And The Winners Are ...

AWARD PRESENTATIONS LIKE NO OTHER

The 2020 award winners were selected, and the awards were engraved, but what can you do when the luncheons are not being held? The presentations still needed to feel “special” ...

How about borrowing the Publishers Clearing House method? You know, show up unannounced with flowers, signs and balloons to give the winners their awards.

So we did it! Of course most of the photos were taken with masks in place except when we surprised them so much they didn’t have their masks available.

Making a Difference

Ann Zani

Ann is a ray of sunshine in the Emergency Department. She is terrific with patients, showing genuine concern and empathy. She ensures that patients and their families are kept informed, lowering their anxiety. She also cheerfully helps the other volunteers in ED if needed. Ann loves being a volunteer and it shows.

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Even though the June issue of the Hummingbird was not out until late in June, we wanted to go ahead with another issue so we can share the winners from this year’s hospital-wide Awards Program.

It was an interesting challenge to find a way of surprising these winners when we didn’t have our annual luncheons. Rena Marchand proposed the “Publishers Clearing House” format. All winners were really surprised which made it great fun for us. We want to congratulate all the 2020 winners! We will publish the winners from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe in the following issue.

We know you are all eager to return to volunteering—helping the hospital, seeing your friends, getting out of the house—but for now we are still in a “wait and see” mode depending on how well COVID-19 is contained in our area. Meanwhile, we are opening the ARCE testing at the East Campus—every Tuesday starting July 7 with limited hours from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This will be a chance for those who could not take the test during their birthday months (March, April, May and June) as well as those with July birthdays to take the mandatory testing. You will need to wear a mask, practice social distancing and use the hand sanitizer that will be available. It would also be helpful if you brought your own pen to fill out the paperwork.

Because of COVID-19 precautions, the cafeteria looks different. The food is prepared in individual containers for easy, safe selection. We’ve included a picture here of the items for making a salad.

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NOT Getting E-mails or the Newsletter From the Auxiliary?

When you receive an email from the Auxiliary office DO NOT JUNK or UNSUBSCRIBE IT even if the topic is of no interest to you. JUST TRASH IT!

We know that not all emails from the Auxiliary will pertain to YOU. BUT, there are many that will!

So, if you unsubscribe or send it to “Junk” you could miss IMPORTANT information in the future! Such as:
- The Hummingbird Hospital Christmas Gift Announcement (Hams & Turkeys)
- Notice of Auxiliary Luncheon
- Temporary changes and Directives concerning Construction and Renovations
- Announcements Regarding Coupons, Discounts and Free Tickets for Volunteers

IF you accidently unsubscribe or you “Junk” it and are not receiving notices your fellow volunteers know about ... please call the Auxiliary Office 352.751.8061.

They cannot just reconnect you, but they will help you get it done.

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Update From Lou and Jeannie

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**President’s Award**

**Shellie Scarborough**

During the past year, Shellie has been a tremendous help to Jeannie Rogale—making her job easier. Because of her knowledge about the hospital and the organization she can quickly get information or answers for our president. Shellie also shares her talents and skills with other volunteers in a most cheerful manner. She remains patient and willing to go above and beyond to make the Foundation and the Auxiliary members successful. (AWARDS continues on Page 4)

"I had two procedures done at UF Health The Villages® Hospital Advanced Surgery Center in June. I want to share what a good experience I had. Your staff is wonderful. When I pulled up to the front doors, I was greeted by a nurse with a wheelchair that was my size and a proper-fitting gown. Your staff went above and beyond in caring for me and I am very appreciative. UF Health The Villages® Hospital is a premier facility!"
Volunteer Award Winners

Special Award

Joseph Maher II

Joseph is a dedicated employee of the hospital who is quite willing to do whatever is needed in the realm of Environmental Services. He maintains his pleasant demeanor and efficiently performs the tasks. All the volunteers who have interacted with Joseph (a.k.a. The Chaplin) immediately notice his great attitude and helpfulness.

In photo at right, Joseph, Jeannie (left) and Lou are all smiles (behind their face masks, of course).

Going the Extra Mile

Pat Falco

Pat is described as the one who “does the heavy lifting” for the Golf Cart Shuttle service. Every Saturday morning, even in the summer heat or the winter cold, Pat washes and cleans the shuttle carts to keep them sparkling. He also performs light maintenance work. In addition, Pat takes on the role of logistics coordinator for the annual Hearts for Our Hospital Gala. This involves scheduling and managing 25 volunteers to get the auction items and supplies to the Gala, providing security on both Friday and Saturday, and cleaning and returning the items to the storage rooms after the event.

Pat (center), Jeannie and Lou share Pat’s winning moment.
Unsung Hero

JoAnn Reedy

JoAnn works in at least eight different departments at the hospital, some as a sub and some full-time. She is flexible, a quick learner and able to get along with many different personalities and styles. These characteristics make JoAnn an incredibly valuable volunteer who can and will fill gaps in staffing as needed. She takes on new tasks with enthusiasm and a positive attitude that she can make a difference ... and make a difference she does!

In photo at left, Lou and Jeannie congratulate JoAnn.

Leadership

Keith Bonn

Keith is amazing! He took over the chairmanship of the Outside Transportation Department and began implementing proactive management techniques to improve the performance of the entire department. He understands the requirements and demands of the volunteer position and fights to get these volunteers the tools and supplies they need—ranging from a special sign-in kiosk to better communication equipment. Keith’s leadership has built a strong team of volunteers who not only perform their own duties but also work to help each other when needed. Keith delegates well, creates a positive environment, promotes his department with articles in the Hummingbird, and ensures regular communication.

Keith holds his winner’s bouquet high after Jeannie and Lou presented his award.
Outstanding Department

Day Captains Office

Day Captains are individuals who are required to think on their feet because they are the “go to” person on each shift. They are expected to solve problems and know whom to contact if needed. They serve as a communication point for the volunteers and provide a key function of gathering results whether for voting, attendance at luncheons or thank you gifts. Because of their dedication, the contribution of the volunteers is maximized and the interruption of hospital staff is minimized. It’s hard to image how everything would smoothly function without the Day Captains Office.

Cindy Ginns, Day Captains Office chair, accepts the award presented to her on the team’s behalf by Lou and Jeannie.

Volunteer of the Year

Marj Magdasy

Marj has been a volunteer for over eight years and is extremely dependable. Although her main assignment is in the Day Captains Office, she is proficient in working at the front desk. She arrives early for her shifts and is readily willing to help if another volunteer needs to have her shift covered. In addition Marj is always willing to help on special events. As a Day Captain, Marj is always up to date on policies and knows whom to contact if needed for any clarification. Everyone likes and appreciates her positive attitude, team spirit and smile. She exemplifies what a volunteer should be.

Marj (seated in front) shows off the award, bouquet and balloon presented by Jeannie and Lou.
**Grand Opening of ARCE Testing**

**Starting Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**

You will be able to come to the East Campus on the 3rd Floor and take your mandatory ARCE for 2020. (Note the reduced hours.)

We have reduced the number of terminals to ensure social distancing and we have wipes and hand sanitizers available. We want to assure everyone that everything is being done to safeguard you in accordance with the hospital policies.

You MUST wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer, bring your own pen and practice social distancing. Needless to say, if you are not feeling well or have a fever you should wait before coming in.

Please plan to take the test as soon as possible to be ready for your return to volunteering.

For questions contact tvrhAuxOffice@centflhealth.com or call the Auxiliary Office at 352-751-8061.

**NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY.**

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**Whoopi-ty-aye-yay,**

**We’re Back in the Shuttles Again**

Do you remember cowboy Gene Autry singing “Back In The Saddle Again”?

Autry and his faithful steed Champion the Wonder Horse were big stars in film, radio and television back in the day.

The duo starred in 79 films and 91 TV episodes between 1935 and 1955, according to Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia,

Pam Smothers, who volunteers as a shuttle car driver at UF Health The Villages® Hospital, has written a song to the tune of the old favorite.

She’s sharing her words with readers of The Hummingbird, and she just might be heard singing the tune to shuttle car riders and her fellow cart drivers at our hospital.

So go ahead and sing it out loud!

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**Tribute to Outside Transport Volunteers**

(\textit{It’s to the tune of Gene Autry’s theme song.})

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♫ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪
We’re back in the saddle again
Lookin’ for patients and friends
With a mask on our face
And a seat that’s been cleaned
You don’t scare us, COVID-19.
♫ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪
Back in the saddle we ride
With a bucket of wipes at our side
We hear all their woes
Their stories and jokes
Straight from The Villages folks
♫ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪
It’s time we get on with our lives
With some rules and procedures revised
But look! We’re outside!
And together we’ll win
So it’s back in the saddle again
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UF Health The Villages® Hospital Auxiliary Foundation has recently established a Pandemic Preparedness Fund to help ensure that the hospital is able to meet the needs of our frontline healthcare workers should we have to deal with another crisis in the future.

Donations from this fund will be used to acquire items such as:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Preparedness Plans
- Diagnostic Testing
- Supplies
- ICU Equipment

How You Can Help

Individuals can make a tax deductible contribution by mailing a check made payable to UF Health The Villages Hospital Auxiliary Foundation to 1501 N. Highway 441, Suite 1829, The Villages, FL 32159. To make an online donation, visit tvrhfoundation.org. For more information, phone 352-751-8871.

For more information about partnering in this effort, clubs, organizations and businesses can contact Cathy Reardon at UF The Villages Hospital Auxiliary Foundation at 352-751-8871.

In the photo above, Rotary District 6980 presented a check for $5,000. Pictured from left are Cindi Cioci, Rotary district governor; Dan Semenza, past Rotary district governor; Richard Campbell, president of UF Health The Villages® Auxiliary Foundation; and Jo Weber, past Rotary district governor.

In the photo above, Villages Vettes Corvette Club presented a check for $1,000. Pictured from left are Scott Sander, chairman of UF Health The Villages® Auxiliary Foundation; Charlie Tagman, president of Village Vettes Corvette Club; and Rich Rose, vice president of the club.
Thoughtful Grad Pens Heartfelt Thanks

The Villages Charter High School graduation was not a normal one this year due to the coronavirus.

This year’s graduation ceremony was held on the football field with graduates allowed only two tickets for family members. Each graduate had a folding chair with a blown-up photo attached. The chairs were spaced six feet apart.

The graduates could walk across a stage to accept their diploma, and they also were able to toss their graduation caps into the air, but the larger audience was online this year.

Socorro Torres-Lopez, who volunteered in our hospital’s emergency waiting room for 2½ years, was one of those graduates. She sent an evite to emergency room volunteers George and Gloria Counselman so they could share in the celebration.

The photo she used as an invitation was special. It featured a photograph taken in her backyard shortly before graduation. She is wearing her sister’s high school cap and gown because hers had not yet arrived. Socorro’s mother had graduated from a licensed practical nurse program in March—just one day before the COVID-19 regulations began at the hospital—and her sister graduated from Florida Southern College a few days before Socorro’s high school graduation.

They wanted a photo, along with her father, of all three as the Class of 2020 graduates. Socorro also took college classes during high school and her graduation from Lake-Sumter State College is scheduled July 29.

The Counselmans did tune in at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, to watch her high school graduation. Later that day, they sent Socorro an email saying, “We saw you walk across the stage. We are at dinner tonight and toasted you with a glass of wine. You have been in our thoughts all day.”

Socorro wrote back saying, “Thank you for the support over the last few years. I have loved being able to volunteer with you.”

This is what the student volunteer program at UF Health The Villages Hospital is all about!

Beat the Heat, come on over to Santa’s ‘cool’ Summer Sale

Featuring all Holiday themed selections—
all of July ... while supplies last!

**Don’t forget to check out our other items, too! Clothing, Accessories, Housewares, Dishes, Cookware, Furniture, Home Décor, Linens, Wall Art, & Books are just a small sample of the many “timeless treasures” you can find!**

Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe is open

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 106 & 110 W. Lady Lake Blvd., just two blocks south of the CR 466 and US Highway 441 intersection and next to the Lady Lake Historical Park.

For more information call us at 352-259-5853.
We appreciate all your donations and can also pick up large pieces of furniture just call 352-571-9785.
Our Mission: To raise funds and create awareness of the services which our hospital provides to maintain and improve the quality of patient care.