Kaweah Delta’s Asian-Inspired 6th Annual Pink Tea Party

Kaweah Delta Health Care District, in collaboration with Sequoia Regional Cancer Center, is hosting its 6th annual Pink Tea Party, which will transform the Visalia Convention Center with its Asian-themed tea party featuring dragon dancers, fan dancers, and more. On Sunday, Oct. 22, guests will be wowed with extraordinary pink Asian-inspired decorations and entertainment. Tickets and tables of 8 are on sale now for the festivities along with a message from keynote speaker, author and breast cancer survivor Kim Becking.

Kim Becking is a nationally sought after motivational speaker, author and life coach. More importantly, Kim is a cancer survivor and life thriver who truly believes that life’s inevitable challenges are an opportunity to pause and reinvent ourselves – not only surviving but thriving, even in the midst of unexpected change, challenges and adversity. Attendees will learn about her personal experience in 2002, at the age of 30, while planning her son’s second birthday, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought it and with her friends and co-authors, wrote a book – Nordie’s at Noon – the Personal Stories of Four Women “Too Young” for Breast Cancer. Kim’s passion to tell her story and share the tools she used to not only survive, but thrive, through cancer and life, will put the Pink Tea attendees at ease while inspiring them through her stories of survival and reinvention. For the past 13 years, Kim continues to inspire her audiences with her gifts of honesty, courage, hope and laughter.

Kaweah Delta’s Pink Tea Party will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave. Individual tickets are $25, while tables are $200 and can be purchased by calling 624-2242. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event. The event will also include music, opportunity drawings, a photo booth, a fan parade and walk of hope rose ceremony honoring those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. Roses will be sold for $5 and proceeds from the sale will go to the Lost Girls Fund created by the Lost Girls Motorcycle Club. If a low-income woman is in need of a mammogram and cannot pay for it, the fund pays for the mammogram at the Kaweah Delta Breast Center.
I want to recognize 3 South for going above and beyond to make a patient’s wish come true. They exemplified Kaweah Care by demonstrating caring and compassionate service. Recently, the 3 South staff team assisted and helped accommodate a patient to be able to witness her son and daughter-in-law-to-be exchange their vows. The patient wanted to attend her son’s wedding that same day, but due to her illness, had to be admitted a couple of days prior, so she was not able to attend, so they had a separate ceremony in our chapel.

Interviewing this patient and her spouse, when asked about a few words that would describe the 3 South staff, they said "Very loving, caring, fantastic, accommodating, professional and giving of that personal care." They even commented, "We have a NP in the family at UCSF and her comment was how she was so amazed at the caring attitude portrayed at Kaweah Delta.

3 South is committed to providing the best patient care possible to our patients. Their positive attitude and commitment to our patients shows in the great care we are providing. I am very proud of our team for coming together and proving how strong we can be.

Kaweah Delta Security Officers
Nominated By: Michael Acevedo

In almost every action movie, the protagonist faces a powerful foe and sometimes ends up in the hospital. When he wakes up, the first thing he says is.... “I gotta get out of here,” removes all the wires and gadgets and makes a run for the door. Who is required to stop these heroes? Our dedicated and hardworking security team responds without hesitation. They respond to violent and uncooperative patients and visitors, patient elopement attempts and many other violent situations, knowing they might be injured.

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The Kaweah Delta Security Officers are usually the first face a patient or visitor sees when arriving at our hospital. That first interaction with a staff member at Kaweah Delta can be the difference between a visitor’s satisfaction during their stay. Security provides coloring books and junior security badge stickers to comfort small children who may be going through a very difficult and scary time. This is just one example of the many hats a security officer is required to wear. A security officer can first deal kindly with a confused elderly patient by gently assisting them back to their room, then move on to a violent screaming mental health patient, then finally happily giving a child a coloring book and crayons. Our officers are professional in every encounter, no matter the circumstances of the last one.

The security team responds to dangerous situations, where other staff members are instructed to stay away or leave the area. The efforts made by the Security Department to keep this hospital and its employees safe, goes above and beyond.

Aside from the violent situations the Security Department responds to, they are also responsible for the safe keeping of Kaweah Delta hospital and employee property, after hour visitation authorization, valet after hours services, emergency room code secures, door assists, employee and visitor escorts and the list goes on.

Most hospitals are not lucky enough to have an in-house security department and have to deal with a contracted group of minimum wage workers. Let’s acknowledge the hard and dangerous work our security officers do by presenting them with the Team Pyramid Award.

Acute Inpatient Rehab
Nominated By: Geraldine White

The rehab team shows a constant and committed dedication to the unit and their outcome performance, but most importantly to their patients and fellow team members. These past few months have shown challenges with adjusting not only to the rehab overflow unit, but closing our short stay unit for construction needs. The team has shown support to the float pool team for overflow and re-adjusting schedules secondary to the closure. With all the environmental barriers going on they continue to focus on outcomes and giving beyond. A great example of this commitment to patients is our preparation to hold a graduation ceremony this week for one of our current patients who missed his opportunity since he was hospitalized. Also, our patients are returning, not only to show their progress post discharge, but to help with our peer empowerment program. Rehab has the dedication of a team who constantly strives for more and continues to set the bar higher.
Nominated by Mona Chavez

Myrna Watson is an outstanding certified nursing assistant. She is always ready to work and ready to help her co-workers at a moment’s notice. Myrna never complains how tired she is or if she is frustrated. She always has a smile and kind words to say to anyone she sees. Myrna makes sure her patients always have a clean bed once they are up. She goes above and beyond making sure her patients are comfortable and taken care of.

Furthermore, Myrna is an excellent team member. She is very quiet, but goes about her day always busy helping patients. When she is not doing tasks, she is talking to the patient or their family. Myrna is a great person to work with, I am thankful for her. She is truly a compassionate and caring CNA.
MEET New LEADERS

Luke Schneider
Director of ISS Application Services
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Shirley Baymiller
Director of Cardiac Critical Care Services
Critical Care Services Admin.

Johnny Mata Jr.
Assistant RT Manager of Peds/NICU
Respiratory Therapy

Eileen Paul
Nurse Manager
Intensive Care Unit

Rebecca Lynch
Patient Accounting Supervisor
Patient Financial Services

Johnny Garcia
Laundry Supervisor
Laundry & Linen

Events

October 7
SATURDAY | 8 AM
**Harvest Run**
The Lifestyle Center
5105 W. Cypress Ave.
Visalia

October 11
WEDNESDAY | 6:30 PM
**Prevent Holiday Weight Gain Seminar**
Therapy Specialists
820 S. Akers St. Visalia

October 13
Pink Friday
All Day

October 17
TUESDAY | 2:30 PM
**Wellness & You:** Signals and symptoms of breast cancer
Quail Park on Cypress

October 21
SATURDAY | 11 AM - SOCIAL
12 PM - LUNCHEON
KD Hospital Guild:
**Bunko Party**
Kaweah Delta Medical Center
Blue Room

October 22
SUNDAY | 1 PM
6th Annual
**Pink Tea Party**
Visalia Convention Center

October 23-24
MONDAY | 7 AM - 5 PM
TUESDAY | 6:30 AM - 4:30 PM
KD Hospital Guild
**$5 Jewelry Sale** by Masquerade
Acequia Wing

October 25
WEDNESDAY | 7 AM - 5 PM
**Books are Fun Book Sale**
Blue Room

October 26
THURSDAY | 6 PM
**Wellness & You:**
Concussion Lecture
The Lifestyle Center

A Newsletter For Kaweah Delta Employees
KAWEAH DELTA STARRS PRESENTS:
PUMPKIN CARVING AND DECORATING CONTEST

EMPLOYEES WILL VOTE AND SELECT 2 WINNERS:
- Best Decorated Pumpkin
- Best Carved Pumpkin

GRAND PRIZE FOR EACH CATEGORY!
Department pizza party

DETAILS:
Pumpkins will be on display in the Acequia Wing Lobby
Tuesday, October 31
11 am - 1 pm

Email Blanca for registration info:
bbedolla@kdhcd.org

Pumpkin will be provided.
Act fast as limited quantities are available.
8TH ANNUAL
Healthy Visalia Festival

BRING THE FAMILY FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF:
- Entertainment
- Music
- Prizes
- Family Activities
- Informational Booths
- Health Screenings
- Flu Shots
- Balance Screenings and much more!

Saturday, October 14
10AM – 1PM
Riverway Sport’s Park
3611 N Dinuba Blvd,
Visalia, CA 93291

This event is brought to you by the Healthy Visalia Committee:

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