Dr. Karpf presents faculty and staff forums Jan. 30

Michael Karpf, MD, executive vice president for health affairs, invites all faculty and staff to join him Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 a.m., noon or 5 p.m. as he presents Looking Toward the Future: A Three-year Update on Our Strategic Plan in the UK Chandler Hospital Auditorium (HG611).

Each one-hour session includes time for you to ask Dr. Karpf the questions that matter most to you.

All forum attendees will have a chance to enter a giveaway for two tickets to the exclusive June 2007 gala at Donamire Farm celebrating ground-breaking of the new UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital. Five pairs of tickets will be given away to employees for this spectacular sold-out event featuring entertainment by the legendary Johnny Mathis. More information on the gala ticket giveaway will appear in upcoming issues of Vital Signs.

To keep you informed on where UK HealthCare is headed in 2007, Dr. Karpf will share:

- Strategic initiatives for the new year,
- Updates on facilities and financial plans,
- Recent organizational successes and
- How UK HealthCare will tackle challenges moving forward.

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Hospital welcomes Lexington’s first baby of ’07

UK Chandler Hospital welcomed Lexington’s first baby of 2007 when Anazjae Lamar Allen Patton, son of Paunika Smith and Albert Patton, was born at 1:17 a.m., Monday, Jan. 1. UK HealthCare presented the family with a large gift basket of baby items and clothing and also provided blankets for the first 12 babies born at the hospital in 2007.

UK’s second birth of the year came at 4:26 p.m., when James Roland Monroe was born to parents James and Martha Monroe.

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Pediatrics team bowls for Dawson foundation

Event raises nearly $10,000

UK Chandler Hospital’s pediatrics department sponsored a bowling team for UK Trustee Dermonti Dawson’s Bowling with a PRO Bowler fundraising event in December. Members included Erich Maul, MD, pediatric hospitalist; Lori Shook, MD, neonatology; Daryl Lyons, administrative assistant, pediatric intensive care; and Jason Graham, ECHO supervision chief technician, pediatric cardiology. Dr. Shook provided matching shirts for the team featuring a colorful flame pattern on the front and Kentucky Children’s Hospital patches on the back.

“IF there had been a Best Dressed Award, we definitely would have won!” she said. Dawson, a former Pittsburg Steelers all-pro center, began the PRO Foundation (Professionals Reaching Out) to benefit at-risk children and their families throughout Central Kentucky by providing assistance, programs and events designed to build self-esteem, provide unique life changing opportunities and help them set and achieve life goals. Fifteen teams participated in the bowling event, raising nearly $10,000 for the foundation.

From left: Dermonti Dawson, Erich Maul, MD; Lori Shook, MD; Daryl Lyons; and Jason Graham.

Has your patient lost a personal item?

Care providers can help patients who lose personal items by following these steps

Check the chart
An inventory of what each patient brings to the hospital, which is updated each time a patient moves, is in the patient’s chart.

Follow the trail
If you can’t find an item on the inventory list, call the other units who previously cared for the patient. Your patient service coordinator can assist.

Take valuables to security safe
Patients’ jewelry, wallet, money or credit cards should be sent to Hospital Security for safekeeping. Claim receipts are located in a patient’s blue chart. Call 323-6156 to see if an item may be in Security’s safe.

Withholding forms available online
As tax season approaches, you may wish to make changes to the amount you have withheld from your salary for tax purposes. The forms do to so may be obtained from the links below and should be submitted for processing to the payroll office, 2347Sterlington Road, Suite 200.

Federal Tax Form W-4

State Tax Form K-4
revenue.ky.gov/forms/cuwrfms.htm

Sick? Click!
ukhealthcare.uky.edu

Two Work-Life reports available now

Two of the five committees created by President Lee Todd Jr. to explore key issues that emerged from the UK!Work survey results have released their recommendations. Reports from the Employee Education Program (EEP) Committee and the Domestic Partner Benefits Committee can be found on the Work-Life Web site at www.uky.edu/HR/WorkLife. The remaining three committees considering child care, career advancement and employee assistance will submit progress reports in January and issue recommendations no later than May 2007.

Detailed descriptions of each committee, including members and executive champions, can be found at www.uky.edu/HR/WorkLife/Work-LifeCommittees.html.

College of Pharmacy
Ask the Pharmacist airs Jan. 27
Be sure to tune into Ask the Pharmacist, a live call-in program airing 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, on WKYT-TV & WYMT-TV (Hazard). Supported by UK HealthCare, this is the program’s 17th year. Panelists will be Amy Nicholas, PharmD, associate clinical pharmacist, College of Pharmacy, and co-director of the PharmacistCare program; John Armistead, MS, assistant dean for medical center pharmacy services, College of Pharmacy, and director of pharmacy services at UK Chandler Hospital; Julia Dawson, PharmD, clinical pharmacist at Meadowview Regional Hospital in Maysvile and 1995 graduate of the college; and Jody Jaggars, PharmD, staff pharmacist at Walgreens in Frankfort and 2005 UK graduate.

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Friends and Family program helps save lives

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has developed a Friends and Family CPR Program for the families of its patients. Offered weekly at Kentucky Children’s Hospital at no cost to any family with an infant in the NICU, the informational classes are not CPR certification, but do teach lifesaving techniques. For more information, contact Tracey Robinson, RN, co-chair KCH Staff Council, at 323-5744.

Wellness on Wheels coming to you

Start the new year off right by checking your health at a free UK Health & Wellness health screening. Screenings include cholesterol, weight, waist circumference, body fat percentage and blood pressure. Appointments take only 10 minutes and may be scheduled online at www.uky.edu/HR/wellness/Healthscreening.html.

Upcoming screenings

**Wednesday, Jan. 24**
8 a.m. – Noon
2317 Alumni Park Plaza,
Suite 500

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**
8 a.m. – Noon
Peterson Service Building
Room 236

Cookbook sale benefits cancer patients

The Markey Recipes & Remembrances Cookbook is now available for purchase at Markey Cancer Center, with proceeds helping offset the cost for cancer patients traveling to Lexington for their outpatient care. Cookbooks are available at the first floor registration desk in the Roach Building, the first floor check-out desk in the Whitney-Hendrickson Building and the chemotherapy suites. Cost is $10. Checks should be made payable to University of Kentucky, with “Markey Cookbook” written on the memo line.

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