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Wisconsin will be home to the 53rd U.S. Women's Open Championship June 29 to July 5 at Blackwolf Run in Kohler. The Karen Yontz Women's Cardiac Awareness Center at St. Luke's Medical Center is the recipient charity for this world-class golf event.

The Karen Yontz Center is one of very few facilities in the United States established specifically as a non-profit resource center dedicated to helping women and their families prevent heart disease through education and awareness. The mission of the center is to increase public and medical community awareness of women's heart disease.

Daily admission to the U.S. Women's Open Championship is $25 or $30, or there's an $80 season pass coupon book good for each of the seven days. To purchase tickets, call Audrey or Chris at (414) 649-5767, or visit the Karen Yontz Center at St. Luke's. Catch championship fever and enjoy watching 150 of the world's best women golfers while benefiting this worthwhile cause.

Virginia McAfee is a 10-year employee in nutrition services at West Allis Memorial Hospital, and in her spare time she's a dedicated volunteer. She serves on the board of Project Milwaukee, a program of the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee; helped found Barton Kids for a Better World, a community service project at Clara Barton School, a Milwaukee public school at 57th and Green Tree; and supports other charities including the MACC Fund, Children's Diabetes Association and projects to help the homeless. In addition to a recent recognition from the Volunteer Center, she's appeared in local television commercials to promote volunteerism. "Volunteering has changed my life. You get so much more back than you can ever give," Virginia says.

A worker added finishing touches before the new emergency department at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center opened for patient care in mid-April. The department includes 10 triage beds, two psych beds, four trauma beds, nine critical beds, 15 treatment beds and five observation beds. The department provides 58,000 visits a year. Construction of the new ER is part of Sinai Samaritan's consolidation to one campus, which will be completed this summer.
Metro Region’s Shared Governance Design Team announces the new name for the voting body of nursing in the region: Aurora Metro Nursing Alliance. The name was suggested and selected by nurses.

The team thanks those who submitted possible names and expresses gratitude to all those who voted for the finalists. The voting turnout far exceeded the team’s expectations. The new name has been incorporated into the mission statement of the Shared Governance Design Team and now defines the work that this group is undertaking.

Here’s the mission statement:

“The Aurora Metro Nursing Alliance is an organizational framework committed to supporting the Aurora mission, vision, beliefs and values. Our accountability-based model supports shared decision making, partnership, collegial responsibility and mutual respect. We endeavor to advance nursing’s role through an integrated system delivering quality care at the point of service across the continuum. With these shared beliefs, we trust that we have a framework that will be flexible and adaptive in its support of us as we grow.”

The Shared Governance Design Team includes Karyn Ciepluch, RN, SLMC; Sara Grant, RN, WAMH; Sharon Gray, RN, SSMC; Debbie Hitchcock, RN, WAMH; Terry Karfonta, CNS, SSMC; Katherine Kuchan, RN, SLMC; Rosemary Murtha, RN, Johnston Primary Care Clinic; Maggie Nicoud, NP, SSMC; and Diane Reif, CNS, HMH. Vicki George, vice president/chief nurse executive, convened the group, which is one of eight nursing work groups involved in strategic planning in the Metro Region.

Sinai Samaritan Medical Center Golden Moment Awards were presented in February to four employees who exceeded the expectations of their customers. They were Steve Giese, Mike Hayes, Dale Walters and Juan Badillo, all officers in loss prevention services. They were recognized for providing superior service in a crisis situation.

In March, Anita Stoviak, RN, float pool educator; Jessica Urbahn, physician assistant, Wisconsin Avenue Family Care Center; and Dr. Vivek Bagade, cardiology fellow, were recognized with Golden Moment Awards.

Anita was described as always seeking opportunities for appropriate placement of float pool staff and for always being kind, supportive and positive. Jessica was nominated for outstanding leadership, quality service, creativity and accountability in a recent situation in which her willingness to be a good Samaritan very likely saved an injured woman’s life.

Dr. Bagade was nominated by an interdisciplinary group for outstanding leadership and accountability as demonstrated by his active participation in the Outcome Facilitation Rounds in Critical Care and on 3 South for all cardiac surgery and interventional patients.
Some help for friends

West Allis Memorial Hospital was recently the recipient of the generosity of the West Allis Moose Lodge, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary in West Allis. The lodge and women’s unit includes more than 1,000 members who held dinners, raffles and bingo parties and recycled aluminum cans to raise the funds for this donation. Pictured are (from left) Bob Krenzien, Paul Stoppenbach, Tom Trentacosti and Don Dignin, all of the Moose Lodge, and Rick Kellar, West Allis administrator.

GEM Award winners

Congratulations to the West Allis Memorial Hospital GEM recipients for April. They are (from left) Debbie Sobczak, LPN, women’s services; Todd Trotter, courier, ACL; Sue Gaskell, respiratory therapy; and Fran Robaczek, housekeeping. The GEM (Go the Extra Mile) Award is a service management program designed to recognize employees, volunteers and physicians who have gone above and beyond the call of duty at WAMH.

Recognition in Racine

The Aurora Health Center in Racine received the Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce (RAMAC) Gold Key Award in April. Participating in the event were (from left) Jean Jacobs, Racine County executive; Tom Melzer, chairman of the Town of Mount Pleasant, where the center is located; Joan Kolpek, the center’s administrator, who accepted the award; Nick Bukacek, president, Bukacek Construction; Dr. Robert Brown, medical director, AHC Racine; and Mike Scholl, Hammes Co. In presenting the award, RAMAC members complimented Aurora Health Care’s vision in turning a long-vacant appliance store into a beautiful health care facility.
Women of the World: Heart Health for All the Seasons of Your Life
A free conference for women of color
7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16
Crystal Ballroom, Hilton Hotel,
509 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee
Sponsored by the Karen Yontz Women's Cardiac Awareness Center at St. Luke's Medical Center and coming soon to Sinai Samaritan Medical Center. Seating is limited. Preregistration is required. For information call the American Heart Association, Wisconsin Affiliate, (414) 271-9999 or (800) 242-9236.

28th Annual Vince Lombardi Memorial Golf Classic
June 5 & 6
Raffle tickets good for admission to the Vince Lombardi Golf Classic are available from the Cancer Services office at St. Luke's Medical Center. Proceeds benefit the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic and the Gene Therapy Research Lab at St. Luke's. Raffle prizes include a 1998 Buick Century, Las Vegas trip for two, 32” Hitachi TV, Pioneer Home Theater package, outdoor camping package, Sunbeam gas grill and a Nelson-Weatherite Family Dome tent. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. At St. Luke's, the tickets are available at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic, the Coffee Shoppe, gift shop, radiation oncology and from Mary in administration. At St. Luke's South Shore, tickets are sold at the gift shop. For information about earning incentive gifts by selling the tickets, call Gloria at (414) 649-6225.

Lombardi Run for Daylight
8:30 a.m., Saturday, June 6
Menomonee Falls High School
The setting: A beautiful 5K (3.1) mile course in Menomonee Falls
The extras: A t-shirt, two spectator tickets to the Vince Lombardi Golf Classic & a post-run celebration.
The benefits: Pledges and donations support the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic and the Gene Therapy Research Lab at St. Luke's Medical Center.

Sign up today! Entry forms are available at St. Luke's Gift Shop, the Aurora Credit Union and the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic. For information, call Jerry Anderson, (414) 649-7143 or the VLCC Hotline, (414) 649-7200. To volunteer, call Gloria at (414) 649-6225.

Adventures in Parenting: Parent Education and Support Group
10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturdays
Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital
1220 Dewey Avenue, Wauwatosa
Led by Tammy Myre, MSW, CICSW, and John Turk, CADCIII
How do I discipline my child? At what age should I let my child stay at home alone? How do I talk to my teenager about drinking, drugs and sex? No one prepared you for all the questions and problems you'd encounter in being a parent!

Join other parents for these informal weekly sessions that include education, support and discussion led by two seasoned professionals experienced in working with children and parents. Each session will address some aspect of child and adolescent development and share behavior modification techniques and problem-solving strategies that will help you understand and better manage your child's behavior.

For information, call John Turk at 454-6548.
“New Baby, Changing Emotions”
Join other new mothers. Explore causes of the baby blues. Get help. Lead by Margaret Malnory, MSN, RN, and Vani Ray, MD. Sponsored by Women’s Health Services and Aurora Behavioral Health Services. 7 to 8 p.m., 2nd & 4th Tuesdays monthly Aurora Medical Group 4025 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa To register, call Laura, (414) 427-3400.

Eating on the Run Cooking Class
Offered by The Karen Yonlz Center
Are you living in the fast lane and need to provide dinner quickly? With all of our commitments, each evening the dinner dilemma begins: healthy or fast? Come to our class taught by a registered dietitian and learn how to prepare several healthy meals in 30 minutes or less. The class is offered from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7. The cost is $20. Call Chris Stelter, (414) 649-5767 to register.

8th Annual Recycling Fair
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14
12:30 to 2:30 a.m. Friday, May 15
Dining Room D and back of cafeteria St. Luke’s Medical Center
Community, workplace and everyday recycling and environmental information. Giveaways and door prizes.

Free Multiple Sclerosis Educational Series
6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, through June 9
Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium 1220 Dewey Ave., Wauwatosa
Especially for persons who are newly diagnosed. Registration is required, call (414) 347-8999 or (800) 242-3358 for information.

Sinai Samaritan
 Participate in a clinical research study for irritable bowel syndrome. Participants should be women 18 or older who have been diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome or who experience abdominal discomfort and altered bowel habits. Call (414) 219-7525 for information.

St. Luke’s South Shore team to participate in the American Cancer Society’s 1998 South Shore Great Walk for Life. The event begins at noon Sunday, May 17, at Grant Park (Wil-O-Way). Pre-registration is $8; $10 day of the walk. For information call St. Luke’s South Shore oncology clinic (414) 489-4051 or business and marketing (414) 489-4107.
June 1998 Nursing Education Classes
The classes listed here are held at the Aurora Conference Center and are free to Aurora employees unless a fee is indicated in the course or class description. Courses or classes may be canceled if the minimum registrations are not received. Preregistration is required for every class and course in June. For more information and to register, call nursing education, (414) 647-6370, or fax the registration to nursing education, (414) 647-4878, or e-mail on cc:Mail to nsg_ed or to nsg_ed@aurora.org on the internet.

3 Critical Care Course begins.
5 RN State Board Review Course begins, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. To register, call Education Enterprises, Inc., 1-800-494-9048 or 1-847-223-7810.
10 Basic ECG Interpretation Course begins, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
11 Pain Management Workshop, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. $20 fee for Aurora affiliate employees. For more information, call Sue Truchan, (414) 647-3597. Register via flyer, fax or call Peggy Wipplinger, (414) 647-3347.
17 Basic IV Therapy Review: Fluids and Medications, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Enrollment is limited so register early.
23 Oncology Nursing Course, content geared for those new to oncology care, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., day one & 12:30-4:30 p.m., day two. For more information about content, call Sue Truchan, (414) 647-3597. Register early to allow for receipt of course and pre-reading materials. To register, call Peggy Wipplinger, (414) 647-3347.

St. Luke's
Medical Terminology
4 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, May 19 to Aug. 4
Dining Room D, St. Luke's Medical Center
An offering of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Allied Health Professions, this course may be taken for undergraduate credit or audited. Tuition is charged. For information or a registration form, call (414) 229-6964.

Village Adult Services Inc.
3rd Annual Jazz Benefit & Silent Auction
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17
O'Donnell Park, North Gardens
Tickets are $20 per person and raffle tickets are $2 each or six for $10.
Call (414) 277-8100 to purchase tickets.

West Allis Memorial Hospital offers screenings.
Appointments are required.
Hearing screening and referral, every Monday, call (414) 328-7410.
Glaucoma screening, every Thursday, call (414) 328-6115.
Diabetic foot screening, 8 a.m. to noon every third Thursday, call (414) 328-6198.

Classes Offered by Aurora Libraries Database Network (ALDN)
Those wanting to learn how to search MEDLINE, HEALTH REFERENCE CENTER (a database of consumer-level health information), or the Online Book Catalog of the Aurora Libraries, are invited to register for one of these classes. These are three-hour Introduction to the Aurora Libraries Database Network (ALDN) classes unless otherwise labeled. Please call the Medical Library at St. Luke's Medical Center (649-7357) to register. Class requirements: minimum of four and maximum of eight students.

Advanced MEDLINE classes may be scheduled by request for groups of four to eight. Demonstrations of ALDN databases are available at the West Allis Medical Library, call Joan Clausz, (414) 328-7910. Demonstrations of ALDN databases are available at the Jacob Fine Library-SLSS; call Stephanie Hanus, 489-4028.

May 18 8-11 a.m., taught by Mary Jo Koenen at the SSMC East Campus Computer Lab
May 21 8-10 a.m., MICROMEDEX drug databases, taught by Jane Bubik at the SLMC Computer Lab
June 3 8-11 a.m., taught by Kathy Strube at the SLMC Medical Library Computer Lab

Sinai Samaritan
Asthma Wellness Day
3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 7
Milwaukee Heart Institute
960 N. 12th St.
Includes learning centers, basic asthma education, hands-on demonstrations, refreshments, free child care and free parking. Pre-registration is required. Call the American Lung Association of Wisconsin, (414) 782-7833.

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