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Gift Shop

New items from market will begin to fill the Gift Shop. Country themed décor is back in the shop. There are cows, roosters and pigs,





chalkboard signs with burlap accents.

The shop is stocked with warm

winter wear to help keep you cozy during the winter months ahead. There are sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, ponchos and vests.

Valentine candy, jewelry, plush toys and fresh flowers will be ready and waiting to purchase for your special sweetheart.

Midnight Hours in the Gift Shop for January was a big success. One hundred and four guest made purchases totaling \$1105.12 in sales. **Memorial Hospital Belleville Gift Shop Hours:**

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday - Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays Noon – 4 p.m. Sundays **Memorial Hospital East Gift Shop Hours:**

- 7 a.m. 7 p.m. Monday –Friday
- 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday They are also available on line at

www.memhosp.com/gift-shop. Gifts can be delivered at Memorial Hospital Belleville or Memorial Hospital East.

Quilts

There are two baby quilts available in the Auxiliary Office priced at \$60/ each and two priced at \$75/each. One

twin sized quilt is still available and is priced at \$150. All of our quilts are hand quilted by the Auxiliary.



Disposal of Expired Medications

Memorial Hospital is continuing to collect your unused or expired drugs or health supplements and dispose of them according



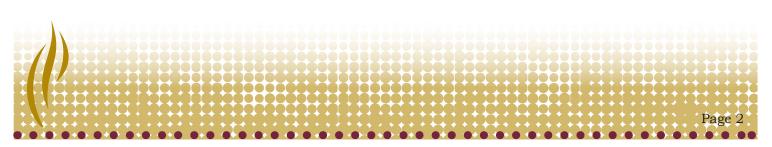
to Illinois EPA regulations. You can bring them to the Auxiliary Office during office hours.

Magazines

Gently used magazines **December 2017** or



newer are needed for our waiting rooms. Children's magazines are also needed. Please do not include catalogs. Bring your donations to the Auxiliary Office.



From the President...

Now that we are well into 2018, the Christmas decorations are put away, and we endured extended periods of very cold weather, I would like us to take a step back and consider our purpose as the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Article III, Section 1 a. of our Bylaws states:

"The purpose of this organization is to provide valuable services and support through programs that help Memorial Hospital and its related organizations, patients, hospital staff, and the communities served by Memorial Hospital."

That's a daunting responsibility we carry, but we carry it well with our services throughout MHB and MHE, Memorial Care Center, the Medical Buildings and the Community at large. Last year we provided 34,500 service hours and, through fund raising, contributed \$200,000 to complete our one-million-dollar commitment to the construction of MHE. We are one of the largest auxiliaries in the Midwest. We are blessed with nearly 500 members, a vibrant Executive Board, and a manager (Erica) with fresh, new ideas.

I would like to challenge each of you to look inside your heart (Hey, it's February – heart month!). Inquire if you can serve a couple more hours in your service area or a new area. Consider giving an extra hour or two to one of the fundraising activities or community service programs that we support. If you haven't volunteered in a while, think about getting back into it – if only for a couple hours here and there. Offer your opinions if there is an area of need that we are missing. Talk to your friends about becoming a member, attend the membership meetings, and keep an open mind about new ideas that may be presented. In so doing, you will be supporting the purpose for which we exist.

We are awesome, we are great, and I admire and respect each of you! Let's roll up our sleeves and make 2018 the best year ever for our Auxiliary.

"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Becky Olroyd Auxiliary President

Senior Service Project

The Auxiliary had four students complete their Senior Service Project at Memorial during the first three week's of January. Jack Pusa and Daniel Hummel attend Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville and Lauren Fields and Erin Carbie attend Mater Dei High School in Breese. The students assisted staff in Transport and at Memorial Care Center.

Memorial Care Center Donations Needed:

No donations needed this month.



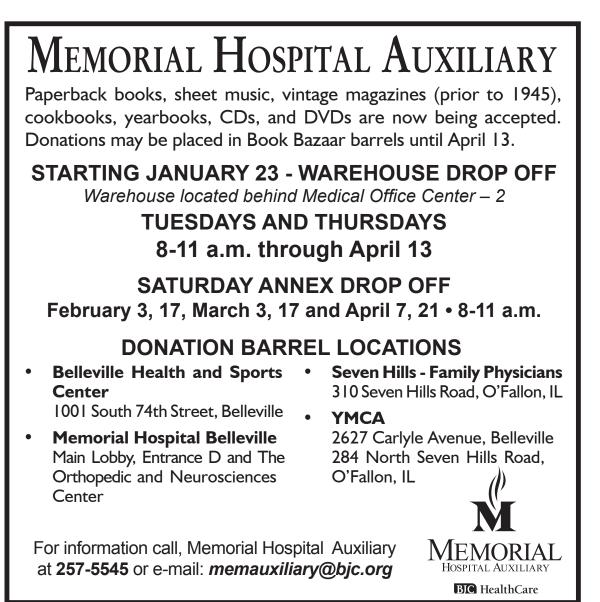
Fundraising

We are down to less than 24 pounds of pecans for sale in the Auxiliary Office. They are priced at \$11 a pound.

"Hero's in Style" held a Uniform Show in the Auditorium on Sunday, January 14 and Monday, January 15, raising \$2385.75 in commissions.

A New Book Show sponsored by "Collective Goods" will be held in the Auditorium on Monday, February 12 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Tuesday, February 13 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Book collection will resume Tuesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 25 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with all Tuesdays and Thursdays through the middle of April. Donations will also be accepted every first and third Saturdays in February, March and April from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.





Membership Report

Welcome to our newest members:

- Sylvia Dittman (A) Swansea
- Allison Schroeder (JV) Scott AFB
- Mackenzie Bradshaw (JV) Swansea
- Rosi Hummel (A) Belleville

Thank you to new life member:

• Gary Cunningham

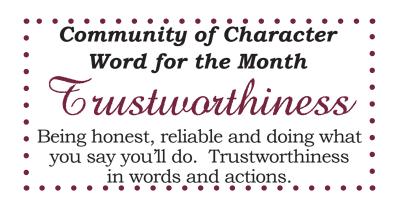
Sympathy

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Life member, Wanda Leopold, on January 8, 2018.

Membership Numbers:

Active	102
Active/Life	128
Junior	6
Life	212
Sustaining	50
Total	498

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.



Dates to Remember

February 6 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

February 8 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

February 12 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

February 13 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 6 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

March 15 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

March 28 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

March 29 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Blood Drive** MHE Community Conference Center

> **Midnight Sale** MHB Gift Shop

New Book Sale MHB Auditorium

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Shoe Show MHB Auditorium

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March 30 Good Friday Auxiliary Office Closed

Community Service

Saturday, February 10 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Blood Pressure Screenings Fresh Thyme, Fairview Heights Heart Health Fair

Time Card

To insure you are getting full credit for your hours, please be sure your name is



printed at the top of your timecard.