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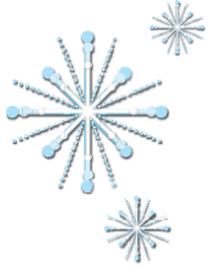


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THE BIRTH OF JESUS

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth*

peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told

them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

LUKE 2:1-20 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)



Loma Linda University, Atlantic Union College explore affiliation possibilities between institutions

BY RICHARD WEISMAYER

The initial details of a planned campus affiliation between Loma Linda University (LLU) and Atlantic Union College (AUC), located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, were voted by the Loma Linda University Board of Trustees on Wednesday, December 10.

The trustees voted that the Loma Linda University administration draft details of an affiliation agreement with Atlantic Union College that attempts to protect AUC's accreditation for the two-year period of 2009 to 2011. The Loma Linda and Atlantic Union College administrations will be in consultation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (the regional accrediting body) in the course of drafting the affiliation agreement.

"The terms of the agreement, along with financial implications for Loma Linda University during the two-year period, will be presented for the Loma Linda University and the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center Board of Trustees' consideration

before the end of January 2009," says Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University.

If Board approval is given to the affiliation agreement, and if continued accreditation is secured or reasonably assured for the two-year period, an agreement regarding the possible merger between Loma

Linda University and Atlantic Union College will be presented to Loma Linda's Board of Trustees by May 2010, according to Dr. Hart. "If that proposal is approved, Loma Linda's and AUC's Boards of Trustees then could move toward a merger implementation."

Loma Linda University was

founded in 1905 as the College of Medical Evangelists. Loma Linda University and Atlantic Union College are institutions founded on the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Loma Linda includes eight schools—Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy,

Public Health, Religion, and Science and Technology, and a Faculty of Graduate Studies offering more than 200 degree and certificate programs. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Over the past three months, Loma Linda and AUC trustees, faculty, and staff have been in exploratory discussions regarding affiliation opportunities. "In recent weeks, conversations brought into clear focus the partnership options which we have now decided to pursue going forward to our planned affiliation and possible eventual institutional merger," states Dr. Hart.

LLU and AUC have developed a mission-complementary approach to leveraging their respective program and faculty strengths—and matching these resources with unmet undergraduate and graduate student educational needs. The collaboration will

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Students assess health of two million residents

BY HEATHER REIFSNYDER

San Bernardino County, California, is conducting a massive project that will impact the health services offered to its residents, and two LLU School of Public Health (SPH) students are on the ground making it happen.

The project is the county's first-ever community health needs assessment, and officials approached SPH dean David T. Dyjack, DrPH, to enlist the help of the School's best students. From the candidates, the county selected Thelma Gamboa-Maldonado (department of health promotion and education) and Michael Batech (epidemiology and biostatistics).

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The Loma Linda University Board of Trustees voted on Wednesday, December 10, for the Loma Linda University administration to draft details of an affiliation agreement between Loma Linda University and Atlantic Union College. Pictured above is the Atlantic Union College administration building.

Senior vice president for development/public affairs named

BY RICHARD WEISMAYER

Mel Sauder, JD, MBA, senior vice president for health care business development, has been named senior vice president for development and public affairs for Loma Linda University Adventist Health Science Center. He will assume his new responsibilities in February 2009.

Prior to joining Loma Linda University Medical Center in 2005, Mr. Sauder's last position was in the Centura Health system

in Colorado. Centura Health is the largest health care provider in



Mel Sauder, JD, MBA

Colorado. The integrated enterprise network includes 12 hospitals, nine senior housing facilities, home care/hospice, and a variety of services promoting faith-based community health initiatives.

He served as vice president for Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver. Prior to this, he held positions at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, and worked with Adventist Health System Sunbelt in Florida.

Mr. Sauder holds a law degree

from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas-Pan American, and a bachelor of science degree from Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, Texas.

Mr. Sauder began his career as a district pastor for the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

He pastored three different districts including six churches

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LLUMC, BMC nursing leadership contributes to China academic week

BY JAMES PONDER

Four nursing leaders from Loma Linda University Medical Center and Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center recently traveled to Hangzhou, China, to conduct a nursing leadership conference as part of the third annual International Academic Week. The conference—which was held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital (SRRSH) on October 15 and 16, 2008—attracted more than 80 nurses from SRRSH and other health care facilities of the region.

The four LLUMC nursing leaders—Norie Bencito, CMSRN, MSc; Hazel Curtis, RN, MPH; Debbie Damazo, RN, MS, CPAN; and Ellen McCarville, RN, MS, CPAN—lectured on a variety of nursing leadership topics and conducted interactive seminars designed to help nurses at SRRSH gain increased recognition for their

vital contributions to health care throughout the People's Republic of China.

The story of how LLU became involved in the conference underscores cooperative aspects of the



Members of the LLUMC delegation to China stand in front of a sign promoting the third annual International Academic Week of Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou. Left to right: Ye Zhihong, RN, PhD, vice president for nursing at SRRSH; Hazel Curtis, RN, MPH, education specialist in the department of staff development at LLUMC; Jan Zumwalt, RN, MS, MBA, associate director of the Global Health Institute at LLU; Ellen McCarville, RN, MS, CPAN, director of patient flow for LLUMC; Norie Bencito, CMSRN, MSc, director of nursing at LLU Behavioral Medicine Center; and Debbie Damazo, RN, MS, CPAN, nurse manager of peri-anesthesia at LLUMC.

affiliation between LLU and the Chinese hospital. Ms. Curtis, at Loma Linda University, views the process of selecting topics for the lectures and presentations as a collaborative effort that began when Feng Jine, RN, MS, director of nursing education at SRRSH, visited Loma Linda in June 2008 for her graduation from the off-campus master's degree program offered through the School of Nursing.

Ms. Curtis says that Ms. Feng sat down with Jan Zumwalt, RN, MS, MBA, associate director of the Global Health Institute at Loma Linda University, and herself to discuss which topics would be meaningful to their nursing staff.

"We wanted to make sure that what we were going to present was what they actually wanted," Ms. Curtis recalls, "and would benefit them the most."

That conversation was followed

by live videoconferences between nursing leaders of both organizations. After extensive consultation, it was agreed that the following topics would be presented: Ms. Bencito would discuss "building a functional team," Ms. Curtis would speak on "creating a coaching culture," Ms. Damazo would address "nursing empowerment," and Ms. McCarville would talk about "transformational leadership."

The videoconferences made a vivid impression on Ellen McCarville. "Seeing and dialoguing on videoconference with the SRRSH nursing vice president and director of nursing education helped us realize how much they wanted to make their nursing leaders transformational," she shares. "They wanted to have a voice in health care and to help shape it. When we walked away from the second videoconfer-

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and successfully led out in two church construction projects.

He began his business develop-

Cancer survivors return to Loma Linda

By JAMES PONDER

A crowd of 240 prostate cancer survivors jammed Loma Linda University's campus cafeteria as the seventh annual Brotherhood of the Balloon Brunch rolled into town on Sunday, November 9, 2008, to celebrate not only their own recovery from cancer, but also the success of proton therapy at Loma Linda University's James M. Slater, MD, Proton Treatment and Research Center.

According to J. Lynn Martell, DMin, CFRE, director of special services, radiation medicine at LLUMC, prostate cancer survivor Bob Marckini formed the Brotherhood of the Balloon (BOB) support group in 2000 after successfully receiving treatment at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

"Bob Marckini started the group

ment career as a business consultant for the Center for Entrepreneurship in Edinburg, Texas.

Mr. Sauder's major responsi-

with about nine former patients in treatment at the same time he was," Dr. Martell observes. "The group has grown to more than 3,500 in all 50 states and 25 countries. It is now the largest international support group for prostate patients."

At the brunch, BOB members toasted their collective success in beating the deadly disease, and pledged to continue raising funds and awareness to help others beat prostate cancer. "The BOB organization has, as one of its goals, the raising of money for the James M. Slater Chair for Proton Research and other cancer research funds. They have raised nearly \$5 million to date," says Dr. Martell.

Additional information on the Brotherhood of the Balloon is available online at <www.protonbob.com>.

bilities at Loma Linda University Medical Center have included all health care business development including regional outreach, acquisitions, joint ventures, and other third party arrangements.

In addition, he serves as government relations director for Loma Linda University Medical Center and is responsible for the Transplant Institute, International Heart/Vascular Institute, and the James M. Slater, MD, Proton Treatment and Research Center.

In his new position as senior vice president for development and public affairs, Mr. Sauder will be responsible for the activities of business development, philanthropy, public affairs, marketing, and government relations.

Mr. Sauder will report to Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center.



A group of county employees, including the two LLU students, meet weekly to discuss the progress of the assessment. They include (from left) Michael Batech; Paula Meares-Conrad; Jim Lindley, MPA; Thelma Gamboa-Maldonado; and Yvonne Flores.

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"It seemed like a good opportunity both for the county and the School of Public Health," Ms. Gamboa-Maldonado says.

Now, while still working on their degrees, these two students are also employed by the county as health needs assessment coordinators—meaning that they are collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data on the health needs of the county's two million residents. It's a big job, which is why Mr. Batech and Ms. Gamboa-Maldonado are contracted to work until June 2009.

California counties that have a public hospital are required to have a needs assessment, according to Jim Lindley, MPA, public health director for the County of San Bernardino. San Bernardino's will be especially helpful because of the dire need in the county. In many health measures, the county lags behind other parts of California and the United States. Out of California's 58 counties, for example, San Bernardino ranks 52 in deaths due to all causes.

"This is not something we're doing just for an exercise," Mr. Lindley says. "We need good data in order to know how to allocate our scarce resources."

Paula Meares-Conrad, assistant public health director, agrees. "We won't know where to go until we know where we are," she says.

One specific use of the report by the county will be to help it design a new kind of clinic to serve residents. These integrated clinics will be a one-stop resource, bringing together services such as primary medical care, food voucher distribution, and behavioral health resources. The first such clinic has opened in the city of Ontario, with more to come. The county can use the data from the needs assessment to know what kinds of services are needed in different parts of its 20,000-square-mile area.

Mr. Batech, a lifelong San Bernardino County resident, says he feels gratified to be a part of a project that will potentially make a difference in the health of the county.

"It can be intimidating yet inspiring to realize the scope of this project," he says.

Ms. Gamboa-Maldonado has experienced similar feelings.

"When I realized the magnitude of the county needs assessment, I felt like I was thrown into a river without a life jacket," she says. "The

learning curve has been very steep. However, we are blessed to be part of a very supportive team that keeps the public's health at the center of our mission."

Where the data exists to do so, Mr. Batech and Ms. Gamboa-Maldonado will be comparing how people in the County of San Bernardino, according to age, ethnicity, and gender, measure up to the health status of both the state of California and the nation as a whole. A key component in this comparison will be the Healthy People 2010 goals and objectives.

Healthy People is a program of the federal government that monitors the wellbeing of the nation, setting up comprehensive goals for improved health every 10 years. The assessment will allow the county to find out which objectives it meets. Then the county leaders can make a plan to begin meeting the rest of them.

The county plans for the assessment to cover 18 health-focus areas, including access to health care, injury and violence prevention, immunizations and infectious disease, and chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and respiratory illnesses. Mental health will also be considered.

In addition to quantitative data, the assessment will include comprehensive qualitative information on the existing health services available to residents from all the county's various departments and clinics.

The assessment is a collaboration between the county's hospital (Arrowhead Regional Medical Center), the Department of Behavioral Health, and the Department of Public Health. It is the first time these three departments have come together.

For Mr. Batech and Ms. Gamboa-Maldonado, the project has the added benefit of preparing them for their future careers.

"Besides gaining the experience in writing a health needs assessment, we are learning how the public health system works altogether," says Ms. Gamboa-Maldonado. "In addition, we are learning about the policy-making and political aspects of running a public health department."

Mr. Batech says the project brings together everything they are learning in their public health education at LLU SPH.



Jan Zumwalt, RN, MS, MBA, (second from left) joins nurses at the third annual International Academic Week held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital on October 15 and 16, 2008, in a hands-on interactive learning demonstration titled "Nursing Empowerment Strategies for Success." Ms. Zumwalt is associate director of the Global Health Institute at Loma Linda University.

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ence, I knew we would be able to hit it on the head for them."

Ms. Zumwalt says Loma Linda University Medical Center's participation in the academic week is a natural outgrowth of the LLU affiliation with SRRSH and Zhejiang University Children's Hospital (ZUCH).

"A little over a year ago," she notes, "a couple of the Chinese nurses who mentored under Norie Bencito during their rotation here suggested that we hold a nursing leadership conference in China so that a greater number of their nurse manager colleagues could benefit from additional leadership training. We felt it was a valuable idea since it would allow us to enhance the professionalism of nursing in China."

For Hazel Curtis, the venue grew to include ZUCH as a result of a request from Katherine Fu Cangcang, RN, a pediatric surgical intensive care nurse who came to Loma Linda as part of LLU Children's Hospital's agreement of clinical cooperation with Zhejiang University. Ms. Fu, who was in California to learn methods of caring for pediatric cardiac surgery patients to share with her nursing colleagues in China, identified communication between Chinese nurses and members of their patients' families as

an area that could be enhanced, and suggested that Ms. Curtis should make a presentation on that topic at ZUCH during her visit to Hangzhou.

"That was really cool," Ms. Curtis remembers. "We called the presentation 'Making Small Moments Count,' and the conference room was full. There were even physicians present. At the end of the meeting, Li Zhongli, director of nursing at ZUCH, stood up and said—in Chinese of course—that as of that very day, they would begin holding rounds at patients' bedsides with family members present. While I felt that was an important step forward, Katherine was so excited, she was jumping in her skin!"

Not without good reason. Ms. Curtis recalls what happened when she and Katherine went for tea after the Making Small Moments Count presentation. "Katherine told me she just wanted to make a small improvement in nursing care at her hospital," she states, "but I told her she had no idea what a huge difference she had already made."

Ye Zhihong, RN, PhD, vice president for nursing at SRRSH, notes that the two-day event "left a deep impression on attendees. The director of nursing from Taizhou Hospital she

said: 'I really enjoyed the lecture. As a nurse manager, I now recognize that it is important to encourage my nurses as much as I possibly can.'"

Ms. Ye also reports that another participant was similarly impressed with what she learned. "Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital's nursing program is a modern model in China," she quotes the unnamed nurse manager as saying. "I am so lucky that I was invited to attend this wonderful conference. I hope I can come here next year to learn more."

Ms. Zumwalt is similarly excited. "It has been gratifying," she reflects, "to see how eager the Chinese nurses are to learn. It's also been very rewarding to see the progress the nursing profession has made in the nearly 15 years since Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital opened and we began mentoring and working with them."

Ms. Zumwalt cites the success of the nursing leadership conference as evidence of what she perceives as a very positive trend. "They invited nurses from other hospitals all over the province," she points out.

"They are no longer learning from us as much as they are teaching others in China. We consider it a privilege to have been a part of this development."

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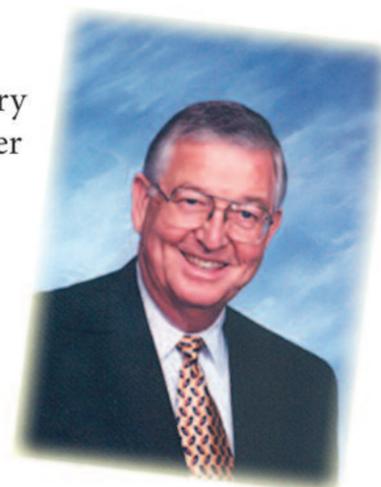
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6:10 to the Great Southwest

BY JAMES PONDER

The sun isn't up yet, but we are. There are 10 of us packed inside the van and, quite frankly, we're as excited as school kids on a holiday. It's 6:10 a.m. and we're en route to the Great Southwest.

Greg Highton pulls the van away from the entrance circle at Loma Linda University Medical Center and points it in the general direction of Arizona. Behind him are eight health care professionals from China and Thailand—we'll introduce everybody in a minute—and I'm riding along.

For my money, there's no place on earth like the Southwest, especially when the itinerary calls for exploring the ruins of Wupatki and Wukoki. I'm volunteering to lead this expedition for the benefit of our guests in the international affairs program of Loma Linda University, but there's no way to convince me it's an obligation—I love the open road and these trips are the cat's pajamas.

O.K., it's time for the introductions. Please give a warm Loma Linda welcome to Xu Haishan, MD, a radiologist who says to call her "Susan"; Feng Lejun, a nutritionist also known as "Katie"; Hu Lei, MD, a pediatrician who goes by "Lei"; Zhu Jihua, RN, a surgical intensive care nurse, "Amy" to you and me; Zhang Xiong, PhD, a physiologist who prefers "Sean"; Xia Dajing, PhD, an immunologist who asks that you address her as "Jing"; Meng Lei, MD, a radiologist who says to call him "Martin"; and Supaporn Naewbood, RN, a PhD candidate who instructs us to call her by her first name. She's the only one from Thailand; the rest of our new friends hail from the People's Republic of China.

We stopped at Barstow Station for breakfast, cross the Colorado River at Topock, Arizona, cruised Andy Devine Boulevard in Kingman, and we're just pulling in for a pit stop at the Chevron in Ash Fork. We're not expecting to meet Rose, but there she is—or isn't, actually—looking larger than life on a sign plastered across the front door of the gas station. "Missing Buffalo!" the headline proclaims.

By the time we arrive at the visitor's center at Wupatki National Monument, it's 2:30 p.m. We're a bit weary from the road, but we've got a couple good hours to climb around the ruins before the October sun goes down. We amble inside to examine the pottery and stone tools left behind when the Sinagua Culture abandoned this place 800 years ago. We look at books and T-shirts, and I buy a poster of the ruins. Then we head outside to explore Wupatki.

We take turns playing host to our guests and taking pictures. Wupatki is a photographer's paradise. The red-brown rocks contrast nicely with the turquoise sky, and yellow/green tapestry of sage and chamisa. We examine the Wupatki ballcourt—notable because it's the northernmost structure of its kind in the Americas—and dip our faces in streams of cold, fresh air pouring out of the famous prehistoric blowhole, which continuously exhales the breath of the earth.

Everybody lines up at the entrance to the ballcourt and I snap a picture. Nobody asks that most impertinent of questions, "Are we having fun yet?" You bet we are!

Our next stop is Wukoki. It gets personal here. I've been to Wukoki 10 or 12 times, and this multi-story, six- or seven-room pueblo—perched, as it is,

on a large rock with a grand view of the Painted Desert in the distance—is my idea of how architecture and nature are meant to dance together. Not co-exist; these buildings enhance the grandeur of the desert. And vice versa. I've told my wife this is the place to scatter my ashes when I die. Let me drift on the winds of infinity here. I love Wukoki.

Jing is coming out of one of the doorways at Wukoki. She's tall, so she has to stoop. Greg's tall, and he does, too. Supaporn is not tall, but she still has to stoop. These stone entradas are maybe three feet tall. Archaeologists say that Wukoki, which is maybe two miles from Wupatki, was built by the Kayenta Anasazi, while Wupatki was a Sinagua settlement. Then as now, the Southwest was a melting pot of multiculturalism and diversity.

We stay out there on the rocks of Wukoki taking pictures, climbing through the ruins, and trying to imagine what the original inhabitants did to survive in this amazing, semi-arid environment, until somebody (was it Sean?) points out that we haven't eaten for hours. Somebody else notes that the sun's going down, and the unanimous consensus is that we head to our destination for the night.

The dining room at Historic Cameron Trading Post is a study in wonders. Navajo weavings priced in the range of the average palatial estate hang from the walls. Stamped tin ceilings with chunky wooden beams create an expansive atmosphere. The combination of Native American, Mexican, and gringo culinary selections means there's something for everyone. I shouldn't order the Navajo taco at supper, but I can't resist thick frybread slathered in delicately seasoned beans and topped with roasted green chiles, fresh lettuce, grated mounds of cheddar cheese, and spicy salsa. Oh well, thank goodness for Alka-Seltzer!

We roll out of bed way too early in the morning. This might be the only chance some of our guests will ever get to see sunrise at Grand Canyon. But getting out to watch the panoply of light and color, space and stone at Desert View is worth the trouble. We arrive half an hour before the dawn; it's worth the hassle.

Three hours later, Martin and Sean persuade us to give them two hours to hike partway to the bottom of the Canyon. That's fine with Greg and me. After a hearty breakfast at Grand

Canyon Village, we decide to take a nap in the van. The women explore the shops and vista points, take lots of pictures, and hang out with other tourists on the South Rim.

By the time the intrepid hikers return, we're eager to head to Hoover Dam and Las Vegas. I drive for an hour before noticing that absolutely everybody else is sawing logs. I won't tell who snores the loudest, but it's a concerto for chain saw and orchestra. I'm relieved when we pull into Williams and stop for lunch at one of the kitschy dining establishments all tricked-out like the Good Ol' Days.

We're eating lunch when a couple walk through the door looking like they just held up the stage. Are they dressed for a frontier pageant? No, Barbara Rader insists. She and her husband, Marshall, live this way all the time. As proprietors of Double Eagle Trading Co. in nearby Valle, the Raders believe it's their duty to represent the mystique of the Wild West for everyone who secretly hopes to find it thriving around the next bend in the road.

I glance around the table at the bemused faces of my friends from Asia. They're not sure what to make of Marshall and Barbara. The only people they've ever seen who dressed

like this were in the movies.

The irony hits my chuckle bone hard. "Let's see," I think to myself. "First the missing buffalo, then the Navajo taco, and now these visitors from the 1890's. This has been a trip for the ages!"

Back in Loma Linda a few weeks later, curiosity gets the best of me, so I hesitantly place a call to the Chevron station in Ash Fork. Has Rose returned from her roam on the range, I want to know.

The man on the other end of the line listens patiently, then assures me that America's most wanted bison has indeed come home. He pauses a moment, then mumbles something cryptic under his breath. "The deer and the antelope," he's saying through what sure sound to me like clenched teeth, "are outside playing at this very moment."

I'm almost afraid to ask what he means by that, so I thank the man and hang up. It takes a couple of minutes before his message finally hits me loud and clear.

"I got it!" I exclaim to the amazement of baffled colleagues. "The dude's trying to tell me that all's well that ends well in the Great Southwest!"

That's precisely when the cuckoo clock sounded down the hall.



Loma Linda University participates in community emergency response training

School of Public Health dean David Dyjack, DrPH, participates in a cribbing exercise during Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training offered by the Loma Linda Fire Department. Cribbing is a technique used to free victims trapped under debris. The CERT program prepares people to help their community during times of disaster. In addition to Dr. Dyjack, five individuals from the School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness were certified: Maurice "Tony" Adkins, MPH; Jesse Bliss, MPH; Wallaska Bliss, MPH; Venice Brown; and Manjit Randhawa, MD. Andrea Champlin, MPH, was already certified and helped teach. The staff of the Center for Public Health Preparedness also designed the course's final three-hour field exercise leading to full certification. Other LLU individuals who helped teach included Ehren Ngo, MS, of the School of Allied Health Professions.

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Good Samaritan awards celebrate employees who fulfill institutional mission

BY JAMES PONDER

Three times a year, selected employees of Loma Linda University Medical Center, Behavioral Medicine Center, and University Health Services are recognized as Good Samaritans for fulfilling the mission and exemplifying the core values of the organization in their daily work activities.

To qualify to receive one of the Good Samaritan awards—which are dispensed during the months of April, August, and October—an employee's department head must submit a nomination form, which must be approved by the vice president over that department. The form leaves room for the department head to indicate how the employee exemplifies one or more of the core values—compassion, integrity, excellence, teamwork, wholeness—in the workplace.

Winners of the October 2008 Good Samaritan awards are:

Vivienne Guclatar, LLU Medical Center

Verna Gunterman, LLU Behavioral Medicine Center

Ronnie Wayne Holk, LLU Medical Center

Lorene James, LLU Children's Hospital

Michael Y. Morales, LLU Children's Hospital

Jennifer Newcombe, LLU Children's Hospital

Juan Tuburan, LLU East Campus Hospital.

But how do core values translate into employee behavior? Let's allow the comments of the winning employees' supervisors to tell the stories in their own words:

"Her exceptional performance truly represents our core values," Marjorie Tessner writes about Vivienne Guclatar. "I am sure you have all seen her in her sapphire scrubs as she comes to your area. She demonstrates compassion by always being thoughtful, kind, and caring. It matters not if the patient is a tiny baby or a senior citizen, her skills radiate compassion. If a team member is out ill, she sees that they get flowers. If there is a personal need of a staff member, she accommodates that with self-sacrificing service. She demonstrates teamwork by the incredible trusting relationship she has established with staff. It is truly a pleasure and an honor to work with Vivienne."

"Verna lives the Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center values," notes Stephanie Eicher about Ms. Gunterman. "She engages with everyone in her interactions. She consistently demonstrates patience and humility. She responds without judgment, listens courteously,

and treats everyone with respect and dignity. Verna is a role model for all. She follows through on her commitments, has a strong work ethic, and never sacrifices her values. She displays exemplary sensitivity to the dignity of our patients, visitors, and her colleagues. She gives more than 100 percent to get the job done. She truly exemplifies 'sacred work' with her positive attitude and peaceful spirit."

In describing how Ronnie Wayne Holk exemplifies integrity and teamwork, Brett McPherson shares that "Ron has exceptional pride and integrity when it comes to his work. He is never boastful, but you can tell when he has tweaked his projects to the point where he is content. He has a gleam in his eye, and you know he has spent the time to get the job done right! Ron's knowledge base in disaster preparedness and communications is beyond most, and his willingness to research what he doesn't know is impeccable. I continually receive e-mails at all hours of the day regarding ways to make our projects better, and he works hard internally to find ways to integrate our projects into everyday operations."

Taking on additional responsibilities is one of the qualities Veronica Tsui appreciates in Lorene James. "Lorene has worked hard in the neonatal intensive care unit since 1982. She is an expert NICU nurse and has taken several advanced roles such as ECMO specialist, ECMO primer, and shift coordinator. Lorene is fair in negotiating solutions, and considers all relevant issues while triaging the unit. She is able to act promptly and decisively to address problems. Her peers are able to comfortably turn to her for advice or assistance with a difficult task or clinical problem. Best of all, Lorene ensures the highest possible safety and satisfaction of her patients, their families, and peers."

Michael Y. Morales apparently doesn't know any limitations, at least not if what James Hoey says about him is true. "Mike consistently displays our core values of integrity, excellence, and teamwork," Mr. Hoey states. "His skilled knowledge and efficiency in accomplishing whatever the task may be make him a tremendous asset to our organization. It is rare that Mike encounters a problem he cannot fix, but on the occasions when he cannot, he is always excellent about researching solutions and knowing who to go to in order to get the matter resolved in a timely manner. His logical and practical approach consistently ensure the highest level of customer satisfaction."

Karen Bradley nominated Jennifer Newcombe for the award

because of Ms. Newcombe's commitment. "Jennifer has been on unit 5800 since 2000," she writes. "Cardiac ICU is her passion and it shows in her daily commitment to excellence whether it be in organizing the patient's care, or creating clinical pathways. She devotes weeks in the summer working at camp for children with cancer. Jennifer has the 'we can do it' approach. She goes to bat for the disadvantaged. Jennifer carries the banner of Christ's compassion to our patients and families. It is our

pleasure to know her, work alongside her, and honor her today."

As Sarah Boody explains, the gift of music figures prominently in the way Juan Tuburan exemplifies the value of compassion. "Juan instinctively knows when one of our rehab patients needs spiritual care," Ms. Boody reflects. "We recently had a young, professional, newly married patient who was struggling spiritually. Juan brought in his guitar, went into this patient's room, sat down and began to play. He and the patient sang, prayed, talked. With his spiri-

tual needs met, the patient began to respond to his physical rehabilitation program. He stated that Juan's visit was the turning point in his recovery. This patient now spends time talking with and encouraging others."

In addition to recognition from their respective department head and vice president, each award recipient also receives a letter from the president of Loma Linda University Medical Center—a copy of the letter is placed in their employee file—a special recognition pin, and a \$100 check.

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Community Christmas Fiesta held at SACHS–Norton

BY JULIE SCHAEPPER

DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY-ACADEMIC PARTNERS IN SERVICE

This holiday season marks the return of CAPS Adopt-a-Kid Christmas Fiesta to the Norton Community of San Bernardino.

More than 200 Loma Linda University student and community church volunteers paired up with 202 youth, ages 1 to 17 years old, to celebrate Christmas and the spirit of giving. These youth participate in student-led programs hosted at SACHS–Norton Clinic: La Escuelita, in programs like Community Kids Connection (CKC) tutoring, CKC Music and Kids Rock. The program included a skit about the meaning of Christmas, as well as the first-time ever performance from the youth strings ensemble of CKC Music.

Together the pairs explored Santa's workshops, sang Christmas carols, played games, and celebrated Santa's arrival via Mercy Air Helicopter. Once Santa arrived, each child received a gift and eagerly ran to show their parents.

This event was unique in its collaborative success combining talents and resources from LLU students and staff, numerous local churches of a variety of faiths, the local families, as well as community partners such as SACHS–Norton Clinic and Mercy Air.

Approximately 500 people came together to create a day these children will never forget, and our gratitude to each and everyone is boundless. Thank you!



The Community Kids Connection music group makes their first public appearance at the Adopt-a-Kid Christmas Fiesta.



Two participants from the Community Kids Connection (CKC) program sponsored by Loma Linda University enjoy the Christmas festivities. CKC is a weekly two-hour program that provides Loma Linda University students with opportunities to develop relationships with children and families from diverse backgrounds in the neighboring communities of the SACHS–Norton clinic in San Bernardino.



Juan Carlos Belliard, PhD (center), assistant vice chancellor for community partnerships and diversity for Loma Linda University, and assistant professor of global health, School of Public Health, visits with the founding community mothers of La Escuelita, a Community-Academic Partners in Service program.

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you come to the end of the trail. Don't retire, because the moment you retire, you start falling apart."

After more accolades from family members—including Dr. Hadley, who noted that Ms. Fisher has been a second mom to him—Dr. Hart stepped forward to present her with a check in the amount of \$1,000 from Loma Linda University as well as a good laugh.

Dr. Hart noted that after listening to everyone tell how indispensable

Ms. Fisher was to the department, and how she did so many things for so many people, he planned to call her next week because, as he put it, "I'm beginning to wonder what anybody else did in that department."

Dr. Sulzle told the audience that "Jan Fisher epitomizes the Loma Linda experience. She sends our students out to the world with that warm feeling knowing that they are loved and that God loves them." After presenting Ms. Fisher with a check for \$1,921 from the depart-

ment's alumni group, he told her, "You gotta know you are loved!"

Apparently she did. When Ms. Fisher finally rose to speak, she thanked everyone for the years of love and support and said she will miss seeing them on a daily basis. Then she sat down.

Ms. Fisher leaves a legacy of sharing her love, her energy, herself with countless thousands of people in the last 50 years. It will take much longer than that for her echo to fade from the precincts of Nichol Hall.



The Waworoendeng Family Ensemble entertains the audience at Jan Fisher's retirement party after 50 years of outstanding service to the department of physical therapy at the Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions.

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enhance Seventh-day Adventist education for Adventist young adults and students in the community.

At the heart of the partnership will be a carefully planned sequence of phased collaboration, consolidation,

and merger strategies. Among the benefits that Loma Linda brings are economies of scale, efficiencies in operation, and non-duplication of program effort.

Initially, Loma Linda University will collaborate with complementary

academic programs at the AUC campus allowing for cross-registration, dual enrollment, and teaching and learning. During the first six months of the partnership, the faculty and staff will identify programs that can be offered jointly to reduce program and course duplication. Further, Loma Linda and AUC will identify back office operations for future consolidation and cost reduction.

"Norman Wendth, PhD, president of the college, and I are encouraged and supportive of this new affiliation between Atlantic Union College and Loma Linda University," says Donald G. King, DrPH, chair of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees and president of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Atlantic Union is headquartered in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, and serves the northeast United States and the island of Bermuda. "We believe this will be most effective and beneficial to both institutions as they work together in a mission-collaborative and community-focused way."

Class projects helps chronically ill kids

BY HEATHER REIFSNYDER

Some students from the School of Public Health recently made it easier for a Los Angeles nonprofit organization to teach kids with chronic illnesses new skills in the arts and athletics. The organization, called CoachArt, offers free personal lessons to underprivileged children and adolescents with life-threatening conditions.

As a class project, students from two courses studying geographic information systems (GIS) developed a GIS planning tool for CoachArt that allows the organization to manage a growing network of children, coaches, and partner organizations.

Previously, CoachArt was using a labor-intensive combination of spreadsheets and a wall map to manually match children with coaches in their area of interest. So the students, under the direction of assistant professor Seth Wiafe, MPH, converted the organization's operation data into a GIS system that allows the CoachArt staff to visualize the proximity of children, coaches, and partner organizations.

The system makes it possible for the organization to match more chil-

dren with coaches, according to CoachArt's executive director, Amanda Carter.

"I knew this GIS program was going to be incredible, but I had no idea how amazing it could be," says Ms. Carter.

It is the goal of the GIS program that each course will result in the development of a GIS product that will be used in the real world, according to Mr. Wiafe.

Students Atif Adam and Susan Tse gave a half-hour presentation on the CoachArt project during the 2008 ESRI Health GIS Conference, which met September 28 to October 1 in Washington, D.C. Their report was well-received, remembers Mr. Adam.



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Jan Fisher retires after half a century of service to physical therapy

BY JAMES PONDER

Jan Fisher didn't say very much at her retirement party the other night, but it really wasn't her fault.

From the moment one entered Redlands' historic Heritage Hall the evening of Saturday, December 13, 2008, it was plain to see that the affable 80-something den mother to the students, faculty, and staff of the department of physical therapy in the LLU School of Allied Health Professions was so overwhelmingly outnumbered that she could scarcely get a word in edgewise.

What is there to say about a charming lady who just retired from half a century of service to others? More than one might possibly imagine!

To start things off, Larry Chinnock, PT, EdD, MBA, director of the doctor of physical therapy program, thanked the Waworoendeng Family Ensemble for setting a musical mood for the festivities, then turned his attention to Jan Fisher. "Jan, this night is for you," Dr. Chinnock said. "We are here to honor and thank you."

After welcoming members of Jan's family, faculty, and friends, Dr. Chinnock acknowledged some of the guests including Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president and CEO of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center; H. Roger Hadley, MD, dean of the LLU School of Medicine; Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean of the LLU School of Allied Health Professions; Edd Ashley, PT, EdD, chair of the department of physical therapy; and Howard Sulzle, EdD, associate chair of the department of physical therapy.

Dr. Chinnock elicited lots of laughs when he told Jan Fisher, "When you started at the department of physical therapy in 1958, I wasn't walking yet." He recalled that when he graduated from the department, the class dedicated the yearbook to Ms. Fisher. He read statements from former students and employees, such as this one from Judy Maddox: "If

Jesus was correct when He said it is more blessed to give than to receive, you are truly blessed."

When it was his turn to speak, Dr. Jackson reminded the audience that Loma Linda University is in its 102nd year. "In its 52nd year, Jan came to work here. Jan has been here half its life!" he said. "She is the epitome and example of compassion, humility, and excellence."

Following Dr. Jackson's comments, excerpts of e-mails, cards and letters sent by students and well-wishers from all points of the globe were read to Ms. Fisher by a steady stream of colleagues and friends. Here's a sampling of what former students, faculty members, and staff sent in honor of Ms. Fisher:

- You were the heart, soul and backbone of our department.
- You helped me arrange loans and government grants to cover the cost of tuition.
- Your ethic, positive attitude, and loving spirit will surely be missed.
- You never got ruffled or upset. You never put us off. You're one great gal and we love you.
- Thank you for being such a sweetheart.
- Everyone felt like they were the only one you were interested in at the time.
- At all the other physical therapy programs I applied to, the people were rude and unhelpful. I called LLU and got you. You were friendly, helpful and actually nice to me.
- Your job meant so much more to you than just a paycheck.
- You were the professional young secretary who looked me right in the eyes, and welcomed me back like an old friend.
- I imagine your retiring is somewhat bittersweet . . . You were one of my role models.
- You were just the right fit for a challenging job.
- You were always there for me with my hundred questions.
- You always looked so classy.
- It's nice to be important, but



Jan Fisher enjoys a moment of affirmation from friends and colleagues at her retirement party held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at the historic Heritage Hall in Redlands. Ms. Fisher worked half a century, from 1958 to 2008, at the department of physical therapy in the LLU School of Allied Health Professions.

you always showed us that it's more important to be nice.

- You were always running around in your high heels as fast as you can go.
- You were a bright spot. I had no idea you had already been there 40 years when I was there.
- I hope to display the Christ-like attitude that you do.

There were many moments of levity as guest after guest took the microphone to share personal recollections. One guest read a letter from a former student who commended Ms. Fisher for loving the struggling students and believing in them despite their academic difficulties: "I commend you for the personal interest you took in each of us," the former student wrote. "You knew our scores and you didn't seem to care."

When it was his turn to speak, Dr. Ashley commended Ms. Fisher

for her years of devotion, then noted that, "There's a great patriarch and a great matriarch in every great organization. Jan, thank you for being our great matriarch!" Then he turned to Ronald Hershey, PT, PhD, associate and emeritus professor of physical therapy, and said, "Ron, congratulations to you on being our patriarch."

For his part, Dr. Hershey reminded Ms. Fisher of all the good

times they have shared over the years. He spoke of trips the department sponsored to places like Pine Springs Ranch and Camp Cedar Falls, then recalled Saturday night movies and the smaller classes of days gone by. "All that stuff is water under the bridge," he opined. "But the memories are all that matters. Hang onto them, Jan. They're most important when

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Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president and chief executive officer of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, presents an oversize check for \$1,000 to Ms. Fisher at the party honoring her retirement from 50 years of active service.

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