

VIM VOICE



January / February 2020

JANUARY PATIENT VISITS:

Bluffton: 226

Ridgeland: 55



NOTES FROM PAM

We welcome Dr. Casey as our new Medical Director

As many of you know, Dr. Casey moved to Bluffton from New Jersey in April and quickly became part of our clinic in May replacing Dr. Stokoe at the Ridgeland Clinic. In the early fall she began having clinic hours at the Bluffton clinic and on January 1st was named Medical Director to replace Dr. Smith who retired at the end of 2019.



Dr. Casey recently completed a 32-year career at the Jersey Shore University Medical Center in central New Jersey. She has spent most of her career as Chief of Infectious Diseases and had the distinction of originally starting and subsequently

managing a primary care HIV clinic for all of those 30-some years. Dr. Casey has also been the Director of a Tuberculosis clinic for the past 15 years in addition to running an STD clinic for most of her career. Her expertise is in general Infectious Disease with a particular interest in Hepatitis C & HIV. She has participated in Internal Medicine inpatient care, rotating as the hospitalist for indigent care in the Jersey Shore Medical Center.

During her career she has trained medical students in Physical Diagnosis and Internal Medicine and has worked with Internal Medicine residents and Infectious Disease Fellows.

We are pleased to have Dr. Casey with us and look forward to her guidance in years to come!



Seems like a long time ago,

but over the holidays Carrie and her husband did some updating. Carrie helped Ruth to reorganize the closet in the nurses' station and her husband built additional shelves

in the pharmacy. They also replaced ceiling lights and fixed some door locks!! A special thank you to both Carrie and her husband.



Many of you will remember Suzanne Taylor

who at one time was our office manager. Suzanne has been hired to help us with some administrative duties including scheduling, implementing a patient texting program and reviewing

some procedures for the clinic. In addition to her administrative work, she will be working with the Resource Development Department under a Community Foundation Grant. We are excited to have Suzanne back with us.

Dental Triage

For many years we have been referring patients to various agencies; Dr. Bosick, The Smile Van, Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health and Dr. Finger for dental care. Thanks to a very generous donation from Sheryl & William Magro in December, we are looking to design a dental triage exam room. With a volunteer staff of dentists and dental hygienists we would be able to educate patients on dental care and ultimately clean teeth! As you all are aware, poor dental health leads to extreme medical problems. This donation will begin to allow BJVIM to provide yet another service for our patients. More information to come!!

Announcing the 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair: Tom Upshaw; Vice Chair, Barbara Elberston; Treasurer, Zina Harter and Secretary, Joe Pantano, Danny Henderson, Dot Jeger, Renty Kitty, Rich Reed, Martin Saul and Pam Toney. New to the Board for 2020: Tom Wood of the Bluffton Town Council, Christina Brzezinski, Chief Nursing Director at Coastal Community Hospital and Dr. Kathleen Casey, BJVIM Medical Director.



Special Thanks

... to the Lions Clubs of Beaufort, Hilton Head and Sun City who donated \$10,000 to our Diabetic Retinopathy Program. This was a matching grant thanks once again to a \$10,000 donation from Sheryl & William Magro. Funding is now available for those patients diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy to get the treatment they need.

Welcome to Kelsey Kenesy

Kelsey is an intern student from USC-Beaufort who is working with Lynn to improve the Wel Vista Program. Kelsey will be with us until the end of April.



Examining the Social Determinants effecting the uninsured

population of clinics nationwide has been the topic of programs presented by Access Health Low Country, the South Carolina Free Clinics Association and the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. On January 15th, Dr. Casey and Pam attended a presentation by the Department of Health on the social disparities in our area. Education, income, childhood trauma, lack of nutritious food and even where one lives are all issues that affect the health of our patients. We will be taking a look at these issues in 2020.



Special Thanks

...to the Hilton Head Volunteers in Medicine for inviting Pam to attend the Hilton Head Speakers Series on February 11. Pam had the opportunity to not only hear Dr. Sanjay Gupta but also to meet Dr. Gupta and tell him about BJVM before his presentation.

Left: Mark Cruise, CEO-Volunteers In Medicine America; Nancy Sulek, Development Officer-Volunteers In Medicine Hilton Head; Dr. Sanjay Gupta; Pam Toney, Executive Director-Bluffton Jasper Volunteers In Medicine; Dr. Raymond Cox, Executive Director-Hilton Head Volunteers in America

SPECIAL REQUEST

On March 26th we will once again have our Spring Fling Fashion show. This year the fashion show will be held at Hampton Hall. Proceeds from the event will be used to enhance our Women's Health Program. New this year is the silent auction of designer handbags. Individuals, businesses and groups are donating beautiful handbags to raise money to pay for our patients' needs. We are hoping our volunteers will help us to purchase a handbag for the auction. Please place your donations in the box marked "handbag fund." Any donation will be wonderful!



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