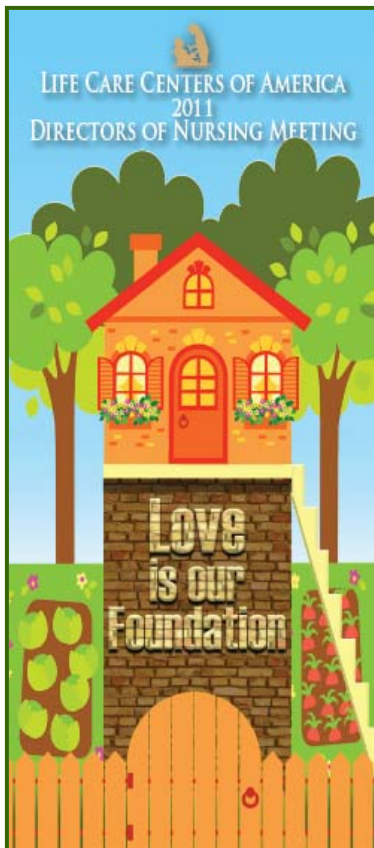


## Nurses in the House!

The cherry and dogwood trees have been in bloom, and the forests are taking on robes of green. That means it is time for the annual meeting of Life Care's directors of nursing. They arrived by airplane and automobile on Saturday, with red-shirted Life Care leaders at the Chattanooga terminal to offer hugs and assistance with luggage.



Sunday morning began with a breakfast, and a program of music and inspiration by Red Roots, triplet sisters from Mississippi. The afternoon activities included a boat ride down the Tennessee River gorge, shopping at the outlet mall in Calhoun, Ga., a trip to Mercier Farm and Orchard, whitewater rafting, and a session in dementia training. Sunday evening was for fun and relaxation with an ever-popular Hawaiian luau theme, including Hawaiian dancers and a band.

Today opened with a lively patriotic emphasis by the renowned Voices of Lee from nearby Lee University. Chairman Forrest Preston, President Beecher Hunter, Corporate Medical Director Dr. Ken Scott Jr. and Dee McCarthy, senior vice president of Clinical Services, extended the official welcome. Dr Dennis Swanberg, nationally known author and motivational speaker, will give the keynote address, entitled *Baseball, Buffets & a Barrel of Laughs*. Chris Mitchell, chief operating officer, leads a session entitled *People, Plans, Operations and Training*. Breakout sessions dominate the afternoon.

This evening will focus on excellence in performance, starting with Life Care's version of *The Sister Act*, a cast of Life Care associates. Presentation of awards will be the highlight of the meeting, including division directors of nursing of the year, Company-Wide Director of Nursing of the Year, and the Mary Denton Award, the highest honor Life Care bestows on a nurse.

Other keynote speakers include Dr. James Marcum on Tuesday and Dr. Dale Henry on Wednesday. The meeting will close with *Looking Back, Looking Ahead* presentations by Preston, Hunter and Mitchell.

We welcome our nurses to Cleveland, and look forward to a special time of learning, fellowship and fun.

– Beecher Hunter