

Auxiliary Annual Meeting

October 23, 2023



GRANT REGIONAL
HEALTH CENTER
AUXILIARY



**Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary
2023 Annual Meeting Agenda October 23, 2023**

WelcomeLori Marshall
Prayer/Reflection (p. 2)..... Gretta McKelvey
Dinner.....Doolittle’s
Guest Speaker Dave Smith, GRHC President/CEO

Annual Meeting Agenda

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Appreciation..... Lori Marshall
Adjournment
Installation of officers.....Rochelle Williams

*Thank you for your dedication to Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary and
serving our hospital and community!*

Reflection



Heavenly Father:

Although we live in an uncertain world, we gather together as a community of caregivers and continue to support and lift each other up. Bless each person present and all the volunteers that give daily to make our hospital, our community and our world a better place.

We ask for guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this meeting. As we gather, our intent is to represent fairly, mindfully and impartially those who have given us this task. Help us all to engage in respectful and meaningful discussions, to ask, understand and respond with clarity and courage.

Grant us patience and persistence in our attempts to understand each other. Help us to work together and challenge each other to reach higher and further to be the best we can be.

We ask guidance of our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our organization, hospital and our communities. We ask that you remain in our hearts and guide us in our love and service and ask that you continue to bless and shepherd us as we continue on our journey.

We ask blessings on all who are no longer with us and the families that are left behind. Bless the brave men and women that serve in the armed forces. And the army of health care and essential workers who are on the frontlines during these challenging times. And blessings on everyone worldwide – as we have all been affected in so many ways this past year. May we always be cognizant of how fragile and precious life is. We ask this in your name.

Amen

ANNUAL MEETING

President's Report

October 23, 2023

Dear Auxilians,

As my term as your President draws to a close, I am reflecting on all I have learned and how much we have accomplished in the last two years. It has been simply wonderful!

Celebrating our 70th anniversary as an Auxiliary is a glowing accomplishment for this organization! New fundraisers, more Auxiliary members, and more volunteering have all helped us grow. You are all a part of that growth and should be proud.

This group of people have become friends and taught me to cultivate my gratitude and joy! I am so proud of the difference we are making in our local healthcare community.

We will be donating \$5000 to the new Fennimore Clinic demonstrating our commitment to access to rural healthcare.

Advocacy for local healthcare has been a mainstay of my personal mission and I will continue to be active to support this. Healthcare scholarships are a vital part of my mission, and I am excited to share the Board voted to award \$5000 in scholarships in 2024!

A special Thank You to Wendy Ralph as she retires from her tenure on our Board. Her knowledge, expertise, and smile will be missed!

Thank you for allowing me to extend my passion and the opportunity to serve you.

Lori Marshall, Auxiliary President

"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud."

Helen Dyer

GRANT REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER AUXILIARY
2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2022

Welcome: Lori Marshall welcomed everyone to the Auxiliary's annual meeting.

Reflection: Juli Boughton led us in a prayer of reflection.

Dinner was prepared by Doolittle's and enjoyed by all.

Guest Speaker: Kate Adametz-Jenkins.

Call to Order: Lori Marshall called to order the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence: Jody Bartels led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and we observed a moment of silence.

Agenda Approval: Verda Nemo made a motion to approve the agenda. Wendy Ralph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President's Report: Lori Marshall referenced her President's Report on page 4 of the annual meeting program. She proudly listed some of the Auxiliary's accomplishments this year including the awarding of four scholarships, coordinating 12 blood drives and seven fundraisers, providing baby gifts, and having representation at the district meeting, Advocacy Day, and the State convention.

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Jody Bartels made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes: Lori Marshall asked for volunteers to review the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. Stacy Martin, Crysti Prange, and Jody Bartels volunteered.

Presentation of the 2023 Proposed Budget: Wendy Ralph provided a review of the 2023 Budget noting fundraising endeavors and operating/program activities. As of 9/30/2022, the checking account balance is \$8,764.95 and savings account \$6,804.75. She noted savings designated funds for Club Scrub of \$1,804.74, Scholarships \$3,000, and Fennimore Clinic project \$2,000.

Action: Mary Lou Bausch made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Stacy Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative Report: Lori Marshall introduced Dave Smith, CEO, who presented his administrative report to the auxiliary. His full report is found in the annual meeting program pages 8 and 9. He is grateful for the Auxiliary's dedication and commitment and noted our most recent cookie sale fundraiser, which raised monies for the purchase of mastectomy pillows, which will be used for mastectomy patients when they return home and on car rides to help protect their surgical site. He proudly announced the hospital's 5-star rating for patient experience for a consistent 18 quarters, which reflects our staff's performance and commitment to their patients. Looking forward, he is excited to break ground for the Fennimore Clinic in 2023 and all that the new year will bring. He is

very appreciative of the fundraising efforts of the Auxiliary, and the time and effort given towards these projects.

Officers/Committee Recognition: Lori Marshall announced the Board of Directors for 2023 and Standing Committee Chairpersons. President, Lori Marshall; President-Elect, Dana Straka; Past President, Jody Bartels; Treasurer, Wendy Ralph; Secretary, Juli Boughton; Director-Volunteer Hours, Verda Nemo; Director-Newsletter, Sheila Reynolds; Director of Volunteer Services, Rochelle Williams; Gift Shop, Kim Veech/Tamie Weydert; Health Education and Scholarship, Donna Brokopp; Public Policy, Gretta McKelvey, Membership, Sheila Reynolds; and Ways and Means, Gretta McKelvey.

2020-2021 Fundraising Report: Rochelle Williams thanked Gretta McKelvey for all her help in coordinating the fundraising activities. Please see list of fundraisers in the past year on page 11 of the annual meeting program.

Committee Reports: Committee Chairpersons referred to their reports found in the annual meeting program pages 12-14.

Overview of Partners of WHA State Convention Meeting: Lori Marshall and Mary Lou Bausch attended the State convention and noted there were 135 auxiliaries in attendance. There were 46 representing the Western District. Grant Regional was responsible for displays with 19 organizations having a display. Highlights included the vendor displays and silent auction. She said there will be two district meetings next year, which Mary Lou plans to attend. She informed members of the officers for next year, and that next year's State Convention will be October 3-5, 2023. She encouraged members to consider attending the State Convention as it is a great opportunity to meet other districts and get new ideas for the Auxiliary.

Awards Presentation: Ms. Verda Nemo handed out certificates for volunteer service awards for the years 2021 and 2022. In total, we had 4,909 volunteer hours!

Special Recognition: Lori Marshall recognized Irma Atkinson for her dedication and commitment to the hospital, and the many roles she served throughout her years at the hospital. She was an active Auxiliary member and contributed over 4000 hours of service to the Auxiliary. Her thoughtfulness and spirit will be remembered for many years.

Door Prizes: Winners were chosen by those who had a notation on the back of their program.

Adjournment: Jody Bartels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Verda Nemo seconded that motion. The motion carried. Installation of Officers was held after the meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Education Center in the hospital.

Submitted by,

Juli Boughton, Secretary

Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary

2024 Proposed Budget

Fund Raising	Budget Income	Budgeted Expenses	Net Income
Pasty Sale	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Celebrity Servers	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Flower Sale	\$700.00		\$700.00
Gift Shop	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Otis Cookie Sales/Cancer	\$480.00	\$200.00	\$280.00
Pampered Chef	\$200.00		\$200.00
Festival of Trees	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
Raffle	\$7,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$5,300.00
Subtotal	\$16,380.00	\$2,100.00	\$14,280.00
Operating			
Member Dues			\$3,000.00
Annual Meeting		\$100.00	-\$100.00
Insurance/raffle license/fees		-\$300.00	-\$300.00
State Dues		-\$160.00	-\$160.00
Treasurer Expense		-\$30.00	-\$30.00
Square Credit Card Expense		-\$720.00	-\$720.00
Newsletter/Postage		-\$200.00	-\$200.00
Leadership Training		-\$300.00	-\$300.00
Subtotal		-\$1,610.00	\$1,190.00
Program Activities			
Cancer Donation		-\$200.00	-\$200.00
Comm. Health Ed (Rural Safety)		-\$250.00	-\$250.00
Gifts to Hospital		-\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Scholarships		-\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Subtotal		-\$6,650.00	-\$6,650.00
Grand Total	\$16,380.00	-\$6,160.00	\$8,820.00

Savings designated funds:

Club Scrub \$1,804.74
 Scholarships \$3,649.80
 Fennimore Clinic \$5,000.00

Checking Balance: \$12,075.96

Savings Balance: \$10,461.95

Grant Regional Health Center
2023 Administrative Report to the Auxiliary



Auxiliary members,

Congratulations on 70 years of service! As necessary as it is to look ahead, plan and be ready for the future, it is also very important to reflect on our past. 2023 marks notable milestones in our hospital's history. This year marks the 5th anniversary of our major expansion. Also my 5th year at Grant Regional, I'm proud to be part of our remarkable transformation and growth in services, hiring additional staff, and an increase in patient volumes – all while focusing intently on providing a compassionate patient experience. Our success is due to the hundreds perhaps thousands of individuals who through the years kept our mission alive and continued to press forward, even when times were difficult. It's evident to me how important our mission was and still is, to our Auxiliary. They were truly visionaries in those early years before a hospital was even a reality. I'm very grateful to this outstanding group of volunteers a.k.a. Auxiliary. The dedication and compassion you have shown as you served our hospital and community is an inspiration for us all. Tonight we celebrate and recognize the outstanding legacy you have built and continue today. Seventy years of service to others is truly an amazing achievement. I think it's rare to see such a longstanding commitment remain intact and so strong. I'm sure it wasn't without challenges or adversity. I'm sure decisions weren't always easy or membership/leadership wasn't always a given. But instead, I believe that working together toward one common goal [to support your local hospital] was your greatest strength.

An annual meeting with an annual report is a perfect opportunity to look back at the past year and also look ahead at future goals to achieve. I want to thank each of you for the many hours served on the Auxiliary board and committees and the many accomplishments you have achieved for the benefit of our staff, patients, and our communities. I believe in recognizing the strides you make each year and also taking time to reflect and renew our commitment to those who truly need us.

Local Care for our Communities

With your support, we have been able to do some remarkable things over the years. As a hospital, we remain committed to serving our communities and bring services here so that our patients and surrounding communities can receive excellent health care services locally and not need to travel great distances for care. We've added new services and providers and our new clinic in Fennimore is set to open at the end of this year. All of this demonstrates that we are working toward our vision of being the healthcare provider of choice in our region. And naturally, it's our hope that our Auxiliary members and their families will choose to receive care or have surgery locally before choosing other organizations out of town.

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Our Growth in Past 5 Years

Expanded space

- Expansion added: new space for Med/Surg, new main entrance, new family practice clinic, Radiology, Outpatient Department, renovated space in Lab, OR, expanded ER and new education center.
- Expansion highlights included an in-house MRI, private patient inpatient rooms, helipad, ambulance garage and much needed added parking.
- Obstetrics Renovation
- Third Operating Room
- Dedicated space for Cardiopulmonary Rehab

Services

- Ear, Nose, Throat
- Neurology/Spine Care
- Fuerste Eye Clinic – optical center, surgery at GRHC
- Breast care including Stereotactic Breast Biopsy and MRI Breast Coil

Providers

- Added two OB providers: Dr. Kim Perttu and Dr. David Casillas Plazola
- Added Family Practice providers: Kate Reuter, Abigail Burns, Rachel Loeffelholz, Dr. James, Dr. White, Brian Quick
- Added General Surgeon Dr. Darren Perttu with enhanced capabilities in laparoscopic surgery, wound care, and varicose vein treatment
- Added Neurology/Spine Care Dr. Debasish Bhattacharyya
- Added Ear, Nose, Throat & Facial Plastic Surgeon Dr. Dale Chilson
- Added Ortho PA-C Nate Stocco
- Added Urologist Dr. Ian Stormont

Meeting our communities needs

- Served our communities through challenging pandemic
- Opened clinics in Potosi and Cassville (now 2 days a week at each location)
- Behavioral Health - 2 counselors added
- Wellness activities and community health education
- New clinic in Fennimore end of 2023

On behalf of our entire organization, I thank you for your commitment and dedication to helping us provide exceptional healthcare services for our patients and families. From community connections to individual conversations, and sharing of your time and talents, each of you is an important component of our success! We want you to know that we value your ongoing support and recognize your efforts. Your involvement makes a huge difference and for that I am very grateful!

Dave Smith, MBA, FACHE, President/CEO

Grant Regional Health Center

**Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary
Board of Directors 2023-2024**

Official Position	Name	Phone
President	Dana Straka	778-2669
President-Elect	Gretta McKelvey	384-8188
Past President	Jody Bartels	778-6879
Treasurer	Lori Marshall	574-3539
Secretary	Juli Boughton	723-3364
Director-Volunteer Hours	Verda Nemo	723-2577
Director–Newsletter	Sheila Reynolds, Rochelle Williams	723-4679
President/CEO	Dave Smith	723-3200
Director of Volunteer Services	Rochelle Williams	723-3223

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Gift Shop	Kim Veech 778-9148 & Tamie Weydert 778-7963	
Health Education	Donna Brokopp	723-2866
Scholarship	Donna Brokopp	723-2866
Public Policy	Gretta McKelvey	384-8188
Membership	Sheila Reynolds	723-4679
Ways and Means	Julie Zenz	723-9091

Auxiliary Committees

Nominating Committee	Jody Bartels	778-6879
Historian	Mary Lou Bausch	778-0491
Blood Drive Coordinator	Peg Ryan	723-7691

Membership Dues

Membership dues are due by December 31, 2023.

We appreciate your ongoing support and membership!

Active \$20

Associate \$30

Business \$50

Please remit payment to Sheila Reynolds, 869 Ridge Avenue, Lancaster, WI 53813

WAYS & MEANS

GRHC Auxiliary would like to thank each volunteer who gave their time to work on our successful fundraisers this past year. You do make a difference! We ask for your continued support as we all serve the hospital in accordance with Grant Regional Health Center's Mission, Vision, and Values. As a hospital auxiliary, our primary purpose is to assist our hospital and with all your help ~ we can achieve our goals!

Special recognition to the following chairpersons of the 2022-2023 fundraisers:

Fundraiser: Chairperson(s):	Net Profit:
Otis Cookie Sales: Sheila Reynolds/Karen McDermott	\$ 619.80
Pampered Chef: Lori Marshall/Gretta McKelvey	\$ 268.60
Rech Family Farms Flower Sales: Gretta McKelvey	\$ 674.38
Celebrity Server Event: Lori Marshall/Dana Straka	\$3,097.50
Pasty Sale: Ann Cooley/Lori Marshall/Deb Udelhoven	\$1,000.00
Gift Shop: Tamie Weydert/Kim Veech	\$4,000.00

2023 FALL UPCOMING EVENTS

Festival of Trees: December 1 & 2

Calendar Raffle: October 1 – December 1

Thank you for all you do!

Gretta McKelvey, Ways and Means



PUBLIC POLICY

2023 Annual Report

Engage in Advocacy



As the leading voice on health care in Wisconsin, WHA's **Hospitals Education & Advocacy Team (HEAT)** is the statewide network designed to facilitate YOUR grassroots involvement in health care public policy. The HEAT program provides you with the information, strategy, and assistance you need to share your insight on how legislative issues impact hospitals and the communities they serve. Stay informed of the issues and join thousands of others in making the voice of Wisconsin hospitals heard loud and clear. Sign-up for HEAT today to receive:

- Action alerts, called **HEAT Alerts**, on important, timely public policy facing the Governor, State Legislature, or Congress that could impact Wisconsin hospitals and health care in the state.
- An invitation to WHA's annual **Advocacy Day** where you will join more than 1,100 hospital administrators, employees, trustees, volunteers, physicians, patients, and others passionate about protecting Wisconsin's high-quality, high-value health care system as they lobby in the state Capitol.
- Periodic **public policy updates** keep you informed of the status and progress of legislative priorities.
- **Election resources** so you know where your candidates stand on health care issues.

I want to encourage each member to participate and advocate for important changes in health care. It is simple and easy to find topics, just log on to www.wha.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretta McKelvey, PPE Chair



In Recognition – Wendy Ralph, Treasurer 2013-2023

GRHC Auxiliary would like to recognize **Wendy Ralph** for her longstanding dedication and commitment to Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary. We celebrate her kindness and wonderful personality that she has shared with us over the years during her service to the hospital, Auxiliary and our community. Wendy's calm demeanor and attention to detail was a welcome attribute that we very much appreciated. Thank you Wendy! We wish you much happiness in the years to come!

Health Education

Your mental health is an an important part of your physical health! Be aware of your own mindset and those around you! Sometimes you have to be aware if you are having a hard time sleeping, or eating too much or too little! You may be just “content” just spending more time alone and more anxious! You may notice someone else you have missed out and about! Maybe offer to have coffee or a cup of tea or take a ride to look at the colors. There is help available! Our hospital and clinic have family practitioners and counselors available to listen and more available in our community.

This next year there will be more about communicable diseases and vaccines available. It’s flu and cold season so be diligent with your hand washing and cleaning of community shared door knobs, grocery carts and use dish washer or hot soapy water for counters and shared plates and silverware etc.

We are excited to let you know we are helping 4 young people with their medical education adventures. Ella Jackering, Conor Naha, Dakota White, and Audrey Rowe! We will be sending their checks to their schools in January after they finish their first Fall semester and are signed up for their second semester.

This next year we will be awarding \$5000 instead of \$3000 in scholarships! So fill out those applications if you are pursuing an education in the medical field! Thank you all for volunteering for our fund raisers to make this possible! Let me know if any of you would like to help with our decision making! And their is a sign up sheet for upcoming Fundraisers!

We have a good time and many hands make light work!

Donna Brokopp, Health Education



GIFT SHOP

Once again, we need to begin by saying THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers and customers!!! Our small gift shop continues to persevere and would not be successful without your support!

Do you know of someone that would be interested in working a few hours each month? Please contact one of us, or any current volunteer, for more information. In addition to the reward of volunteering your time, we also offer a discount on Gift Shop purchases.

The shop is currently open from 10am – 2 pm Monday thru Thursday, with the hopes of expanding those hours and to also include a few upcoming evenings & Saturdays. New inventory items continue to come in, and we're super excited to share them with you! Be sure to like & follow us on Social Media for details. Here's a sneak peek:



- ❖ Just in time for 'Snuggle Season', everyone is FALLing in love with our new shackets, jackets, sweaters & purses; as well as beautiful candles & throws.
- ❖ We'll begin celebrating the Christmas season soon, and will have a **Holiday Open House on Sat, Dec 2nd**. Keep us in mind for your gift-giving needs, party planning and holiday décor.

Stop in often, and encourage your friends & co-workers to visit us too. We look forward to seeing you!

And remember... it's always ok to purchase a gift for yourself too.

Sincerely,

Kim Veech & Tamie Weydert
Gift Shop Co-Chairs



GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Certificate Recipients

Deb Udelhoven	100, 200
Donita Gruender	200
Holly Jerrett	200
Karen McDermott	400
Peg Ryan	400
Gretta McKelvey	400, 500
Dana Straka	500
Verda Nemo	500, 700
Juli Boughton	1000
Lori Marshall	700, 1000
Sheila Reynolds	2000
Kim Veech	3000



GRANT REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

Auxiliary Mission Statement



Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary is a group of dedicated volunteers who serve the hospital and surrounding communities by fundraising, service, ambassadorship, advocacy and education and by providing funds to support and enhance Grant Regional Health Center.