

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

February presents many days to celebrate—Groundhog Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday, President's Day and February 4. You may be asking what is February 4. February 4th is "Volunteer Covid Vaccine Day". This is truly a special day because it is the first step on the journey to enable the return of volunteers to service. Second doses will be given March 4th. We hope to start this return with non-patient facing position such as administrative, clerical behind the scenes positions. Everything is still in the planning stages but that light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter.

While we wait for the return of the volunteers the Auxiliary goes on. A Uniform Sale is scheduled for February 8 & 9 at MHB. In observation of Valentine's Day "Midnight Sales" will be held Thursday, February 4th at MHB and Thursday, February 11th at MHS. There are new hours for the sales—**7 to 11 p.m.** I guess we will have to rename the sale if these hours work better.

A new program, Employee Uniform Allotment has begun. Employees receive a uniform voucher which they may use for online sales from Heroes in Style. The Auxiliary will receive 5% of these sales monthly. Thank you to the hospital for letting us benefit from this program.

A big Thank You to the hospital for showing you care about the volunteers in many ways.

I would like to end this article with a quote I read recently, it is by Morris Schwartz.

**The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose.**

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*Jean Joseph, Auxiliary President*

## ***Gift Shop***

"Midnight Hours Sale" in the Gift Shop has been changed to "After Hours Sale" since the sale will now be from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. The first sale is set for Thursday, February 4 in the Belleville Gift Shop and Thursday, February 11 in Shiloh. The sale will feature 50% off clothing and 25% off accessories: scarves, glove, jewelry and purses.

### **Temporary Gift Shop hours:**

#### **Belleville:**

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

#### **Shiloh:**

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





## ***Dues for 2021***

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.

## ***Fundraising***

It has been almost a full year since we had to suspend the Book Bazaar operation and cancel the event for 2020. Because the virus continues to be very serious and the vaccinations are coming along slower than anticipated, we are sad to announce the 2021 Book Bazaar has been postponed, originally scheduled for April 28 through May 1. We do hope to schedule it for later in the year.

We have been selling books, DVDs, puzzles, and all the games in the “Book Nook”, the small meeting room across from the Auxiliary Office. We have been swapping inventory to ensure new supply as items are sold.

Two year pocket calendars for 2021-2022 are available in the Auxiliary Office as well as both the Belleville and East Gift Shop for \$4 each.



A Uniform Show with “Heros In Style” will be held in the Memorial Belleville Auditorium on Monday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 9 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The latest styles in medical scrubs will be on display as well as shoes and other accessories.

## ***Membership Report***

### **Welcome New Life Members:**

**Judy Brindley**

**Anita Compton**

**Katherine Alston**

### **Sympathy**

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Life member, Virginia Ruff, on January 12, 2021.

### **Membership Numbers:**

- 98-Active
- 112-Active/Life
- 14-Junior
- 218-Life
- 37-Sustaining
- 479-Total



### ***Community of Character*** ***Word of the Month***

## ***Trustworthiness***

Being honest, reliable and doing what you say you will do. Trustworthiness in words and actions.

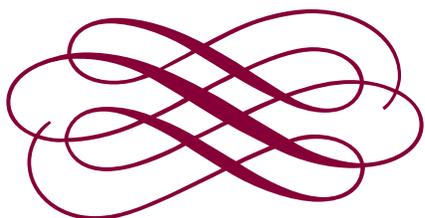
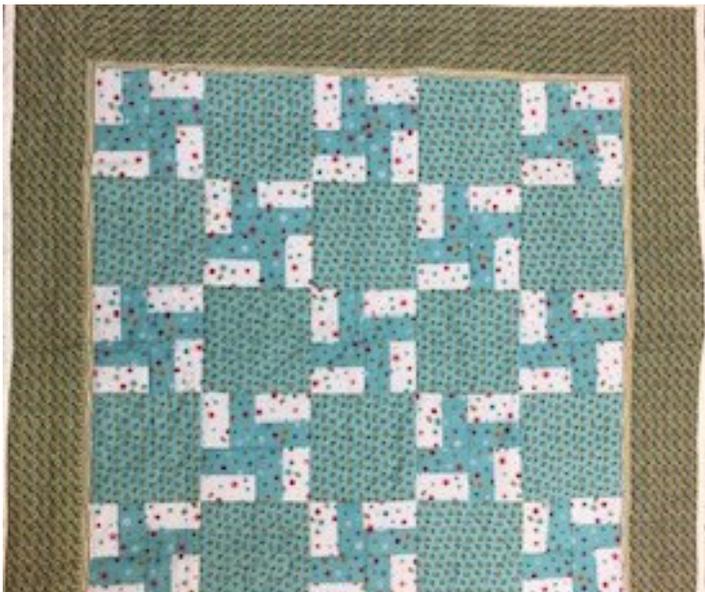


## Quilts

Four baby quilts are available in the Auxiliary Office. Two are priced at \$75 and two are priced at \$40. A quilted wall hanging is available for \$75.

We have a baby blanket in the Auxiliary Office priced at \$35. It is made of flannel patches and is machine stitched with hand clipped edges.

Also available are the baby items hand made by our "Snips and Stitches" group of volunteers including the "loops of love" and burp clothes priced at \$8 each. These items make a great addition to any baby shower gift.





## ***A Message from Mike*** ***COVID-19 Vaccinations***

So I got the first dose of my COVID-19 vaccination yesterday. It felt no different than our annual flu shots. The second dose is in a few weeks. I have been told that I may experience a few side effects for a day or so (achy feeling, low grade fever, etc.). I am OK with that.

As of today, our overall percentage of Memorial staff that have been vaccinated is about 50-55%. To be honest I wish the percentage were higher and would personally encourage people to be vaccinated but there are many reasons why it is not. This is a tricky subject because healthcare is a personal choice and we should respect individual decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccination. You all should have received an email message when it was "your turn" to get the vaccine. If you didn't receive your email and you're interested in getting the vaccine, be sure to check your junk or spam folders.

As I get around the hospital I have been taking an informal poll and the two reasons that I hear the most regarding the choice to not be vaccinated are: 1) There is not enough science on the vaccine yet since it is so new and 2) I am pregnant, thinking about getting pregnant or nursing. Both points are valid but I would encourage everyone to please read the literature that has been published as they make their determination. Some resources are listed at the end of this message.

Dr. Badhaman is also a great resource for all of us. We are planning on having him on a virtual town hall soon. I do believe some people are taking a "wait and see" approach and may choose to be

vaccinated somewhere down the road. If that is the case the location of your vaccination may be at the hospital, the county health department or some other option yet to be identified.

Another aspect of this is the community perception of their healthcare providers. I have already read articles about "why are healthcare workers not getting vaccinated". It could seem odd to the community after seeing hospitals battle COVID-19 for almost a year. But I think that is where job and self come together. Sometimes they complement each other and sometimes they compete. I truly respect the individual decision of each of you and hope the decision is made with the best information at hand.

### **RESOURCES**

- BJC.net
  - <https://covid19.bjc.org>
  - Resources
  - General Employee Resources
    - Leader Talking Points: COVID-19 Vaccine
  - [https://covid19.bjc.org/Portals/0/PDF%20Documents/General%20Updates/Leader\\_Talking\\_Points\\_COVID-19\\_Vaccine.pdf?ver=NtZF2gKR7AbEmet7DlFjFw%3d%3d](https://covid19.bjc.org/Portals/0/PDF%20Documents/General%20Updates/Leader_Talking_Points_COVID-19_Vaccine.pdf?ver=NtZF2gKR7AbEmet7DlFjFw%3d%3d)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Fast Facts
  - [https://covid19.bjc.org/Portals/0/PDF%20Documents/General%20Updates/599061\\_C19\\_ICC\\_Flyer\\_COVID-19\\_Vaccine\\_Fast\\_Facts.pdf?ver=oyAqcmtlF10ORVuOCJdMZQ%3d%3d](https://covid19.bjc.org/Portals/0/PDF%20Documents/General%20Updates/599061_C19_ICC_Flyer_COVID-19_Vaccine_Fast_Facts.pdf?ver=oyAqcmtlF10ORVuOCJdMZQ%3d%3d)

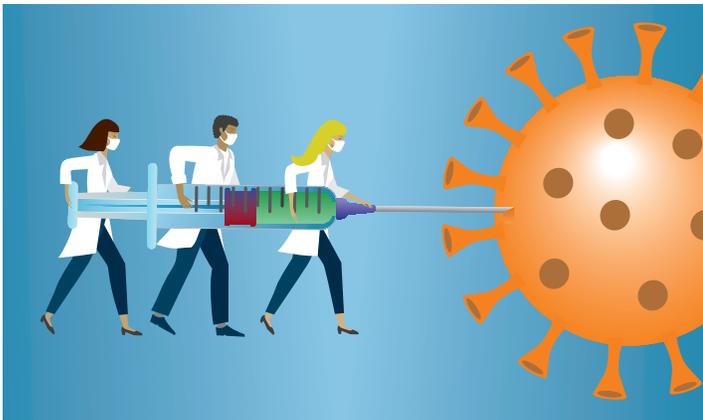


- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/hcp-employees-general-faqs.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/healthcare-professionals-mRNA.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/healthcare-professionals-vaccine-quick-answers.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>

- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)

COVID 19- Vaccines and Pregnancy: Conversation Guide for Clinicians

- <https://www.acog.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines-and-pregnancy-conversation-guide-for-clinicians>
- <https://www.acog.org/en/Womens%20Health/COVID-19>
- <https://www.acog.org/womens-health/faqs/coronavirus-covid-19-pregnancy-and-breastfeeding>
- <https://www.acog.org/womens-health/faqs/coronavirus-covid-19-and-womens-health-care>



## ***Service Hour Recipients:***

### **500 Hours**

Jean Ebel  
Esau Tolson  
Carol Walker

### **1000 Hours**

Judy Brindley  
Tami Schuette

### **1500 Hours**

Susan Bowers  
Don Feldott  
Gary Theobald

### **2000 Hours**

Ann Allen  
Joan Green

### **2500 Hours**

Ann Klemm

### **3000 Hours**

Fran Davitz  
Chris Hubert  
Betty Lehr

### **3500 Hours**

Adele Theobald

### **4000 Hours**

Judy Sutter

### **6500 Hours**

Shirley Baltz

### **7500 Hours**

Jean Joseph

### **9500 Hours**

Judie Louden

Carole Schneider



**BOOK BRIGADE**

BJC HealthCare

**FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 19**

For only \$2.50, you can make a positive impact in a child's life by visiting [bjcbooks.org](http://bjcbooks.org) and donating books to support children who are entering third grade in our local public school districts.

## Dates to Remember

### February 2021

Thurs	04	Midnight Sale	7 - 11 p.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Mon	08	Uniform Show	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Auditorium
Tues	09	Uniform Show	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Auditorium
Thurs	11	Midnight Sale	7 - 11 p.m.	Shiloh Gift Shop

### March 2021

Thurs	04	Midnight Sale	7 - 11 p.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Wed	10	Collective Goods	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Auditorium
Thurs	11	Collective Goods	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Auditorium
Thurs	11	Midnight Sale	7 - 11 p.m.	Shiloh Gift Shop