

## Compliance Corner

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health information (PHI) to unauthorized individuals (e.g., family members accompanying patients in the emergency room).

*Does HIPAA allow the use of patient sign-in sheets or calling out the names of patients in waiting rooms?*

Yes, the use of patient sign-in sheets or calling out patient names in waiting rooms is allowed so long as the information disclosed is appropriately limited. For example, the sign-in sheet may not display medical information that is not necessary for the purpose of signing in (i.e., the medical problem for which the patient is being seen).

### No Retaliation Policy

We would also like to remind you of the hospital's "No Retaliation Policy." If you report an issue in good faith:

You will not lose your job

You will not lose your promotion

You will not be treated differently in any way

Retaliation in any form against an individual who reports an issue in good faith is strictly prohibited and is a serious violation of the Code of Conduct. If you believe you are being retaliated against, please report it to the Compliance Department. If you report an issue and believe it was not followed up correctly, please contact Compliance or Administration.

**Mark Your Calendar!** Compliance and Ethics Week will be held May 4 - 8. During this time you will also be able to complete a 2009 compliance questionnaire. Further details regarding this year's Compliance and Ethics Week will follow in the upcoming month.

Thank you,  
Ann Amato

## Give the Gift of Life

At the January 15 blood drive South Nassau collected 234 pints of blood. South Nassau thanks you for giving the gift of life. If you were unable to donate in January or would like to donate again, please plan on giving blood at the April drive.

Blood drives will be held in the Albert Conference Room from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Department of Human Resources at (516) 632-4080.

**April 9      July 9      October 22**

### New Blood Donor Site Opens

Long Island Blood Services and South Nassau recently teamed up to open its new donor center at 290 Sunrise Highway in Rockville Centre. If you give blood at the new donor site, South Nassau can receive credit for the donation. Just indicate South Nassau's group number, 6295, on your paperwork. To donate, call 1-800-933-2566.

## In Memoriam

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Baldwin. "When we were growing up, though, I was never the boss."

There was not a department or service in the hospital that the retired homemaker didn't volunteer for. If she wasn't in the hospital's Thrift Shop manning the cashier, she was in the Lab helping to label specimens; in Development wrapping favors for the annual Carnation Ball; in the Medical Staff Office helping the department with their mailings; in the Mailroom sorting physicians' reports; or in Admitting performing clerical duties.

Phyllis Citera, director of volunteer services, often referred to the pair of sister volunteers as the "Sister Act" because they worked in tandem and were so dedicated they would report for duty in almost any kind of weather, she said, adding "they would come in sleet, snow, rain and even hurricanes."

During her 13 years of service, she amassed nearly 3,900 hours. In 2003 hospital leaders honored the pair for their dedicated service and devotion to South Nassau. That same year, the sisters were featured in *Intercom*. In the article Ms. Novembre is quoted as saying she planned to volunteer at South Nassau for "as long as my body will let me."

In addition to her sister, she is survived by a daughter, Patricia Alper of East Northport, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## SAVE THE DATE

### ANNUAL GOODS, SERVICES AND VACATIONS AUCTION

**Saturday, May 2**

**Seawane Country Club, Hewlett Harbor**

*(Proceeds benefit South Nassau's SIBSPlace)*

**For more information, call (516) 377-5360.**

### LI2DAY 6th ANNUAL LONG ISLAND TWO-DAY Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

**Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7**

*(A portion of proceeds will benefit South Nassau Hospital.)*

**For more information, call (516) 377-5360**

**or go to [www.southnassau.org](http://www.southnassau.org)**

### 25TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Monday, June 8**

**Seawane Country Club, Hewlett Harbor**

**The Rockaway Hunting Club, Lawrence**

**For more information or to register, call (516) 377-5360.**