MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Construction

Phase 2 of the construction has started now. This will be the new Emergency Room, Pre/Post Op Area and the new Surgerical Waiting room.

ICU was moved on 3/16/2015. For now the Surgery/ICU waiting room is on the 3rd floor just before the new ICU Department on “F” and “G” wings. We will need 63 new volunteers just for the waiting room and Desk “A”. Please let your family and friends know that we need volunteers. If you think you would like to add another shift we sure can use you now. We will build up the waiting room volunteers and then when the new Surgery Waiting Room opens in, or about, November, the Surgery Waiting Room volunteers will go downstairs to the new Surgery Waiting Room. The ICU Waiting Room volunteers will remain in the ICU Waiting Room.

By the time you read this, the “F” & “G” wings of the 4th floor will be open. We will also need 21 new volunteers there at desk “A”.

The Kitchen and Cafeteria will open soon. There seems to be a hold up with the kitchen. When the kitchen is opened they can then tear out the temporary walls that were put in the cafeteria to accommodate the food service that they were using. This will take some time but when the cafeteria does come back on line I have been assured that we will once again receive our food vouchers.

Talking about the Café, Coral Howard has stepped down as chairman of the Café. I really appreciate all that she did for us during the construction. She had to content with so many adversities.

She did an excellent job for the Auxiliary. The Café and Gift Shop are good revenue earning departments for the Foundation. Judy Tiso is once again going to be Chairman of the Café for us. Judy was Chairman for a long time but took some time

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away from it. I asked her to please help us run it again. Judy was working with me in the Brandeburg Express selling food to the construction workers. I will miss her out there but I needed her in the Café more.

I will try to keep you updated on the construction as it goes along.

Valet Parking

The Valet Parking will continue, unless I hear differently. They provide an excellent service for the hospital. They practice our AIDET acronym with every car, every time.

A BIG Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for their patience during this time of construction and change. The finish product so far looks “WOW”. “We’re movin’ on up to the East Side”. There is more to come so we still need to work together to complete the job. We couldn’t provide the service that we do without all of you. We need 200 more just like you. Please tell your Friends, Family and Neighbors about us.

~~ Jim Lemon, Auxiliary President

OUR APRIL 2015 VOM IS ...

Mary Gentile

Mary Gentile was nominated for Volunteer of the Month because she is “personable, knowledgeable and a joy to work with”. She is scheduled to work Friday mornings from 8:00-12:00 but when I caught up with on a Tuesday, she was schedule to sub for 3 other people. That is commitment!

Mary started 4 years ago in PACU where she remains today. She loves it and finds it very gratifying. She cannot say enough about the volunteers she works with, on any shift, and the hospital employees who appreciate the volunteers being there to help them. Her fellow volunteers are very friendly and help each other. They all keep very busy. She also enjoys volunteering at the Galas.

One of her most memorable experiences working in PACU was being part of a disaster drill. She and another friend, Shirley, were dressed up as injured motorcyclists who had been in a severe accident. She was covered with “blood”. She laughs as she recalled the fun they had.

Shirley and her husband have been married 50 years and live in Santiago. He supports her and has no problem with her being at the hospital so much. In fact, he was the one who saw the ad in the paper and suggested she check it out. He knew she would love it, and she surely does.
VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month award has been well received and we have chosen some very good candidates. If you feel someone has done something to deserve recognition please submit their name.

TAKE A WALK WITH SHARI

I just stopped into the hospital to take a picture of our volunteer of the month (see page 2). After visiting in PACU, I went to the Day Captains office to see what else new was happening.

Dee Thomas told me that SICU Waiting Room was now at their new location on the third floor.

The new SICU waiting room is big and nice. It still needs some homey touches, but it will come. It was great to see how wonderful the transition is being received.

After getting a tour and taking pictures in the waiting room (lighting terrible for photography), Alice took over and showed me the new ICU area. The patient rooms are nice, big and planned for one patient per room with pull out couch so families can stay there with their family member.

The SUIC Waiting Room volunteers are presently working for three different units SUIC, Pulmonary and ICU. ICU is definitely in need of more volunteers!! It would be a great place to have your friends volunteer, if interested. It’s a lot of one-on-one with family members and requires a personality that can really step up to be and do whatever they need such as getting them to places in the miles of confusing hallways, comforting them, making them feel they are not alone through this struggle, and encouraging them so they can be an encouragement to their loved one.

Then I saw Jim Lemon, our President, looking tired and pretty “overwhelmed” with so much to know and make happen efficiently.

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UPDATE

Congratulations to the winners of our St. Patrick’s Day drawing, Kathy Amon, V. White and Jeannie Mori.

They each won a green necklace and earrings set.

We are getting new merchandise in daily, so be sure to stop by and see what’s new! Remember that all hospital employees and volunteers receive a 10% discount!

The gift gallery is looking so pretty right now for spring. It’s a favorite place to just go and browse. It’s crowded in the Shop, but GOOD NEWS, they will be expanding into the Chapel area at some point. The Chapel is being moved upstairs.

YOTS EXPANSION UPDATE

The refurbishment of the former Amish Furniture Store has begun and will become the second building for Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe (YOTS-2).

Upon completion this building will provide an additional 3,000 square feet of retail space allowing the Shoppe to begin selling large furniture items such as bedroom or dining sets. This will also enable us to remove all retail areas from the second floor of the current (YOTS-1) building. The refurbishment includes replacement of almost all the windows and doors, bringing the facility up to current ADA requirements, updating the electrical wiring, repair of the ceiling, walls and floors, construction of a new pricing area and creation of a drive-thru drop-off that no longer require donors to back-up or back-out.

The additional space will require more volunteers, so if you are interested in adding a shift or looking for a change, please contact VPO or stop by and talk to any of the current YOTS volunteers.

LOOK FOR A

Grand Opening

IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

Stop by and see this amazing Shoppe – who knows you might decide to add a shift at YOTS. They are open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are located at 106 W. Lady Lake Blvd. just two blocks south of the CR 466 and US Highway 441 intersection.

For more information call us at 352-259-5853.
Our TVRH Partnering Donors

WHAT IS A PATIENT NAVIGATOR?

The Hospital/Foundation has hired Deidre Rosewood, as a Patient Navigator for the Royal Palm and Touchtone member supporters. These supporters, such as the ones listed in the Partnering Donors box above. They are contributors who have given a large donation towards our efforts to raise funds to support the hospital. Deidre tells us about this new position:

“I am the Patient Navigator for the Royal Palm Society and the Touchstone members. When they need to have services done at the hospital I help get them thru the per admissions paperwork and admissions. Once they are admitted to the hospital I help make their stay as enjoyable as possible. If they come to the ER, I will be there helping them with any issues that they may have. Also I will be going out to the physician’s offices talking to them about the Foundation and trying to get them to donor or name a room.”

There will be more information about what constitutes a Royal Palm Society and Touchstone member, next month.

VENDORS THAT SUPPORT OUR AUXILIARY AND FOUNDATION

Bob Evans
Firehouse Subs
Sakura Japanese Restaurant
Johnny Rockets
Honeybaked Ham Cafe
Tierra Del Sol

City Fire
Billy’s Cafe
Bravo Pizza
Gator’s Dockside
IHOP Restaurant
Sonic
China Buffet
Koyame Asia Express
blu spoon
Margaretia Republic
Sam’s St. Johns’
Panda Express
Bamboo Bistro Asian Fusion

Jersey Mike’s Subs
Subway on Bella Crus
Ay!Jalisco
Takis
First Watch
Cody’s Roadhouse

TooJay’s
Ollie’s Frozen Custard
Luiginos
Moe’s
RJGator’s

Remember to Use Your Restaurant Coupons!

Individual Sponsors: Bob Griffin; Dr. Maen Hussein; John Rabley, MaryAnn & Evan Richards; Pam & Paul Smothers
Jim and I walked down to the area where the Administrative Offices and VPO (Volunteer Placement Office) will be joined together, at the end of the Pharmacy Hall, previously a stairwell. It will be awhile before they move because of ongoing construction on the floor, walls and some windows. I know, it’s not much, but it is a start to get our offices all in the main hospital. The Day Captains Office will remain in the same location.

I saw many exciting changes. That means changes for volunteers also. But we are fortunate to be able to give of ourselves in such a beautiful facility, and to have access to the great care that we have help to provide.

Thanks for traveling with me, and if you can, take the time to visit some of the new areas.

Shari Kumler, The Hummingbird Editor

VOLUNTEERS ARE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD
Some interesting facts ....

It’s interesting to learn that there’s been a study done which indicates that nonprofits that used volunteer services last year got a little more bang for their buck. *The value of a volunteer hour stood at $22.55 during 2013 which is $.41 more than in 2012.*

* according to a report from Independent Sector in Washington, DC

The greatest increases were from 2006 -2007 and 2007-2008 when both years increased by .74 cents. The lowest increase was 2011-2012 when the value increased by .35 cents. And in 2003-2004, there was only a .36 cent increase.

A volunteer hour is worth the most in Washington, DC, at $38.69; Massachusetts at $27, and Arkansas the lowest value at $18.93.

There was a survey released by the Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics that shows traditional volunteering is at a 10-year low. The rate of volunteering declined 1.1% to 25.4% of the population, or about 62.6 million people between September 2012-13. Volunteers were most likely to serve religious organizations (33%), education or youth services organizations (25.6%) and community service organizations (14.7%).

The 40th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, running this year from April 6 -13, is designated as a great time to recognize the extraordinary value that volunteers add to nonprofits and in the lives of the people and causes they serve. **“Forty years; who could imagine the tools that now exist to give volunteers immense choices and opportunities to contribute to the cause which is closest to their hearts.”**

*CEO of the Independent Sector

A WALK WITH SHARI (continued from page 3)

The Villages Regional Hospital will be celebrating their volunteers at an Appreciation Luncheon

May 29
at Savannah Center, at noon.

Don’t miss it!

It is difficult to place a value on our time. Volunteers provide many intangibles that cannot be easily quantified or qualified. We can quote our volunteer of the month, *Mary Gentile, who says, “Volunteering is fun. Volunteering is worthwhile. And she really enjoys it!” She feels like she’s making a difference, making lots of friends and working together with others for a good cause -- that’s what volunteering is all about!* *(see page 2)