



The Pulse

Olde Towne
MEDICAL & DENTAL CENTER

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April Highlights

National Alcohol Awareness
National Autism Awareness
National Child Abuse Prevention
Nat'l Public Health Week Apr 5-11
World Health Day April 7



OTMDC Challenge
Hosted by the Ford's
Colony Men's Golf
Association
May 5

**Rising To The Pandemic
Challenge...
Can't Stop Now!**

The Golf tournament is scheduled for May 5. This will be a tee time event to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or player, please visit our website for information on registration. If you are interested in giving as part of the Ford's Colony Resident's Campaign, please note the campaign on your donation and accept our appreciation for your continued support.

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...from the desk of the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues, Community Partners, & Donors:

Happy Spring! I feel confident in saying that we are turning the corner with the Pandemic. Olde Towne has vaccinated over 100 patients, thanks to the generosity of Riverside Health System. I am happy to report that Kendra Robinson, NP (Clinic Director), received news on April 12 that the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) had shipped another 200 doses of the Moderna Vaccine for Olde Towne to provide care for our patients. We are grateful. I want to thank Kendra and her clinical team for facilitating our vaccine clinics. They have been outstanding!

On a sadder note, I do want to acknowledge the passing of Mrs. Denise Bowles, our long-time colleague and friend, who passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. She was a dedicated, valuable member of Olde Towne for the better part of 25 years. Our thoughts are with Randy (spouse), Stewart (son), Lindsay and Emma during this difficult time. Our staff and Board were well represented in attendance at the "Celebration of Life" tribute in Denise's honor.

As we look to the future, I am encouraged about the progress we made in the third quarter based on patient visits. Between now and the end of the year, I am optimistic that we will continue our momentum.

Lastly, I am elated to report that I have selected a Medical Director after a thorough and deliberative search. Further, our new Dental Director is excited to begin on July 1, 2021. There are many positive, exciting initiatives on the horizon for Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center.

I look forward to continuing to share as we move



Spotlight On...



Meiber Gonzalez Avila Certified Clinical Medical Assistant

Meet Meiber, one of our certified clinical medical assistants on staff here at Olde Towne. She has been working here at the center for just under 4 years. Some of the ways Meiber works with our patients is to be their first point of contact prior to seeing their provider. She interviews them for details on the reason for their visit, checks vitals and draws blood as needed. Meiber says "my mission is to give my best and to provide a high quality of attention to all the patients that are in contact with me, regardless of their ethnicity or orientation; to me everyone deserves respect." Because Meiber is originally from Venezuela, she works a lot with our Spanish-speaking patients to make sure their concerns are communicated well to the providers and that the information for their care is correctly provided and understood.

Meiber moved to the U.S. 7 years ago after being an ICU nurse in Venezuela. She started as a volunteer at Olde Towne but then was able to become a fulltime

forward.

With High Regard,

Aaron L. Thompson
Executive Director
Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center

OTMDC Receives Grant From Williamsburg Community Foundation



Olde Towne was the recent recipient of a grant from our friends at the Williamsburg Community Foundation. The funds were used to purchase a wall mount vitals machine as well as new IUD scissors for the center. Through these purchases we can provide improved care to our patients. Olde Towne is very appreciative of the generosity of the foundation and the partnership it has with the center.



Welcome Meghan!

Our staff has had the pleasure of adding Meghan Johnson to our front office as a Clinical Assistant. Meghan will be handling patients checking out, phones and other office duties. She has experience in emergency communications with the New Kent County Sheriff's office as well as having worked in a medical family practice. Meghan is a welcome addition to our team!



**We're so excited to be a part of
Give Local 757!**

You can support our campaign by visiting

staff member.

Some fun facts about Meiber: She is married but doesn't wear a ring, likes Mediterranean food but not olives. She enjoys crafting, cooking and baking and the staff is often fortunate to taste her creations. She says she loves to learn new things. We are happy to have her on our staff.



IN MEMORIAM **Denise Bowles**

It is with great sadness, love and gratitude that we grieve the loss of our dear colleague Denise Bowles who lost her courageous battle with cancer earlier this month. We cannot show our appreciation enough for the many years of service Denise had given to Olde Towne.

She had been at Olde Towne for just over 25 years managing the business office. Her huge smile and positive energy made all she connected with feel instantly welcome. Denise was the one who knew everything about OTMDC; the details of its operation, how it had become so important to the community, all of its growth and changes over the years. Her knowledge about all of the facets of Olde Towne is unmatched. She knew each member of its staff, each provider, every patient and volunteer that came through its doors.

In addition to being a friend to everyone on the staff, she would personally help each of our patients in any way that she could. She made it her mission to

GiveLocal757.org and donating on **May 11th**.
Look for Olde Towne Medical & Dental on the page or
click this link to our page on the giving platform:
www.givelocal757.org/organizations/olde-towne-medical-dental-center
#GiveLocal757

SAVE THESE DATES!!!!

COMING SOON...
SPRING MEANS MORE TIME FOR ACTIVITIES AND LESS TIME FOR COOKING

We have the answer!
Choose a different restaurant for dine-in
or take out each Wednesday in MAY
and some of the proceeds of your meal
will come back to Olde Towne.

May 5 - Blaze Pizza
May 12 - Longhorn Steakhouse
May 19 - Mellow Mushroom
May 26 - Carrabba's Italian Grill

Check us out on Facebook at
Facebook.com/OTMDC or
link to our website for more info here:

Visit our website

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

If you didn't get a chance to catch our **Meatless Monday** recipes, they are still available on our website at www.oldetownemedicalcenter.org. Look for the **COMMUNITY** tab and pull down to see **What's Happening At Olde Towne**



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see that they were able to get the care they needed regardless of ability to pay and went above and beyond to work with them to do so. Her heart was truly the backbone of Olde Towne. She will be greatly missed more than words can express.

We extend our sympathy, love and prayers to her family at this difficult time on behalf of our staff, patients, board members, donors, volunteers and friends.



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Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center is seeing patients in person on a limited basis to allow for safety protocols and additional cleaning between patient appointments as directed by the CDC Guidelines for treating patients during the pandemic. We also offer telehealth visits. No walk-in appointments available at this time.



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