

AROUND South Nassau

Home Care

Congratulations to **Michelle Rubin** who previously worked as a part-time physical therapist and is now a full-time member of the department.

Performance Improvement

Best wishes to **Jennifer Mandel**, performance improvement coordinator, on the birth of her son, Ryan Jacob, on November 26. He tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

External Affairs

Best wishes to **Stephanie Cackett**, executive secretary, on her engagement to Matthew Pepe on May 10. A spring 2010 wedding is planned.

Saluting Nurses

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Several elected officials, including Valley Stream Mayor Edward Cahill and East Rockaway Mayor Edward Sieban were on hand to help South Nassau observe the event. Thomas Locascio, who represented Sen. Dean Skelos of Rockville Centre, and Barbara DeGrace, who represented Assem. Robert D. Barra of Lynbrook, presented South Nassau officials with citations praising the health care contributions nurses make to the community.

Home Care's Employee of the Quarter



Elaine Engros, R.N., is the recipient of Home Care's Employee of the Quarter Award. She was recognized for her exceptional service and compassion to patients and outstanding ability to work well with others. Ms. Engros poses with Nancy Helenek, R.N., administrative director, care continuum, home care.

Welcome New Staff



South Nassau names Michael Rubertone director of the medical staff.

He is responsible for overseeing the appointment and re-appointment of the hospital's physicians and allied health personnel and ensuring compliance with the guidelines of such regulatory agencies as the Joint Commission and the Department of Health. In addition, he oversees the medical staff bylaws and rules and regulations.

Previously, he served as the director of safety and environment of care at New York Downtown Hospital. Mr. Rubertone has a decade of hospital management experience in performance improvement, regulatory compliance, credentialing and quality management.

He earned a bachelor's degree in health care administration from St. John's University and a master's degree in public administration, specializing in health care administration, from Long Island University.

Movin' On Up



South Nassau has promoted Manuela Ignacio from nurse manager of F-4 to assistant director of nursing on the evening shift.

Manuela Ignacio, R.N.

Her responsibilities include supervising, coordinating and directing patient care services throughout the hospital during the evening shift.

In 2001 she joined the staff at South Nassau as nurse manager of the 40-bed medical-surgical unit. From 2005 to 2007, she managed D-1, a surgical step-down unit, in addition to her responsibilities on F-4.

Prior to 2001, she served in various management roles in patient care services for 14 years at New York Hospital Queens, including assistant nurse manager and nurse manager.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in the Philippines and a master's degree in nursing from Adelphi University.



Sodexo Corp. has promoted Colin Perra from dietary retail manager to dietary retail operations manager at South Nassau.

Colin Perra

In his role he oversees dietary retail services, which includes the coffee shop, gift shop, cafeteria and vending services.

From 2004 - 2005 he served as a dietary patient services manager at South Nassau.

In 2003 he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from SUNY at Brockport and in 2001 an associate's degree in restaurant management from SUNY Cobleskill.

Sodexo Health Care Services Division, an international corporation specializing in food and facilities management services, is the food service provider for South Nassau Hospital.