Dear Auxiliary Members,

Here is some wonderful news… Newsweek magazine recently recognized Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital as one of the 100 Best Hospitals in the country and one of the best in the world! This was determined by surveying thousands of doctors, administrators and patients and measurable patient outcomes. GSAM was ranked #68 in the USA, and is the fifth smallest facility on this top 100 list. The four small hospitals ranked higher than Good Sam are two satellites of the Mayo Clinic, the UCLA Medical Center, and Virginia Mason MC. Ranked in the USA top five were Mayo Clinic (Rochester), The Cleveland Clinic, Johns Hopkins, Mass. General, and UCSF Medical Center. All of these are major teaching hospitals, most with over 1000 beds. That puts Good Samaritan Hospital in some very fine company!

What a difference a few weeks makes! When I wrote my last President’s Letter it was a beautiful sunny winter day, but the temperature had a wind chill of almost 50 degrees below zero! Today the grass is turning green, and I really think Spring may be edging around the corner today. Spring soon will be in full glory! This is always one of my favorite times of the year since all the dirty snow is gone, the grass is green, and some brave flowers are in bloom. Mother Nature brightens our world again….

There also has been a lot of activity in our Auxiliary family since our last Hi Lites newsletter! Our March General Meeting featured two speakers from the Downers Grove Police Department who gave us some great tips on how to avoid fraud and other criminal actions that could affect us in many ways. We have a new Supervisor of our Retail Shops, the Daisy Basket and the Gingham Tree. Gwen Kessler began in March taking over after the passing of Aus Paronis. Carolyn Streit, longtime coordinator at our shops has retired. Carolyn served us well for many years at the Gingham Tree, but she also did a fine job as Manager at the Daisy Basket. In March we also welcomed Laura Morris who joins Chris Zoulek at the Basket and Diane Compton at the Tree. I hope you’ll have a chance to greet them next time you’re in one of our fine shops. Check out both shops next time you’re in the area to see the many new and different selections available.

Two building updates: First, the south garage is closer to opening (YEA!), and second, the outstanding new CV HART- Cath LAB area is almost ready to begin seeing patients. This completes the project which has moved all the cardiovascular departments into new spaces in the Classic Tower’s lower level. Fans of TV’s “Chicago Med,” might get excited to learn that Good Samaritan Hospital also will have a new “Hybrid Operating Room” as part of this consolidation. Enjoy the weather! Sign up for the May General Meeting! Have a great spring and summer!

Bob Hurdle, Auxiliary President
**Minutes Of The March 21, 2019 General Meeting**

Dorothy Paige

At 12:05 p.m. Bob Hurdle, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rev. Dana Schroeder gave the invocation. A buffet lunch was served.

At 12:35 p.m. Bob called the business meeting to order. He recognized the past presidents in attendance: Carol Kennedy and Donna Wadycki.

Dorothy Paige presented the Secretary’s report. The minutes of both the November 29, 2018 General Meeting and the January 8, 2019 Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers were printed in the February/March 2019 issue of the Auxiliary Hi-Lites newsletter. Dorothy moved to approve the minutes as printed, Donna Wadycki seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Brigitte Boehm, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s report. As of the end of February, the Checking Account balance was $6,839.41 and the Money Market Account balance was $22,155.21.

Barbara Metzl, Volunteer Services Chairperson, reminded everyone to track and report volunteer hours worked off site and at home to her. All volunteer hours are important to us and to the hospital.

Jean Harlow, 2nd VP, stated that the 2019 Auxiliary Directory is available. If anyone needs a copy, please contact Jean.

Carol Kennedy, Health Advocacy Chairperson, reported on the Illinois Hospital Association’s Political Action Committee (IHA/PAC) and circulated an envelope for personal donations.

There being no further business, Jean Harlow moved to adjourn the meeting, Linda Breagel seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Phil Dote, 1st VP, introduced our guest speaker, Bill Budds, Support Services Manager from the Downers Grove Police Department, to speak on Scam & Identity Theft: Learn How to Deter, Detect and Defend Against It.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dorothy Paige**
Secretary

**REMINDER**  WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO SAVE PAPER, TIME & COST

For those members who still receive a U.S. mail copy of our newsletter, but have recently gotten an email address, please forward the information to the volunteer office. We appreciate your help.
COMMUNITY HEALTH  

Jim Weinberger

The second Blood Drive of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 28th, in the Red/Black Oak Rooms at the cafeteria. Blood donation times are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Your participation is appreciated.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!  

Jean Harlow

**Adult Members**

**February**

Jemin Bucur  
Suedeshna Das  
Candice Piccatto

**March**

Yukiko Ito  
Holly Lee  
Joe Ropinski

**Junior Members**

**February**

Lily Dokhanchi  
Nabiha Ismah  
Nathan Nirmal  
Matthew Paveleck

**March**

Nevan Feldman  
Michael Paterno  
Andrew Striegel

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP  

Carol Lynch & Ed Ptacek

The Junior Volunteer Scholarship Committee consisting of Bob Hurdle, Carol Kennedy, Ed Ptacek and Carol Lynch met on Saturday, April 6 to interview nine junior volunteers who met the criteria to apply for the scholarships. They were all very qualified. We selected two: Abigail Wong and Parker McGuire. They will each receive a $1000 scholarship to their college of choice and be eligible to receive $1000 for the remaining three years of college as long as they remain in the healthcare field. Many thanks to Bob Hurdle and Carol Kennedy for their assistance in interviewing the candidates.
News From the Auxiliary of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Barbara Metzl

Congratulations to all volunteers who received the following award pins during the 1st Quarter of 2019.

Adult Volunteers

**Bronze – 100 Hours**
- Maria Alsip
- Brigitte Boehm
- Greg Compton
- Sandra Diliberto
- Fred Foss
- Annette Gambo

**Gold – 1,000 Hours**
- Charles Biondo
- Richard McCracken
- Rita Zygadlo

**4 Emeralds – 3,000 Hours**
- Kathleen Hennessy
- Karen Snell
- Patricia Sucha
- Shirlee Weaver

**1 Emerald – 1,500 Hours**
- Maria Alsip
- Charles Biondo
- Richard McCracken
- Rita Zygadlo

**5 Emeralds – 3,500 Hours**
- Kathleen Hennessy
- Karen Snell
- Patricia Sucha
- Shirlee Weaver

**Silver – 500 Hours**
- Susan James
- Asia Kim
- Michael Kozlowski
- Edvinas Mickevicius
- Victoria Palcowski
- Mary Schreck
- John Seale
- Nicholas Stolarczy

**2 Emeralds – 2,000 Hours**
- Brigitte Boehm
- Greg Compton
- Sandra Diliberto
- Fred Foss
- Annette Gambo
- Susan James
- Asia Kim
- Michael Kozlowski
- Edvinas Mickevicius
- Victoria Palcowski
- Mary Schreck
- John Seale
- Nicholas Stolarczy

**1 Diamonds – 4,000 Hours**
- Frances Boettcher
- Earl Clark

**3 Emeralds – 2,500 Hours**
- Kathleen Hennessy
- Karen Snell
- Patricia Sucha
- Shirlee Weaver

**2 Diamonds – 4,500 Hours**
- Kathleen Hennessy
- Karen Snell
- Patricia Sucha
- Shirlee Weaver

**Junior Volunteers**

**50 Hours**
- Michaela Delaney
- Lucy Dumford
- Anam Khan
- Ayesha Khan
- Shanessa Nelson
- Michelle Ochedzan
- Tanvi Pant
- Maria Tenuta

**100 Hours**
- Aminah Ahmed
- Omar Alam
- Ayesha Amin
- Dinah Chemmachel
- Snigdha Gorthi
- Lestin Kandakudy
- Seung Gi Kim
- Anchal Kumar
- Samantha Martinez
- Julia Papp
- Anirudh Raghuvir

**150 Hours**
- Hayden Hurst
- Rafah Hussain
- Nikitha Mattey
- Kiran Pillai
- Khushi Shah
- Asbaha Moosani
- Abigail Oberhofer
- Rohith Patel
- Rohan Sethi

**200 Hours**
- Andrew Bolisay
- Madeleine Frank
- Kara Karbarz
- Tony Lu
- Amey Maley

**300 Hours**
- Andrew Bolisay
- Madeleine Frank
- Kara Karbarz
- Tony Lu
- Amey Maley

**400 Hours**
- Parker Jo McGuire
- Tricia Tabladillo
DAISY BASKET GIFT SHOP

What’s new at the Daisy Basket Gift Shop?

*New Spring fashion and décor

*Volunteers need for various shifts

(Sundays 1 PM – 5 PM, Tuesdays 5 PM – 8 PM, and Fridays 5 PM – 7 PM)

*Upcoming Vendor Hallway Sales include:

  Nothing But Bundt Cakes     May 21st & May 22nd
  Nutman     May 28th & May 29th

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL YOU DO!

THE GINGHAM TREE RESALE SHOP

What’s new at the Gingham Tree Resale Shop?

*Volunteer needed for Saturdays shifts

*Thank you to Carolyn Streit for her many years of dedication and hard work! Carolyn has recently retired and will be dearly missed!

*Hallway Sales scheduled for May 8th & May 9th and July 9th & 10th

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL YOU DO!

Make the Gingham Tree Resale Shop Your Favorite Donation and Shopping Destination

ARK

If you enjoy sewing yarn and material by hand, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. of the month in the Cancer Care Center meeting room. We sew pompons on precut sleevng 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.
WAYS AND MEANS

The Ways and Means committee is having vendor sales outside the cafeteria during the months of May and June. More sales starting again in September.

Come out and support our fund raising for the hospital.
May sale is the Out of the Box Shoe sale, shoes for everyone on May 15-17. The shoe sale is around the clock sales of shoes for everyone.

June brings two sales. First is the HCI $6.00 sale on June 12-14. You don’t want to miss this sale, most things are $6.00. He is bringing lots of summer items.

June 26-28 is The Collective book/gift sale. Come out and buy for yourself or as gifts. Lots of items to pick from.

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

NEWS FROM THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE

It is with great pleasure that I announce the addition of Gwen Kessler to our Advocate Aurora Good Samaritan hospital family. Gwen has joined our team in the role of Retail Supervisor. Gwen will provide supervision and oversight for the Daisy Basket Gift Shop and the Gingham Tree Resale Shop. Gwen joins us with over 20 years of resale shop and retail experience.

I am very pleased to announce the addition of Laura Morris to our Advocate Aurora Good Samaritan hospital family. Laura has joined our team in the role of Volunteer Coordinator. In her new role, Laura will support both the Daisy Basket Gift Shop and the Gingham Tree Resale Shop. Laura began her career with Good Sam in 2012.

Please join me in welcoming both Gwen and Laura to their new roles!

Farewell.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of Carolyn Streit. Carolyn is retiring after 12 years of devoted service with Advocate Aurora Good Samaritan hospital. Carolyn began her career as a volunteer. Carolyn has worked as the Supervisor at the Daisy Basket Gift Shop and is currently a Coordinator at the Gingham Tree Resale Shop. Carolyn’s wealth of knowledge, attention to detail and willingness to go above and beyond has been invaluable.

Please join me in wishing Carolyn the best as she begins this exciting new chapter in life.
I’LL SHOW YOU A VOLUNTEER

Poem by Foley

Show me a person who spends endless hours in training without pay,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person where a cry for help brings split-second dispatch,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who is devastated when lives are lost or maimed,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who is graciously welcomed as a next door neighbor,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who takes ridicule more than compliments,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person whose car is garaged with the grille facing out,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who sacrifices home life, TV, even tender moments,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person visibly moved at the strains of our National Anthem,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who may be asked to give more than just dedication,
And, I’ll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who is asked to give more…and more…and more…,
And I’ll show you a volunteer.

LUNCHEON TO HONOR OUR AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS

APRIL 3 AT PARKER’S
THE AUXILIARY OF ADVOCATE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL INVITES YOU TO THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday  May 29, 2019

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

We are proud to present Steve Justman at our next lunch meeting. Steve is a singer, musician, musicologist/historian and a collector of great American music. His musical memories program will transport you to a time when the riches of popular music were not taken for granted.

You may hear great country music, songs of the American Railroads, and the American Folk Music Classics.

High quality entertainment, pleasing vocals with expert guitar and banjo accompaniment.

Steve will present a great mix of pop folk, country and a lot more to get us singing and enjoying familiar tunes we remember.

Climb aboard and enjoy yourself on May 29th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

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!*

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**Please Support Our Auxiliary!**

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