

War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Newsletter

November 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time goes by very fast and it is time for another newsletter. At our last Board Meeting it was brought to our attention that this year's Flea Market would be a huge task for the auxiliary. The hospital is not going to be able to perform the tasks they have in the past several years. Due to their financial problems they cannot lend us people from their maintenance crew to assist with all the things they have helped with before. This is only one of the many things that the auxiliary members will need to attend to and help. At our meeting several things were brought up for discussion on how to fix the problems with the Flea Market. So if you have the time and energy please contact any board member with anything you can help with.

We are still in need of a Vice President. If you might consider this position and there is something holding you from taking it on, please contact a board member and maybe we can help you with your decision.

Since this is the last newsletter before the Holidays, I would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Dawn Aldrich

President, War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

KOEZE NUTS

The Koeze Nuts have arrived in the Gift Shop. Please stop in and buy lots for gifts and for yourselves. They still are the "*best tasting nuts around!*" We won't be having anyone selling them in the lobby this year, so please take the time to come into the Gift Shop and look for them on their special cart and peruse the other lovely Christmas items for sale in the Shop.

Barb Ludwig

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the home of Auxiliary members Judy Jacobson and Gladys Teske on Sunday, December 2, 2018 beginning at 2:00 PM. Their address is 1109 Mann Drive in Sault Ste. Marie.

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are several areas at the hospital where your help is needed. Currently some of the Auxiliary members volunteer at the Front Desk/Reception area as well as the Surgical Waiting Room Monitor. More volunteers are needed in these two areas.

Other projects arrive occasionally where your help can be used such as folding billing inserts, assembling information packets, etc.

A new project is delivering mail to the different departments throughout the hospital. All of these are great ways to be useful in our hospital. If you are willing to give any of these a try contact me at 635-4351 or e mail me at kgerzetich@wmhos.org.

Krystle Gerzetich

(Note: Krystle is Theresa Armstrong's assistant in Community Relations.)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held at the VFW Hall, 401 W. Portage Ave., at 12:00 PM on Monday, December 3, 2018. The charge for the luncheon is \$11.00 per person.

The menu includes:

chili and meatball soup, wraps and subs, coffee, punch and dessert.

Dessert will be provided by auxiliary members. If you would like to bring a dessert please call Joyce Henderson at 647-3242.

If you do not receive a call to make a reservation or need to CANCEL your reservation, please call Bev Crumley at 635-1847 **by November 23rd**. If you make a reservation and do not attend the luncheon you may still be charged.

Please enter the VFW by the back door.

Kim Stephens

*****ATTENTION FLEA MARKET CHAIRS*****

Flea Market Chairs are asked to meet after the Christmas Luncheon on December 3 to discuss the future of the Flea Market.

*******ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS*******

The WMH Auxiliary Board will meet on December 3 at the VFW following the Christmas Luncheon and Flea Market meetings.

GIFT SHOP

If you happened to have passed the Gift Shop recently, you saw that Christmas arrived in full display. It seems that a couple of old elves were busy the first weekend of the month. The season came a little earlier this year due to the request of the shoppers. Also, the storage room was bursting at the seams!

Even though most of us have all the decorations we need, there are some very nice gifts available. Some of the prices may seem higher than usual, but that is due to higher wholesale pricing.

Over all, the Shop has been busy. This is due in a large part to the efforts of Mary Lou Moher, Sharon Bennett, Gail Shunk and Jeanne Cooper. They keep the schedule of workers full. That is not an easy task much of the time. Of course, all the workers who arrive daily to work are a very necessary part of the Shop. Also, Audrey and Charlie Zane manage to fix all of our blunders. Linda and I greatly appreciate the efforts of everyone.

Take a few minutes and stop in to see all that is available.

Sylvia Wood and Linda Hocking

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

A big THANK YOU goes to all of you for giving your time at the hospital gift shop.

Volunteers are needed for all three shifts, especially Fridays and Saturdays. We have had trouble finding volunteers for all shifts and pretty soon the snow birds will be leaving.

While working in the gift shop you get to meet a lot of new people and see some people that you haven't seen in a while. Please consider taking a day from one of the shifts. If you would like to help or know somebody that would like to take a day, please call one of the shift managers.

If you need to change days for any reason, please try to find someone to work for you before you call the shift manager. You can call the gift shop and find out whose name is on a day that you could change with or call one of the subs. These sheets are on the bulletin board at the gift shop. If you do not have a list, please pick one up. If you would like one mailed to you, please call Gail Shunk at 635-5419 and I'll be happy to get one out to you.

Thanks again for giving your time to help the hospital auxiliary.

Mary Lour Moher Morning Shift, 9:15 AM - 1:15 PM

Sharon Bennett Morning Shift, 9:15 AM - 1:15 PM

Gail Shunk

Afternoon Shift, 12:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Jeanne Cooper

Evening Shift, 3:45 PM - 7:15PM

Gail Shunk

AUXILIARY HOURS

Our Auxiliary members are wonderful!!! For the program year, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, our members contributed 17,433 hours of service. Thank you so much.

As you know, when you become a member you agree to give 24 hours of service each year and pay dues of \$5.00 per year. We also have levels of membership based on years of service.

Each member is responsible to see that hours have been reported. Some committees will report hours for their workers, but, if you aren't sure, just ask the chairperson. We have provided an easy to use form for reporting your hours, which makes it easier for the hours committee.

At the end of the program year hours are totaled. Most members get their required hours, but each year we have those that do not. If the committee knows what the reasons are we can note that, but if no one lets the committee know, we consider that you may no longer be interested in the organization. A letter will be sent to the member thanking them and indicating that hours were not reported and asking the member to contact the hours chairperson to explain the lack of hours. If we get no reply, we consider the member has resigned. The letter explains that process and allows time for a reply.

If you are wondering how you may get hours, we have a number of committees including the gift shop, newspaper delivery, calling, tray favors and others. You could also consider giving hours through the Helping Hands Volunteer program at the Hospital. You retain Auxiliary membership, but can assist by working at the welcome desk, surgical waiting room or doing special projects for the volunteer office. There are lots of ways you can help us serve the hospital.

We appreciate all that our members do. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 635-5906 or sharben@sbcglobal.net.

Sharon Jones

LSSU NURSING SCHOLARSHIP/REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

The Remembrance Fund/Scholarship encourages contributions to the fund commemorating an Auxiliary member or others. The scholarship fund is at Lake Superior State University and scholarships are given to Nursing students. Two students were awarded scholarships in 2018. . Members of the committee are Pat Claxton, Kay Allott and Cindy Hopper.

A generous contribution to the fund was recently received from the family of Marielle Bush in the amount of \$5,000 and the Auxiliary is very appreciative of the contribution. Marielle was on the original committee for the Remembrance Fund.

Donation envelopes to this Remembrance/Scholarship Fund can be found in the Gift Shop and at our local funeral homes.