





A Monthly Newsletter of the FMH Auxiliary and Volunteer Program 400 West 7th Street Frederick, MD 21701 Volunteer Office: 240-566-3567 - Website: www.fmh.org

President's Message

Joseph Collins



8 New Members

Charles Biddison

Doug Cooke

Susan Hood

Cathy Jardim

Stephen Lavanier

William McManus

Brian Smith

Michael Young

Finally, Spring has arrived with its warm sunshine, rainy days and glorious rainbows of color that bring with them the promise of summer just beyond the horizon. I certainly hope that everybody enjoyed Volunteer Week and took the time to thank your fellow volunteers for the exceptional volunteer work that they contribute to the health and wellness of those who come through the many doors of Frederick Memorial Hospital. You are the reason that the FMH Auxiliary is the most outstanding auxiliary in Maryland.

The recent Fashion Show held at Country Meadows was great success. Auxiliary models wearing clothing and matching accessories from Select Seconds dazzled the onlookers, while showing off variety of quality goods offered by Select Seconds. Fund raising also completed another profitable \$6 Sale with the popular Books are Fun Sale scheduled for the hospital cafeteria on May 10, 11 & 12.

Looking ahead the annual Auxiliary Picnic is set for Wednesday May 24th at the Monocacy Village Park. This event is free for volunteers and offers the attendees the opportunity to partake of good food, play games and socialize with other volunteers. Sign-up sheets will be available soon and the R&A Committee has promised a good time for all.

The Annual Auxiliary Membership Luncheon and election of new officers will be held on June 14th at the beautiful Ceresville Mansion starting at 11:30 am.

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Newsletter Committee 2017 Issue 04 Editor & Co-Chairs: Jan McLoon/Joann Ramsburg Circulation Committee: Joann Ramsburg, Mary Frances Trout, Audrey Hiltbrand, Dorothy Kovatch, Jean Kessinger, Beth Callahan, Karen Dotterer

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The sights and sounds of spring are upon us and I hope you are enjoying these beautiful days. Maybe you've noticed some new flowers growing here at the hospital campus. It is all part of our ongoing effort to create a warm and welcoming environment for our patients and visitors. Many times that welcome starts with a smile from you.

Thank you for your ongoing sales at the hospital and other fundraising activities. The spring and Easter displays in the gift shop looked very nice. I know our employees enjoy shopping there as much as our visitors. The pride you take in your work really shows.

I'm sure you've noticed all of the updated Healthgrades posters and elevator clings. We recently recognized our clinical staff for their achievements. FMH received "Distinguished Hospital, Clinical Excellence" for the second year in a row. This award evaluates the clinical care across 19 procedures and conditions. FMH is one of only six hospitals in Maryland to achieve this high level of quality care that is statistically proven to save lives.

We also had five service lines receive "America's Best, Top 100 Hospital" recognition. The services lines are Coronary Interventional Procedures (also recognized in 2015 and 2016), Pulmonary Care, Critical Care, Stroke Care and Gastrointestinal Care. We can all feel proud of the role we play in supporting this high quality clinical care.

We recently started a community resource garden in a partnership with Hood College. This garden will be planted and tended to by volunteers from FMH, Hood College and the community. The food will be given to our community members in need.

We'll keep updating you on the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute. Everything is tracking on schedule for the construction to be complete so we can plan events in late July and begin seeing patients at the new location after that. You should all feel tremendous pride in this building with its state of the art technology and healing environment. You played a big role in making this dream come true.

As always, thank you for your efforts to support our mission of improving the health and well-being of the community we serve. Your contributions of time, talent and fundraising are greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Tom Kleinhanzl President & CEO Frederick Regional Health System

President's Message - continued

As the hospital administration has generously agreed to cover the cost of the luncheon seating is limited to paid, active volunteers by reservation only on a first come basis. Only a few spots remain so, forward your reservation form please as soon as possible as you don't want to miss out on this wonderful event.

Remember volunteers are the true face of care and concern and make Frederick Memorial Hospital the excellent hospital that it is today.

Director's Letter

Sharon Hannaby

I hope that each of you were able to stop by during National Volunteer Week to receive a gift from us and meet some of our newest staff members here in the volunteer office. Please know that these gifts are just a token "thank you" to let you know that we truly do appreciate everything that you do for FMH and our patients, visitors, and staff. We are blessed to have such a large, diverse group of volunteers all here to serve one purpose – making FMH the caring place that our patients have come to expect.

As I enter my 28th year with FMH, my warmest regards to all of you. When I came here to work, I never would have thought I would be here this many years. This is not a job for me; it is a privilege to get to share my time with all of you. I am amazed at what can be accomplished by this wonderful, dedicated group of volunteers. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for what you have done and continue to do to improve our patient and visitor experience. Thank you for making my time here fly by. I look forward to many more years with all of you.

<u>Gift Shop</u>

Easter has now passed and it is time for graduation and Mother's Day. We have some nice gifts, from coffee mugs and graduation tassels to lovely necklaces and perfumed soap and hand cream. We also have weekly specials on sale. So stop by and browse through the gift shop.

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

Financial Secretary

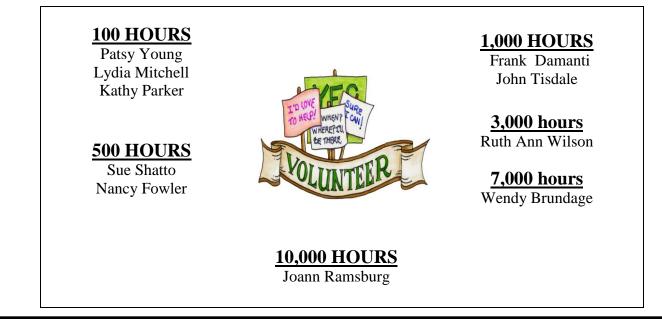
Heads Up! Auxiliary membership invoices for collecting the annual dues will be mailed out around June 1st. This begins the new fiscal year for 2017/2018 for membership renewal. Active volunteers can start paying dues July 1st.

Please welcome Sharen Neale as the proposed new Financial Secretary. She has been nominated for taking over this position and will be installed at the annual luncheon in June.

Sharll Hane

Jan McLoon

Volunteer Award Hours



Select Seconds Notes

Thanks to everyone who donated items in celebration of Earth Day on April 19th at FMH--our truck was nearly full! We'll be putting these items out for sale at the shop.

Don't forget that Select Seconds has a nice selection of Prom Dresses, Wedding Gowns, Tuxedos, and costume jewelry.

Be sure to check out our May store window which will be themed with purple and lavender. Window items will be available for purchase by the public on May 16^{th} .

<u>R & A Committee</u>

Pat Dickinson

Pam Schaffert

Congratulations to April Volunteer of the Month Mary O'Neill who volunteers in the Pastoral Care services area of FMH. Mary began volunteering in January 2014 and has accomplished over 315 hours of service. Thank you Mary from the FMH R&A Committee.

The R&A Committee, in cooperation with Select Seconds, held a fashion show and luncheon on April 17 at Country Meadows. Attendees commented favorably on the food and location, as well as the fashion show. Models were members of the FMH Auxiliary and everyone had a good time. Select Seconds had tables of jewelry, handbags, and scarves, as well as the clothing modeled for sale before and after the actual event. With the exception of fewer attendees than at previous fashion shows, it was deemed a success.

The Committee met on April 20 to finalize plans for the 2017 Annual Picnic to be held on Wednesday, May 24, at the Monocacy Village Pavilion. This is a free event for all active volunteers and a \$4 cost for guests. You will find more information in the sign-up sheet also found in this newsletter.

No recruitment activities were held this month, but plans are made for attendance and presentation at an upcoming meeting of the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association, and to use the FMH intranet information to find other opportunities to get the word out about volunteering.

Hour-by-Hour

Volunteer hours worked for the month of March 2017 were:

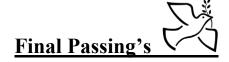
- ✤ 59 Juniors worked 385.50 hours
- ✤ 45 College students worked 681.00 hours
- ✤ 307 Seniors worked 6,464. 00hours

Total hours worked in March were 7530.50.

Stethoscope Newsletter

We are in need of new volunteers to help out in the labeling and mailing of the newsletter. This team meets on the 1st Wednesday each month at 8:30 am and works approximately 2 hours. It's an easy job so if you have a couple of hours to spare, please contact me via email at: jmcloon@msn.com or the Volunteer Office.

In addition, Joann Ramsburg is resigning as the circulation team co-chair of the newsletter. If anyone would like to take over this position, please let me or the office know. It only takes about 3 hours a month. I personally would like to thank Joann for her dedication and support over the last several years. It has been a pleasure to work and laugh with her.



Mazie Watkins

Greta Huffer

Hours Committee



Jan McLoon



Select Seconds - Betty Kreh

The Select Seconds profit for March is \$5,081.55.

Gift Shop - Sharll Hane

The Gift Shop's profit for the month of March was \$11,375.62.

Fundraising – Julane Anderson

Profit from the \$6 sale held on April 10-11 was \$713.69.

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Don't Forget





May 14

May 29



Calling all Auxiliary Members! FMH Auxiliary Picnic

Wednesday

May 24, 2017

5 pm 'til dark – rain or shine

at the

Monocacy Village Park Pavilion Reservations for the picnic must be made by <u>May 16th</u>

There will Bingo with prizes and a door prize
Admission Free for Auxiliary Members and \$4.00 per guest

Please bring a covered dish to share. Fried chicken, BBQ, rolls, table service and beverages will be provided.

Please fill out the form below along with payment for guests.

Auxiliary Member Name(s) ______

Paying Guest Name(s) ______

Contact Phone: _____ Total Number of Reservations: _____

I will bring the following covered dish for sharing:

Salad ______, Vegetable_____, Dessert______

You may also obtain form from the Volunteer Office or download a copy from the website.





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COMING SOON!

Books are Fun Annual Picnic Annual Membership Mtg. Uniform Sale May 10, 11 & 12 May 24 June 14 June 20 & 21