

Chapter 1776 Members Meeting- 10/26/06 - 2:30-4:30 - Fairbank Senior Center, Sudbury

Speakers: Pat Sousa, Senior Director of Radiology Imaging Services-Emerson Hospital, Concord and Karen Higgins, Technologist (one of 12 in the State for bone density)

At present there are 4 Diagnostic Testing Centers connected to Emerson Hospital:

- o Sudbury - Rte 20
- o Groton - Boston Post Rd
- o Westford - Rte 110
- o Hillside Medical Ctre - Baker Rd,Concord

A doctor's order must be in hand to use these facilities.

Ms. Sousa used slides to inform the group about Emerson Hospital's 177 beds and the fact that their 275 primary care doctors are serving 25 towns. New to Baker Ave is a Bone and Joint Center and a PET/CT. An IMRT has been added to pinpoint cells for radiation. The Hospital is affiliated with MGH, Brigham and Women, and others. They rank in the 91st percentile with over 90 percentile in nursing. They are incorporating the "Legs for Life" screening project.

The Sudbury facility will have two new MDs coming concentrating on Adult Care. Their Project SCORE stands for Surgical Center Obstetrics Radiology Expansion.

Ms Sousa explained in detail the newly incorporated Computer Archiving System used by doctors for inter-communication (only available to Emerson doctors). Along with this, the Computer Aided Detection System was explained where minute cells are read and enhanced for better analysis.

Ms. Higgins explained that bone density is only available in the Sudbury and Concord "annexes" at this time. She also told us that bone density readings depend on age, heredity and ethnicity.

After a short break, Nancy Kilty spoke to the group about taking part in organizing future meetings that would be used to either network or socialize or both. Ideas should be sent to the decedout.org website or given to Marilyn, Bob, or Nancy letting them know what you would like to see happen.

A 7:00 - 9:00 meeting is scheduled for this evening where Brian Bourgeois was going to speak, but will be unable to attend. The above presentation will be given, however, for those members unable to attend the afternoon session.

The next meeting is scheduled for March '07 when Nancy will conduct the meeting for Marilyn who will be in Florida.

Marje presented her letter of resignation with regret to Marilyn after having been secretary since 1992.

Respectfully submitted, M Morrissey - Sec.Chapter 1776