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Dr. Marcia Jones Selected as First Female Board of Directors Chairman in CGH's 113 Year History

Dr. Marcia Jones (Family Medicine), a 21-year employee of CGH Medical Center, and board member for 11 years, was recently nominated and selected as the CGH Board of Directors Chairman, a groundbreaking selection that makes her the first woman to hold that position in the hospital's 113 year history.

"It is a privilege to serve in this capacity, and I am deeply humbled," said Jones. "I hope it encourages others to continue to reach for the stars. Being the 'first woman' highlights that more work needs to be done to promote and normalize gender and leadership diversity in all industries. That being said, as a Jamaican American, I am proud that CGH has a culture that supports and nurtures inclusivity and diversity, and I look forward to many others like myself in this leadership role."



Dr. Marcia Jones

Prior to becoming board chairman, Dr. Jones served as the Medical Staff president from 2012 to 2016, chairman of the Institutional Review Board and Quality Committee, and on the hospital's Planning Committee. As chairman, her vision includes CGH being the first choice for healthcare in the Sauk Valley area. "We will continue to recruit and retain a talented, highly skilled, compassionate workforce that will provide exceptional care for our patients," she said. "I also see us continuing to foster local partnerships and utilizing resources to advance healthcare equity."

She also realizes that the CGH Board of Directors, like many other hospital and healthcare boards, faces many ongoing challenges. "We are up against personnel shortages and workforce burnout, financial challenges, and a backlog of deferred healthcare due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Jones. "Nevertheless, everyone at CGH genuinely cares about doing what is best for our patients, and this will continue to be our priority."

"We are so proud of Dr. Jones," said Mary Jean Derreberry, a member of the CGH Board of Directors, which also includes Scott Wolber (Vice Chairman), John Benson (Treasurer), Nancy Rasmussen (Secretary), Dr. Shawn Hanlon, Dr. Thomas King, Dr. Jeffrey LeMay, Andy Moore, Heather Sotelo, and John Van Osdol. "She has been a great leader as a physician for CGH Medical Center for many years, and I have faith that she will be a great leader for our Board of Directors. I know that she will guide us to always make decisions that provide the best patient experience for our customers."

Dr. Jones lives in Sterling with her spouse, Willis, and they have four sons. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, gardening and reading.



Jill Vegter, RN
Oral Surgery

Fun facts about me:

I was born and raised in Morrison. My husband, Tim, and I have three children, two grandchildren and one on the way. I went back to school after having two children. I have been an employee at CGH for 25 years. I love to ride side-by-sides.



My best career lesson:

Always trust your "gut feeling"

3 words that describe me:

Hardworking, Caring, Determined

When I'm not working, I enjoy:

I enjoy spending time with my family, trips with close friends, and staying home relaxing.

What I like about my job:

Oral Surgery is an office where we perform many different procedures. I like the fast pace within the department. We are constantly moving between two rooms performing the procedures scheduled for that day. It allows me to stay current on many "hands on" nursing skills.

My job duties:

As Team Coordinator and Department RN, I oversee the operational activities within the Oral Surgery department. I work closely with Dr. Whittaker and staff to assure the office runs properly. I also work as a nurse within the department caring for the patients that come in for their procedures.

November '22

Nurse Residency Program



Pictured (L-R) are the newest graduates of the Iowa Online Nurse Residency Program: Heather Farrington, AshLee McKean, Tiana Kennedy, Amara Campos, Jennifer Jacobs, Canaan Ross, and Erin Ross. Not pictured: Krista Buckley, Karl Drucklieb, Korissa Briscoe and Kayla Saville.

Congratulations to our newest graduates of the Iowa Online Nurse Residency Program: Erin Ross, Korissa Briscoe, Krista Buckley, Amara Campos, Karl Drucklieb, Heather Farrington, AshLee McKean, Jennifer Jacobs, Tiana Kennedy, Canaan Ross, and Kayla Saville.

CGH Medical Center partners with IONRP to provide support, continuing education, and professional development throughout the first year of nursing. The 12-month program consists of learning opportunities through online modules, lectures and interactive experiences with guest speakers, group discussions, skill-building, and mentorship. The program culminates with a quality improvement or evidence-based practice project centered around the opportunities for improvement in the organization.

The projects included "Call Light Chaos", "Eye Medication Administration in the OR", "Nursing Supplies and Equipment", "Daily CHG Bathing on Central Line-Associated Infections", "Comfort Glide Patient Safety", "Delayed Bathing in Newborns", "Huddle Boards in the ED", and "Intravenous Electrolyte Administration". The RNs discussed their projects with nursing leaders during the final presentation on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

A special thank you to Nancy Lauritzen for guiding the nurse residents through the first 11 months of their 12-month program. Nancy was instrumental in the development and success of the nurse residency program at CGH. She recently retired after 40 years of service.





VIRTUAL EVENT
9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Healthy & Bright

TUESDAY,
NOV 15 • 7PM

Watch the 15-minute program
on our **CGH Facebook page** or
our **CGH YouTube Channel**.



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Bright Lights for Bright Memories. The Auxiliary invites you to recognize those who make our lives a brighter place. For any donation amount, the names of loved ones will be shown during CGH's annual holiday lighting ceremony.
Visit www.cghmc.com/HolidayLights for more information.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

DINAH ROSENGREN

Switchboard
Operator,
Patient
Access



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Dinah started working at the Main Clinic Switchboard to prepare for the Hospital Switchboard, and once she arrived here she picked up quickly on all the extras we do on the hospital side. She is very helpful, kind and patient to callers. She also helps at the front desk in the mornings, making sure patients arrive to the appropriate areas for their appointments. I personally am so happy Dinah has joined our team here at Switchy (as we call it). She is a team player and has such a cheerful attitude. Not only do I enjoy working with her, but she has also become a great friend and just knowing when she is here, she will brighten our day. Thank you, Dinah, for all you do!



Purpose, Worthwhile Work...
Making a Difference!

Spirit of the HeART Gallery

Thank you to The Next Picture Show in Dixon for allowing us to display Graydon Cafarella and Pat Lathe's artwork at our CGH Spirit of the Heart gallery.



Graydon Cafarella

Graydon Cafarella was an accomplished artist, friend and instructor to many. He taught watercolor classes at TNPS for many years. Graydon also was a member of the Illinois Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.



Pat Lathe

Pat Lathe was an artist renowned for her beautiful pastel and collage paintings. She regularly won awards in local competitions and also won two national awards from the National Pastel Society located in New York City.

If you are interested in purchasing any of Graydon or Pat's work, please contact Deb Keaschall at ext. 5727.

SPIRIT OF THE
HEART
Gallery at CGH



Halloween '22



Daycare



Business Office



Family Medicine



Gastroenterology



Pharmacy



Rock Falls



Lynn Blvd.



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Healthcare Celebration Weeks

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2022
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