

## Look at Us Shine!

Like many other hospitals across the country, South Nassau observed National Hospital Week, May 12 through May 16. The week-long celebration kicked off with the Employee Awards Dinner on Friday, May 9, at the Long Island Marriott Hotel in Uniondale.

On Monday, the hospital distributed to each employee a plush beach towel bearing South Nassau's name. At the close of business that day, employees gathered at Oceanside School No. 5 to play a rousing game of volleyball. On Tuesday, organizers distributed free ice cream and on Thursday, members of administration donned aprons to serve staff free breakfast, lunch and dinner. From Monday through Friday,

employees competed in a slate of contests, from the toilet paper pull and basketball toss to musical chairs and the wacky relay race.

Hospital Week was first observed in 1921, three years following the deadly flu epidemic of 1918, which killed more than 600,000 Americans. In the wake of the outbreak, hospitals were viewed as frightening and unfamiliar places. At the urging of a Chicago magazine editor, hospitals began opening their doors to the public to help alleviate their fears. Ninety years later, Hospital Week is still bringing hospitals and health care workers together with the communities they serve.

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