



AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

November 2015

NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we are into the second week of November and there isn't any snow on the ground yet. We have had several sunny days with temperatures in the 50's. That is pretty good I think. At our last Auxiliary Board Meeting, we were reminded that Auxiliary members can get their flu shots at the Hospital Occupational Health Center. If you haven't had your flu shot yet, they will take care of you. Their office is located in the building across the parking lot from the main entrance to the Hospital. It is on the second floor.

I hope you are all familiar with the Auxiliary Remembrance Fund. Contributions to this fund are used for our annual nursing scholarships. The fund and the scholarships are at Lake Superior State University. The Auxiliary encourages contributions to the Remembrance Fund commemorating a member or others. If you would like to contribute to the Remembrance Fund, the contribution envelopes are located in the Gift Shop. The scholarship recipients at LSSU for 2015 are Elizabeth Pancheri, Jessica Barras and Lindsey Kaunisto.

The Auxiliary December luncheon (General Meeting) will be on Monday, December 7, 2015. We will have a speaker from the Hospital and everyone will be getting a call to make reservations. There is more information on the luncheon in another portion of this newsletter. Cindy Hopper

VOLUNTEER HOURS

As an Auxiliary member, I used to give Doris Wilson, past Hours Chairperson, my annual hours on a paper and hoped I remembered to put my name on it. Now that I am the Hours Chairperson, I have a new appreciation of the challenges involved in getting the volunteer hours processed in a timely way!

The hours for the 2014-15 year have been tabulated and our Auxiliary members contributed 18,509 hours. If these hours were worth \$10.00 per hour, that would be \$185,090.00! Congratulations to all those who contributed.

These hours become part of a statewide report of volunteer hours contributed by Michigan residents. It is really important that all hours get recorded.

Regular members are asked to contribute a minimum of 24 hours per year (July 1 through June 30). Associate and Lifetime members do not need to contribute hours but many do. Please report all the hours you work. Some committee chairs report the hours worked by people and others do not. If you aren't if your hours are counted, please ask. I will be developing a form for you to use for hour reporting and I hope that makes it easier.

I appreciate all the time contributed by our members. If you have any questions, just call me at 906-253-1334. Thanks. Janet Rathke

KOEZE NUTS

It's Koeze Nut time again. The Gift Shop is overflowing with many tins, decanters, boxes and bags of delicious nuts and candy. Don't forget to pick up some for gifts and for yourself. Thanks to all the members who sit in the hospital lobby and sell, sell, sell! If you have a special order, get it to Barb Ludwig or Fran Pruess before November 23rd. We will be sending in an additional order at that time.
Thanks, Barb Ludwig and Fran Pruess

LONG TERM CARE

Our long Term Care folks have been given pins to remember Veteran's Day. They sent a Thank you card for the flags donated for July 4th. Keep an eye out for tie tack type pins with eagles etc. for Bingo prizes for the men. Thank you for the Men's T shirts. These are much appreciated. I placed 2 new coloring books and boxes of crayons in each waiting room, including the one in Long Term Care. Remember the walker bags and wheel chair bags are very useful. I have easy patterns for both. I have been asked to see if we can make several rag type dolls for those who like to hug a baby. These can be very simple, no buttons, no clothes that can come off. I do have a simple pattern for these as well. I'm looking for them to be about 15-18 inches. Gently used dolls found in your home or garage sales or thrift shops also work. Also A big thank you to Barb Larson who gave me Christmas Cards from the Auxiliary for the staff and patients in Long Term Care. I will personally hand those out to them near Christmas, a special thought, Barb. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our seniors feeling comfortable and loved.

Thanks, Paula Jarosz

REMEMBRANCE FUND COMMITTEE

The Remembrance Fund Committee was established in 1954 as a loan fund payable without interest for the purpose of assisting Chippewa County High School graduates further their education in fields allied to Medicine. It took several years to accumulate enough money to grant the first loan. Money for the loans was raised by donations from Auxiliary members. In 1998, the Auxiliary decided to change the loan method to annual LSSU Nursing Scholarships. In addition to the donations from Auxiliary members the Auxiliary has donated funds to the LSSU Nursing Scholarship. The Remembrance Fund Committee welcomes donations from Auxiliary members. The Scholarship recipients are selected by the LSSU Nursing Department. The 2015-2016 recipients are: Jessica Barras, Lindsay Kaunisto, and Elizabeth Pancheri. To date, forty-four scholarships have been awarded.

The following Auxiliary Members have passed away this year: Vera Benoit, Maxine Gleason, Arline Groh, Marie Paquin, Gladys Peters, Mary Reinhart, Wilma Schmitgal, Elsie Smith, Doris Wilson.
Submitted by Pat Claxton

Geneva Distributing Linen Sale, v.2

The sale held on September 17 and 18, 2015 was another success for the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary! We invited Geneva Distributing back for the Linen Sale. The first sale this spring was so good the board wanted to try another. The sale generated over \$17,000 in sales. As the host for this sale we share in the profits. Payroll deductions accounted for the lion's share of this sale. Once those dollars are collected we will receive \$3,512.95. We want to thank Marcey Thorne for coordinating this event with the hospital. To organize this sale, provide support to the vendor on the day of the sale, deliver special orders and do follow-up and closing of sale -74 hours were donated by our volunteers. A special shout out to Janet Rathke, Marla Dwyer, Cathy Dittrich, Judy Jacobson, Kim Stephens and Linda Jones. We'd also like to thank BHC and the Rehab Center for hosting offsite sales for their staff. Respectfully submitted, Deborah Northrop

December General Meeting Holiday Luncheon Monday, December 7, 2015, 12:00 Noon Lake Superior State University Cisler Center Superior Room

Vegetarian Lasagna with Bread Sticks
Tossed Salad and Dressings
Lemonade, Tea, Coffee and Hot Tea assortment
Slightly Indulgent Dessert

At this luncheon we will honor past presidents of our Auxiliary, welcome new members and recognize new Life Members.

There will be no charge for members attending this luncheon as it is a gift to Auxiliary members from War Memorial Hospital. However, if you bring a guest, the charge will be \$12.50.

The Calling Committee will be calling and reservations must be made as we need a head count. Reservations must be made by November 30, If you need to cancel your reservation please call Marcey Thorne at 635-4351, if no answer leave a message. Please make every effort to honor your reservation. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be charged for the luncheon.

Please Note: Parking is available in **K Lot** at the west end near the Arts Center and the Book Store and **E Lot**, behind the Cisler Center. Security has been contacted and is expecting our group and you should not be ticketed. Contact me with any concerns. Respectively submitted, Deborah Northrop, Counselor



REMEMBER

**THAT EVERY ONE YOU MEET
IS AFRAID OF SOMETHING
LOVE SOMETHING
AND HAS LOST SOMETHING.**

REMEMBER

**PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID
PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU SAID
BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET
HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL**