

Humor is a rubber sword - it allows you to make a point without drawing blood. ~ Mary Hirsch

# WRH sites become non-smoking effective April 1, 2012

Effective April 1, 2012, Windsor Regional Hospital will implement a Non-Smoking Policy on its property/ grounds (with the exception of specific designated areas for patients at the Toldo Neurobehavioral Institute, Malden Park facility and Withdrawal Management and Addictions building). In 2011, Windsor Regional Hospital conducted a survey with staff and the overall summary of the survey indicated that over 72% of staff support a non-smoking policy on all property owned by WRH. Staff at the Met Campus supported the policy by 70.9% and at the Tayfour Campus, 81.7% were fully supportive of a non-smoking policy. Further, 78.6% of staff indicated that if a non-smoking policy was implemented on all WRH property, there should be exceptions for patients. Visit the WRH Intranet to view a copy of the new policy which becomes effective April 1, 2012 or contact Human Resources at ext. 72302 for a copy.

### **Pay Stubs**

In April 2012, Windsor Regional Hospital will be introducing electronic pay stubs. After April 2012 paper copies of remittances will no longer be available. Provisions are being made so that all employees can access this information electronically.

## Windsor Regional Hospital Pasta Night

Take a break from the kitchen on Wednesday, April 4 and plan to attend Windsor Regional Hospital's Pasta Night at the Caboto Club. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 each for adults/take-out (includes dessert). Alternatively, tickets can be purchased the night of the event – Adults \$8, Take-Out \$9, Seniors \$7.50 and Children (5-12) \$6. Dinner is served from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Funds raised support the Cornerstone of Caring Campaign for the Tayfour Redevelopment project. For more information contact Kim at x52458.

#### **Daisy Awards**

Nominations are now being accepted for the **2012 Nursing Excellence Awards**. Visit the WRH Intranet to access the online Nomination Form. Nominations must be completed in its entirety and submitted by Wednesday, March 21, 2012 to the office of Karen McCullough, Vice President, Acute Care Services/Chief Nursing Executive.

#### **Global Mitra Awards**

The Diversity Committee is sponsoring the **Global Mitra Award** that will be presented at the Nursing Excellence Awards Banquet. It is intended to recognize a nurse who has contributed to the expression of diversity at Windsor Regional Hospital. For more information contact Melissa Simas at ext. 72302.

#### Did you know?

**Child Life Specialists** are pediatric health care professionals who work with patients, their family and others involved in the child's care in order to help them manage stress and understand medical and various procedures.

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