

## Employee of the Month: Karen Saussy

July 2018



Karen Saussy, Respiratory Therapist, Assistant Director of the Cardiopulmonary Department, was chosen as the Employee of the Month. Karen has been part of the GRHS family for 2 years. *“Karen is a great person to work with. She is very knowledgeable about her job and is dedicated and compassionate about what she does. She takes excellent care of her patients and is always going above and beyond to make our department better. She has a very positive attitude and everything she does is with a smile on her face!”*

## Alisha Slay Named Risk Manager/Performance Improvement Coordinator

Alisha Slay, R.N., has been named Risk Manager/Performance Improvement Coordinator for George Regional Hospital. Alisha has worked in various roles within our hospital for more than 20 years. She has a love for our community, this hospital, and our employees that make her an excellent choice for this role. Alisha will be working to develop a robust safety program to enhance quality and safety for our patients and employees.

## Great Facebook Reviews!

Greene County Hospital



*“I would like to thank everyone who cared for My Mother during her recent visit to the ER; morning and night shifts you guys did an awesome job in caring for Ms. Roslyn. A special thanks to Dr. Ward as well! Love You Guys!”*

Community Medical Center

*“Good evening, I just wanted to take a minute and tell you I don’t know who I would need to tell this to but I would like you to know that Charleigh Howell at the registration desk went above and beyond today to make sure that my daughter got to see the pediatrician. She is so kind and courteous and always willing to help. She is an asset and I’m so thankful that she’s a part of your team!”*

## New Emergency Room Ribbon Cutting & Open House



With much anticipation, George Regional Hospital’s New Emergency Room is set to open in August!

We will have a **Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Thursday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m.** There will also be tours of the new facility and refreshments. The expanded ER includes a large patient waiting area, triage room, trauma room, decontamination room, nine exam rooms and a staff break room. There will be a Facebook Event set up, so please share and invite your friends and family.

## Rocky Creek Baptist Church VBS Visits GRH

Children from Rocky Creek Baptist Church Vacation Bible School came by to deliver goody bags to our doctors, CNAs, and nurses as part of their mission project to show appreciation for their work.



## GRHS Featured in Mississippi Hospital Magazine

**State's Youngest Heart Recipient 'Looking Better and Better' One Year Later**

**George Regional Health System Physician Provides 'Spark of Hope' for Couple**

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When Menome and Braden Barrow married 17 years ago, they never thought they would have trouble beginning a family. But after eight long years of test after test and numerous medications... they were still a family of two. In 2015 a friend of mine recommended Dr. Pinkerton to us. We were both skeptical, what could a doctor in Lumbard do that all of the doctors we had seen in Hattiesburg couldn't do? Menome admitted. After talking it over, Menome and Braden made the trip to I-10 and with eight years of medical records and a spark of hope.

"Infertility is part science and part art," says Dr. Pinkerton. "There are limited studies and multiple causes of infertility. The process can be slow and emotionally trying but a methodical and patient approach usually pays off. We tested hormone levels and began working through the process of optimizing their reproductive chances."

Dr. Pinkerton, M.D., of Obstetrics & Gynecology Associates, has extensive experience in high-risk pregnancies, infertility, and complicated surgeries. Prior to joining the George Regional family in 2011, he was Chief of General Obstetrics and Gynecology at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Medical Center, and MacDonald Women's Hospital, where more than 5,000 babies were delivered each year.

One year—to the day—after starting infertility treatments with Dr. Pinkerton, the Barrows were finally pregnant. "There were times during the year that I wanted to give up, it had been over eight years at this point and Braden and I were frustrated and exhausted.

But Dr. Pinkerton would always say, 'Don't give up Menome. We're not done.' He was always so reassuring and confident. I owe him the world."

A recruiter for Jones County Junior College, Menome recalls, "I'll never forget when I found out. It was Thanksgiving week so school was out. Braden had gone on a hunting trip so I was busy on the farm and doing things around the house. My best friend called and asked if I had checked (to see if I was pregnant), which I was so busy to do. But I was four days over. It was her birthday so we joked that it was her birthday present!"

On July 23, 2017, Mary-Kathryn Lee Barrow made her entrance into the world weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces. "We've spent a lot of money and time in Hattiesburg and it only took Dr. Pinkerton one year and we have our precious baby girl. I thank the good Lord and Dr. Pinkerton every day." Menome praised.

"After seeing so many doctors over an eight year period, it was so refreshing to just walk in and actually have a conversation with the nurses and with Dr. Pinkerton too—the whole atmosphere is just very comfortable."

"We can't thank Dr. Pinkerton and the great staff at George Regional Hospital. We could not have asked for better, more personalized care. It was the best taken care of by your own family. We are forever grateful."

Almost 80% of couples are able to get pregnant after a year of trying. When you get past that mark, however, it's time to seek help. If you're over 35, it's best not to wait longer than six months.

## Pharmacy Drive Thru Coming Soon!



Plans are underway to add a drive thru for people to access George County Pharmacy at Community Medical Center. Construction is set to begin in July.

## Thanks Shady Grove Baptist Church VBS!

They collected stuffed animals as their Mission Project and donated them to the Emergency Room. Pictured is the 4th grade VBS class.



# Vacation Bible School