

# Mur—Mur



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## **President's Message:**

*Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost is one of my favorite winter poems.

As I read it, I picture a country doctor pausing on his way to answer the call of a person in need of medical attention. The last stanza of the poem reads:

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,*

*But I have promises to keep,*

*And miles to go before I sleep,*

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As the pandemic continues to put pressure on our hospital staff and some volunteers, I'm in awe of the perseverance of those who are pushing through this time of demanding service. I'm also grateful to the volunteers who haven't given up on the hope that we will be actively participating in our various roles sometime in the future. The actual date may not be visible, but it will happen. So, like the individual in the poem, we have only paused in our duties for a while, but we have promises to keep and things to do before we sleep.

Those things could include: supporting the blood drives, collecting books for the Book Bazaar scheduled in April, calling fellow volunteers to touch base and see how they're doing, taking care of yourself, staying healthy and smiling under that mask. My children gave me a shirt that says "if your mouth doesn't say it, your face will," but as they have found out, that isn't the case when I wear a mask. I guess there is a positive to wearing one after all.

Be safe, and take care of YOU!

*Jane Schwebke, Auxiliary President*

## **Quilts**

The Auxiliary received a donation of three full sized "vintage" quilts. All three were on display and sold for \$125 each in the Auxiliary Office. "Loops of Love" and burp cloths for babies made by the "Snips and Stiches" group of volunteers are available for \$8 each.

## **Baby Christmas Stockings 2021**

Christmas stockings were delivered by Gift Shop Manager, Debbie Larkin and distributed by the Labor and Delivery staff during the holidays. Fifty-one newborns at Shiloh received a Christmas stocking, made by the Auxiliary's "Snips and Stiches" group.



## 2022 Book Bazaar

Book collections will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 – 11 am through March 17. Saturday drop off dates will be February 5 and 19, and March 5 in the Auxiliary Warehouse.

The “Book Nook” is open across the hall from the Auxiliary Office during office hours. The “Book

Nook” has gently used books, games, puzzles and DVDs available at bargain prices.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2022 Book Bazaar scheduled for Wednesday, April 6 through Saturday, April 9 at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Expo Hall.

## Gift Shop

Valentine’s Day gifts are plentiful at both gift shops — fresh flower vases and baskets, the Forever Rose bowl, candy, purses, jewelry, clothing and greeting cards.

Be sure to visit the After Hours Sales at Belleville on February 3 and Shiloh on February 10. Jewelry, women’s clothing and purses will be 20% off.

Be on the lookout for Mardi Gras and St. Patrick’s Day goodies coming soon!

Plans are moving ahead for the renovation of the Belleville gift shop, so watch for the latest updates.

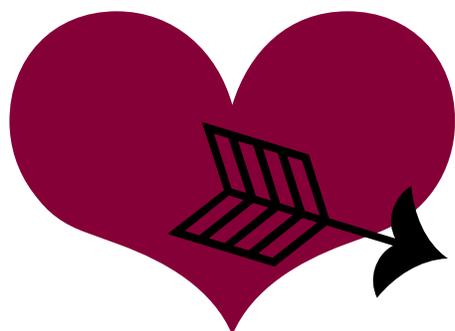
### Temporary Gift Shop hours:

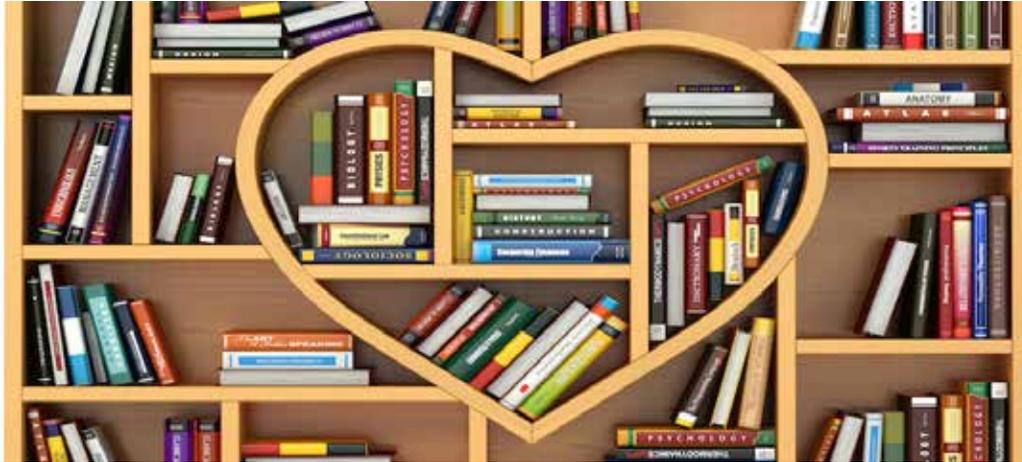
#### Belleville:

- 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.





# 2022 Memorial Hospital Book Bazaar

<b>Wed, April 6</b>	<b>\$5.00 Admission</b>	<b>Opening Day</b>	<b>9am-7pm</b>
<b>Thurs, April 7</b>	<b>Free Admission</b>	<b>Special Discounts</b>	<b>9am-7pm</b>
<b>Fri, April 8</b>	<b>Free Admission</b>	<b>½ Price</b>	<b>9am-7pm</b>
<b>Sat, April 9</b>	<b>Free Admission</b>	<b>Bag Day</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>

**\$5 PER BAG!!!!!!**

**Location: Belle-Clair Fairgrounds  
200 S. Belt East Belleville, IL 62220**

For more information, please contact the Auxiliary Office at 257-5545 or memauxiliary@bjc.org



## 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 Life Members

Doug Nicely

Connie Stein

### Membership Numbers:

- 49-Active
- 94-Active/Life
- 0-Junior
- 213-Life
- 27-Sustaining
- 11-Leave of Absence (CoVid-19 vaccination documentation not yet received)
- 394-Total

## Sympathy

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Life member Shirley Stroud, on December 15, 2021.

### Quote of the Month

“In the end, nothing we do or say in this lifetime will matter as much as the way we have loved on another.”  
—Daphne Rose Kingma

## VACCINATIONS

Several active volunteers have not provided proof of CoVid-19 vaccination and have been placed on “Leave of Absence” until documentation has been received in the Auxiliary Office. Also needed is proof of Flu vaccination.

## Fundraising

The Uniform Show with “Heroes in Style” has been cancelled and has been rescheduled for March 14-15 in Belleville and March 16 in Shiloh.

The remaining Winter T-Shirts in size large are being sold in the Belleville Gift Shop for \$15 each.

Priester’s Mammoth Pecan Halves are available in the Auxiliary Office and the Belleville Gift Shop for \$12 per pound.

2022-2023 pocket calendars are still available in a variety of designs in the Gift Shop and the Auxiliary Office.





## 2022 Executive Board

The Executive Board was unable to deliver patient gifts again this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. They decided to send an email “Thank You” to all of the employees for their kindness, skill and compassion—wishing them and their families a wonderful Christmas Holiday.

## Memorial Care Center Donations

Once again, this year the MCC volunteers were unable to deliver the lap robe gifts to the MCC patients. On Thursday, December 23, Recreation Therapist, Lora Schmittling delivered forty-five lap robes from the Auxiliary. Thank you Lora for doing the delivery again this year!

## Meet the Board

Our President, Jane Schwebke, has suggested a monthly article in the MUR-MUR introducing the 2022 Executive Board might be of interest to our members. I know, when I started volunteering, I had no familiarity with any of the names I saw listed as our board members. Group pictures told me nothing about the individuals who went one step further to make our Auxiliary run smoothly. As a matter of fact, I didn't know what they did in their roles as Executive Board Members. I will start by introducing and myself.

**Name:** Ann Porter

**Executive Board Position:**  
Vice President

**Term:** January 1,  
2022-December 31, 2022

**Duties:** As vice president, I am a member of both the Executive Committee and the Executive Board. I keep and maintain a Vice President's book with minutes of all meetings, Auxiliary by-laws, service descriptions, and Auxiliary events. I work closely with the president and the volunteer manager.



I have been a volunteer since 2016 when Memorial Hospital Shiloh (MHS) opened. I started volunteering as a Patient Ambassador, visiting newly admitted in-patients throughout MHS to assess their satisfaction with their hospital experience. I soon found many volunteer areas of interest, particularly areas of Community Service. I work blood drives and enjoy working health fairs where I help assess blood pressures, pulse oximetry, blood sugar and cholesterol levels of participants. These are great opportunities to teach clients about their health and ways to improve it. With COVID placing these opportunities on hold, I have found more volunteer opportunities including working at the Breast Health Center.

I became involved with the Auxiliary to give back to the organization that gave to me. When I started working at Memorial Hospital Belleville (MHB) in 1967, I was hired as a Ward Clerk (now Unit Secretary). I thoroughly enjoyed my job and began to realize I wanted more. I would watch the RNs and LPNs admiring their skills and quick thinking. When I decided to take the step to become an RN, one thing held me back, money. I heard about educational scholarships through



the Auxiliary. The scholarship I received made it possible for me to go to school. After graduating, I worked what was then Surgical North (now 1 Center) during the days of 2-4 patients to a room and only one private room on each wing of the unit, and patients had to pay for their TVs. At the end of a year, I left to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I worked in Iowa City, IA; Portland Oregon; St. Louis, MO; and Oswego, KS in a variety of positions. I returned to this area and MHB working on Surgical North (1 Center). I have been a charge nurse, a head nurse, a hospital administrator, a nursing instructor, a case manager for children with special healthcare needs, a home health nurse, a drug/alcohol recovery nurse, and a school nurse. I was forced to retire after a stroke during surgery.

Born in Bristol VA, I was an “Air Force Brat” who lived several places in the U.S. and in France. I have a brother living in O’Fallon. My favorite activities are reading and going to movies. I live with a soon to be 17-year-old, bossy, and vocal tortie cat.

**Fast Five:**

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

## ***Dates to Remember***

### **March 2022**

Tues	01	Blood Drive	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Mon	14	Scrub Sale	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues	15	Scrub Sale	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed	15	Scrub Sale	7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Shiloh Community Room

### **April 2022**

Mon	04	Book Bazaar Set-Up		Warehouse
Tues	05	Blood Drive Shiloh	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Shiloh Community Room
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Wed	06	Book Bazaar	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds
Thurs	07	Book Bazaar	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds
Fri	08	Book Bazaar	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds
Sat	09	Book Bazaar	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds