Our President’s Corner

Well, it is finally here! The new Touch Screen for recording your hours which I have discussed in two previous editions of The Hummingbird. On Tuesday, March 4 you will use the Touch Screen to sign in and out.

As mentioned in your instructions, if you have any problems please contact a Day Captain as they are trained to assist you. If you forget to sign out please contact the Auxiliary Office at 751-8840.

We would like to thank each and every one of you who helped in any way to help make this year’s “Up UP and Away” Gala the best ever. As you know, all profits go toward supporting our $10 million goal for the Auxiliary Foundation’s pledge of assisting in the hospital expansion.

My third term as your President officially expires when Jim Lemon is installed as your new President at the Installation Luncheon on April 21. I have enjoyed every minute as your President and I had a vision of several challenging goals for our Auxiliary. Some of those goals were:

- a fully staffed Auxiliary Office,
- most of our Department Chairs having Co-Chairs,
- new software database,
- newly created VPO area which follows an application from initiation of application through the orientation process,
- under Dick Campbell’s direction, the addition of the Foundation as part of the Auxiliary,
- and documented processes and procedures.

You have given me more than I have been able to give back and it has been an experience I will not forget. I wish each of you health and happiness and thank you for all of your support and offering me the opportunity to grow along with the Auxiliary.

Please offer your support to Jim as your new President.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for three challenging and wonderful years! I will miss all of you.

Sandy
President
WHERE DID THE HUMMINGBIRD GET ITS NAME?

As the new editor of The Hummingbird, I became curious as to how this newsletter got its name. So, I contacted Sarah Ralph, the last editor. Sarah sent a message to Rena Marchand. Rena responded with, “My memory is less than wonderful but I searched a few old files and then remembered the newsletter was originally called the “Hummingbird Howler” and I think it was in relation to the hospital employee newsletter that was called something similar or related (that part I absolutely can’t pull from the data bank).”

“Then in October 2004 we announced a contest to rename the newsletter but by April 2005 there were very few/no good suggestions with the exception of dropping the Howler part.”

Here is what was printed in the April 2005 Hummingbird:

WAIT A MINUTE! ISN’T THAT THE SAME NAME??

Perhaps you have noticed that the newsletter name did not change much. Despite numerous name suggestions, the Auxiliary Board decided to only make a minor modification to the name—dropping the “Howler” and continue to call our newsletter “The Hummingbird” to reflect our sharing of “the nectar of human kindness” in all we do as volunteers.

So Welcome Back little Hummingbird!

I like the name “The Hummingbird”. By observing the Hummingbird, we see they are seemingly tireless. Always actively seeking the sweetest nectar, they remind us to forever seek out the good in life and the beauty in each day. Amazing migrators, some Hummingbirds are known to wing their way as far as 2000 miles to reach their destination. This quality reminds us to be persistent in the pursuit of our purpose, and adopt the tenacity of The Hummingbird in our service as a volunteer.

NEWS from TVRH AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP

Our Gift Shop buyer, Mary O’Donnell, reports that the Gift Shop just received new merchandise and they would be updating their stock. There will be a lot of nice gift ideas, not only for the hospital patients, but for any other reason! Mary works hard to keep the prices competitive with the local gift shops in the Villages, and our profits all go to benefit the hospital. So, not only are you getting a good price, all the proceeds go towards our main goal as volunteers. Keep this in mind when you need a gift for someone.

Also, the Gift Shop sells paperback books for 25¢. They are running low on books, so if you have any paperbacks in GOOD condition, please bring them to the gift shop.

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.”

~ Dr. Ben Carson
Meet THE AUXILIARY OFFICERS
FOR 2014-15

The nominating committee, headed by second vice president Shelly Morjoseph is happy to announce we have the full slate of officers for 2014-15. These new officers will be installed at the annual awards luncheon, Monday, April 21, 2014. We know you will give them your support as the auxiliary moves into a period of growth with the expansion of our hospital.

~~ submitted by Rena Marchand

JAMES (Jim) LEMON
– Incoming President

Jim and his wife moved to Lady Lake in 2005 after too many hurricanes in Southern Florida. He started volunteering in Inside Transportation at the hospital in May of 2011 after his wife passed away. Later he moved to Patient Care and took on the chair of that group then inherited “Outside Transportation”. Jim was asked to accept the position of 1st Vice President when Theresa McFadden had to resign due to illness. With that came the chairmanship of Dietary and Case Management. If you get a chance, ask him about his experiences as a licensed rabbit judge through the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

LOU EMMERT
– First Vice President

Lou joined the Auxiliary in March of 2013 and is working in the newly formed “Volunteer Placement Office” (VPO). After retiring in 2006 from Sprint, she and her husband, Jerry, moved to the Villages. They moved from Las Vegas, NV, but are originally from Ohio. With Sprint for 35 years, Lou held numerous management positions in Marketing, Customer Service, Government Affairs, Human Resources and her last position was Vice President and General Manager in Las Vegas. Lou and Jerry have three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandsons (twins). Besides spending her volunteer time with the Auxiliary, Lou is very active in her church, New Covenant United Methodist.

SHELLY MORJOSEPH
– Second Vice President

Shelly has been with TVRH auxiliary for 10 years. He volunteers in Material Management and is chairperson for the department. He also was Membership Chair for new hires for one year. Shelly is also on the Fundraiser Committee. He is in charge of the cruise and Sees candy sales each year. He is 2nd Vice President of the auxiliary and going on his 2nd term. Shelly was past president of the Illinois club for 5 years in the villages, until the club closed. Shelly worked for American Airlines for 36 years in various areas.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Luncheon is a special time for our volunteers. We meet at the Savannah Center for a delicious meal.

Monday, April 21, 2014

We sit around tables with other volunteers and just visit. This is the time
• when the Awards are given to the volunteers we nominated.
• we install the slate of officers.
• we get news on what has been done and will be done with the funds we, the auxiliary, have raised in the past year.

If you have never attended, it is a delightful event. You meet the leadership, you learn about what is going on both in the past year and what is to come in the future. Don’t miss it!
DICK CAMPBELL  
- President of the Foundation Branch

Dick has been working on fundraising for our auxiliary for the past six years and has served as Chair of the annual Hearts for Our Hospital gala for four of the galas. He now heads up the newly formed Auxiliary Foundation with the goal of raising fundraising to an even higher level in support of the hospital expansion. Dick and his wife Nancy moved to The Villages in 2004 from Hanover, Pennsylvania where he worked as a psychologist.

EFFIE MILLER  
- Treasurer

Effie has been with TVRH Auxiliary since 2003 where she has volunteered in our ED Admitting Department. She is currently Treasurer of the Auxiliary. She is active with her Village of Royal Oak neighborhood association. Before retirement, Effie obtained a degree in accounting and has extensive experience as Controller of several companies as well managing her own bookkeeping services company.

BONNIE ALBION  
- Assistant Treasurer

Bonnie has been with the TVRH Auxiliary since 2011. She began her volunteer service as Co-Chair of the Moffitt Fundraising and Lobby Group and is in charge of the Meditation Garden brick project. She obtained her degree in Business Administration and Business Accounting in Boston. Bonnie was the Treasurer of her family business for 20 years and also worked for a public accounting firm as a junior accountant and as Assistant to the Treasurer of a multi-national manufacturing company.

JAN KUMPAN  
- Historian and Parliamentarian

Jan have been with the Auxiliary since February, 2004 and has volunteered in Patient Care, Front Desk, SICU, and the Day Captain office. She and her husband, Bob, have seven children and five grandchildren scattered around the US. Bob volunteers in Cardiac Rehab. They moved to The Villages from Johnstown, NY (at the base of the Adirondack Mountains). Prior to moving here, Jan worked as a Secretary to a school Principal. Her hobbies are reading, needlework (cross stitch and needlepoint). She has made Christmas stockings for all their children and grandchildren over the years. Jan loves working in the Auxiliary because of all the good friends she has made over the years. She presently works in the Auxiliary Membership office at the East Campus and previously served as Recording/Corresponding Secretary for the Auxiliary.

RITA MONTrOY  
- Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Rita has volunteered at TVRH in many positions over the past ten and one half years. She has served as the Historian/Parliamentarian of the Auxiliary for the past three years. Rita is also an active volunteer with Temple Shalom and will serve as Recording Secretary for the next year. Before moving to The Villages in 2002, Rita was a Language Arts Middle School teacher. She holds degrees from the U of F in Education and LA Tech in Counseling and Psychology. This dedicated volunteer enjoys pickleball, bowling, bridge, Mah Jongg, reading and traveling.

Sharing stories about volunteers is a great opportunity to learn more about those we volunteer with. We get to know people and remember faces better. That’s why we feature volunteers, not because anyone is more special than any other, but because somehow we found out a little more about someone. Please share stories about our people with your chairperson.
VOLUNTEERS REACH MILESTONE HOURS

Congratulations to the following volunteers for reaching their MILESTONE HOUR during the 2013 fourth quarter:

Geraldine Emmert’s was misspelled in the Nov/Dec 2013 issue of The Hummingbird! My apology to you and I am grateful to find this out and make this correction.

7000 HOURS
Joe Stec
Irene Stec

5000 HOURS
Sandra Nusbaum

3000 HOURS
Carol Follas

2000 HOURS
Tom Dietrich
Marge Enloe
Vincent Huschart
Carol Osten
Judy Tiso
Carol Reid
Ruth Ryder

1000 HOURS
Bonnie Albion
Mary Dolph
Pat Frantangelo
Malcolm Hendee
George VanSanten
Karen Wilkinson
Bob Wilkinson

500 HOURS
Dave Allen
Dolores Bail
Jim Berlin
June Brandeberry
Karen Colwell
Kathleen Dorazio
Stephanie DeBello
Pat Gable
Rosemarie Grotto-Howell
Bill Holbrook
John Klass
Nancy Merritt
Don Lloyd
Susan Mitman
Joe Murphy
Lucia Visintainer

300 HOURS
Deborah Ballard
John Bibas
Tom Borck
Gwendolyn Frick
Marianne Goldstein
Doris Grassi
Michaelene Kauffman
Carolyn Kirschner
Janice Martin
Mary O’Bryan
Donna Ritter
Cindi Silvestrucci
Peggy Skiecezus
Joanne Walsh

100 HOURS
Alice Baumann
Careen Best
Francine Brooks
Rober Burkhardt
Mary Chamier
Matthew Chandra
Alfred Denno
Jankie Dolcharran
Nancy Ellison
Rose Ferranti
Lynne Fireman
Dorothy Fitzpatrick
Elizabeth Flotte
Gary French
Karen Gibbons
Marianne Grenon
Robert Grenon
Carol Haith
Denny Heenan
Nancy Kasubick
Kristine Krasmiqi-Gegaj
Patricia Kronk
Richard Morrison
Betty Olson
James Olson
Rita Roland
Judith Ross
LuAnn Schill
Connie Williams

If you have any questions about the hours you have accumulated, please feel free to contact the Auxiliary Office at 352-751-8840; or, you may stop by the office located at the East Campus building on the 3rd floor, and the staff can pull your records. Please be patient, it takes the volunteers time to process all our volunteer’s hours.

Total 2013, 4th Quarter Hours: 26,459

DATES FOR ATM TESTING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

March 11 & 25
and April 8 & 22

The location: East Campus - 3rd floor Computer Room
The time: 8:00 to 12:30 p.m.
It is mandatory that every volunteer be recertified annually during your birth month.

HELP WANTED FOR OPEN POSITION:

We are looking for a volunteer to Chair and be a member of the unit that administers ATM (Annual Training Module) sessions. This person must be comfortable with computers and possess a working knowledge of same. He/she must possess organization skills, like interacting with both volunteers of the hospital, NODA (No One Dies Alone), American Cancer and hospital employees.

The ATM unit is made up of 2 to 3 volunteers who administer the ATM sessions for current and new hospital volunteers every other Tuesday from 8:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the East Campus computer room. In addition, paperwork must be completed accurately for both current and new volunteers with follow up procedures adhered to for new volunteers to be sure they receive their PPD (TB shots) within the prescribed time-frame. A job description and procedures are available for review. If you are interested in seeking this position, please contact Sarah Ralph at sarahsal@embarqmail.com.

THIS QUILT WAS HANDMADE AND DONATED to the Gala auction by Joy Nihil, one of the volunteers at Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. The pattern is a called “bargello heart” in keeping with the “Hearts for Our Hospital” name/theme.
The 2014 Hearts for Our Hospital gala was held Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Savannah Center in The Villages.

This was the eighth Signature Event, being presented by The Villages Regional Hospital Auxiliary Foundation, to benefit our hospital. The theme this year was “Up Up and Away” because the money from this event will be used to help expand our hospital. The new wing will add 62 new beds, new Emergency Department rooms, and 5 large operating suites for complex procedures. This is critical in order for our hospital to serve the ever growing tri-county area with the necessary medical services the community requires.

The Auxiliary’s past efforts have provided specialized endoscopy equipment, helped purchased a state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (“MRI”) unit, equipped a new Chest Pain Center added new Harmony* LED Surgical Lighting Systems, and Pulsed Xenex UV Lamp Disinfection Systems to fight against Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs).

This year 330 guests attended the black tie affair that included silent and live auctions, dancing to the music of Paul Vesco and a fabulous meal by Orlando’s premier caterer, Puff ‘n Stuff. Preliminary results indicate the event should raise the targeted $200,000 this year, thanks in part to the generous donations of local merchants and sponsorships by key businesses in the area.

A core team of about ten volunteers works on the event almost all year. They solicit donations for the auctions, request sponsorships, plan the decorations, food, invitations, table arrangements, entertainment and staffing, and coordinate all the behind the scenes logistics that make the event run as seamless as possible. Then the day before and the night of the event, almost 100 volunteers work to stage the auctions, set up the decorations, prepare the signage, staff the auctions, register the guests and of course feed the volunteers. This is definitely a well coordinated team effort.

~ submitted by Rena Marchand

CORPORATE SPONSORS SUPPORTING OUR 1014 GALA

We especially want to thank our Local Partners:

- Arden’s Fine Jewelers
- Belk
- City Furniture
- Freedom Pointe in The Villages
- Ford Press
- Fross & Fross Wealth Management
- Honeybaked Ham
- Michaels
- Ocala Travel
- Party Time – Ocala
- Shear Express
- Sumter Place
- The Salon Professional Academy
- Tierra del Sol Restaurant

A HUGE thank you to all the many volunteers for this event. It could never have been done without each volunteer and the wonderful way everyone works together.
What do the following women have in common: Jeanie Hendrix, Pat Pasquini, Shirley Akers, Betty Eintsman, Lynn Friedman, Peggy Skieczius, Rosemarie Grotto-Howell and Martha Miller?

Well let me tell you!

All of these ladies, along with myself, braved the frigid temperature at our beloved YOTS this morning where the thermostat registered a chilly 43 degrees when we all arrived at the shop at 9:30 a.m.

After trying to get the tempermental heat to work and making a couple of phone calls back and forth to Rena, it was decided that we would NOT open for business. However, before we all hightailed it out of there, everyone pitched in to move all of the items that were piled up outside on the ramp into the shop. Everyone also pitched in to carry bag after bag after bag of clothing and linens upstairs. Sometimes we formed assembly lines and passed the bags up. Sometimes we carried two bags at a time.

All the while there was laughter, camaraderie and an almost festive atmosphere. We were dressed in sweaters and coats, scarves and gloves and even in some cases....oven mitts, as Shirley Akers, in the picture. Anything to keep us warm. Noses were cold and you could almost see your breath but still everyone worked on with an upbeat attitude and a sense of teamwork that was amazing to witness.

The heat worked for about 15 minutes and then alas, it shut down again. But lucky for us, by then it was a balmy 47 degrees. WOOHOO! And then another amazing thing happened.

After a short discussion, these Wonderful Wednesday Women agreed that they would tough it out so that we could open the shop for business.

Sooo....we opened our doors and greeted our customers with a hearty “Welcome to the North Pole!” while also apologizing to them for the frigid temps. This brought lots of smiles and very understanding comments from our loyal customers. The shop was busy, busy, busy as were all of the volunteers and all in all it was a great day.

In closing, I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to all of the women mentioned above for going above and beyond this morning. You are all absolutely wonderful and I appreciate each and every one of you. It is such a pleasure and an honor to work with you every week!

~~ submitted by Pat Wesolowski

P.S. The owner came to the shop around 11:15 and the heat was finally working correctly by 11:45. By the time the afternoon shift arrived, it was nice and toasty.

DEAR FELLOW AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

I would like to thank you for all the good wishes and the lovely flower arrangement given to me during my recent hospitalization. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

~Sincerely, Sarah Ralph
Central Florida Health Alliance is participating in several community events this spring to support local organizations and provide health and wellness education to area residents. Volunteers are needed to staff our hospital booths at:

LEESBURG BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Leesburg Black Heritage Festival

BBQ BASH IN THE VILLAGES
Saturday, March 1, 2014

GOLFEST
Friday and Saturday March 7-8, 2014.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Marketing Manager David Larrick at dlarrick@cfhalliance.org.

Please do not contact The Villages Auxiliary Office or Day Captain’s Office regarding this.

I was introduced to Armel by Sandy Nusbaum at the Gala. Armel has been an enthusiastic volunteer with the Gala for the last 4 years. Armel and his wife Nina, of 63 years, came to The Villages in 2001, from New Jersey. When the hospital opened in 2002, there were so many volunteers that they had to wait until 2004 for openings. Nina volunteered for awhile, but Armel has kept going, first with Inside Transport, and when it disbandoned he moved to Saturday mornings in ICU.

Armel laughs because he has a fuzzy face right now. He is growing it for the presentation of the Living Last Supper, at the United Methodist Church, on Maundy Thursday, April 17.

We appreciate all of the TVRH Auxiliary volunteers, but it is fun to recognize a dedicated person that many may not know.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENTS
CT Computerized Tomography (Radiology)
DI Diagnostic Imaging (Radiology)
ED Emergency Department
HIS Health Information Services (Medical Records)
HR Human Resources
ICU Intensive Care Unit
IMCU Intermediate Care Unit (Progressive Care Unit)
IT Information Technology
MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Radiology)
OR Operating Room
PACU Post Anesthesia Care Unit (Recovery)
PACU Switchboard
PFS Patient Financial Services

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