

Alliance Community Hospital audiologist Kimberly Anthony sits at her desk in the office where she now works with ear, nose and throat specialist Dr. David Kanagy.



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ACH adds new audiologist Kimberly Anthony to staff

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Audiologist Kimberly Anthony has joined the staff at Alliance Community Hospital (ACH), where she began work alongside ear, nose and throat specialist Dr. David Kanagy Dec. 2.

"This is a service that a lot of people don't know we offer here at ACH, and we're really excited to have Kim on board," said Susan Lucas, director of PR/Foundation.

Anthony, who moved to Alliance from Canton 11 years ago, has nearly 20 years of experience in audi-

ology. She said she fostered an interest in the field when she went to college — a bit later than most — at age 33.

"I remember I was at Kent Stark and I didn't know what I wanted to do. I was a single mom and I was taking two classes during the summer and working. I took an interest survey, and speech pathology was one of the things I scored high on," she recalled. "So, I looked into it more and did some (undergraduate study) in speech and audiology, and for the master's program I went into audiology because I found it more interesting than speech

Hear, hear!



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Alliance Community Hospital audiologist Kimberly Anthony operates a machine outside a soundproof booth used to test people's hearing.

pathology."

Anthony said she has found the research and central auditory processing testing most interesting, and has spent much of her time working with children.

For more than 16 years, she worked for the Ohio Department of Health, a job that required a lot of travel and took her all around the state doing hearing tests.

Not only is she now closer to home, but she said the new position gives her more of an opportunity to work on the medical aspect of audiology and more continuity with patients. "I never actually saw any follow-up with the kids because it was a traveling clinic," she said. "It's kind of nice to see follow-up on kids."

Anthony joins Kanagy in the office at 270 E. State St., Suite 245, as part of the Alliance Community Medical Foundation.

"The office is nice to work for," she said. "Dr. Kanagy is really nice and so is the staff."

Anthony said her focus coming into the new position after working in a different part of the field for so long is to first get up to date with the latest in hearing aids through further training. In her two decades in the field, she said things have changed a lot, especially when it comes to technology for newborn screenings and hearing aids.

Anthony said she eventually hopes to be able to offer education in the schools with a focus on hearing conservation, which was a big topic at her previous job. She wants to offer guidelines for teachers to implement in the classroom, as well as speak directly to the children about the hearing process, how noise and sound affect it and ways to

protect your hearing.

"You see a lot of noise-induced hearing loss," she said, adding that most people have it to a degree. "It's more of a silent type of thing. You don't really notice your hearing has gone away, whereas vision you notice more."

Anthony plans to do presentations for various age groups beginning with kindergarteners to help spread the word and, hopefully, prevent hearing loss.

"I'm always under the impression that if you start talking to them about protecting their hearing when they're kindergarteners, when they hit high school it might sink into their brains," she said.

Anthony and her husband, John, reside in Washington Township. She has one grown son, John Burkhardt.

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Alliance Community Hospital audiologist Kimberly Anthony holds two hearing aids that are ready for a patient. The new, smaller hearing aids have much improved over the years.

Meetings & Milestones

Quota club gathers

Quota International of Alliance Inc. met Monday evening at the YWCA for the first meeting of 2014. President Linda Kehres welcomed members.

Thank-you notes were read from Jan Ossler, Wanda Chidsey and the YMCA for a donation for Strong Kids.

A thank-you from Dr. Joan Finefrock was read. She thanked the group for the gift she received when she made her governor's visit to the club. She reminded members that the last conference for Sixth District will be held May 2-4.

Barbara Caner, speech and hearing chairman, reported the Redcat equipment had been received at Northside Elementary. The club will also collect used hearing aids, which will be sent to the Starkey Hearing Foundation and refurbished for use on mission trips.

Tonji Thibault, chairman of Disadvantaged Women and Children, read a very moving thank-you from Gloria Magrath for the gifts the club had given for a family through the YWCA Christmas program.

Jan Harry reported on the

candy and nut sales. There are several items still to be sold.

Members were reminded to bring paper products for the community pantry.

Marilyn Bower was hostess for the evening and decorated with items from her Snoopy collection.

The next meeting will be held Monday for the club's 89th birthday party.

Alliance Mfg. Retirees gather

The Alliance Manufacturing Retirees Plus met Jan. 13 at the Blue Fig for breakfast and a meeting. President Pauline Detchon welcomed members and one guest, Betty Brown.

Chaplain Ruth Ramsayer read "Mountain High" and led the group in the Lord's Prayer. Detchon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Beverly Harris read the minutes of the last meeting, and Treasurer Emma Eagan gave her report. Both reports were accepted as presented.

The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Eagan, Detchon and Michy Scott in celebration of their January birthdays. Eagan read thank-you notes for the three donations made last month.

Door awards went to Scott and Detchon. June Bugara won the 50/50 drawing.

Eagan led a brief game of quarter bingo.

The next meeting will be

held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Blue Fig.

R-Weigh groups hold meetings

The R-Weigh weight groups held their first meetings of 2014 at 1 and 5 p.m. Jan. 13 at First Friends Church in Salem.

Gerry Heffinger presided, JoAnne Bogdan was secretary pro tem, Sylvia Eller did the treasury, and Shirley Dias and Ronni Fauver recorded the weights at the afternoon meeting. Losing over the four weeks of no meetings because of the holidays and bad weather were Joyce Sanders, Eller and Francie Tuel, and each received \$2. Staying the same were Annie Katz and Carol Jules, and each received \$1. Heffinger presented a program titled "Questions Have Amazing Answers."

Karen Pauline presided at the evening meeting, Wilma Grams recorded the minutes, Patty Pim collected the dues, and Shirley Dias, Ruth Miller, Diane Hart, Patty Hartman and Janel Anderson recorded weights. Heffinger appointed Pauline as leader and Barb Smith as co-leader of the evening group. Heffinger will be the silent leader.

Peggy Kurtz's inspiration for the week was "You Have The Power To Make This Your Best Year Yet," and Smith did a program on asking a member "How do you know you are losing weight?" Then

that member asked another until all members responded. Receiving \$2 for losing were Beverly Armitage, Nancy Struffler, Colleen Wafler, Linda Lude, Jesse Rea, Grams, Hart, Smith and Kurtz. Jo Carol Gray, Lisa Jones, Angie Reichle and Miller received \$1 for staying the same.

Groups lost 46 pounds for the week.

Gloria Judy and Sandy McGarr were the good losers at the afternoon meeting. JoAnne Bogdan was the goalie for the week. Heffinger did a program on "Read and Compare Food Labels." She said it is best to buy the foods with real ingredients instead of fake ingredients.

Deepest sympathy was extended to Kurtz and her family on the sudden loss of her daughter, Armitage, a member of the evening group.

Susan Cain, Donna Greenamyler and Jeri Hefner were the good losers at the evening group. Sharon Bigalow reached her goal weight and is now a recap goal member. Barb Smith did a program on "Reproduction of Fat Cells and How They Multiply."

The slogan for 2014 is "You have the power to make this your best year yet" at both groups. Members will be paid a dollar a pound for their January losses on Monday.

New members are welcome at no charge for visiting and can call 330-332-1078 for more information.

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