helps kids ages 3-12 journey to many countries as part of the 2011 theme, "One World, Many Stories" from The program includes options for read-to-me kids, beginning readers, older readers and tweens. Stop in to the Bettendorf Library now to register through July 16.

**Kudos from the customer comment line** Congratulations to Rock Island cashier **Nancy Mickle** (Registration) on being singled out for her outstanding service from a Trinity customer this month. Keep up the great work!

**Discount discovery** Did you know that you have access to a wealth of discounted services and products for simply being a Trinity associate? To check out the list of companies that provide discounts, go to Tools and Services on the Intranet home page and click on employee discount.

**A wish come true** Boat, drive, ride or pedal for your poker hand to help benefit Make-A-Wish Foundations of Iowa and Illinois. Cost is \$20 per poker hand before July 16 and \$25 per poker hand on July 16. For more information, go to [www.qcpokerrun.com](http://www.qcpokerrun.com). Trinity is a proud sponsor of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois.

**School supplies needed** Donate to the 2011 Nursing Worklife Council's School Supply Drive from July 5-29. Collection boxes will be available in all three Quad-City campus cafeterias as well as on patient care units at Rock Island. Supplies will go to the public school systems where each hospital campus is located. Hand sanitizers, Kleenex and washable markers are always in demand!

**The dog days of summer** Trinity Gifts & Floral will host a "Dog Days of Summer" event, July 11-17. Each store will feature a different selection of 75% off clearance items, plus deals on selected new merchandise at 25% off. Daily specials will also include discounts on plush items (Monday), jewelry (Tuesday), purses (Wednesday), shirts (Thursday), and Yankee Candles (Friday). The stores will also have a new selection of gift items for dog-lovers or your own darling dog.

**Live Well Today now online** The latest edition of the Trinity Live Well initiative's newsletter is now available to associates online under "News & Publications" or at [www.trinityqc.com/For-Associates/Associate-Communication.aspx](http://www.trinityqc.com/For-Associates/Associate-Communication.aspx).

**Cancer in the crosshairs** The Trinity Cancer Center invites associates to attend an American Cancer Society research breakfast from 8-9 a.m., Thursday, July 14, in the Jardine Auditorium at Trinity Rock Island. Neelu Puri, PhD, University of IL College of Medicine – Rockford, will present on "Targeted Therapies for Melanoma & Lung Cancers." Tickets are \$15 with proceeds benefitting Relay for Life. RSVP to (309) 794-0601, option 3.

**In the arms of angels** The Trinity Health Foundation recently received this letter from a grateful patient. What a testament to the standards of behavior our associates uphold: "I admit to being almost completely focused on myself. Every health care person – including PT and housekeeping – lifted me up mentally which reinforced my ability to concentrate on following suggestions that could help me regain the strength I needed to get to the next step – move to restorative care. The care was overall spiritually uplifting. I don't believe I'd have gotten any more productive attention if I'd been with Jesus in Heaven. A volunteer delivered a card with such sweetness I had to smile. What a blessing to begin the healing process "in the arms of angels."

**An enchanting autumn** Friends of Trinity Medical Center will present "Autumn Enchantment," its annual Celebrity Style Show, beginning at 11 a.m., Oct. 14, at the Davenport River Center's Great Hall. Funds from the event will support Douglas Park Place, which supports women and children throughout the substance abuse rehab process.

**Need someone to listen?** Contact EAP at 779-2273 or (800) 383-7900 for a FREE and confidential consultation.

**Want to share a tidbit?** Send ideas to [tidbits@ihs.org](mailto:tidbits@ihs.org). The next *Tidbits* comes out on Friday, July 22. Content deadline is noon on **Wednesday, July 20**.