

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Stroke and Osteoporosis screening coming to Fort Myers

Residents can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. The complete screening package now includes a new Heart Rhythm screening which checks for irregular heartbeat, a major risk factor for stroke.

Life Line Screening will be at the Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, 8260 Cypress Lake Drive in Fort Myers, on Monday, June 16. Appointments begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. They help identify potential health problems such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and



is appropriate for both men and women. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required. ■

### New physicians join Lee Memorial staff

Lee Memorial Health System announced the following physicians joined the medical staff in May:

**Rashida G. Loya, M.D.**, Anesthesiology, obtained her medical degree at Dow Medical College in Pakistan. She began her Anesthesiology Residency at the University of Alabama and completed the program at Loyola University Medical Center. Dr. Loya is certified by the American Board of Anes-

esthesiology. Dr. Loya has joined Anesthesia and Pain Consultants.

**Denise Thurling, M.D.**, Emergency, obtained her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. She completed an Emergency Medicine Residency at Maricopa Medical Center. Dr. Thurling is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and has joined LMH Emergency Physicians. ■

### Family support group meeting set

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on June 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Blvd. Ste. 101, Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or

assisted living residents at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers in Lee County. For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center can be contacted at (239) 437-3007. ■

### Cancer Society needs volunteers

The American Cancer Society's Transportation Program: Road to Recovery is a vital patient service program in need of volunteers who are willing to drive cancer patients to and from their cancer treatments. Volunteer drivers are needed to ensure that all patients are getting the care that they desperately need to get back on the "Road To Recovery."

A successful Road To Recovery Program can be a tremendous asset to the community. Volunteers provide an essential and necessary service. Even the greatest medi-

cal advance is useless if the patient cannot get to treatment

The next training session for volunteers will be June 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., at the American Cancer Society office located at 4575 Via Royale Ste 110, Fort Myers. Please RSVP by June 19.

Requirements for volunteering include having a good driving record, a valid driving license, and a vehicle that is in good working condition. For more information, call Maureen Godin at 936-113 ext.115. ■

### World Blood Donor Day this Saturday

Millions of people owe their lives to people they will never meet - people who donate their blood freely and without any reward. It is to these unsung heroes that World Blood Donor Day is dedicated.

June 14 has been selected as World Blood Donor Day by three major organizations: the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Federation of Blood Donor Organizations and the International Society of Blood Transfusion. These organizations have been

joined by the World Health Organization, which is co-sponsoring the event.

Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Blvd, will be hosting a Blood Drive that will benefit Lee Memorial Health System's five hospitals on Saturday, June 14, from 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

In addition to a LMHS Blood Center gift, every donor will receive a "buy one, get one free, buffet meal" coupon from Golden Corral.

For further information about donating blood call the Lee Memorial Blood Center at 334-5333. ■

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