SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Auxiliary Awards Banquet 2017

will be
June 2, 2017
11:30 - 2:00
at the
Savannah Center
Stay Tuned for MORE details!

Our 11th Annual Hearts for our Hospital Gala was held February 11th at the Savannah Recreation Center. The tables were sold out and the Silent and Live Auctions along with sponsorships raised $300,000 for our hospital.

WHY IS THE GALA SO IMPORTANT?

From Lou Emmert, our Auxiliary President’s perspective, the Gala we have each year is important for three reasons:

1. It is obvious, the revenue it produces is important;
2. It helps educate those in attendance about what the Foundation does;
3. It builds and enforces friends of the Hospital and the Foundation.

For the Auxiliary volunteers, let’s go one step further and consider the teamwork between the Foundation and the Auxiliary as we work together and build relationships. Plus, the added dose of fulfillment and enjoyment that comes from working with those we know and meeting new friends in a different environment.

Go to page 5 to see more pictures of the Auction and Volunteers at work.
PRESIDENT’S LETTER
MARCH 2017

“I do not think there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance.”
John Rockefeller

Things are really happening at our Hospital.

In-service meetings are taking place and I sure hope all volunteers are able to attend these meetings. That is where you will learn about new processes, changes in procedures, and you can get answers to any questions you might have.

If you didn’t attend this in-service, please make certain you go to the next one offered. One of the new items you’ll learn about is the “Active Shooter Policy” and how to react to an incident.

New volunteers are continuing to come on board. We are currently over 960 volunteers and have provided over 25,000 hours of service during January and February. Even with these new additions we are still short of volunteers for the Café. You have probably noticed that it has not been opened full time. It is an enjoyable place to volunteer with an opportunity to meet and talk with lots of visitors, staff and other volunteers. So, please consider adding a shift and helping the Café get up and running full-time. At this time we have over 60 open shifts in all the departments.

ATM Testing

As a reminder, all volunteers are encouraged to take their annual ATM in a timely manner. It is very important that our volunteers are up-to-date on all their requirements so that any inspection by the Joint Commission will go smoothly. For those of you who are seasonal residents or take a leave of absence longer than 6 months for whatever reason, you will need to meet all the hospital requirements before returning to work. So be sure you check with the Volunteer Placement Office when you are ready to return. They can tell you if any testing other than the ATM is required.

Our hospital is getting better and better in so many ways. And you are a valuable part of the service provided to our community.

You are APPRECIATED!!

Lou Emmert
TVRH AuxiliaryPresident

MANDATORY ATM TESTING
For NEW VOLUNTEERS & GOLF CART DRIVERS
March 14 & 28 • 8:00-11:30 am
You will get your TB test and your eyes checked the same day. East Campus, 3rd floor, right hall, right side

For ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS
Any Tuesday... But, the 2 Tuesdays above may be busier than the other 2.

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 the 3rd floor of the East Campus.

It is mandatory that every volunteer be recertified annually during their birth month.
An Evening with the Stars

Richard Campbell, Executive Director of TVRH Auxiliary Foundation; Deidre Rosemond, Patient Navigator and Dr. Christine Cote

Spin for a chance to win a gift certificate.

Auctioneer, Col. Bob Britton, with Michelle and Michael Pittman

Hearts for Our Hospital

Just a sample of the Silent Auction.

VOLUNTEERS.. BREAKFAST AT Chick-fil-A

Beginning March 1st

Chick-fil-A LOVES to give back, and we’re inviting TVRH Foundation to dine with us for breakfast (Monday-Saturday 6:30-10:30 am) and in return we will give your organization 15% of the sales generated! If you’re going to enjoy delicious food, why not let it be with a great brand such as Chick-fil-A AND have it benefit your hospital!

How does it work?

1. Tell everyone you know to join us for breakfast!
2. When they order, be sure they mention “Villages Regional Hospital Auxiliary” before paying to get credit for the order!
3. At the end of the month, we will generate the report for you and give The Villages Regional Auxiliary Foundation” 15% of the sales! It’s as simple as that!

Thank you so much, and the Staff of Chick-fil-A look forward to serving you soon!
WHO BETTER TO DECORATE THE SILENT AUCTION?

The custom was started four years ago by Karen Harkins and Ina DelBosco and the tradition continues with Nancy Cummings and Beth Malak managing the decoration and staffing of the Silent Auction room at this year’s Hearts for Our Hospital Gala. The challenge is to create attractive and interesting displays so Gala attendees will bid on the donated items.

The theme this year was “An Evening With The Stars” – so everywhere you looked there were gold stars to catch a bidder’s eye. To augment the many gift certificates, the team borrowed items from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe and made clever vignettes. As is often the case, some of the attendees wanted to buy the staging items, so the staff had business cards from the Shoppe to hand out – telling them to stop by the next week.
Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and is located at 106 W. Lady Lake Blvd. just two blocks south of the CR 466 and US Hwy 441 intersection.

For more information call 352-259-5853.
To arrange furniture pickup donors can call 352-874-3593.

Cheryl Amato
Kathleen Benjamin
Kathleen Betz
Linda Bowles
Diane Brewster
Barbara Chiappetta
Margaret Chu
Grace DeMarco
Diane Duprat
Patricia Durant
Luann Eimer
Patsey Ellerbroek
Nancy Enright
Linda Ferris
Lorraine Gaffney Ellen
Gagnon
Jane Galla
Jane Galloway
Irene Giles
Jean Goforth
Mina Goldman
Delma Grau
Helen Grimes
Paul Hoffman
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Diane Loftus
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Jerry Murray
Rhoda Murray
Rhonda Mustardo
David Nelson
Nancy Oberle
Suzanne Paden
Susan Pittelli
Suzanne Poirier
Janet Pope
Nancy Reiersen
Olga Rigg
Beverly Siano
Helen Starost
JoAnn Zsilavetz

NEW & RETURNING VOLUNTEERS
January 15 through February 15, 2016
TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

The transportation drivers began in 2002 with one cart in operation. Now three carts run continually with a fourth cart held in reserve. They operate from 6:00 am until 8:15 pm regardless of weather conditions. There are eighty-five drivers on the roster, five of whom are women and it is considered one of the larger volunteer groups at TVRH. For those boarding a cart it is obvious drivers adhere to AIDET; Acknowledge, Introduce, Duration, Explanation and Thank You.

Jim Lemon, who has logged over 6,700 hours of volunteer service and who is a familiar figure to hospital administrators, volunteers and staff was named Chairperson for the Transportation Drivers in 2013. He has since organized and administered quarterly meetings to keep drivers updated on procedural changes and to address ensuing issues that may surface. Jim also supervises two trainers, Glenn Ridenour and Keith Bond who are responsible for instructing new drivers. Recently a designated shuttle stop location in the hospital's parking lot was approved which was a project Jim Lemon championed recognizing the need for such a structure.

Robert Wilkinson was an accountant in Pennsylvania for a manufacturing company before retiring to the Villages in 2006. He credits his church with being the inspiration that led him to serve as a volunteer at TVRH in 2007 and to date he has accrued nearly 2,000 volunteer hours.

He plays golf with his wife Karen once a week and also enjoys pickle ball and running track.

And when asked what he finds most interesting about volunteering as a driver Robert shared how much he enjoys watching the delight of the young kids that climb on board for their very first experience riding in an open cart – thrilling.

Tom Hollister worked as a sales representative for a tire company before retiring to the Villages. In addition to functioning as the Co-Chairperson for the Transportation Drivers he also handles the task of scheduling substitute drivers when the assigned driver is unavailable. And considering the endless phone calls the task demands, it's apparent Tom plays a significant role in the group. When a substitute driver cannot be located Tom, who has logged in nearly 2,000 volunteer hours, steps in to fill the vacancy.

Tom is a Navy Veteran who served in the Korean War from 1953 to 1955 and on Fridays he can be found lending a helping hand at the American Legion Post.

David Nelson is the newest transportation driver. He and his wife Mary Ann enjoy skiing in New York but locally they turn to pickle ball and golf for recreation in their new home in the Villages.

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George van Santen has been a volunteer transportation driver at TVRH since 2009 and for two years served as a trainer for the group. He credits his wife, Virginia, who volunteers at the front desk for inspiring him to become a volunteer at TVRH.

The couple moved from Portage, Indiana where George enjoyed an active presence in the community. As President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles he oversaw a yearly, week-long Jamboree involving over 125 vendors. And one of his most interesting projects involved bringing a decommissioned submarine to Portage to be used as a tourist attraction. Unfortunately the mayor at the time didn’t share George’s vision and the project was shelved. But as an active member of the Crime Stopper program George raised a fifty thousand dollar reward for the arrest of a man who had murdered a child. George said it was gratifying when he and Virginia distributed the reward money knowing justice had been served.

Jack Swisher retired after twenty years as an educator for the Department of Justice at Lewisburg Penitentiary.

Jack once a volunteer at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania logged over 2,000 volunteer hours as a courier delivering blood and medical supplies throughout the hospital.

And for over 30 years Jack was a high school basketball referee.

Since moving to the Villages fifteen years ago Jack began playing golf three or four times a week. And due to his love of the game Jack has, for the past ten years served as a Marshal for the Arnold Palmer Invitational Golf Tournament which often requires a hefty fifty to sixty hour work week to support the legendary tournament.

Jim Cummings has been a transportation driver since September 2009 but previously also volunteered in TVRH’s Cath Lab, Emergency Room and PACU.

Prior to moving to the Villages Jim was, for over twenty years a lake front property developer and building contractor.

While living in Rochester, New York Jim paid visits to the elderly in nursing homes accompanied by Duncan, his pet Scottie. And he also volunteered at a shelter workshop for handicapped individuals and routinely drove elderly worshipers to attend church services.

Jim, an auto aficionado has been the proud owner of a number of classic cars over the years and currently owns a 1955 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan and a 1957 cream-colored, T-Bird, which was a surprise gift for his wife, Nancy on her birthday.

When asked about challenges experienced while driving a transportation cart Jim shared a poignant story that many of the other drivers no doubt have also faced. An elderly lady distraught over her husband’s unexpected hospitalization couldn’t remember where she parked her car.

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After circling the parking lot several times while clicking the car’s key fob Jim finally figured out the woman had actually parked by the Sharon Morse Medical Center. But he wasn’t disturbed by the extra time spent to locate the missing car. He was instead relieved that he was able to come to the woman’s aid.

The nurses on the third floor Intensive Care Unit made it the most memorable day and we are forever grateful.

With all the love in our hearts…
Thank you — The Wheeler and Davis Family

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WOW Story: WEDDING AT TVRH

The following is an excerpt from a thank you letter written to The Villages Regional Hospital this week…

It was exactly one year ago that my Grandfather was able to fulfill his last life task. His wish was to give me away at my wedding. Each day he fought to stay in good health. Several times he declined and was admitted to the hospital – even coded five times and made it out of a coma.

My fiancé and I agreed to marry at my Grandfather’s hospital bedside. Four of the nurses at TVRH offered their beautiful earrings for me to wear as ‘something borrowed,’ and it did not stop there. They reserved a family waiting room just for my family. They showed up with a tray of brownies for our wedding ‘cake.’ They delivered sprite and orange juice to make mimosas for a toast.

DO YOU SEEM TO BE MISSING THE EMAILS FROM THE AUXILIARY OFFICE??

All the messages are sent out in en masse from the Auxiliary Office. We use a program called Constant Contact which tells your internet provider that TVRH is a safe email sender and ok to be sent out in en masse.

If you have unsubscribed for any reason and choose to re-subscribe for any reason, the office cannot add you. You must do this yourself. But that’s no problem. It’s easy! Call the office at 352-751-8061 and they will send you an email giving you instructions to resubscribe to the Auxiliary Blasts, and the Ye Old Thrift Shop notices should you choose. You complete the form, see example,

REMEMBER: If you unsubscribe from YOTS weekly sales notices you will be unsubscribed to the Auxiliary mailing list.

Filling out the form says you are granting TVRH Auxiliary Foundation, permission to email you. You can revoke permission any time by using the unsubscribe link at the bottom of every email.