

the Stethoscope

A Monthly Newsletter of the FMH Auxiliary and Volunteer Program 400 West 7th Street Frederick, MD 21701

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14 New Members

Elizabeth Madero
Shannon Shaw
Joan Reid
Elizabeth Brengs
Ruth DeRosa
Carol Noonan
Barbara Snyder
Florence Danner
Barbara Thompson
Kathleen Milne
Scottie Burdette
Brianna Alico
Mary Greenberg
Christina VanDeventer

President's Message

Joseph Collins

With summer just around the corner it's time to plan for vacations and other ways to recharge our batteries, as we recover from the effects of a long winter. We got a preview of the summer fun that is to come with a very successful auxiliary picnic at Monocacy Village Park. I want to thank Pat Dickinson and her R & A Committee for a fantastic job and Sharon Hannaby for calling bingo.

Before the summer exodus we have the Annual Auxiliary Membership Luncheon and election of officers that will be held on Wednesday June 14th at the beautiful Ceresville Mansion. This annual event provides a unique opportunity for auxiliary members and hospital administration to mingle and get to know each other a little better.

Mark your calendars for Thursday July 13th from 2 to 4 pm at which time auxiliary members will have the opportunity to tour the new James M. Stockman Cancer Institute at Rose Hill. This is your opportunity to see firsthand this beautiful and state-of-the-art cancer facility.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their continued dedication and hard work whether it's in the areas that provide direct service to our patients, visitors or vendors, working supporting our fundraising activities or working in retail sales in the gift shop or at Select Seconds. This true spirit of volunteerism and teamwork is what sets the FMH Auxiliary apart from other volunteer organizations.

As we look forward to the upcoming fiscal year we will start with a truly wonderful celebration – the 65th Anniversary of the Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. This event will take place on September 11, 2017 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. More specifics will follow as we get closer that that memorable date. In the meantime have a wonderful summer and again thanks for a great year.

Newsletter Committee

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Editor & Co-Chairs: Jan McLoon/Joann Ramsburg

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Kovatch, Jean Kessinger, Beth Callahan, Karen Dotterer

Dear Friends,

Summer is just around the corner and I'm hoping the weather is finally catching up! I think we are all ready for long and sunny days. I hope you are well and that you are able to enjoy some vacation time with your friends and family members.

As always, you have been busy with your fundraising activities. I heard many positive comments from the recent Book Sale and was able see it for myself in the cafeteria. I recognize that it takes a great deal of work to plan these extra events and find volunteers to staff them. Thank you for your commitment to making these annual events happen. Our staff members really look forward to them.

I was happy to attend the student volunteer awards ceremony. It is such a pleasure to meet our high school aged volunteers and to see the joy on the faces of those awarded your generous scholarships. I am excited to see these young volunteers move forward in their education and it was a nice surprise to learn that the scholarship winners are interested in the medical field. Maybe we'll see them here again someday.

You may have heard of our recent designation by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). We received a Stage 7 designation for having an advanced patient record environment. This is the highest designation of the 8 stages (0-7) HIMSS awards and the only other hospital in Maryland to receive it is the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. We join approximately 5% of the hospitals in the United States to achieve this award. I share this with you so you can be aware of the patient care you are supporting every day.

We had many activities during our celebration of HealthCare Week in May. Our theme this year was "The Healing Heart of Healthcare" and that certainly includes the work all of you do, 52 weeks of the year. I hope you were able to take advantage of some of the treats and activities and feel the appreciation you so greatly deserve.

We are winding down on our work at the James M Stockman Cancer Institute. We're all very excited to start welcoming patients there on July 31st. We'll be in touch with dates and times when you can come by for a tour, too. After all, you helped us build it.

I look forward to the FMH Auxiliary Officer's lunch coming up in June. It is always good to have some face time with our dedicated volunteer leaders.

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy summer. Please know that your work is valued and appreciated by myself and our leadership team.

Best regards,

Tom Kleinhanzl

President & CEO

Frederick Regional Health System

Director's LetterSharon Hannaby

Oh no, it's that time of year again! The annual mandatory tests that are required of all active volunteers are ready. Please stop by the volunteer office to pick up your 2017 tests to complete. Offsite volunteers can give us a call and we can send them to your worksite. Don't forget to write your name on the top of <u>each</u> test so you get the credit you deserve.

"What are you doing here?" seems like a simple, friendly question, right? Do you know that this is a question that we are never to ask our friends/family when we see them at the hospital (or at any of our offsite locations)? Maybe they are here for tests they don't want anyone to know about or they are dealing with a new diagnosis.

Although we want you to be friendly to all with whom you have contact while volunteering, please be careful with your wording. Use phrases like, "May I help you?" or "Is there something I can help you find?" Chances are that if you know someone, they will tell you more than you really want to know but that is their choice, not in response to a question you asked. Respect for people's privacy is a must.

My best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy summer! Thanks for all that you do, Always!

Stethoscope Newsletter

Jan McLoon

We are urgently in need of a volunteer to take on the co-chair of the newsletter. You would be overseeing the duties of USPS mailing of the newsletter. If you know of someone that only wants to work minimal hours, or wants another small job, this is it...2-3 hours a month. We presently mail out around 300+ copies along with the same via email. New volunteers are welcome.

As your editor of the Stethoscope, I cannot do both jobs. It really requires 2 people. If we cannot find a cochair soon, this newsletter will be stopped for an unforeseen amount of time.

I enjoy producing the monthly news, and hope all volunteers have found it valuable, appreciated, interesting and fun along with helping the volunteers keep up with our events. So this may be my last newsletter for a while. I want to thank everyone; volunteers, service chairs and FMH hospital staff for their assistance over the last 6 years.

If someone else would like to take over as the Stethoscope Editor or Co-Chair please let the Sharon Hannaby or Joe Collins know in the Volunteer Office.

Gift Shop Sharll Hane

It's time to start thinking about dads and graduation. The gift shop has some nice gifts, from body wash and lotions for dad, to graduation tassels and mugs for the graduate. We have things for the beach also. From cup holders for the sand to phone fans that plug into your cell phone. We also have weekly specials on sale, so stop by and browse through the gift shop. We have our regular items like sodas and snacks to flowers, balloons and cards.

We are still looking for volunteers; the shifts are 3-4 hours long, see Sharon Hannaby if you are interested or know of someone.

100 HOURS

Stephen Lavanier
John Darr

500 HOURS

Laurene Holsinger Vivian Donnelly Beverly Austin



2,000 HOURS

Anthony Paolini

6,000 hours

Betty Lind

Select Seconds Notes

Pam Schaffert

Be sure to see our current store window which is themed in yellow. Those items will be available for purchase starting June 6th. Our next window this month will celebrate red, white, and blue. That merchandise will be available for purchase starting June 27th- just in time for the 4th of July holiday!!

Don't forget that Select Seconds has a nice selection of wedding gowns, tuxedos, and costume jewelry. We also have a lot of ladies sandals for the season, as well as men's dress and casual shirts and shorts. Before going to your next big event, check out Select Seconds for clothing and accessories!

R & A Committee

Pat Dickinson

About 50 volunteers and guests attended the Annual Auxiliary Picnic this year, a smaller crowd than usual. The food was plentiful and delicious. Wendy Brundage from the Gift Shop donated 2 door prize baskets, and bingo prizes were donated by the Gift Shop, Select Seconds, and numerous private donations. With the exception of a chilly breeze, which shortened the picnic, everyone had a good time.

The May Volunteer of the month is Faye Glover. Faye has been a volunteer since 1999 and began by working with the Snow Ball and Small Wonder. She currently works at the Information Desk and with Knitters. We applaud Faye for her long tenure with FMH. She received a gift certificate to a local grocery store as a thank you.

To all volunteers, we hope you have an interesting and safe summer. We will see you in late summer when we plan to announce a bus trip to Rocky Gap Casino. Thanks to you all for volunteering!

Hour-by-Hour Hours Committee

Volunteer hours worked for the month of April 2017 were:



- ❖ 79 Juniors worked 466.00 hours
- ❖ 39 College students worked 539.00 hours
- ❖ 328 Seniors worked 5,434.00 hours

Total hours worked in April were 6,439.00.



Ann Long

Other Announcements

FMH Auxiliary turns 65

Please save the date, **September 11, 2017**, for a celebration of the **65**th **Anniversary of the FMH Auxiliary**. A luncheon will be held at Dutch's Daughter. More information will be coming.

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Our Library Cart is in need of magazines. Please donate current (no more than 3 months old) magazines. For your privacy, address labels should be removed prior to donating. Magazines can be dropped off at any volunteer desk or the volunteer office.

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Select Seconds - Betty Kreh

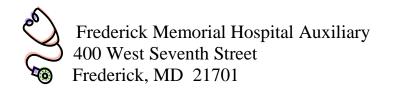
The Select Seconds profit for April was \$14,048.36.

Gift Shop - Sharll Hane

Gift Shop profit for April was \$3,261.87.

Fundraising – Julane Anderson

The Books are Fun sale profit was \$1,491.14.



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June 18th



July 4th