

President's Message:

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein is a children's book I often read to my children and sometimes to my classes when teaching high school. The story tells of the relationship between a boy and an apple tree. At the beginning of the story, the boy swings on her branches, plays often with the tree, and the tree is happy. As the boy matures, his visits get fewer, and the demands on the tree's resources (apples, wood) become more commercial in nature. Eventually, the tree is nothing but a stump. The boy's final visit to the tree finds the boy old, tired and wanting nothing more than a place to sit and relax. The tree tells him to come sit on her stump. The boy does, and the tree is happy. I think volunteers emulate the spirit of the tree in this story. Their desire to serve, support, and give all they can to others shows a character with great compassion. But most importantly, it makes them happy.

On March 24, many members of the Auxiliary participated in the Unique Spirits and Sweets event hosted by the Memorial Foundation. This fundraiser is to benefit the Breast Center. Never having attended this before, I was unsure of what to expect. It was like walking into a time-warp with white table linens, beautiful centerpieces, caterers serving everyone, and guests dressed in finery circulating among the tables talking to friends and new acquaintances. The auctioneer was entertaining with comments to encourage those interested in bidding on the items offered. Wine tasting soon had all feeling relaxed and having a good time. I miss the elegance of days gone by. I plan to make this

event one I won't miss in the future. It was well worth the time and donation.

Volunteers are needed in many areas of the hospital. Call the Auxiliary Office for a placement if you feel comfortable working in the various buildings. 'Till next month, take care of You.

Jane Schwebke, Auxiliary President

Quilts

Only two baby quilts remain in the Auxiliary Office and are hand quilted by the Auxiliary Quilters. "Loops of Love" and burp clothes for babies made by the "Snips and Stiches" group of volunteers are available for \$8 each.





Book Bazaar Thank You

The 2022 Book Bazaar was a great success. The list of THANKS is long:

- Hundreds of people who donated their prized possessions of books, music, and puzzles.
- Volunteers working in the warehouse pricing, sorting, packing, and storing inventory.
- Volunteers helping to set up and tear down at the Fairgrounds - isn't it great that we haven't had to set up and tear down the tables, only rearrange them!
- Volunteers who worked the event, those who hung in there for the entire event and those who volunteered for extra shifts when we were short on help.
- Volunteers who brought food and to Jane Schwebke who made sure desserts were delivered for us every day.

- Volunteers who made sure we had food individually wrapped and ready to eat; it was all great.
- Emily and Nancy for printing our materials, handling the schedules, and all the many things they do for us throughout the year. And other hospital staff that help us when needed.
- A special thanks to Don and Chris Hubert for bringing their bobcat again this year, so the carts could be moved on and off the trucks at the Fairgrounds.
- And anyone we forgot to mention. It is a large event that takes many to make successful.

We beat last year's revenues, which is amazing as our inventory and length of time between sales was less than last year. Our gross was over \$30,000 at the Fairgrounds, of course there are outstanding expenses, so the final total isn't in yet.

Fundraising

A Shoe Show with "Shoe Roads Productions" is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Wednesday, May 11 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Belleville Auditorium and Thursday, May 12 from 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Shiloh Community Room. Come see the latest in foot fashion.

The New Book Show by "Collective Goods" held April 13 and 14 in the Belleville Auditorium generated a commission of \$680.67.

Embroidered logo t-shirts, available in Red, Navy, Royal, Pink, Grey and Maroon, are on display in the Auxiliary Office and are selling for \$20 each.





Life Memberships

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

Welcome New Volunteers:

Stephen Avedisian(A)-Millstadt

Membership Numbers:

- 45-Active
- 81-Active/Life
- 0-Junior
- 227-Life
- 28-Sustaining
- 28-Leave of Absence (CoVid-19 vaccination documentation not yet received)
- 407-Total

Sympathy

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Active Life member, Ladius Daye, on March 27, 2022 and Life members, Betty Mueller, on April 2, 2022 and Susan Reeble on April 8, 2022. Also, our condolences to Judy Brindley on the passing of her husband and former Auxilian, Ronald Brindley, on April 21, 2022.

Save the Date:

2023 Book Bazaar

April 3 and 4 is set-up

April 5 through 8 is the event

Gift Shop

Plans are underway for a big store-wide sale in Belleville prior to the temporary relocation of the gift shop to the Surgical Waiting Lobby near D Entrance. We'll keep you posted as the renovations get started.

The season has begun for graduations, Mother's Day, end of school for teachers, baseball games and hockey playoffs. There is a wonderful selection of unique gifts for these occasions at both gift shops. The shops are featuring 25% off women's clothing, purses and jewelry. The staff has done a wonderful job showcasing the displays, so come on out, and enjoy looking at (and buying) these really special gift items! And don't forget the big display of greeting cards and flowers for all occasions.

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.



Meet the Board

Name: Janette Zinkan

Position: Support Services Chairperson

Term: January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022. The Chairperson has the option of renewing their position for up to 3 consecutive terms.



Duties: As the Support Services Chairperson, Janette serves as the liaison for volunteers working in Environmental Services, magazine distribution, multi-Service projects, Pastoral Care Services, Transport, and in the Wound Clinic.

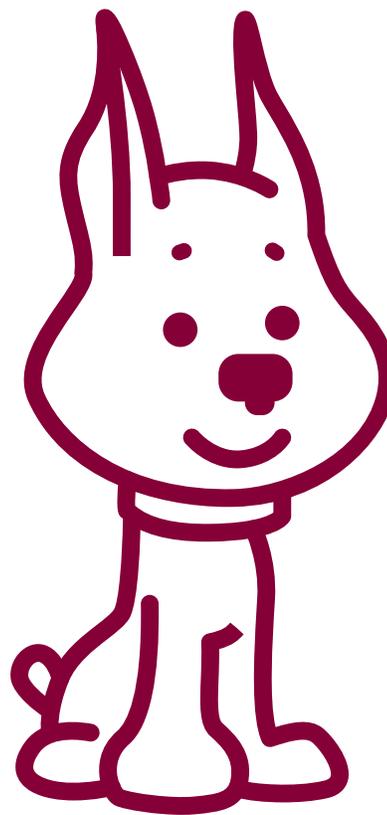
Why Give Back Through Volunteering:

After her husband passed away 7 years ago, Janette had free time. She loves working with people, and the Auxiliary provided the perfect venue for her to volunteer.

Janette was born and raised in East St. Louis. She has lived in Belleville since 1973. She worked as a legal secretary until her husband became ill. She is an avid pinochle player and loves to read. She volunteers with hospice. She serves as a Eucharistic Minister at her church and at Belleville Memorial Hospital. Janette has a son who retired to Columbia, South America. She states he splits his time between South America and here. She also has a daughter who lives in the Belleville area. She has 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Fast Five:

1. Coke or Pepsi: Pepsi
2. Coffee or Tea: Both
3. Asian, Italian, or Mexican Cuisine: Italian
4. Butter or margarine: Butter
5. Cats or Dogs: Dogs





Meet the Board

Name: Mary Virgin

Executive Board Position:
Clerical Services Chairperson

Term: January 1,
2022-December 31, 2022.
The Chairperson has
the option of renewing
their position for up to 3
consecutive terms.



Duties: As Clerical Services Chairperson, Mary serves as the liaison for volunteers in the following service areas: Auxiliary Office, Center for Nursing Excellence, Community Relations, Human Resources, Laboratory, Occupational Health, Medical Affairs and Physical Therapy. If help is needed with a clerical project, Mary will organize it.

Why Give Back Through Volunteering:

Mary began volunteering after Memorial Hospital opened in Shiloh. She states she was, "Looking to give back to something with a purpose and meet new people." Mary also volunteers with Art on the Square, RSVP, and "The Hett" (the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts at McKendree University).

Mary grew up in Belleville, graduated from the Academy of Notre Dame and later received a degree in Education from SIUE. After graduation, she taught Kindergarten and 1st Grade in the Parochial school system for 3 years. She left teaching to earn better wages working for the USPS in Belleville, retiring after 26 years there. Mary's hobbies/interests include traveling, reading, gardening, attending water fitness classes at the Y, and volunteering. She lives in Collinsville with her husband Randy, who is the Joint Efforts Coordinator

for the United Steel Workers' Union. She has 36-year-old twins - a son who has his doctorate in Political Science and teaches at Grinnell College and a daughter who is a Director of Accounting at Express Scripts. Mary has 3 grand-dogs.

Fast Five:

1. Coke or Pepsi: Diet Pepsi, but rarely
2. Coffee or Tea: Coffee
3. Asian, Italian, or Mexican Cuisine: Mexican
4. Butter or margarine: Butter
5. Cats or Dogs: Dogs, if they live with someone else





Bethesda Health Group & BJC HealthCare Expand Management Agreement to Memorial Care Center

On April 1, 2022, Bethesda Health Group assumed management of operations at Memorial Care Center (MCC), a rehabilitation community on the campus of Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois.

This transition expands the existing long-term care management agreement between BJC HealthCare, of which Memorial Hospital is a member, and Bethesda. MCC is the fourth BJC facility Bethesda manages; Memorial Hospital will retain ownership.

“Bethesda shares our commitment to excellence by providing care and services the right way,” says Mike McManus, President of Memorial Hospital. “They have been caring for seniors in the post-acute environment for 133 years, so their track record speaks for itself. Memorial Hospital is looking forward to working with the Bethesda team and continuing our own long-standing track record of providing excellent rehabilitative services at Memorial Care Center to the seniors living in the St. Clair County community.”



June Membership Meeting

Come enjoy an evening out with fellow volunteers at the June Membership Meeting and Dinner that will be held Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Belleville Memorial Hospital. Doors will be open at 5:00 p.m., and a \$5.00 charge will be collected at the door. Hourly and Life Member pins will be presented. Please call the Auxiliary Office at 257-5545 by June 7 to make a reservation.

Magazines

Gently used **March 2022** or newer magazines are needed for our waiting rooms. Children's magazines are also needed. Do not include catalogs. Please bring your donations to the Auxiliary Office.





2023 Memorial Calendar Photo Contest NOW OPEN

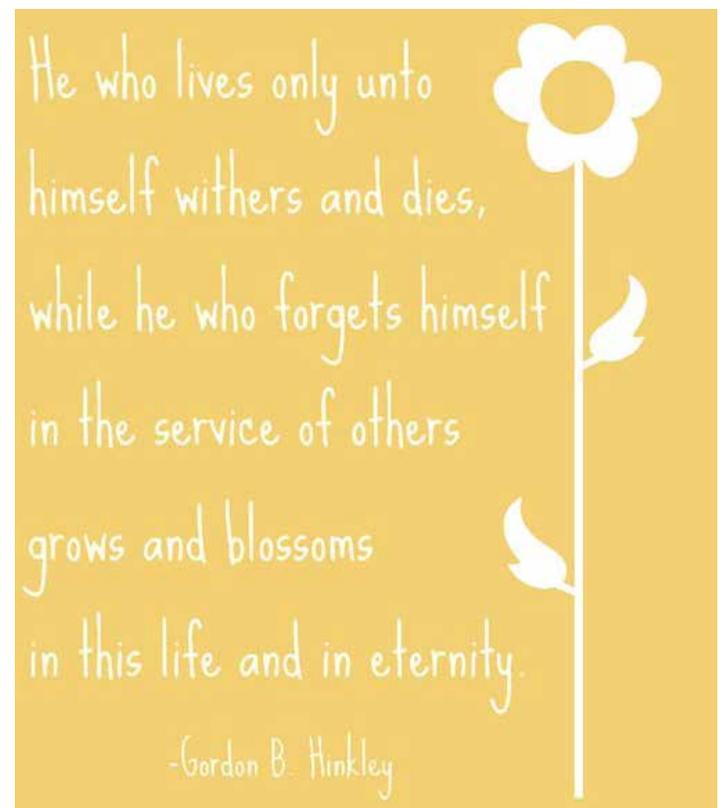
A picture that YOU have taken could appear in Memorial's 2023 calendar! The annual photo contest is open to all Memorial Hospital, Memorial Care Center, Medical Staff members and Auxiliaries. Photo must be taken by the person submitting the photo. Any size photo may be submitted, horizontal photos are preferred. Polaroid photos will not be accepted. No mats or frames. Photographs should be from one of these categories:

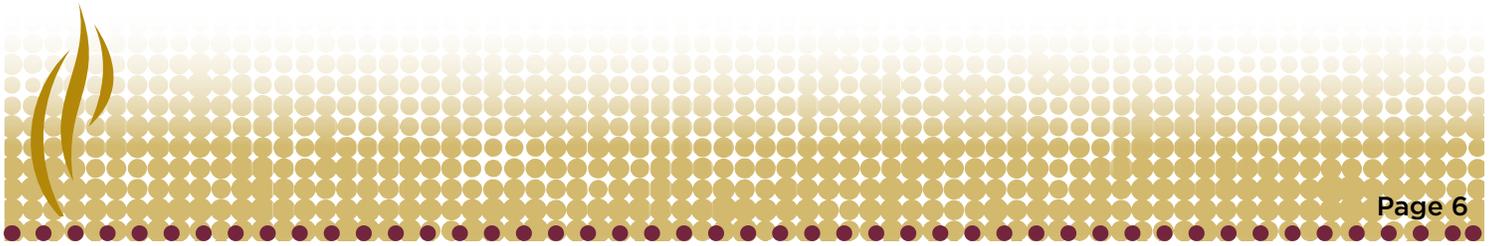
- People (adults, infants and toddlers)
- Health/Wellness/Fitness
- Landscapes (spring, summer, fall, winter; include location where photo was taken)
- Pets/Animals



Three winners will be chosen from each of the four categories. In addition, one GRAND PRIZE winner will be selected, and his/her photo will be used as the calendar's cover. All entries must be received in the Communications and Marketing at MHB and Administration at MES no later than Friday, August 19, 2022. You may enter one photo in each category; include on the back of each submitted photo: name, address, department, and extension.

If your photo is a landscape, please include the location. Judging will be done by a professional photographer. For more information, call Extension 75649.





Dates to Remember

May 2022

Thurs	05	"After Hours" Sale	7 – 11 p.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Tues	10	Shoe Show	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed	11	Shoe Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Thurs	12	Shoe Show	7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Shiloh Community Room
Thurs	12	"After Hours" Sale	7 – 11 p.m.	Shiloh Gift Shop

June 2022

Thurs	02	"After Hours" Sale	7 – 11 p.m.	Belleville Gift Shop
Tues	07	Blood Drive	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Shiloh Community Room
Tues	07	Linen Sale	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed	08	Linen Sale	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Thurs	09	Linen Sale	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Shiloh Community Room
Thurs	09	"After Hours" Sale	7 – 11 p.m.	Shiloh Gift Shop
Tues	14	Membership Meeting	6 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium

July 2022

Tues	05	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Mon	11	Uniform Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues	12	Uniform Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed	13	Uniform Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Shiloh Community Room