This Year's Gala Was Very Successful!

More than 80 volunteers were there to help out. Jim Lemon was in charge of logistics and said all went smoothly. Music was spectacular and decorations were outstanding with the Serengeti Sunset Theme. See pictures and articles throughout this issue.

Some of the volunteers who helped set-up for the Gala.

Some of the volunteers who worked the night of the Gala.
Gala Moments
Update from Lou
our Volunteer Coordinator

“Your mind is a powerful thing. When you fill it with positive thoughts, your life will start to change.”
Unknown

Busy! Busy!
This is certainly the busy season for The Villages Regional Hospital and The Villages Regional Hospital Auxiliary Foundation. All the seasonal residents are back as we can tell from the traffic and wait lines at restaurants.

Hospital Gala
The Hearts for our Hospital Gala was held on February 9 and was a great success both in fun and in revenues. We more than 80 volunteers working Friday and Saturday. They deserve a big thank you for their help and commitment. The theme this year was Serengeti Sunset and the dining room and silent auction room were beautiful and carried out this theme wonderfully. Please look for pictures throughout this newsletter.

Volgistics
The new Volunteer data gathering system, Volgistics, has been up and running for a couple of weeks now and things are going smoothly. There were a couple of glitches at the cut over, which is normal for any new system, but these have all been worked through now. More changes and enhancements are on the horizon, so be on the lookout for future announcements. If you experience any difficulties, please call the Auxiliary Office, 751-8061, for their help.

Gift Gallery
Recently the Gift Gallery installed a point-of-sale system and the shop was closed for a couple of days. This system will give the Gift Gallery additional information and capabilities for better performance. My thanks to the Gift Gallery volunteers for their patience, their extra service during this time and their willingness to do new things.

Information Technology and Plant Operations deserve a big thank you for helping us get these new systems up and running. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Outside Transport Drivers
Our Outside Transport Drivers do a fantastic job every day. They are like the postmen—neither sleet, hail or rain will keep them from their job. We’ve had a couple of days with very cold and windy weather and the drivers have all been there. You are appreciated, Drivers!

Congratulations to all our volunteers for more than 13,000 hours of service to our Hospital in January and to our Thrift Shoppe, Café and Gift Gallery for the great revenues during that month. You are all AWESOME!

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Lou Emmert
Volunteer Coordinator

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Hello My Friends

Since the beginning of the year it seems the months are just flying by. First, I would like to share with you the Auxiliary Recap for January. We had 942 Volunteers and our hours served were 13,695. Keep up the good work.

We’ve had a number of opportunities to work special projects, such as a Chili-Cook Off, Home and Garden Show set up and Golf Fest. We also worked Life in Bloom (organ donor registration) this past week. A table was set up in the lobby of The Villages Regional Hospital to educate our staff and visitors on the critical need for organ donations. We thank everyone who stopped by and added their name to the donor list. If you would like to add your name on the donor list visit www.organdonor.gov, to learn more. Thank you Jeanne Wandall and Mary Gentile, volunteers for help spreading the word about organ donations.

I thank each and everyone for all you do for our Hospital. You truly make a difference.

Just a reminder, with your busy schedules do not forget to take time out to smell “the flowers.”

Jeannie gives KUDOS

to Deidre Rosemond from the Foundation office, for handling the food for the volunteers who were working in preparation for and the night of the Gala. There was a wide variety and the volunteers enjoyed it. What was leftover went to the staff at the hospital.

KUDOS to Judy Flood, a 2000-hour veteran of the ER, for beautifying the staff lounge in the ER with seasonal decorative tablecloths and plastic covers, making the break room brighter, more colorful and easier to clean.

Jeannie was awarded with her 15 years of service pin this month. Congratulations Jeannie!

Upcoming Lobby Sales

March 12 & 13
Jesse’s Girl
Yeti insulated cups with on-site embossing, jewelry & more.

April 18
Sparkle Life Jewelry

May 15 – 17
Belk’s

July 8 – 9
Masquerade Fundraising
(Everything’s $5)

October 2-3 – One Touch Linens & More

November 11-12
Masquerade Fundraising
(Everything’s $5)

December – no dates yet
Belk’s

KUDOS to Judy Flood (submitted by Sandy Murphy, Co-chair for ER volunteers)
Anniversary Pins for FEB 2019

15 yrs

Jeannie Rogale
Armel Nutter

10 yrs

Brown, Robert
Paravano, Billie
Supple, Wanda
Bohnstedt, Janice
Hurst, Nancy
Malicki, Rose
Proctor, Jill
Russo, Peggy
Teague, Shirley
Baker, Mary
Einstman, Elizabeth
Grotto-Howell, Rosemarie
Wesolowski, Patricia
Schroeder, Carole

5 yrs

Goldman, Mina
Pohl, Raymond
Pope, Barbara
Ritchey, Karen
Heit, Robert
Linker, Robert
Mills, Peggy
Rohlf, Jennifer
Bucklew, Donald
Cummings, Nancy
Gardner, Sylvia
Hartman, Kathleen
O’Dell, Robert
Nihil, Joy
Silvestrucci, Cynthia

Lodholz, Larold
Shea, Diane
Brown, Alison
Duarte, Francesca
Harmon, Julie
Lafave, Olga
Satterfield, Maria
Schnurpfeil, Richard
Stinton, Penny
Swain, Linda
Trigilio, Betsey
Wright, William “Bill”
Burns, Douglass
Burns, Gladys Elaine
English, Kim
Gariepy, Arthur
Gariepy, Julie
Geon, Carole
Gray, Judith
Maclay, Beverly
Montgomery, Beckie
Moore, Diane
Mueller, Julia
Prater, Linda
Rice, Audrey
Telford, Virginia
Woolsey, Sue Ann
Babcock, Sylvia
Briest, Robert
Brooks, Judith
Dombrowskas, Linda
Gallucci, Evelyn (Jane)
Haile, Dianne
Johnson, Janice Ann
Pepin, Noella
Yanachik, Dennis
Bushman, Pamela K.
Blackburn, Sandra
Endres, Patricia
Lillis, Jeanne
Ferry, Viola
Morgan, Kristina (Tina)

Ground Breaking NEWS

The groundbreaking for the new free-standing Emergency Department at Brownwood was January 30. It is located directly across the cattle drive leading into Brownwood.
Five years ago, the decorating of the Silent Auction room at the annual Hearts for Our Hospital Gala was given to Karen Harkins and Ina DeL Bosco from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. Their efforts were so impressive that year that the task was almost permanently assigned to the creative volunteers who stage displays at Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. This year was no exception. Nancy Cummings and Beth Malak were the co-chairs of the Auction Room Decorating efforts and their vision was translated into a Serengeti masterpiece.

Material, items and artwork that included animal prints or African images were gathered from the Shoppe donations over the four months prior to the event. Then 30+ Thrift Shoppe volunteers started at noon on Friday to transform bare tables into eye-catching displays for the 150 silent auction items. If there was no physical item to display (often the case when the donation is a gift certificate), the volunteers found something that signified the donation; tools for the handyman certificate; dinner settings for the restaurant gift certificate; and brass-embedded bookends for the fishing expedition.

The night of the gala many of these same volunteers served as attendants in the Silent Auction room to answer any questions the bidders might have had about an item and to encourage bidders to inspect the many fabulous donations. Interest in the staging articles was so great that many attendees wanted to purchase the items, so this year starting on Tuesday after the gala, a special section of the Shoppe was dedicated to the many beautiful items that had been used. Elephants, scarfs, shoes, pictures...
Volunteers from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe are ready for the auction to begin and candle holders were all available in the Shoppe under a sign announcing “As seen at the 2019 Hearts for Our Hospital gala.”

I’ve grouped the graphic & the text so you can easily resize the logo. Your Café graphic can appear on your copy and somewhere on the ad / collateral you must include the logo. We can’t change the font of the logo and if the logo is used in print (external usage) we must have the disclaimer included on the bottom.

The Tradition Continues

Fun Statistics

OUTSIDE OUTSIDE TRANSPORTATION

Keith Bonn, Chair shares some 2018 shuttle statistics:

• Drivers logged 12,744.55 hours with shifts, Gala, training, etc. 10,816 are the hours needed to fill the shifts.

• Guests transported per year for 2018 was approximately 226,971.

• Shuttle drivers total years of service is 271 years.

• All shifts are filled along a strong number of subs and more volunteers who want to drive.

• All shuttle drivers lifetime total hours volunteered is 60,648.47 hours

• Added 26 new staff in 2018 and lost only 10. Total drivers is 93.

• 8,572.30 engine hours on 4 carts where an average resident cart might have 225 per year.

• Cart 4 was recently turned in with 3 years of service with 5,935 hours.

Coffee Sales in the first 6 months of 2018 were 632 cups a month and in the last 7 months they sold 1330 cups a month since introducing Starbucks brand. AND starting March 1, the Cafe will be open 8:00 am-8:00 pm, every day.
By chance, both Cindy Williams and Barb Lovett ended up visiting The Villages at the same time. Francis DioGuardi saw this as an excellent opportunity to have a gathering at his home in Summerhill so that everyone could catch-up with their activities since they left.

He and his wife, Joan, invited all Day Captains to a coffee and pastry party and the laughing was almost continuous as Barb regaled them with her stories of driving down with her son and daughter-in-law. Both Cindy and Barb agreed they miss their volunteering times and have not found anything like TVRH Auxiliary in Ohio or Michigan. We wish they would both move back!

Newly retired from her volunteer position in the Gift Gallery due to health concerns, Marge Dombek celebrated her years with co-workers and friends in January. Fifteen years ago as TVRH opened. Marge was looking for some way to honor her little sister who passed away from cancer. She found a way – she volunteered in the new hospital mere weeks after it opened.

Marge worked three years in the auxiliary office until she found a permanent spot with the other ladies in the Gift Gallery. “They’re a nice group of women to work with,” she said. “And there’s a couple of girls left who worked there since the beginning too.”

Marge is feeling healthy now and ready to tackle a new chapter in her life. “I’m planning new projects” but fondly recalls, “I enjoyed it. You meet a lot of nice people! People who browse and want to talk. I came out ahead, though, that’s for sure.”

submitted by Peggy K Roche - Hummingbird Reporter
President Harry S. Truman was reputed to have a sign on his desk that read “The Buck Stops Here.” Well, if Jim Lemon had a desk at the Hospital, he would appropriate that sign. That motto has been Jim’s at least since he started supervising all the logistics for the annual Gala five years ago.

When his wife passed away in 2011, Jim began volunteering at the Hospital. “I started so I wouldn’t go crazy,” he said. “At least I’m not certifiable now.” During those years he has worn many, many hats—Chairman of Outside Transportation, Chairman of Patient Care, President of the Volunteer Organization and many, many more.

It might seem like he’s slowing down lately, but as a member of the Hospital Foundation, he still wears many hats, but none more wide-ranging it seems as talking care of all logistical needs associated with the Gala.

“I always end up doing things I never intended to do,” he said. “I am a firm believer in if I have a complaint, I have to be a part of the solution.”

Part of his solution is to be surrounded by “excellent people,” he explained. And he listed over a half dozen people who have worked with him for all of the five years. Like many of the volunteers, he worked from 7 AM to midnight on gala day, only 10 AM to 6:30 PM the day before, and at least two hours a day, every day the entire year before the gala.

“I believe in what I’m doing and who I’m doing it for,” he said. “I started so I wouldn’t go crazy;” he said. “At least I’m not certifiable now.”

Betty Schneider, Patient Care Chair, gives KUDOS to the Front Desk volunteers who have been working well with Patient Care volunteers to cover discharging patients.

Deb Becht (left), Acute Rehab CNA, and Jackie Sampson, Chairperson for three volunteer groups, the TVRH Auxiliary Foundation, Carol & Sam Miller, and Peggy Roche pass out information and medicine bottle openers as they represent TVRH during the Golf Fest at the Polo Grounds February 16.
Building on the success of last year’s trial of a separate luncheon for Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe and feedback received from volunteers participating in the survey last spring, we have planned four separate luncheons this year – all will be held at Katie Belle’s. Each Volunteer will be able to attend only one of these luncheons, even if you work in multiple departments.

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Sign-up to attend your luncheon starting on March 18th in the Day Captain’s office for everything except the YOTS luncheon. Sign-up for the YOTS luncheon will be done at the Shoppe.

Deadline to sign-up for the first two luncheons is Saturday, April 6th and for the last two luncheons is Wednesday, April 13th.

Awards will be announced prior to the luncheons but will be presented at the specific luncheon where the winner(s) attend.

Rena Marchand, Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe Chair gives KUDOS to the Monday volunteers who clean, re-stock and stage the Shoppe every week. Every Tuesday a mob of repeat customers are waiting at the door to see what bargains they can discover.
Our Mission
To raise funds and create awareness of the services which our hospital provides to maintain and improve the quality of patient care.