

# Auxiliary Hi-Lites

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## *Letter from the President's Desk*



Hello once more.....

What silly weather we're having. I'm writing this on the evening of October 1<sup>st</sup>. We just had lots of rain and some rather chilly weather which really wasn't too out of the ordinary for early Fall. However, today and yesterday were both in the high eighties, and it was so humid it seemed more like August! However, it must be Fall because the trees are losing their leaves and the ducks and geese have left our neighborhood pond.....

We had a very fine turnout for our September General Meeting. Nearly sixty Auxiliary members and guests enjoyed our own Ed Ptacek who kept us all smiling as he told us of some of the cases he handled in his career as a Cook County Public Defender. We all enjoyed another fine meal from James Scanlan and his food service crew. I had several people ask for the recipe, and James is adapting it for home use. We'll get it to you as soon as possible. James tells me it's easy to make!

The Good Samaritan Hospital Festival Gala will be a fun event. (By the time you read this it will be history.) This annual affair is always fun, and the "Gatsby" theme will bring out some neat outfits. As always, this is a delightful way to support the philanthropic events that provide substantial financial support for various areas of our hospital. Our growth areas for next year are neurosurgery and behavioral health.

Speaking of General Meetings, our next meeting is coming up on Thursday, November 21. Phil Dote has arranged for a reprise of a popular entertainment from last year. We will welcome back the wonderful voices of the Downers Grove North High School Chamber Choir. You'll enjoy their music as we begin the holiday season. The invitation is also in this Hi Lites, so register EARLY and come enjoy these fine singers and their enthusiastic director, Dr. Frank Piekarz. We will be electing our Auxiliary Officers for 2020 during the business part of our meeting.

Finally, in September we learned that our friend Patrick Barnes is retiring at the end of the year. Patrick, Director of Clinical Operations at Good Samaritan Hospital, has been a fine leader and friend to the Auxiliary. We will miss you, Pat!

But as one fine person leaves our family, another joins us. Ms. Cristina Huff has joined our Coordinator team in September. She is serving as a coordinator at the Information Desks on the weekends and evening shifts. Say hello when you have a chance.

OK, that's it. Don't delay! Register for the November 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting now!

Thanks for your dedication & service,

*Bob Hurdle*



## **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 GENERAL MEETING Dorothy Paige**

At 12:00 p.m. Phil Dote, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Anna Lee Heisey-Pierson gave the invocation. A buffet lunch was served. At 12:40 p.m. Bob Hurdle, President, called the business meeting to order. He recognized the past presidents in attendance: Annette Goetz, Cheryl Kehl, Carol Lynch and Donna Wadycki.

Melissa Chumbley, Director of Development, gave a brief philanthropic update. Aurora Advocate Charitable Foundation has raised \$31.1 million toward its goal of \$38 million. Good Samaritan has raised \$1.475 million toward its \$1.5 million goal. The \$1.5 million goal was reached last week. A physician stepped up to offer a challenge grant of \$2 for every \$1 raised up to \$1 million to go towards oncology services. We have raised \$155,000 toward the \$500,000 goal. This is a great opportunity to triple the impact of a donation. The Festival Gala will be held on Saturday, October 12, with a Gatsby theme. There will be about 300 guests and we will raise \$1.1 million for the event. On August 2, we held Rally on the Rooftop, a regional fundraising event, which raised \$340,000. Thanks to everyone for your continuing support.



Patrick Barnes, Administrator of Support Operations, provided the hospital update. We are year one into the merger and have restructured into regions. We will be in a state of flux for a period of time. We have a new executive team with Nancy Tinsley as president. Patrick announced his retirement in December. The focus for 2020 is growth. We will be looking at neurosurgery and behavioral health. The budget is complete. The increasing revenue from the Gingham Tree and the Daisy Basket, which goes back into the hospital, is really great. We finished the Heart Walk in support of the American Heart Association. We are still focused on having a community presence.

Dorothy Paige presented the Secretary's report. The minutes of the May 29, 2019 General Meeting were printed in the September/October 2019 issue of the Auxiliary Hi-Lites newsletter. There were no changes from the floor. Dorothy moved to approve the minutes as printed, Gail Brown seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Donna Wadycki, Assistant Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. As of August 31, the checking account receipts were \$36,478.16, disbursements were \$25,409.30 and the checking account balance was \$21,333.85. We paid \$5,334 for a security camera for the Gingham Tree and \$25,000 for the Festival Gala. The money market balance is \$77,000.

Barbara Metz, Nominating Committee member, presented the 2020 slate as follows:

- President – Robert Hurdle
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Linda Breagel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jean Harlow
- Secretary – Dorothy Paige
- Treasurer – Donna Wadycki
- Assistant Treasurer – William Sheehan
- Nominating Committee – Board Members – Jean Harlow and Ed Ptacek  
Non-Board Members – Pat Dillman, Cheryl Kehl, and Rita Zygodlo



The election will be held at the November 21 General Meeting at which time nominations may be taken from the floor. Nominees must meet the following bylaw requirements for all offices and the Nominating Committee:

- Be a member of the Auxiliary in good standing (dues paid)
- Have consented to serve if elected
- Nominees for President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President must have served on the Auxiliary Board at least one year
- Nominees for the Nominating Committee may not have served on a prior nominating committee until four years have passed since prior service

There were no announcements from the floor. There being no further business, Bob adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Phil introduced our very own Ed Ptacek as our guest speaker. Ed presented some of the interesting cases he was involved in at the Cook County Public Defenders office where he worked for over 35 years. Phil stated that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21 and our entertainment will be the Downers Grove North Chamber Choir. The Annual Meeting and Installation will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dorothy Paige, Secretary

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

*Sue Folkman & Dorothy Dipple*

The Ways and Means committee is having vendor sales outside the cafeteria during the months of November through December 2019

### **Come out and support our fund raising for the hospital.**

November 6-8 – Collective Goods (Books & Gifts)

December 9-11- Outside the Box Shoe Sale - Sale open all night

All of the above sales are outside the cafeteria.

November 14 & 15 – Pop Up Sale outside the Daisy Basket Gift Store  
Fancy Frames and String Street Macramé



We appreciate all your support and help with the sales. Tell all your friends and family about the sales.

## **ARK**

*Mary Anne Panosh & Lynn Murphy*



If you enjoy sewing yarn and material by hand, please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 9:00 AM. to 11:00 A.M. of the month in the Cancer Care Center meeting room. We sew pom-poms on precut sleeving material to make baby hats for Good Samaritan's newborns. Contact the volunteer office and one of us will be glad to meet you and show you where we work.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

*Jim Weinberger*

The fourth Blood Drive of the year will be held on Monday, December 9th, in the Red/Black Oak Rooms at the cafeteria. Blood donation times are from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Your participation is appreciated.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Auxiliary is always in need of more volunteers. Our biggest opportunities are in the following:

1. Information desk
2. Gingham Tree
3. Daisy Basket Gift Shop

If you are interested, please contact the Volunteer Office at 630-275-1181 for more detailed information.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

*Jean Harlow*

We welcomed the following new members during August and September of 2019.

### **Adult Members**

#### **August**

John Wissmueller

### **Young Adult Members**

#### **August**

Samantha Bailey  
Rachel Hyson  
Mary Pakos  
Nate Nemani

### **Junior Members**

#### **August**

Apple Patel  
Surya Edukutharayil  
Maria Ali  
Kritin Shanmugam



#### **September**

Lola Dee Valentino  
Diane Hall

#### **September**

Elmma Khalid  
Nikita Menta

#### **September**

Archit Chabbi  
Joseph Hardy  
Alyssa Stevenson

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2020**

*Jean Harlow*

It is time to renew your Auxiliary membership for 2020!

Thank you for your membership in the Auxiliary of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital. In October we ask our Auxiliary members to renew their annual membership. The 2020 dues are as follows:

- Senior membership (ages 65 and up in 2019) - \$5.00
- Regular membership (ages 23 through 64) - \$10.00
- Lifetime membership - \$100.00



We request that all dues be paid by November 15, 2019. Members who joined the Auxiliary after June 30, 2019 are not required to pay dues for 2020.

Usually the request for membership renewal is sent to members via the postal service. This year, in order to reduce expenses, we are hoping to accomplish this through email. Notices will be sent out in mid-October. The email will have an attachment that needs to be filled out and submitted with your payment. You can mail your payment to the volunteer office or give your payment to a volunteer coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Harlow, Membership Chairperson, at [jean.harlow813@gmail.com](mailto:jean.harlow813@gmail.com).

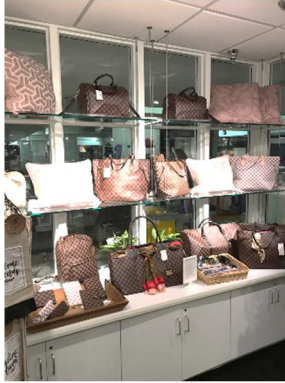
We appreciate all that you do for Good Samaritan Hospital and hope that you will continue your support of the Auxiliary! Thank you.

*Your Auxiliary Board wishes you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!*

## *DAISY BASKET*

*Gwen Kessler*

Lots of new fall merchandise is now available at The Daisy Basket including better handbags and accessories!



## *GINGHAM TREE*

There are always interesting finds at The Gingham Tree Resale Store! Come check out our latest donation of Advocate marketing T-shirts and hats for only \$1 each!



The "Art in the Park-ing Lot" Sale that was held Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> on the porch of The Gingham Tree brought in \$275 and 91 pieces of art were sold!





We also have a beautiful dining room table with 10 chairs & 3 leave for holiday entertaining! This one won't last long!



Sales from the "Jewelry Showcase Sale" was held Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> on the porch of the Gingham Tree were \$1,389. and 219 pieces of jewelry sold!



## ***GSAM VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN LOMBARD SENIOR FAIR***

Lombard residents were invited to attend a senior fair held at the Lombard Park District on Wednesday, October 2. The free fair featured fun and helpful programs and services for seniors. Local agencies, community groups and businesses presented information available to seniors. GSAM volunteer services was invited to present the various volunteer opportunities within the hospital. Turnout for the event was great and our volunteers were able to visit with people one-on-one to encourage the attendees to visit our website and come join us. People picked up handouts and took part in spinning the wheel for free prizes. Please network with your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join our auxiliary volunteers and give back to our community.



## THE AUXILIARY OF ADVOCATE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL INVITES YOU TO THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOV 21, 2019**

**SOCIAL TIME: 11:30      LUNCH: NOON      MEETING PROGRAM 12:30**

We are happy to present the Downers Grove North High School Choir at our Fall Luncheon Thursday Nov 21st. YES, it is a repeat performance from the previous year. We're getting to that time of the year when the leaves change colors, the temperatures start dipping and our thoughts begin to think about the Holiday season with its wonderful music. Under the direction of Dr. Frank Piekarz, the DGN choir will help to remind us of that wonderful season.



Climb aboard and enjoy yourself on Nov 21st.

### Registration for Members and Guests

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs Yes? \_\_ write on back

Meeting Fee is \$10.00 per person payable by cash or check TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to: The AUXILIARY OF ADVOCATE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL)  
BRING or MAIL this form and payment to the VOLUNTEER OFFICE, ATTN: PHIL DOTE  
Or you can mail this form and payment to: Phil Dote, 3024 Halifax Drive, Westchester, IL 60154

Registering Late? Call Phil at 708-562-5432 to register, and you can pay at the meeting.

For Office use: # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Tag \_\_\_\_\_




## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

### **Save the Dates!**

November 6-8	Ways & Means – Collective Goods Sale
November 14 & 15	Ways & Means –Pop Up Sale – Fancy Frames & Macrame
November 21	General Auxiliary Meeting
December 9	Community Health – Blood Drive
December 9-11	Ways & Means – Shoe Sale
January 8, 2020	Installation of Officers 2020



 Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Gail Brown, Editor  
Newsletter Chairperson

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