



# AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

September **2016**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Greetings to All Auxiliary Members:**

It is my privilege to be serving as your President for the 2016-17 year. The first Board Meeting was held on September 6, 2016 and Teresa Armstrong gave the board an update on some new happenings forthcoming at the hospital, and three new new officers were introduced;

Dawn Aldrich, V-P, Doreen Nelson, Treas. and Rhoda Beacom, Financial Secretary..

As you are reading this Newsletter, we will have hosted the U.P. District Meeting, September 14-15. For those who were able to attend, I hope you will gain some new insights. Thank you Janet Rathke for serving as one of our Workshop presenters.

We had another successful Flea Market in June and thank you to Ione Barber for chairing this annual event and to everyone who so generously gave of their time to make it a successful fundraiser. We look forward to June of 2017!

Also, the annual Koeze Nut sale will be another fundraiser for 2016.

New memberships are necessary to provide the auxiliary with continuous daily needs that aid the unit to remain healthy . Copies of applications are available in the Gift Shop. Perhaps you could invite a potential member to the upcoming October 3rd meeting!

If you are a recent new member and have not been contacted to serve in the areas you checked on your application, please contact your sponsor who can direct you to the Chairman of the appropriate committee.

This newsletter is being sent out to everyone and those hereafter will be found on the **Hospital web site at [www.warmemorialhospital.org](http://www.warmemorialhospital.org)**. Click on **WMH Auxiliary on left**. Password is auxiliary. The newsletters come out every other month starting in September and ending in May around the 20th of the month.

Joyce Henderson, President

THANK YOU to Cathy Mason, outgoing Treasurer, for her donation of the laptop computer she purchased to maintain records while serving as Auxiliary Treasurer.

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### **The October 3, General Meeting**

will be held at the Christopher Columbus Hall. 6 p.m.

Menu:

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Chicken, Salad, Bread & Butter and coffee.

Cost is: \$16.00 per person includes tax and gratuity

Kim Stephens

## GIFT SHOP

We've stayed very busy this summer checking in Fall, Christmas, and even Easter items. Our Fall merchandise is on the shelves awaiting a busy holiday season.

Volunteers are needed for our daily shifts. We are open Monday thru Friday 9:30 - 7:00 and Saturday, 9:30 - 4:00. We are closed on Sundays and holidays. If you would like to volunteer in the Gift Shop call Linda or Sylvia. Training will be given. You need not work alone in the Shop until you feel you are ready to do so. Come and give it a try. It really isn't difficult (we have a notebook with directions - even **PICTURES** on how to work the cash register).

<b>Daily Shift Hours:      9:15 - 1:15, 12:45 - 4:15, 3:45 - 7:15</b>
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We will be having a **JEWELRY TRUNK SALE** on Friday, November 4 from 7:30 - 4:00. The jewelry is set up on display carts in the hospital lobby. Once a customer selects an item, our volunteers find the matching item (behind the display) and hands it to the customer. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE DONE IN THE GIFT SHOP.**

Workers are needed for this sale. Shift times are 7:00 - 10:30, 10:15 - 1:45, and 1:30 - 5:00. Those working the sale get a 15% discount on the jewelry. If you are able to volunteer a few hours, please call Linda.

We will be having two extended hour days in December so the night shift staff has an opportunity to do some shopping. On Tuesday, December 6 we will be open from 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM. The following Tuesday, December 13 we be open from 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM. Sylvia and I will handle the extra hours so, if you are scheduled to work either of those days, your hours **WILL NOT** change.

Our thanks go to those who give their time and energy to the Gift Shop. Keep up the good work!

Linda (635-5475)

Sylvia (635-1134)

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### **For all of you who like to do needle work**

Why not pick up some needles and make something for OB or long term.

It is going to cold soon and all the things we make will be used.

Glenda Owens

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## **Upcoming Improvements Impacting WMH Patients and Families**

1. Family Respite Room. The family of a former resident approached the director of the Long Term Care Unit. Their mother, Lillian Rawlings had been a resident for two years. Lillian and her family loved the care and the staff. However, at the end of her life, they did not have the privacy they needed. She was in a 4 person room and the family found it awkward to all be squeezing in around her. It was also difficult for the other residents in the room to watch a fellow resident and friend pass away.

The family made it a priority to help WMH create a Family Respite Room to provide privacy for the patient and family at the end of life in a comfortable space, while also providing comfort and privacy for those who may share the same room.

The room will be designed to be simple, comfortable and homey. The majority of the renovation will be handled in-house, keeping costs down. When the room is not being utilized for comfort care, it will serve as an area in which family can congregate. It will be furnished with a nice fold-down table that can easily be moved when a patient bed is rolled in, and nice padded folding chairs, that can be moved out of the way as well.

Upon completion of the room, all individual, community and business donors (\$500 or greater) will be recognized by having their name listed:

- On a small, tasteful plaque in the space.
- As a donor to the project in an upcoming issue of the WMH Healthbeat.
- As a contributor on the Donor Display in the main lobby of the hospital, (when the display is next updated)

Check out the September Healthbeat for the full story.

### **2. Chapel**

War Memorial Hospital is working to create a chapel area to provide patients, families, and the WMH community a convenient, quiet place for prayer and reflection. It will be centrally located on the main floor, near the Radiology department. The WMH Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is working with their staff counterparts to design and help finalize the project. The group will also be seeking input from area clergy. The renovation for this project will be handled primarily in house by our Plant and Environmental Team, keeping costs for the project low.

### **3. Simulation Center**

WMH is proud to be partnering with Lake Superior State University on this much needed project. WMH will be renovating the Ganzhorn Building (next to the Medical Office Building). The Sim Center is critical for training nurses of the future and is a key component to the LSSU Nursing program. The Center will also provide critical nursing staff to War Memorial Hospital and provide a location to offer training to our WMH employees – medical, leadership and certifications. The space will be utilized to train EUP first responders as well. The project will further benefit the community by rehabbing a downtown building and increasing visibility of LSSU in the city of Sault Sainte Marie.

LSSU will provide the training mannequins and instruction. The building will house 4 simulation rooms (pediatric, birthing, medical/surgical and trauma), as well as the control room and a nursing station. The other side of the building will house a small administrative/office space for the program and a classroom for instruction/lecture with seating for 100. Also, included in the design is space for a student lounge, mechanical room, storage, restrooms, etc.

Estimate project expense: \$1.7-\$2 million. WMH will be working with the LSSU Foundation, WMH physicians and staff, the community and area foundations to fundraise for the project.

Need more information?

To make a donation to any of these projects or to share suggestions or question, please contact Teresa Armstrong, WMH Development Fund/Community Relations at 635.4351 or via email at [tdwyer-armstrong@wmhos.org](mailto:tdwyer-armstrong@wmhos.org).

#### 4. Wall of Gratitude

The next time you are in the Lobby, check out this donor display. There is an area dedicated to the contributions of the Auxiliary through the years :)

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*I had a Goldfish that could  
Break dance on the carpet.  
  
But only for like 20 seconds.  
and only once.*