



AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and a Happy New Year to All

I would like to begin with thanking all volunteers for their sharing of time and many talents you each have to offer the auxiliary.

If you haven't visited the hospital cafeteria within the last few months, please do and see the changes brought about from the Wish List.

The hospice room for Long Term Care is near completion. This will be a nice addition and allow for more privacy for the patient and his/her family.

A group met for seeking input to make the chapel become a reality.

It is not too soon to be thinking about the 2017 Flea Market. The date is June 3. As you work on cleaning your closet(s) be sure to mark a box "Flea Market Items".

If you need hours, and do not have a specific project you are working on, please review the list from the September newsletter of all committee chairs and give them a call.

Joyce Henderson

BLOOD BANK

The next Blood Bank will be Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Faith Lutheran Church, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m.

POC: Theresa Mills

UPCOMING WMH AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce that LuLaRoe Angela Louise will be hosting a fundraiser in partnership with WMH Auxiliary. This sale will be Friday, February 3, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the hospital lobby, south entrance. LuLaRoe is simply comfortable clothing. Its uniqueness is not only in the design, but also the prints. There are many items offered, i.e., shirts, skirts, dresses, leggings and much more. Angela Thompson is a WMH employee and is appreciative of the many Wish List items the departments have received throughout the years. She is doing this in order to pay back a small portion of the greatness the auxiliary offers others.

Please tell your friends about this sale as well. Hope to see you there.

FEBRUARY LUNCH/GENERAL MEETING

The February Auxiliary Lunch/General Meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Elks Lodge. Menu: Soup, Salad, Sandwich with dessert, coffee, tea and water. \$8.00 per person. The Calling Committee will be calling for reservations.

FLU SHOTS

As a reminder, if you volunteer within the hospital they do need to know if you have gotten your flu shot this year. Please either contact Jazell in the Community Relations Department at 635-4351 or stop in to the Gift Shop. If you have chosen not to have a flu shot you do need to complete a form. Jazell can either mail or email this form to you or you can pick it up in the Gift Shop. We need this information by the end of January. Thank you. The Community Relations Department.

AUXILIARY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Do you have any new Christmas cards and envelopes that you did not make use of this past Christmas season? If so, the WMH Auxiliary Fellowship Committee could make use of them. For the past two Christmases Paula Jarosz and I have seen to it that all the patients in the WMH Long Term Unit have received a Christmas card from the Auxiliary. However, I have now used up my supply of cards, and would like to plan on being able to give out cards again next Christmas to these patients. They have very much enjoyed receiving a card at Christmas. If you have any cards you would like to donate, please give me a call at 906-632-7958 and we will make arrangements to get them from you. Thanks in advance, Barb Larson

Volunteer Hours

WMH Auxiliary Members are asked to contribute a minimum of 24 hours of service to the activities of the auxiliary. There are plenty of opportunities to get hours. You can contact any committee chairperson to see how you can help. Some opportunities include helping at the information desk, delivering newspapers, working on tray favors, helping with things for Long Term Care, working in the Gift Shop, working at the Flea Market and working on special projects like the Linen or Jewelry Sales.

I have included a form for members to submit their own hours. Many Committee Chairpersons keep track of the worker hours for their committee so if you are part of particular committee, check with the Chairperson to see if they are turning in your hours on that committee. You may also include 2 hours for attending a general member lunch or dinner meeting. Hours are counted from July 1 through June 30. Associate and Lifetime members are not required to contribute hours but many give lots of hours each year to our Auxiliary. If you are an Associate or Lifetime member, please submit your hours.

Committee Chairpersons can submit their committee member hours as they have in the past. Please include your name and phone number in case we have any questions.

For the 2015-16 year, our members contributed well over 21,000 hours. Our hours are sent to the state and included in a report that goes to the Federal Government. Volunteer hours are given a dollar value and that is used in a variety of reports and other ways. Your hours count and we need to be very proud of what our organization accomplishes.

If you have any questions about hours, what counts, or the form, please contact **Janet Rathke at 906-253-1334 or jrathke@up.net.**

**War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Volunteer Hours
7-1-2016 to 6-30-2017**

Regular Auxiliary Members are required to contribute a minimum of 24 hours per program year. Associate Members and Lifetime Members are not required to contribute hours but many do. If you have contributed any hours to Auxiliary during the program year, please complete this form. If you are on a committee like Gift Shop, your hours may be submitted by the chairperson, so you may want to check on that. **Completed forms should be returned to: Janet Rathke, PO Box 1308, Sault Ste Marie, MI, 49783, at any time but no later than July 15, 2017.** If you have any questions, contact Janet at 906-253-1334. WMH Auxiliary Hours become part of a larger statewide report on volunteer activities in Michigan. Thanks so much for all you do.

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Phone Number _____

Board Position _____ Hours _____

Committee _____ Hours _____

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Meeting Attended _____ Hours _____

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Flea Market Hours _____

Any Other Hours _____