

## ***President's Message:***

I can't believe summer has drawn to a close and fall is here. Don't get me wrong, I love fall — it's my favorite time of the year. I love the crisp, clear days, the beautiful colors of the season and the return of comfort foods and baked goods ... what's not to love! But it seems like only yesterday we were facing the initial challenges of COVID-19 and wondering what the summer would look like for all of us.



Susan  
Bowers

I'm willing to bet that for most of us, the summer of 2020 was different from what we had anticipated it would be ... especially compared to summers past. But my hope is that we all found new ways to stay safely connected with family and friends, while continuing to appreciate the joys of summer.

Which brings me back once again to fall — and maybe it's the baked goods talking now but I feel a renewed sense of hope. Fall seems to energize and rejuvenate. Fall has awakened in me a renewed optimism that things are moving in the right direction. One 'normal' auxiliary thing that makes me optimistic is our pecan fundraiser. I was so happy when Monica, Emily and Nancy decided they wanted to move forward with the pecan sale for this year. And I'm happy to report that the sale is going well so far. Maybe we're all looking ahead to our fall and holiday baking plans and we

realize that we'll need some pecans. Or maybe we simply want to do something normal and support our fellow Auxilians and the hospital. Whatever the case, we're off to a great start! As a reminder, sales will continue until the end of October, so reach out to Monica, Emily or Nancy to place your order today!

As always, we'll use the money generated from our pecan sales to support the hospital and staff. Although we couldn't hold some of our usual fundraisers this year, the gift shops are open again and the auxiliary office is selling uniforms, books and puzzles and baby quilts. Within the very near future the board will review the Auxiliary's overall finances and we'll consider options for our annual donation to the hospital, as well as something we can do to show the Memorial associates how much we appreciate them. We'll share updates and more information as decisions are made.

Speaking of making decisions, I feel like I second guess myself more these days and maybe you do too. I bet that every group of Auxilians has had something they've faced that gave them pause and made them want to be sure they were serving Memorial as best they could. I sometimes think back to the initial Auxilians who stepped into a brand new Memorial Hospital in 1958 and

I wonder how they felt? I bet they were nervous yet excited, and then uncertain about what they had undertaken but happy to serve. Those 27 initial Auxilians laid the foundation for our Auxiliary today and it's humbling to think



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that we are probably sharing some of the same feelings and even uncertainties. My hope and prayer is that we continue to serve to the best of our abilities — carrying forward our Auxiliary's legacy through any challenge.

When I started this article, I said I was feeling optimistic so I want to close with something positive. Did you know that for more than 20 years now, since 1999, there has been a World Smile Day®?



According to the World Smile Day® website — Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts created the smiley face in 1963. Mr. Ball's smiley face image has gone on to become the most recognizable symbol of good will and good cheer on the planet. I think we can all use a whole lot of both good will and good cheer right now!

Harvey Ball once said that, 'the smiley face knows no politics, no geography and no religion.' He wanted at least one day a year where we know none of those topics either, and declared that the first Friday in October each year should be World Smile Day®. This year, we'll celebrate World Smile Day® on October 2, and I for one will have no trouble smiling. I'll think about our Auxiliary and the work we've done and are continuing to do even through this challenging time. I'll smile knowing that we're still making a difference and continuing our legacy, and we're probably even doing it with a smile. Harvey Ball would be proud, and so am I!

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*Susan Bowers, Auxiliary President*

## ***Dues for 2021***

We have started collecting annual membership dues for 2021 through December 31. Dues may be paid by mailing a check to the Auxiliary Office, Memorial Hospital, 4500 Memorial Drive, Belleville, IL 62226 or credit/debit card over the phone or in the office.

- **Active or Junior Volunteer Membership:** \$5.00
- **Sustaining Membership:** \$8.00
- **Life Membership:** \$100.00 used to maintain the Auxiliary Educational Assistance Programs.

A Life Membership is open to anyone who makes a one-time contribution of \$100. This money is used to maintain the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Educational Assistance Programs. Life Members may choose to be either an active or sustaining member without further payment of dues.

## ***Membership Report***

### **Sympathy**

With our condolences to family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of former Active volunteer, Marilyn Roley, on September 14, 2020.

### **Membership Numbers:**

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| • 99 – Active       | • 222 – Life      |
| • 110 – Active/Life | • 40 – Sustaining |
| • 15 – Junior       | • 486 – Total     |





## ***A Message from Mike McManus, President***

We had a successful EPIC Roadshow in September. This Roadshow was the unofficial kick off to the final six months before we go live with EPIC on February 27. It seems like it took forever to get to this point and it will seem like the next six months will go by all too fast. Preparation



Mike McManus

for EPIC seems to fall into one of three categories. The first category is the applications themselves. We are implementing the EPIC clinical system (electronic health record), the EPIC revenue cycle system (patient accounts) and the Cerner lab system. In addition there are probably numerous other applications we will install that are compatible with these “big three.”

All BJC hospitals converted to the EPIC clinical system several years ago so there is a wealth of experience in that aspect. The EPIC revenue cycle system is new. BJC is converting all of its hospitals from Sorarian, its current revenue cycle system, to the EPIC revenue cycle system. So, while Memorial will be the last hospital in BJC to go up on the EPIC clinical system, we are the first hospital in BJC to go up on the EPIC revenue cycle system, with the other hospitals following.

The second category of EPIC preparation is the installation of all of the new hardware, printers, scanners etc., needed to use EPIC. For example, you will notice each patient room will have a wall mounted computer. This work is tedious and detailed. A three-week schedule is outlined in advance as we work through both hospitals.

The third category of EPIC preparation is the infrastructure improvements. This is the work that

has been ongoing for quite a while and involves moving off of the Memorial network to the BJC network. This is extremely detailed work that will result in the eventual removal of the Memorial firewall, better Wi-Fi connectivity in the hospital, and other infrastructure improvements. I know during the Roadshow there were some connectivity issues. Those will be fixed so please do not get the impression that our infrastructure will be insufficient for EPIC. This month, departments are going through what is called OCA (operational change analysis) where the work of matching work flows to EPIC is done in earnest. In October and November, EPIC testing begins and training is scheduled in December and January. Ninety days before go live we will have continual readiness assessments ... right up until the week we go live.

You may not see them but the EPIC 1 Team has been working for months to plan a successful go live. Now that we are less than six months away it is becoming very real.

I know I can speak for all Memorial team members that we are looking forward to EPIC and the added benefits we will see for our patients and for ourselves.

***Community of Character***  
***Word of the Month***  
***Responsibility***

Willingness to be accountable for your own actions without blaming others.



## ***Nominating Committee***

In years past, the slate of officers and nominating committee for the following year were published in the November Mur-Mur and again presented at the December Membership dinner/meeting giving the members an opportunity to vote their approval of the selection. This year due to circumstances beyond all of our control, we are presenting the slate of officers in the October Mur-Mur and you, the Auxiliary members have the same opportunity for approval with a modified procedure.

The Nominating Committee of Diane Herr, Kim Hubbard, Lynn Blomberg, Mary Ann Silhavy and Adele Theobald present the following recommendations:

### **2021 Slate of Officers**

- President – Jean Joseph
- Vice-President – Jane Schwebke
- Recording/Financial Secretary – Charlotte Walther
- Corresponding Secretary – Ann Klemm

### **2021 Nominating Committee**

- Lynn Blomberg, 2020-2021
- Mary Ann Silhavy, 2020-2021
- Don Feldott, 2021-2022
- Tami Schuette, 2021-2022
- Susan Bowers, Immediate Past President

If you agree with the recommendations, no action is needed, we will take silence as approval and the officers will be installed in December. If you have questions, please contact Adele Theobald at 618 277-7242 no later than November 13, 2020.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and service to the hospital.

Stay safe and healthy.

## ***Congratulations Nancy***

During BJC Celebration Week of September 21, Monica Heshmat presented Nancy Flahan with her 25 consecutive years of service pin.



## ***Quilts***

Baby quilts are selling fast in the Auxiliary Office. Many sell before we get them advertised. There are three baby quilts priced at \$40 each and a queen quilt priced at \$400 still available.





## Flu Shots

No Flu clinics will be offered this season for volunteers. You are encouraged to receive your vaccination elsewhere and forward a copy to the Auxiliary Office at memauxiliary@bjc.org.

## Gift Shop

“Midnight Hours” in the Gift Shops will resume Thursday, October 1, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Belleville and Thursday, October 8, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Shiloh. Monica along with the Gift Shop staff will run the sales until the volunteers are called back to work.



## Fundraising

Pecan sales are underway. Order extra for baking, snacking and gift giving. Call the Auxiliary Office at 257-5545 before October 31 to place and prepay for your order. Curbside pickup will be available.



### Temporary Gift Shop hours:

#### Belleville:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### East:

- Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

### October 2020

Thurs	01	Midnight Hours	9 p.m.-1 a.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Thurs	08	Midnight Hours	9 p.m.-1 a.m.	East Gift Shop

### November 2020

Thurs	05	Midnight Hours	9 p.m.-1 a.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Thurs	12	Midnight Hours	9 p.m.-1 a.m.	East Gift Shop
Tues	18	Collective Goods	7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Auditorium
Wed	19	Collective Goods	7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Auditorium
Thurs	26	Auxiliary & Gift Shop	Closed	Thanksgiving
Fri	27	Auxiliary	Closed	Thanksgiving

### December 2020

Thurs	03	Midnight Hours	9 p.m.-1 a.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Thurs	10	Midnight Hours	9 p.m.-1 a.m.	East Gift Shop
Thurs	24	Auxiliary	Closed	Christmas Eve
Fri	25	Auxiliary & Gift Shop	Shop Closed	Christmas



## Expired Medication Disposal

The Auxiliary Office will no longer be accepting and disposing of expired medications.

### Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations

CVS, L.L.C.	11803 N. Illinois St., Swansea, IL 62226
CVS, L.L.C.	14609 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226
Walgreens, L.L.C.	15890 North Belt West, Belleville, IL 62226
Smithton Pharmacy	13981 State Route 159, Smithton, IL 62285
CVS, L.L.C.	1753 W Hwy 50, O'Fallon, IL 62269
Scott AFB Medical Center	1310 W Losey St., Bldg. 1530, Scott AFB, IL 62225
Walgreens, L.L.C.	1401 Beltline, Collinsville, IL 62234
CVS, L.L.C.	11800 Vandalia St., Collinsville, IL 62234
Walgreens, L.L.C.	12510 State St., East St Louis, IL 62205
Khoury Pharmacy	1101 N Main St Columbia, IL 62236
Walgreens, L.L.C.	12 Cottonwood Rd., Glen Carbon, IL 62034
CVS, L.L.C.	1100 Admiral Trost Rd., Columbia, IL 62236
CVS, L.L.C.	13319 Nameoki Rd., Granite City, IL 62040



## Our BJC Values

During the week of Sept. 21 the new BJC Values of compassion, respect, excellence, safety and teamwork were introduced.



**COMPASSION | RESPECT | EXCELLENCE | SAFETY | TEAMWORK**



We promise to care about you.



We promise to treat you with dignity.



We promise to be our best.



We promise to keep you safe.



We promise to partner with you.