A Happy Holiday Reminder!

As the holiday season draws near and we celebrate, we are reminded that as an organization we have much to be thankful for... All of YOU!

As a token of appreciation the TVRH Auxiliary Foundation and Executive Team presented you with the opportunity to select a holiday delicacy (Honey Baked Ham, Turkey, or Vegetarian) for your family's dining pleasure. You noted on your request form whether you choose to pick up your gift at The Honey Baked Ham Store or at TVRH.

The Vouchers are IN!
Pick up yours at the Day Captain's Office.
Please Note! No gifts will be redeemed without a voucher!!

Pick up at the Honeybaked Store
(Lady Lake location ONLY)
until - January 31st

Pick up at TVRH
Wed, Dec. 21st - 6:30-8:00 pm
& Thurs Dec. 22nd - 6:30-8:00 am

DON’T MISS OUR
TVRH Auxiliary Holiday Party

Tuesday
December 13, 2016
2:00 - 4:00 pm

COLONY COTTAGE REC. CENTER,
Morse Blvd. & CR 466A, The Villages
Open to ALL Volunteers and guests.
Come celebrate the holiday season
Bring your spouse, friends, neighbors
and/or other favorite guest(s)

Featuring "Ron the Music Man"
for music, entertainment
and laughter!

Light refreshments will be served – so we need to know if you are coming. Please RSVP by Dec. 6th to Janet Haffner email jlh740@yahoo.com, or text to (248) 321-9515. You can also sign up at the Day Captains office.
This is a wonderful and exciting time of the year! Decorations are up in the hospital and I’m sure planning is underway by each of us for parties, family get-togethers, shopping for gifts and hopefully remembering the real reason for the holidays.

Reminder...
I’d like to remind you to please sign up by Tuesday, December 6, to attend the Auxiliary Club’s Holiday Party on December 13, at 2:00 pm at Colony Recreation Center. Ron, the Music Man, will entertain and light refreshments will be served.

We still need Volunteers
As I’ve said in the past president’s letter, we need more volunteers. At present we have over 105 open shifts. Please encourage your family and friends to give volunteering at the hospital a try. And if you have any suggestions on how we can recruit more volunteers, just let me know with an email to jdemmert@embarqmail.com.

Recruitment Event
VPO is hosting a recruitment fair on Saturday morning, December 3rd. There will be a tent in the parking lot and the shuttles will bring visitors to the New Surgery wing. Tours of the hospital will depart from the 2nd floor atrium.

Recording Time
The Auxiliary Office is trying to track an individual’s hours by category. Currently the categories are: Fundraising, Public Relations, Offsite and Executive. Volunteers can record their hours online from their home. If you are interested in doing this, please call the Auxiliary Office for instructions. 352-751-8061.

New Oncology Wing
The new oncology wing has 16 rooms on the second floor. The rooms are sponsored
the doctors in the Florida Cancer Specialists group and are for patients who need extended treatments. The waiting room at the end of the hallway has been made into a resource room. So far, no volunteers have been requested to assist.

A successful 2016

The Auxiliary Foundation has had a successful 2016 and I’m looking forward to a great 2017. I can’t thank each of you enough for the time and effort you give to the Auxiliary and the hospital. My wish for you and your family is for good health and much happiness during the holiday season and may your home be filled with love and laughter.

HAVE A BLESSED AND MERRY HOLIDAY!

~ Lou Emmert, Auxiliary President

MANDATORY ATM TESTING

For NEW VOLUNTEERS & GOLF CART DRIVERS
December 6 & 20 • 8:00 to 11:30 am.
You will get your TB test and your eyes checked the same day.

Find us at: East Campus, 3rd floor, right hall, right side

For ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS • Any Tuesday

It is mandatory that every volunteer be recertified annually during their birth month.

FOR EYE TESTS: There have been changes as to when the Employee Health Care nurse will be available.

Eye Tests are available at Employee Health Care Office on

CABARET AT SAVANNAH
Saturday, January 21, 2017 • 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Enjoy a lively evening of entertainment by 20+ well-known and talented Villagers. The night will include a variety of interactive performances such as comedy, magic and music. Entertainment will begin in the lobby one hour prior to the show.

Tickets are available at The Villages Box Office starting at just $17. There will be two showtimes – 5 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. The event is BYOB and snacks. Proceeds will benefit The Villages® Regional Hospital Auxiliary Foundation.

Martha Lash and Beth Malak helped spread the word about Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe at the Shop Lady Lake Expo held on Nov. 9th by the Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce.
A Huge Thank you... to Billie Smith who made the wreaths you see throughout the hospital and planned all the decorations. She was assisted by Sandy Giannuzzi and Sylvia Gardner, the Decorating Committee. On Saturday, November 12th, 35 individuals helped put up the trees and decorated them. My thanks to each of you who helped with the decorating. — Lou Emmert

Second Floor tree  
Left to right: Marge Magdasay, Dee Ball, Marilyn McKay, and Barbara Allison

Officer William Graham directing the show with  
Left to right: Judi Gray, Alice Dickman and Jean Conrad

Alice Dickman  
So busy ... Decorating for Christmas AND rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes!!!

Miles to go before we sleep!!!

Howard Glitt, Bob Benedetto and Pat Kronk played during the decorating. Howard recently celebrated his 90th birthday and Pat lovingly refers to him Mr. Romance.
Let me tell you my story

I am a china teapot made in England many, many years ago and brought over to this continent as a gift for a young women just starting out on her own. She was delighted to have me and I of course was delighted to serve her. We spent many hours sitting at her table – she thinking and dreaming and me steaming and steeping.

One day she wrapped me in tissue paper, put me in a box and we moved to a new home. Soon I was pressed into service for not just her but for her growing family – a husband, three kids and a funny little dog. Sometimes the kids even put hot chocolate in me! Oh life was good for this little teapot. Nary a day went by that someone didn't fill me, wash me, dry me or enjoy my offerings.

We moved many more times – in fact I lost count – but every time I was one of the first items unwrapped and set in a place of honor. Then one day the unthinkable happened. I was boxed up, moved to a new location, but not unpacked. I was very sad and would have cried but there was no water inside for my tears. After months passed, I lost hope of ever being cared for or loved again. Why had this happened? Was it something I did wrong? What had happened to that wonderful woman who cherished me?

I overhead unfamiliar voices talking and saying there was just no space for me in the new apartment and that perhaps I should be GIVEN AWAY! This terrified me, but there was nothing I could do – my handle was too tightly wrapped.

Sure enough I was brought to a strange building – I could barely see the sign through one of the cracks in the box. It said Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. Hey, I thought, that sounds like old English – perhaps I'm back home in England. Next thing I knew gentle hands were unwrapping me, admiring me, removing the dust and discussing how much I might be worth. One lady even looked at my … well at my bottom … and exclaimed happily that I was from England.

It felt good to be handed from one person to the next. I didn't even mind when they stuck a little label on my side and taped my lid shut. I was placed on a lovely table with many other beautiful objects – glasses, candle sticks, vases and other shiny glittering objects that I really didn't recognize. For a few days I was picked up, admired, discussed but then replaced on what I heard them call the “shabby chic” table. SHABBY – hardly – I thought I was probably the prettiest item on that table!

Then it happened, a man gently picked me up, looked me over and took me to a cashier. In no time at all I was wrapped in tissue paper, settled into a bag and carried out the door. We didn’t travel far and he immediately took me into a home and shouted “look what I found”!

As he unwrapped and un-taped my lid, a woman joined him and squealed with delight. “It's perfect” she exclaimed and “look it was made in England”. At this point she began to cry slightly so the man took me into the kitchen and put me to work brewing tea. Oh what a thrill after all those months of being unused. Come to find out they were tears of happiness 'cause she had been looking and looking for a special tea pot. So once again I am a cherished member of a loving family and sitting on a window shelf with a view of a golf course – no less. This isn't England, but it suits me fine. Oh and as a bonus I learned that the money paid for me at that Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe goes to help improve the local hospital.

So that's my long journey but it had a happy ending for me!

~~This autobiography was told to Rena Marchand.

Thanks to Cindy Williams for the inspiration to write my story!

Perhaps you too have once cherished items that are just waiting to bring joy to your home … or perhaps you want to “adopt” some wonderful objects in need of a new family.
Marilyn met husband, Stephen Mosel, in New York City while in rehearsal for the opera A Christmas Carol by Sandow which was to premiere at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Connecticut. But it wasn’t until five years later when they met again to perform in a classical and Broadway singing group called The Manhattan Singers Quartet that romance ensued and they married.

Harold C. Schonberg, Pulitzer Prize-winning, chief music critic for The New York Times hailed Marilyn as a “fresh, attractive voice…pretty and can act…well-trained.”

And her impressive background certainly supports Schonberg’s praise. Her opera repertoire includes; Lucretia in The Rape of Lucretia, Pierotto in Linda Di Chamounix, Siebel in Faust (photo above), Hansel in Hansel and Gretel (see photo at left), Lola in Cavalleria Rusticana, Mother in Amahl and the Night Visitors, Dorabella in Così Fan Tutte, Zerlina in Don Giovanni, Cherubino in Le Nozze Di Figaro, Suzuki in Madam Butterfly, Mrs. Cratchit in A Christmas Carol, Rosie in The Plough and the Stars, Prince Orlofsky in Die Fledermaus and Amparo in Rosina.

Her concert recital debut took place at Wigmore Hall in London, England and she appeared in numerous Gilbert and Sullivan, Herbert, Lehár, Offenbach and Romberg Operettas. And no stranger to musical theatre Marilyn performed Lizzie in a production of 110 in the Shade.

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This article would not resonate to the extent that it should or be complete without Marilyn’s own words:

“I loved singing and performing. I have done what I had planned and wanted to do with my life and I made my living at it. To be a professional anything is to choose a difficult path because you’re putting your emotions and inner self into something that others look at and judge. It was; wonderful, funny, absurd, tiring, exhilarating, exhausting, dangerous, exasperating, and at times, glorious. I met many super people; I sang with very talented people and I would do it all again!”

Marilyn Mosel joined the TVRH volunteers last May and if you want to stop by and say hello to this very accomplished lady she can be found on Sunday mornings at the front desk smiling as she greets visitors to The Village Regional Hospital.

~~ Judi Gray

Grand Opening

The newly remodeled hospital lobby, Gift Gallery and Café were officially opened Tuesday night, November 15th. The space includes a renovated 3,362 square foot lobby, two new admitting offices, an expanded Gift Gallery that is almost twice the original size, and a remodeled café with increase storage space.

Key donors were invited to join Auxiliary Foundation members in celebrating what Don Henderson, CEO of Central Florida Health, described as the “capstone of the $100 Million dollar expansion of The Villages Regional Hospital.”

The lobby now includes a touch screen information monitor that tells visitors about the Auxiliary Foundation, Volunteers and major donors.

IN THE HOSPITAL’S RENOVATED LOBBY

The Villages Regional Hospital Auxiliary Foundation and Belk of Lady Lake will join forces during the most wonderful time of the year to make your holiday shopping easier! Belk will hold a sale in the hospital’s main lobby December 7-9th, from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm each day. Stop by to browse the selection of fragrances, handbags, shoes, and more. Payment may be made by, credit card, or cash and free gift wrap and shipping will be available.

The Gift Gallery is now offering extended hours from 9 am to 8 pm. for the holiday season.
THE 11th ANNUAL HEARTS FOR OUR HOSPITAL GALA
Saturday, February 11, 2017
5:30 PM - 11:00 PM
at the Savannah Center
The Villages® Regional Hospital Auxiliary Foundation annually provides an elegant evening of dining and dancing at Hearts for Our Hospital Gala. Guests will enjoy a premium liquor open bar, champagne, hors d’oeuvres, wine, dinner and two unique auctions. It’s the only black-tie event in The Villages and is the biggest fundraiser for us each year!

Your Help is Needed!
The Gala cannot be successful without the dozens of you who volunteer to help that night. Our goal is to raise in excess of $200,000, all of which goes to support our Hospital. If you are interested in volunteering for this important event, please contact Jeannie Rogale at jeanniero@comcast.net or the Day Captain’s Office at 352-751-8622. A signup sheet will also be available in the Day Captain’s Office.

The key to the success of fund-raising efforts at the Gala is the live and silent auctions. And those of you who have been at past Galas, either as a volunteer or an attendee, know the quality of the items put up for auction. We attempt each year to generate between 150 and 200 items. And that’s where you can help. If you have potential auction items, or know of someone who does, just let us know. We can arrange for a member of our committee to pick up your item. Collectibles, health and beauty products, sports items, jewelry, works of art and travel items are just a few categories suitable for the auction. They should have a value of at least $50, but items such as restaurant gift certificates with less value can be combined. Contact Dave Gardner at 352-259-5941 or Diane Kupchak at 352-259-6762 or the Foundation office at 352-751-8871.

Thank you in advance for your help.

WHEN YOU EAT THE FRUIT, think of the person who planted the tree . . (Vietnamese saying)

The Villages Regional Hospital is blessed to have extraordinary people as members of its Auxiliary. Talent, compassion, loyalty, dedication, a sense of giving back . . all of these values that we share with our fellow volunteers make our time spent working together fun and rewarding.

Has it ever crossed your mind to nominate a volunteer you think does outstanding work or, because they have a great attitude, they make everyone around them feel good about what they are doing? If you take the time to submit someone for an award, you will have the chance to honor a person you admire and, as an extra bonus, you will feel good about yourself for doing it!

The French philosopher, Voltaire, said, “Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.” Your nominee can be anyone you respect . . anyone you think deserves to be thanked for a job-well-done. Our nomination form is on the next page of this issue of the Hummingbird and will appear there every month until the cut-off for nominations on March 1st.

Take some time to look at the form. You will see there is a new category (Goes the Extra Mile). Please note the only award category that can include hospital staff is the Unsung Hero Award. You may submit as many nominations as you like. Additional nomination forms are located at the sign-in kiosks. Please put all nominations in the nomination box located in the Day Captain’s office or at the sign-in kiosk. If you put them in the other hospital award boxes, the nomination committee will not receive your nomination.

REMEMBER, from now on, the MUSICIANS will NOT have separate awards at the luncheon so don’t forget to include them in your nominee possibilities.

And if you had a great experience with someone who works at Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe, you may nominate them for an appropriate auxiliary-wide award.

Please take the time to make someone’s day extra special. All that is needed is for you to take the time to put your thoughts into words.

APPRECIATION IS ONE OF THE SIMPLEST, YET MOST POWERFUL THINGS HUMANS CAN DO FOR EACH OTHER . . Randy Pausch
Auxiliary Volunteer Awards
Nomination Form

Deadline - March 1 of each year

Please place completed forms in the Auxiliary Awards Box located in the Day Captain's office and near the volunteer "sign-in" kiosk at the hospital or at "Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe" located in the Day Captain's office and near the volunteer "sign-in" kiosk at the hospital.

Please contact the Auxiliary President or the Director of Volunteer Services for more information.

Auxiliary Volunteer Awards

- Presidents Award: A person who has made a positive and notable contribution to the Auxiliary.
- Volunteer of the Year: An auxiliary member who has made an exceptional contribution and shown outstanding dedication to the organization.
- Leadership Award of Excellence: An individual who has provided outstanding leadership, support to the organization, and has worked beyond the call of duty.
- Unsung Hero: An individual, deserving special recognition, who has shown consistent reliability, adaptability, and service to the Auxiliary.
- Going the Extra Mile: An individual or team who has made a significant contribution to the organization.
- Outstanding Team/Department Award: A team or department that has worked together at an exceptional level to improve patient care or services.
- Service, Stewardship, Integrity, Teamwork, Innovation, and Quality: A person who has made a positive contribution to both the organization as a whole and to the Volunteer Services program.

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee or Department: __________________________
Dept: __________________________
Your name: __________________________

May the Awards Committee contact you for additional information? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Your Phone or email: __________________________

Why have you selected this nominee or team?

How does this person/team fit the criteria of the Award?

Nomination category (may select more than one):

Nomination Form