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Gift Shop

It's Christmas time and the gift shop is filled with glittering snow globes, snowmen, and church steeples to put a shine on your holidays. Rustic or fancy, the decorations are



lovely. We have a great selection of stocking stuffers and cute gifts including Christmas tea towels, light-up beanies, socks/mittens, and even covers for your wine/spirits bottles. Don't forget our wonderful jewelry selection, including holiday watches, jingle bell bracelets and necklaces that add that festive touch. You won't be left out in the cold if you wear or gift the fashionable blanket wraps, gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens we have in stock. Infant Santa or Elf onesies are a nice gift for those little ones in your life. We also added Ty flippable, sequin plush toys to our selection. Dinosaurs,

unicorns, foxes, cats, dogs, flamingos — we have them all and children love them. Flowers and Russell Stover candies are excellent hostess gifts to bring to your holiday parties.

If you haven't used your volunteer coupon yet, come on in. What are you waiting for? A reminder: those coupons expire December 31.

New Gift Shop Hours:

Memorial Hospital Belleville:

Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday: Noon – 4 p.m.

Memorial Hospital East:

Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat and Sun: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteers needed! Come join the Belleville Gift Shop.

Gifts are also available online at: www.memhosp.com/gift-shop. Gifts can be delivered to Memorial Hospital Belleville or Memorial Hospital East.

Volunteers needed:

- Belleville Gift Shop
- The Orthopedic and Neurosciences Center: Lobby
- Surgical Waiting: Lobby
- Outpatient Surgery
- EAST Medical Office Building: Lobby

If interested, please contact the Auxiliary Office at 618-257-5545.

From the President...

And just like that – the year is over!

When you read this, the Membership Dinner Meeting will be a thing of the past, and a new set of officers will be preparing to take their respective places on the Auxiliary Board. I wish them well!

As I look in the rearview mirror, I am filled equally, with sadness and joy – sadness that the year is over, but joy for what the year has brought.

Prior to beginning my tenure as the Auxiliary President, I allowed my brain to venture into anxiety overdrive time and time again. Although I had hesitantly agreed to accept the nomination, I felt grossly inadequate to see it through. I sought helpful advice from past presidents and encouraging words from dear friends and family. But as the December 2017 Membership Meeting approached, I found myself relying heavily on prayer.

I prayed for courage as I stepped to the podium to accept my nomination – and was calmed when I gazed upon my fellow members who returned my gaze with kindness.

With each monthly Executive Board Meeting, I prayed for wisdom to be effective in leadership – and each month saw members step up to contribute the tools necessary to

meet the needs at hand.

As I prepared to represent you at the quarterly Hospital Board Meetings, I prayed fervently for my fears of inadequacy and intimidation to be overcome – and they were, as I came to understand that those respected men and women hold US in esteem.

And continually throughout the year, I prayed for strength to accept challenges and endure disappointments that came along the way - because, collectively, we prevail through any adversity.

But now my job is done. My prayers have been answered. It has been my honor and my privilege to have served you and Memorial Hospital. My final prayer is for each of you to find whatever courage and strengths you need to bring peace, comfort and happiness into your life.

Thank you from the depths of my heart for all you do. HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!

Becky Olroyd
Auxiliary President

Quilts

Four baby quilts are available in the Belleville Auxiliary Office. All of the quilts are hand quilted by the Auxiliary.





Membership Meeting

The December Auxiliary Membership Meeting was held on December 4. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and time socializing. Special guests included Mr. Mark Turner, President and Mr. Doug Distler, Chairman MHE Board. Mr. Distler reported on the start of the new Siteman Center at the MHE campus. Mr. Turner reported on the completion of the tunnel project at the Belleville campus and also provided an update on physician recruitment.

Volunteer Hour Awards were presented. Mr. Turner thanked all the members for their many hours of service with a special thank you to Pearl



Back Row: Marge Giedeman, Jan Dorris, Denise Meyer, Peggy Harris, Alice Lunk, Nan Hoffmann, Carol Winter, Judie Louden, Terry Crownover, Diane Erickson, Pearl Spies, Jane Bynum, Ruth Ogles, Judy Sutter, Gary Theobald, Becky Olroyd, Rena Murphy
Front Row: Don Feldott, Chris Hubert, Betty Kronemeyer, Sylvia Dittman, Ann Duncan, Joan Bevirt, Shirley Wehrenberg, Audrey Solomon

Spies for her 16,000 hours at Memorial as well as her hours with the Illinois Hospital Association. Life Memberships were also presented. New life members include: Walter Bator, Marilyn Miller, Terry Crownover, Virginia Albert, Michael Meyer, Carol Winter and Joan Green. A surprise Life Membership was presented

to Adele and Gary Theobald.

Judie Louden provided an update on our fundraising efforts. Fundraisers held at both hospitals to date have netted a profit of \$46,808.

Mr. Turner was presented the volunteer hours (30,000) and Auxiliary



Jean Joseph presents money to Mr. Turner

donation (\$245,000) for 2018. The donation will be used to purchase



Tami Schuette presents hours to Mr. Turner

patient monitors for both hospitals.

Lynn Blomberg presented the Slate of Officers and Nominating Committee for 2019:

Slate of Officers

President

Adele Theobald

Vice President

Susan Bowers

Corresponding Secretary

Tami Schuette

Recording/Financial Secretary

Jean Joseph

Nominating Committee

Charlotte Walther	2018/2019
Marge Giedeman	2018/2019
Kim Hubbard	2019/2020
Diane Herr	2019/2020

Retiring President Becky Olroyd thanked the Memorial Hospital Boards and the Auxiliary Executive Board for all their support during the year and said being Auxiliary President had been the highlight of her life aside from her marriage to her loving husband Jim. Mr. Turner presented Becky with a plaque and thanked her for her time and dedication to Memorial.



Mr. Turner presents plaque to Becky Olroyd

Adele Theobald presented Becky with her Past President's pin.

Incoming President, Adele Theobald was presented with the Presidential gavel. Adele thanked the membership for their past commitment to the Auxiliary and said her goal is to work together to attract new members. She then announced the members of the 2019 Board of Directors:

Vice President	Susan Bowers
Recording/Financial Secretary	Jean Joseph



Becky Olroyd presents gavel to Adele Theobald

Corresponding Secretary

Tami Schuette

Bylaws

Jan Dorris

Care Center

Kim Hubbard

Clerical Services

Mary Ann Silhavy

Community Service

Marge Giedeman

Educational Assistance

Diane Herr

Fundraising

Judie Loudon

Gift Shop

Chris Hubert

Immediate Past President

Becky Olroyd

Junior Volunteers

Charlotte Walther

Membership/Newsletter

Dianne Hubbard



Installation of 2019 Officers
Adele Theobald, Susan Bowers (absent), Jean Joseph, and Tami Schuette



Memorial East	Don Feldott
Patient Services	Peggy Harris
Support Services	Audrey Solomon
Visitor Assistance	Bob Harms

The evening concluded with attendance prizes awarded to those individuals with birthdays closest to Christmas.

Life Members:



Walter Bator and Mr. Turner



Mr. Turner and Terry Crownover



Mr. Turner and Carol Winter



Joan Green and Mr. Turner

Service Hour Award Recipients:

100 HOURS

Sylvia Dittman
Diane Erickson
Luis Pagan
Carol Farris

500 HOURS

Joan Bevirt
Peggy Harris
Denise Meyer
Ann Porter
Janette Zinkan

1000 HOURS

Don Feldott
Judy Pratl
Gary Theobald
Mary Lou Wright
Alice Lunk

1500 HOURS

Vicki Avedisian
Jane Bynum
Becky Olroyd
Audrey Solomon

2500 HOURS

Marge Giedeman
Nan Hoffman
Chris Hubert
Betty Kronemeyer
Rena Murphy

3500 HOURS

Ann Duncan
Sandy Jaskowiak
Judy Sutter

4000 HOURS

Vince Jaskowiak

4500 HOURS

Ruth Ogles

5000 HOURS

Jan Dorris

7500 HOURS

Shirley Wehrenberg

9000 HOURS

Judie Louden

16,000 HOURS

Pearl Spies

50 HOURS JY

Abril Hunter
Allison Schroeder

100 HOURS JY

Jennifer Zhao



Gary and Adele Theobald and Mr. Turner



IHA/COV Conference

October 12, 2018 – Springfield, IL

Becky Olroyd, Jean Joseph, Susan Bowers, Pearl Spies, Erica Lebo, and Adele Theobald represented the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary at the conference. It was a good day. The speakers and a brief summary of their comments follow:

David Gross, IHA Sr VP, Government Relations presented some general information about the hospitals in the state:

- 70% of the hospitals are non-profit
- There have been 115 mergers and acquisitions
- Outpatient services went from 23% to 30%
- An Illinois survey indicated that 80% of the population is angry about the budget

Some successes realized in 2018 were preserving the property tax exemption on hospitals and the state budget having no Medicaid cuts.

A survey was sent to all hospitals and 116 submitted responses, which is about half. The highlight was there are 27 million volunteer hours and he felt that could easily be multiplied by 2 and result in a \$3.3-billion economic impact.

The next speaker session was titled Leading Yourself through Effective Communications presented by Rick Lochner. He stated “The first person you need to lead effectively is yourself. One of the biggest obstacles

to personal effectiveness is the ability to communicate in a technology-laced, multi-generational work environment.” He talked about the importance of attitude and defined attitude as the habit of thought. When change is involved it is important how we behave and how we think. Effectively communicating means that the message sent and received are in the same context. Effective listening includes body language and feelings behind the words.

The last speaker of the day was Marc Changnon. He thanked the volunteers for all we do based on personal experience of the impact volunteers have on everyone. To sum up his presentation “Always Do Your Best:”

- Live life without regrets. Always do your best.
- Identify a focal point and aim for success.
- CUSS every day, which stands for C seek to care, U seek to understand, S seek to serve, S serve with a sincere heart.

Dues for 2019

It is time to pay dues for 2019. We have started collecting annual membership dues through December 31. Dues may be paid by mailing your check to the Auxiliary Office, Memorial Hospital, 4500 Memorial Drive, Belleville, IL 62226 or credit/debit card over the phone or in the office.

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- Active or Junior Volunteer Membership = \$5.00
- Sustaining Membership = \$8.00
- Life Membership = \$100 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.

Fundraising

A Lionne Jewelry Show was held in the Belleville Auditorium on Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14. Sales totaled \$1548.75.

Sales during Midnight Gift Shop Hours on November 8 totaled \$393.80; on December 13 sales totaled \$1,394.67. The next Midnight Hours are scheduled for January 10.

The profit from this year's pecans sales were \$1,476.

The two year pocket calendars for 2019-2020 are available in the Auxiliary Office and in both Gift Shops for \$4/each.

The New Books and Gifts Show with "Collective Goods" held on Friday, November 16 resulted in a commission of \$935.70.

Book collections have ended for 2018 and will resume Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Snips and Stitches

The Snips and Stitches group is putting the finishing touches on the Christmas stockings for 2018. We have added 80 additional stockings to the 72 left from last year for a total of 152. We also decorated each stocking with a holly cluster to give them a little extra color. Now we're just waiting for those special deliveries to happen and the beautiful bundles to be wrapped in our stockings made with TLC.

We currently are beginning to create holiday burp clothes, ribbon snugglies, walker bags and a few other items to be sold in the Gift Shops or given as Bingo prizes at the



Care Center. We've been meeting at Jane Schwebke's home for sewing, snacks and friendly conversation. If you want to join us please call Jane at 618-233-3395 to get directions and times.

The Snips and Stitches wish all of you a very happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.



Membership Report

Welcome new members:

Ryanne Sirtak (A) – Mascoutah
Anna Miller (J) – Smithton

Thank you new Life Members:

Carol Winter
Joan Green
Adele Theobald
Gary Theobald

Membership Numbers:

Active	129
Active/Life	124
Junior	10
Life	212
Sustaining	51
Total	526

Sympathy:

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Life member, Lee Mikesell, on November 14, 2018.

Activity Box

Items for the activity boxes are no longer needed.

Disposal of Expired Medications

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary 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.



Dates to Remember

December 2018

Monday 24 **Christmas Eve**
Auxiliary Closed

Tuesday 25 **Christmas**
Auxiliary & Gift Shop Closed

January 2019

Tuesday. 1 **New Year's Day**
Auxiliary & Gift Shop Closed

Thursday, 10 **Midnight Hours**
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Gift Shop

Memorial Care Center

Thank you all for your donations this year. Merry Christmas!



Magazines

Gently used **October 2018** or newer magazines are needed for our waiting rooms. Children's magazines are also needed. Please do not include catalogs. Bring your donations to the Auxiliary Office.

Community of Character Word for the Month

Empathy

Identifying and understanding other's feelings in order to get along better with people.