Welcome...

…Michael Castaneda, Program Coordinator (ID)
…Craig Fleischer, Business Manager (ACOA)
…Mary Gosciminski, Administrative Asst (MEO)
…Andrea Kautza, Clinical Manager (ID)
…Joseph Mascarenhas, Postdoc Research Associate V (PULM/Garcia)
…Jorge Recardo Navarrete, Research Specialist (PULM)
…Hector Quijada, Research Specialist (PULM)
…Trina Ray, Division Manager [although Trina isn’t new to the Department, she is new to this role]
…Sarah Struthers, Administrative Asst (GI)
…Chris Witten, Accountant Sr (Finance Office)

Farewell and Happy Trails …

…Erin Van Riper, Office Assistant, Sr. (Finance Office)
Erin leaves us for an exciting new venture at TUSD. She has been a great addition to the Department and her cheery disposition will be sorely missed. Best wishes bargains maven!

DoM Annual Staff Holiday Party

Annually Dr. Thomas Boyer hosts a holiday party for the staff in recognition of their year-long efforts and commitment to the department. The staff enjoyed a buffet of a variety of Mama’s Hawaiian bar-b-que signature dishes and an opportunity to socialize with other departmental staff members.

Additionally, a component of this annual tradition is that Dr. Boyer selects a motif for the party with awards going to those who best embody the theme. This year Dr. Boyer selected a “hawaiian holiday” theme with extra credit given to anyone who added Elvis to their ensemble.

Prize winners were from left to right:
1st – Tanya Gonzales
2nd – Jill Gibson
3rd – Julie Johnson

Mobile On-site Mammography (MOM)

On March 26, 2014 from 7AM-4PM on the University Mall (Cherry pull out), the UA LifeWork Connection/Employee Wellness is sponsoring a mobile clinic for on-site mammography check-ups which is recommended annually for women who are 40yrs and older.

To schedule an appointment and to find out if there are any charges for which you will be responsible, please call 480-967-3767 or 1-800-285-0272 or feel free to visit LifeWork’s UA website. And in the spirit of equal time, information about Prostate Cancer screening is also available on the same webpage.

Want to contribute to the “adMINute”?
Send topics of interest or suggestions or fully scripted accounts for the next issue to ahessell@deptofmed.arizona.edu

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Congrats!

In the Fall of 2013 it was announced that Melanie Tornquist (DoM Education Office) was named the new Staff Advisory Council (SAC) president. Melanie has served on various SAC and University Committees and is eager to begin her new role. She looks forward to working closely with the SAC Executive Board, Council, UA Administration and the entire UA Community to ensure positive and effective representation of all Classified Staff of the University of Arizona.

The UA Staff Advisory Council exists to foster and enhance communications between classified staff and the University community; to provide a forum for discussing and defining the role of classified staff in the University; to represent and advocate their concerns within the University community and statewide; to serve as a resource for inquiries and requests; to advise and make recommendations on existing and proposed University policies and procedures; and to ensure inclusion of classified staff on University committees. You are all welcome to contact Melanie at 626-7771 if you have any questions.

COMSAC Employee Recognition “Staff Awards of Excellence”

The College of Medicine Staff Action Council (COMSAC), which has been representing staff here for over 20 years, co-sponsors the annual AHSC Awards of Excellence presentation. This event, which includes light snacks, will be held sometime in the Spring (TBD). Three awards (one from each pay grade grouping: 1-31, 32-40+ and Research/Appointed Personnel. Additionally, the Georgia Reynolds award is bestowed on an employee with 15 years+ of cumulative employment) are given to College of Medicine employees in a competitive process by nominations from any AHSC employee. These Awards of Excellence have the following criteria:

• Nominee must have completed their probationary period
• Nominee must be a permanent staff employee
• Nominee must work at least 20 hours per week
• Nominee must have at least “meets job expectations” on employee review
• Nomination packet must include at least three letters of recommendation.

Call for nominations should be announced soon, please keep an eye out for an AHSC memo to this effect. A substantial monetary award is gifted to each winner! What a wonderful opportunity to recognize and acknowledge someone who you think is an exceptional employee!!

This year let’s make our staff the most nominated from any department in the College… what say you?

Comedy Corner

NOT SO FAST! - WHAT ABOUT HEALTH CARE?