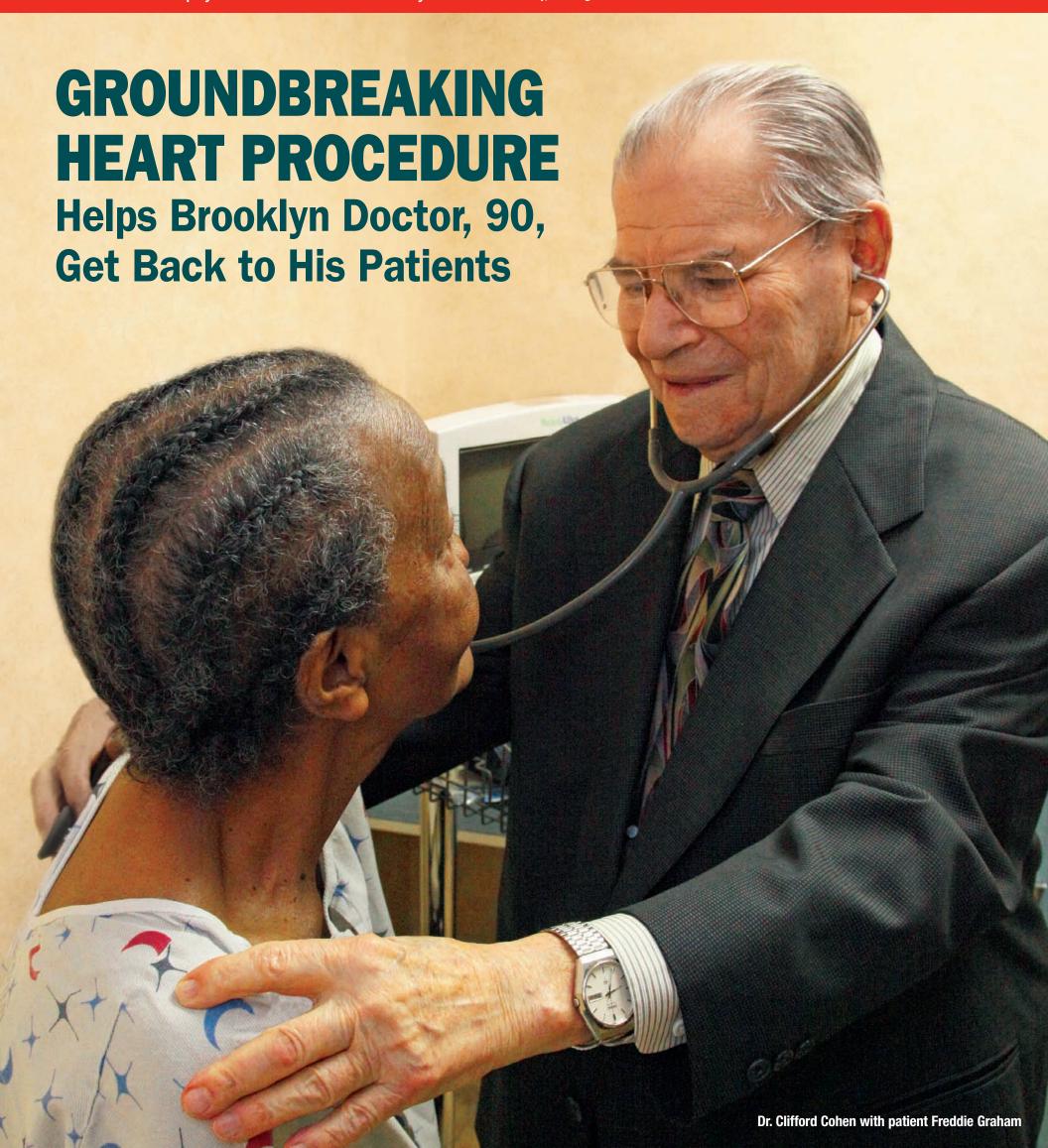
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# A Message from Dr. Corwin and Dr. Kelly

ast month, the New York Giants L achieved something that most would have thought impossible. In the middle of their season with a 7-7 record, the idea of winning the SuperBowl appeared like a remote dream. But, to quote Giants Coach Tom Coughlin after their stupendous victory, "We never changed our objective. We never changed our goal. We never changed our attitude about what had to be accomplished and what we had to do." Among his list of the most important ingredients for success are teamwork and accountability. What important lessons for all of us and for NewYork-Presbyterian.

Our Hospital is a very special organization in which we have created a strong spirit of empathy and caring, and a palpable patient-centered culture. We are extremely proud that We Put Patients First is not just a slogan — it's a guiding principle and a way of life for all our staff. We have an amazing track record of success and have certainly come a long way in providing outstanding, compassionate care and service to our patients and families. Our patient satisfaction scores have shown a remarkable trajectory over the years. Last year our scores were the highest they've been. How-



At January's Kick-Off, from left, Dr. Kelly; Dr. Lee Goldman, Columbia University Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine; Dr. Laurie Glimcher, Dean, Weill Cornell Medical College; Dr. Louis Bigliani, Orthopedic Surgeon-in-Chief; and Dr. Corwin.

ever, we did not reach our target. And, over the last few months, our scores are falling short of the mark. We've set an even higher target for 2012 - 86.5 — so it's clear that we need to regroup and refocus.

We understand that measurements are not always perfect. We know that New York is a tough place. We will continue to face

significant challenges. But, if we remain true to our commitment, stay focused on our goal, work as a team, and ALL feel accountable for doing the very best we can for each individual patient — one at a time, every day, every encounter — we believe that NewYork-Presbyterian will truly become the very best in care and caring.

### Robert E. Kelly, MD

President

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### Chief Executive Officer NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

Steven J. Corwin, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

### **Heard at CEO Town Hall Meetings** with Dr. Corwin



Each month, as part of his commitment to encouraging open dialogue and learning from the NYP team, Dr. Corwin meets with staff across our Hospital sites. In January, he held a Town Hall Meeting at NYP/Allen. Here are just a few of the questions and answers that came up at this meeting.

### Is there a hiring freeze?

No, we are not in a hiring freeze. What we need to do is increase our productivity and work more efficiently, When I say increase productivity, I mean, for example, that we must use our IT systems to help nurses and practitioners spend more time at the bedside. If a nurse spends 40 percent of his/her time documenting and we could free up half of that time, we might need to add fewer people to care for patients. On the non-labor side, we can do simple things to save money, like not throwing good sheets into red bags to dispose of them. Think of it this way: Every \$60,000 we save is like saving at least one job.

### How is NYP reaching out to serve the community?

The Hospital offers many programs and services designed to meet the health care needs of our community. We have a number of school-based clinics. Our Ambulatory Care Network sites see over a million outpatient visits a year. We participate in community health fairs and do free screenings for livery cab drivers, for example. Our Washington Heights-Inwood Network (WIN) for Asthma Program has dramatically reduced pediatric hospitalization rates, and we are successfully getting kids vaccinated. Serving the community is a part of our mission. We do a lot, but we can and should do more. We must know who our patients are and be available to them 24/7, so they don't go to the Emergency Room unnecessarily. We can avoid a lot of emergency room visits if we do a better job of coordinating care.

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he Shining Star Program allows patients, families and visitors to acknowledge individuals at NYP for providing them with the very best in care and caring. Each year, Patient Centered Care collects thousands of Shining Star nominations and recognizes staff throughout NYP who have received the most recognition ballots with the top 3 percent Gold Winners, the top 2 percent Silver Winners and the top 3 percent Bronze Winners. ■

### NYP/ ACN

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Juanita Walters Susie Burdine-Ward

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Kevin Williams



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# A Mighty Response to Health Reform

# **Operational Excellence Initiative**



(From left) Gary Zuar, Andria Castellanos and Tom Ferguson are leading the newest Hercules team, Operational Excellence.

brand-new, seventh Hercules team — Operational Excellence — has been created to help managers meet the demands placed upon their departments.

"The goal of the Operational Excellence team," says Andria Castellanos, SVP and COO, NYP/Milstein, "is to maintain quality while providing care in

an effective and efficient manner so we can continue to grow and care for our patients in this challenging environment."

Ms. Castellanos, Gary Zuar, SVP, Finance, and Tom Ferguson, SVP and Chief Human Resources Officer, are the executive sponsors of the Operational Excellence team. It has 20 other members who

represent the entire Hospital, among them physicians, administrators, Performance Improvement Specialists and staff of Finance, Accounting, Operations, Human Resources, Information Management and Quality. The team may draw on outside expertise as well.

The Operational Excellence team hopes to develop a

thoughtful and systematic approach to addressing issues that can cause inefficiencies. It

- implement new management tools that will yield better information for budgeting, managing and accountability
- address systemic issues, making sure that people have the information they need to do their work
- identify best practices from industry or from different departments across our campuses with the aim of simplifying processes, reducing waste and optimizing technology.

"We will align the work we need to do with the resources we need," Ms. Castellanos says.

She adds, "NYP provides great patient care. The goal of all the Hercules teams is to ensure that we continue to provide great care and remain competitive as we face the challenges that health reform will present in the future. We want to make the patient experience even better and to extend our mission in the future to more patients."

### **HERCULES** is

a key Hospitalwide initiative that is helping us find opportunities to become more efficient and enhance our revenue, in order to meet the challenges of health care reform while continuing to provide the highest-quality, most compassionate care and service to our patients.



We need everyone's help, so please share your project ideas with your manager or email them to hercules@nyp.org.

# **An Update from the State**

ew York State Health Commissioner Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH, spoke at NYP/Columbia's Milstein Family Heart Center on January 11, presenting an overview of Governor Andrew Cuomo's "State of the State" address. The Governor's plans call for a New York Health Exchange to increase the number of residents with health insurance. On Medicaid reform, Dr. Shah reported that an in-depth analysis conducted over the summer was being finalized for presentation to the Governor. Reform would not be limited to spending cuts. For example, the Nurse-Family Partnership, piloted upstate, has provided advice to firsttime mothers, improving outcomes and saving money. Every dollar invested in the program has given back \$5.70 — a return, Dr. Shah said, that's better than Wall Street. Dr. Shah also had strong praise for NYP, saying that we "get it" and are "light years ahead."

New York State Commissioner of Health Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH (center), with Columbia University Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine and Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences Lee Goldman, MD (left), and Dr. Corwin.





# Cardiac Surgery Puts Marathoner **Back on Track**

Joan Fisher, 81, completed a 5K charity run along the **Hudson River on February 11.** The long-time marathoner had been sidelined by heart problems, but after heart surgery to replace an aortic valve, performed by Dr. Karl Krieger, cardiothoracic surgeon at NYP/Weill Cornell, Ms. Fisher was back to her favorite pastime.



# NYP Patient FIRST IN U.S.

to receive innovative valve replacement after FDA approval

### (Cover Story)

r. Clifford Cohen, 90, is back to treating patients four times a week. He's driving and planning to hit the links in the spring. Just four months ago, Dr. Cohen, a Brooklyn internist, suffered from aortic stenosis, a condition in which the heart valves become calcified, obstructing blood flow to the aorta. It caused fainting spells — one sent him to the hospital and led to his diagnosis.

But now his life has been restored with a groundbreaking heart operation performed at NYP/Milstein by Dr. Martin Leon, an interventional cardiologist and Director of the Center for Interventional Vascular Therapy, and Dr. Mathew Williams and Dr. Susheel Kodali, Co-Directors of the NYP/Columbia Heart Valve Center.

Instead of conventional open-heart surgery, the physicians used a new minimally invasive approach to implant a new aortic heart valve in Dr. Cohen. The valve was inserted through the femoral artery in the groin and positioned in the heart using X-rays and ultrasounds. Once the valve was deployed it took over the function of his diseased valve. The entire procedure was done without any incisions and without going on the heart-lung machine.

Dr. Cohen was back to work a month later.

"The important thing is that I can get back to almost a normal life," he says.

The procedure was approved by the FDA for commercial use just two days before Dr. Cohen's surgery — making him the first in the U.S. to receive the transcatheter aortic valve replacement after approval. Surgeons at NYP/Columbia have performed this surgery in clinical trials since 2005.

"For us, it's extraordinarily emotional to take someone at that stage of his life and career and restore him so he can practice medicine again," Dr. Leon told the New York Daily News, which prominently covered the procedure.

According to Dr. Kodali, about a third of patients diagnosed with aortic stenosis don't receive treatment for various reasons - most often due to age and comorbid medical conditions that make them too high risk for surgery.

"This new procedure provides treatment to a group of people who, before, had few options," he says.



Some of the team involved in the lifesaving valve surgery for Dr. Clifford Cohen. On far right, Dr. Susheel Kodali, Co-Director of the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Program and Director of the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program; Dr. Martin Leon, second from right, an interventional cardiologist and Director for Interventional Vascular Therapy; and Dr. Mathew Williams, third from right, Surgical Director of Cardiovascular Transcatheter Therapies and Co-Director of the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Program.



# promotions

Human Resources reports the following promotions as of January 31, 2012:

### NYP/ACN

**Maciel Campos** Psychologist-PhD, Clinic-Special Needs

Carmen Chardon Certified Medical Assistant, School Based Clinic-JFK

Jonathan Detrixhe Psychologist-PhD, Adult Outpatient Psychiatry

Monica Espinoza Coord-Program, Psych Clinic Onsite Program



Crismeli Gomez Patient Fin Advisor-Pat Access, Stockamp Implementation Team Michelle McManus Social Worker Adv Clin, Center/Special Studies Adult

Olga Perez Coord-Data, Washing- Colleen McCarthy

ton Heights Initiative Amanda Smith-Charles

Patient Fin Advisor-Pat Access, AIDS Medical Program

### **NYP/ALLEN**

Idelka Fermin Patient Representative, Allen-X-Ray



Pamela Monroe

Pamela Monroe Patient Care Associate, AL 2 - FE - Medical Specialty

# Andrew Trilla

Anesthesia Technician Coder 2, III, Allen-Anesthesia

### NYP/MSCHONY

Maureen Adams Clinical Nurse II, CH-5/6S OB & Nursery



# Erica Badillo

Clinical Nurse II, CHT 6-M/S Cardiology/Neurology Noemi De Jesus-

# Aponte

Clinical Nurse Specialist, CHC Labor Delivery & Triage

### Marjorie Jaramillo Clinical Nurse III.

CH - Cardiac ICU Marilyn Mapp Patient Care Director,

CHC Labor Delivery & Triage

Clinical Nurse Specialist, CHT 4

Medical Surgical Unit Jimmy Sanchez Patient Fin Advisor-

Pat Access, CH-Admitting Patient Access

Winsome Sewell Sr-Social Worker, CH-Social Work Lorena Tobias

Clinical Nurse II, CH-Emergency Room

### NYP/COLUMBIA

Paola Arancibia Anesthesia Technician III, Anesthesia Dale Arnold Dir-Support Svcs EVS, Environmental Services-Admin

# Fatmata Bangura

Health Information

### **Thomas Benson** Senior Clinician-

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Management

cer, Development **Ingrid Castellanos** Senior Dietary Worker, Lawrence Pantry Food Service Lisa Chan

Clinical Nurse II, MB-7GS AM/PM Surgery

Carlos Cusi

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Development **Mercedes Dohnert** 

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Coord-Research-Development, Development

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Occupational, Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit

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Modesto Gomez Anesthesia Technician Waitlist, Cardiac III, Anesthesia Audrey Graham-

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Central Scheduling

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Mary Katherine **Taylor** 

Major Gifts Officer, Development

**Beverley King** Emergency Room Emergency - A

Rosemary Latawiec Clinical Nurse III,

M9GN - Psychiatry

Donna Marie P.

Anesthesia Technician III. Anesthesia

**Bridgette Marks** Unit Assistant, PACU Extension

Jorge Martinez Supv-Peds Anesthesia, Nutrition Host, Food Service-MSCHONY

Monet McDaniel EKG - Phlebotomy Technician, Support Service Lab

Maureen McLaughlin Security Officer, Security - Admin

Taline Mikitarian Coord-Campaign, Development

Dominique Nicolas-**England** 

Sr-Social Worker, Social Service Transplant

Laura Pachella Clinical Nurse III, 6 Hudson North Oncology

**Grant Parkis** Coord-Transplant

Transplant Program Maria Patrao Clinical Nurse II, MB-8HS Neurology

Laura Pedersen Coord-Campaign, Development

Leslie Pena Sr-Physician Asst, Cardiothoracic Pas Nichole Perez

Anesthesia Technician III, Anesthesia

Rosa Perez Lab Technologist - 2 Licenses, Core Lab-Chemistry

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# NYP Nurse Honored for Patient Skin **Care Program**

Juliet Smith-Poyser, Clinical Nurse III at NYP/Columbia, was honored by The New York Times' annual "Tribute to Nurses" program for her longstanding leadership and commitment to education

Ms. Smith-Poyser, a 22-year employee of NYP, has specialty training in wound care, ostomy and continence. She won the program award in leadership for developing a "skin champions" program for the treatment of pressure ulcers.

"Patients often develop pressure ulcers during hospital stays," she said. "If not addressed promptly, these ulcers can lead to life-threatening infections."

Initiating a course for nursing assistants to enhance clinical knowledge and skills, Ms. Smith-Poyser and a team of 50 nurses have made such significant improvements in patient care that the program is being expanded throughout the Hospital.

"We are enormously proud of Juliet for achieving this honor," said Willie Manzano, NYP SVP, Chief Nursing Officer and NYP/Allen COO. "This accomplishment is a testament to the dedication and leadership Juliet brings to NYP each and every day as an invaluable



member of our nursing team."

Published December 4 in The New York Times magazine, "Tribute to Nurses" recognizes nurses for their exemplary on-the-job performance in education, leadership, research, innovation and service to the community.

# calendar

- March National Nutrition Month will stress the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. NYP dietitians will distribute educational materials and quizzes in NYP cafeterias throughout the month.
- March 6 Cindy Hamilton, MS, RD, Director, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, will speak at Nutrition Grand Rounds on "nutrition-focused physical assessment." She will speak in the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons' 1st-floor amphitheater from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and in Weill Cornell Medical College's Uris Auditorium (with videoconferencing to NYP/Westchester) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- March 7 Literature at Work, a reading group open to all NYP/Columbia staff members, will meet from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hamilton Southworth Conference Room, PH 9 East, Room 105.
- March 16 NYP/Westchester will observe Social Work Month 2012 Grand Rounds with a talk titled "Compulsive Hoarding" by Dr. Gail Steketee, Dean, Boston University School of Social Work, in the 2nd-floor auditorium from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Arlene Benjamin at (914) 997-5743.
- March 21 Literature at Work will meet from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hamilton Southworth Conference Room, PH 9 East, Room 105.
- May 2— NYP's annual Gala will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lucia Falco-Sardana at (212) 342-0792 or luf9001@nyp.org.

# IIIIIIEXPress News about people, places and programs at NYP

# Staff Cheer College Football in the Bronx

Some 450 NYP employees won tickets through a raffle to the second annual New Era Pinstripe Bowl, sponsored in part by NYP at Yankee Stadium on December 30.

The Rutgers University Scarlet Knights trounced the Iowa State University Cyclones 27-13 in the college football game, the fourth to be played at the new Yankee Stadium.

The New Era Pinstripe Bowl pits teams from the Big East and the Big 12 college football conferences against each other.



Official sponsor of the New Era Pinstripe Bowl, NewYork-Presbyterian showed its full support with hundreds of Hospital employees in attendance at the Rutgers vs. Iowa State match on December 30.

# A Day for Hearts, Flowers and Free **Mammograms**

On Valentine's Day NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, in partnership with the American Cancer Society and WXTV Univision 41, provided free mammograms to nearly 60 uninsured women from the Washington Heights community.

The sponsoring organizations provided the mammograms as part of their "Amate a ti Misma" (Love Yourself) breast cancer campaign.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 14,200 Latina women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012.



Karen Schmitt, Manager, Breast Cancer Screening Partnership, discussed mammography with an Amate a ti Misma participant at NYP/Columbia's Avon Breast Imaging Center.

# A Super Weekend



Super Bowl raffle winners Joy Palmer-Bonnick and Emmel Bonnick

It was an experience Joy Palmer-Bonnick, a Training Assistant in the Division of Nursing Education at NYP/Columbia, and her husband, Emmel "Otis" Bonnick, an Inventory Control Clerk at NYP/Columbia, could never have imagined.

Instead of viewing the Super Bowl on TV — as they have every year — this year they traveled to Indianapolis to watch the New York Giants triumph over the New England Patriots front and center, surrounded by A-list celebrities and NBC officials.

It's an experience courtesy of NYP and NBC, as Palmer-Bonnick was the recipient of an all-expenses-paid weekend, including two tickets to the Super Bowl, raffled off by NYP.

"I still can't believe that I won," Palmer-Bonnick said. "I'm still in shock. I'm there, thinking, 'This is really happening,' being around all those NBC people and the celebrities. It was surreal. It felt like I was having an out-of-body experience. You watch it on TV and it doesn't do it justice."

She's deeply appreciative to Hospital leadership for providing her with the opportunity

"I thought it was really nice of NYP to do this for employees," Palmer-Bonnick said. "To give someone the opportunity to experience something like this was great."

# **Expanding Horizons Through Learning**

At NYP's first Learning Fair, held at NYP/Columbia and NYP/Weill Cornell in early February, employees learned about various Hospital educational programs and viewed training demonstrations offered by Finance, COLE (Center for Organizational and Leadership Effectiveness), Nursing Education, Support Services and Quality and Safety. A highlight at both campuses was a talk by Dr. Dennis Fowler, Medical Director of NYP/Columbia's Simulation Center, called "Simulation as a Healthcare Education Tool: Why, What, How?"



Booths attracted staff members (from left) Zoraida Rivera, RN, Teresa Ashe, RN, and Crystalisa Peltz, RN, and many others interested in learning new skills.

### In Memoriam

• Nanabel Lorico, Nurse Coordinator, Community Health, for NYP's Ambulatory Care Network (ACN), died on December 31, 2011, at the age of 41.

She had started her career at NYP 20 years earlier, working first in outpa- tored nursing students tient psychiatry and then in the NYP/Weill Cornell methadone program.

She joined the ACN 10 years ago to begin its Community Health Outreach program in Harlem. She helped develop innovative programs that have benefited thousands of

faith-based organizations, including "Diabetes Jazz Sundays," jazz concerts after worship services that combined jazz, glucose screenings and health edu-

Ms. Lorico also menand helped train faithbased Community Health Workers, parishioners she recruited to become health advocates. According to her colleague, Nurse Manager Miriam Torres, MS, RN, "She thought nothing of giving her weekends, evenings people in partnership with and holidays to ensure the and two brothers.



success of her work."

"Nanabel was full of life, always willing to help and a champion of 'caring for our community," says Andy Nieto, Director, Community Health Outreach and Marketing.

Ms. Lorico is survived by her fiancé, her mother

# classifieds



- FOR SALE: By owner, large two-family house in Leonia, New Jersey, 5-10 minutes from NYP/Columbia. Six bedrooms, 3 baths. Nicely maintained, many updates. Near schools and transportation to NYC. Excellent tax deductions on expenses, repairs, utilities. Asking \$595,000. Call owner at (201) 450-2544.
- FOR SALE: Medical office condos at 25 Fifth Avenue in Greenwich Village. Four newly configured medical offices, fully renovated with AC, new floors, sink and built-ins in exam rooms. Heat and hot water included. All have Fifth Avenue views and private entrances in professionally managed, full-service, prewar building. Near transportation. Prices from \$675,000 to \$1,575,000. Contact ClassicMktg.com or Leslie Haber at (212) 674-2500.
- FOR SALE: One-bedroom co-op at 70 Park Terrace East (218th Street) in Manhattan's Inwood section. Eat-in kitchen, dining room. Asking \$295,000. Contact A. Reilly at (917) 379-2045.
- FOR SALE: Sunny one-bedroom apartment (800 square feet) on quiet, treelined cul-de-sac at East 72nd Street and East River; direct access to East

River Promenade. Full-service, luxury building has 24-hour doorman/concierge, live-in super, garage, laundry facility. Custom built-ins, new hardwood floor, large separate kitchen with dishwasher, tons of closet space, beautiful crown moldings. Asking \$650,000. Call (212) 391-2600. No brokers, please.

### ■ SUMMER HOUSE RESIDENTS WANTED:

Hamptons summer house seeks singles/ couples, 50s-60s. May-September. Educated, athletic, fun-loving group. Pool, tennis court. Walk to beach/ town. Near jitney/LIRR. Photos available. Contact mtc01605@gmail.com.

■ SUMMER BEACH RENTAL: Beautifully restored, 5-bedroom Victorian house in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Sleeps 8; 2 full baths. Hardwood floors/original molding. Modern kitchen, TV room, porch, patio/ outdoor dining with Weber grill, central AC, high-def TVs, high-speed Wi-Fi/Netflix, washer/dryer. Short walk to beach. Quick trip to New York City. Near train, great restaurants, concerts at the Great Auditorium, Stone Pony/Asbury Park. Rent May through September, \$35,000. See njoceangroverental.com for pictures or call (917) 734-7770.



# promotions

Human Resources reports the following promotions as of January 31, 2012:

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Unit

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III, Anesthesia Nicolette Simpson Coord-Accommodations, Environmental

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Tameisha Walker EKG - Phlebotomy Technician, Support Service Lab

### NYP/WEILL CORNELL

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Corp Dir-Fin Operations, Accounting

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Anneta Dragazis-Colon

Analyst-OR Special Projects, Perioperative Wendy Mitchell Svcs

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If you know of any promotions that have been omitted, please report them to Human Resources at these numbers: 746-1448 (Weill Cornell); 305-5625 (Columbia).



### **COMPLIANCE HELPLINE**

To report fraud or violations of NYP's Code of Conduct, call the Compliance HelpLine at (888) 308-4435. Anonymous calls are accepted.



# **Benefits Corner**



### **HEALTH CARE SPEND-**ING ACCOUNT DEAD-LINE REMINDER

You have until March 15, 2012, to incur eligible

expenses for your 2011 Health Care Account. The deadline for submission of eligible expenses for reimbursement is April 30, 2012.

Requests for reimbursement of expenses for your 2011 Health Care Account must be submitted to P&A. Reimbursement forms can be obtained from the P&A website at www.padmin.com. If you need additional information, please call P&A directly at (800) 688-2611.



### **BENEFITS REMINDER**

If you have questions or need information, email is a convenient way to contact Benefits, Retirement

Services and Tuition Assistance. You will receive a response within 24 hours. Include your name, employee ID and contact number in your email request to:

Benefits: BenefitsBridge@nyp.org Retirement Services: Retirement@nyp.org Tuition Assistance: Tuition@nyp.org



### **MONTHLY HEALTH FOCUS FOR NYP EMPLOYEES**

The NYP Benefits Department has partnered with

Empire BlueCross BlueShield to provide employees with monthly information to help you stay healthy. Articles relating to the topic of the month are featured on the Infonet. On the Employee Benefits page, look under Wellness Benefits and click on Monthly Health Focus.

March is National Nutrition Month and Monthly Health Focus is featuring articles on Understanding Carbohydrates, Nuts for Good Health and Feed Yourself Well.

# **Employee Activities**



# **DISCOUNT TICKETS**

**MOVIE TICKETS** Discounted AMC movie tickets can be purchased at your site's Gift Shop.

### SPORTS AND FAMILY **ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS**

Discounted sports and family entertainment tickets are available online from the following:

### **▶Plum Benefits**

Log on to www.plumbenefits.com or call (212) 660-1888, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ► TicketsAtWork.com

Log on to www.ticketsatwork.com or call (800) 331-6483. The company code is NYP.

### **►**Working Advantage

Log on to www.workingadvantage.com. The NYP member ID number is 99042364.

### ► GoldStar

Log on to www.goldstar.com.

### **►** Corporate Offers

Log on to corporateoffers.com/ corporateaccess/offers/broadway.php.

You can also access theater and sporting events on the Employees page of the Infonet by clicking on Discounts & Perks under Quick Links.

If you have any questions, please email activities@nyp.org.

### **Phineas and Ferb Live**

The Theatre at Madison Square Garden April 5 – 10 Ticket Prices: \$120, \$80, \$54 (regular \$60),

\$29 (regular \$35) and \$25 Order tickets online at: showvite.info/B1s Enter Code: NYP

If you have any questions, contact Keith Laxman at (212) 631-5266 or keith.laxman@msg.com.



### TAKE OUR KIDS TO **WORK DAY IS APRIL 26**

Take Our Kids to Work Day is Thursday, April 26. Registration opens on Monday,

February 27, and runs through Friday, March 30. Registration forms will be available on the Infonet and in your site Human Resources Office on Monday, February 27.

If your child is selected to participate you will be notified by phone or email no later than April 6. A list of participating children will also be posted on the Infonet.

### **EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT**



### Fragrance & **Beauty Outlet**

The Fragrance & Beauty Outlet is offering a 10 percent discount to NYP

employees on authentic name-brand perfumes and fragrances as well as full lines of cosmetics, bath and beauty items, and hair care products. You will need to present your NYP employee ID to receive the discount. The store is located at 301 Madison Avenue (41st Street) and can be reached by phone at (212) 687-7635.



### **SUMMER DAY CAMP**

The YM&YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood is sponsoring a summer day camp, Camp Yomawha

located in Rockland County, for children in kindergarten through 10th grade. The day camp includes swimming and other sports, nature, arts and crafts, dramatic arts, offsite trips and special entertainment. NYP employees receive a free membership (fitness center excluded), valued at \$200 to the YM&YWHA, which is necessary to participate in the day camp. Fees start from \$1,150 for a two-week session up to \$3,350 for an eight-week full summer session. Transportation to and from day camp is included in the fees.

For more information and camp fees, visit their website at www.ywashhts.org, or call Rachel Rothstein at (212) 569-6200, ext. 248.



### **NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO NYP EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN**

The Division of Nursing is

offering one-year scholarships to the children of full-time NewYork-Presbyterian employees who are pursuing nursing careers. Students enrolled full time in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are eligible. Since Nursing instituted the scholarship program 12 years ago, 59 scholarships have been awarded.

Scholarship recipients are invited to apply for employment at NYP after graduation. but this opportunity does not imply a guarantee of employment.

Applications must be received by May 4, 2012. You can pick them up at these sites:

**NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell** On the bulletin board outside Nursing Education in Payson House Sub-Basement

**NewYork-Presbyterian/Westchester** See Mary Jenkins in Human Resources

NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia and **Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital** See secretarial staff in the Nursing Office, Milstein Hospital Building, 6th floor

**NewYork-Presbyterian/Allen** See Annette Middleton in Human Resources

For more information, call Linda Saal at (212) 746-1225.

### **GREEN PAGES CONTACT INFORMATION**



### **Benefits Corner**

(212) 297-5771 BenefitsBridge@nyp.org

**Employee Activities** (212) 746-5615 activities@nyp.org



**Other Green Pages News:** 

hrweb@nyp.org



# Heart Month

NYP hosted events throughout February in recognition of American Heart Month, a national health observance sponsored by the American Heart Association to raise awareness of cardiovascular health and to educate Americans on what to do to live heart-healthy lives.

From top right.

- 1. & 4. Information booths were set up at the Ronald O. Perelman Heart Center at NYP/Weill
- 2. Staff participated in a Zumba class.
- 3. Screenings for peripheral arterial disease were offered.
- 5. Employees exercised with the Wii.
- 6. NYP showed its support on National Wear Red Day, February 3.











# NYP Annual Blood Drive a Smashing Success

n its most successful campaign yet, NYP employees donated nearly 4,000 pints of blood in 2011, saving 12,000 lives.

The New York Blood Center collected 3,832 pints of blood during 60 blood drives hosted at all seven NYP locations - including 38th Street and 7th Avenue — marking a dramatic leap from the 2010 collections of 3,266 pints. Each pint of blood benefits three people.

"The constant message is: We never know when a friend or family member will need the blood," said Jessica Prata, Sustainability Officer for NYP and blood drive executive sponsor. "We recognize the responsibility



**Blood Drive** Raffle Winner Gail Blackman won a raffle prize worth \$1,000.

to continue to hold these drives to renew and make sure blood resources are sustained."

More than 850 people donated for the first time last year, an increase of 153 from the year before. Together with regular donors, they donated 37 percent more blood than 2010 during the critical summer and winter months.

In reward for their contributions. donors received tickets to see the New York Yankees. The Yankees organization provided some 4,000 tickets for the 2011 season to key stakeholders — NYP received about 1,500 — to entice people to donate blood

**Blood Drive Site Leaders:** 

Noah Ginsberg (NYP/Columbia) Melinda Acevedo (NYP/Weill Cornell) Josef Lehmkuhler (MSCHONY) Geraldine Joseph-Codio (Seventh Avenue) Mary Quinn and Colette Schafran (38th Street) Becky Whipple (NYP/Westchester) Annette Middleton (NYP/Allen)

after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee cancelled critical drives across the metropolitan area.

In addition, Gail Blackman, an Administrative Clerk in Cellular Therapy at NYP/

Weill Cornell, won \$1,000 to put toward a trip of her choice through a raffle. She was selected from more than 700 donors from all campuses who donated more than twice during 2011. ■



John Evanko, MD, VP and Medical Director of Perioperative Services at NYP/Milstein and Division Chief for General Obstetrics & Gynecology and Gynecologic Surgical Services at NYP/Columbia (foreground); and Andria Castellanos, SVP and COO, NYP/Milstein, (at right), helped make the 2011 blood drive at NYP its most successful to date.