

## Gift Shop

Just when you thought the holidays were over, Valentin's Day is here. What loved one wouldn't be thrilled

with a unique piece of jewelry. Both gift shops have a beautiful display of



bracelets, necklaces, and rings. You can't go wrong with a delicious heart shaped box of candy, beautiful flowers or a plant.

With the winter cold surrounding us, come in and see the display of warm wraps, hats, gloves and sweaters in a colorful array of prints and styles.

If you are unable to visit the Gift Shops in person, you can order online at [www.memhosp.com/gift-shop](http://www.memhosp.com/gift-shop). Gifts can be delivered at Memorial Hospital Belleville or Memorial Hospital East.

### Gift Shop Hours:

#### Belleville:

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

#### East:

Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat and Sun: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Fundraising

The Auxiliary Warehouse is now open for Book Bazaar book collection on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 – 11 a.m. until April 9 and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in February and March as well as April 4th.

Fifty-nine guests spent \$492.87 during the Midnight Sale in the Gift Shop held Thursday, January 9. At the East Gift Shop, sales totaled \$253.78. The next Midnight Sale in both Gift Shops is scheduled for Thursday, February 13.

## 2020 Auxiliary Board



#### Front Row:

Don Feldott, Marilyn Hummert, Lynn Blomberg, Charlotte Walther, Susan Bowers, Dianne Hubbard, Peggy Harris, Janette Zinkan

#### Back Row:

Bob Harms, Becky Olroyd, Diane Herr, Judie Loudon, Carole Bunn, Joan Green, Ann Porter, Jan Dorris, Adele Theobald, Tami Schuette

## ***From the President...***

Did you know that the first auxiliary newsletter was published on July 16, 1957 and was called “Charter-Chatter and Memorial Memos”? Or did you know that the first publication included a “Name the Newsletter” contest? Mur-Mur, submitted by

Mrs. Ernest C. Pool, was chosen for its “aptness and appeal”. Finally, did you know that the Mur-Mur used to have hand-drawn pictures decorating its pages? With all of the technology at our fingertips today, I definitely got a chuckle out of that! We’ve included a picture for your enjoyment!



I share this quick trip down memory lane for a few reasons. I like the fact that auxiliary members, through a contest, had the opportunity to name our newsletter and that we continue to use that name today. And also, while the Mur-Mur’s layout and content may have changed over the years, the dedication and unwavering support of the auxiliary volunteers has not changed and continues strong.

I’ve thought a lot lately about our group of volunteers and I’m continually impressed at all we accomplish. Sometimes I wonder how

it all works and then I realize – it works because we come together as a team. As it says in Romans...’so we, though many, are one body...having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...’

I’ve spent time during my years of service as a volunteer, especially in my current role as president and former role as vice president, talking to other volunteers. I’ve toured our various service areas and I’ve reviewed the auxiliary’s archives. There are many moving parts to Memorial Hospital and as an auxiliary, we have them covered.

Some areas we support include: auxiliary volunteers greeting and comforting families waiting in the ICU; greeters in every Memorial building making patients feel welcomed and pointing them in the right direction; volunteers in the surgical waiting lobby guiding visitors to the right place while also relaying messages to those waiting; patient ambassadors who visit patients to ensure things are going okay; volunteers in outpatient surgery who reassure patients and help them get ready for surgery; providing support in the lab and clerical support around the hospital and in the auxiliary office, including putting together welcome packages for new employees and volunteers; reviewing, sorting and delivering donated magazines to various areas throughout the hospital; and providing support at the Memorial Care Center including running the



ever popular bingo game. There are also volunteers dedicated to other important auxiliary efforts such as reviewing and revising bylaws, organizing and supporting fundraisers and serving on educational assistance committees. Additionally, we have volunteers who support various community events that strengthen the bonds between Memorial Hospital and the community.

All volunteer support is invaluable. Some areas and activities are a bit fun and lighthearted, while other areas allow our volunteer team to meet people where they need to be met during times of great distress. It would be impossible for Memorial's caregivers to be with every patient at any given time – that is where our auxiliary support becomes invaluable.

There's a saying that goes – the more things change, the more they stay the same. Maybe one day someone will reflect back on our Mur-Mur articles and chuckle, and that's okay. Because I bet they'll also look back at our current auxiliary team and know that we chose to carry on the great tradition of Memorial's Auxiliary and paved the path for them to continue on long into the future.

*Susan Bowers*  
Auxiliary President

No act of kindness, no matter  
how small, is ever wasted.  
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## Quilts

Two new baby quilts is available in the Auxiliary Office both are priced at \$75. One is tiny pink polka dot backing and multicolored border with baby items embroidered on the patches. The other quilt has teddy



bear print on the backing and border with "Baby Love" and teddy bear cross stitch embroidery.

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.



## **AARP Smart Driver Safety Course**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Memorial Hospital East

1404 Cross Street

Shiloh, IL

Community Conference Room

8 a.m. – 12 noon

Must attend both days

\$20 per person

Call 618-257-5649 to register



## **Senior Service Project**

Joseph Luetkenhaus is a senior attending Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville. He has completed his Senior Service Project at Belleville Memorial during the first three weeks



of January. Joseph assisted staff in Transport, Memorial Care Center, Gift Shop, Book Bazaar and as well as the Auxiliary Office. He was eager to help where ever he was needed and is planning to return in the spring to help with the 2020 Book Bazaar. The Transport Department was so impressed with Joesph that they are interested in having him come work in their department. He is an outstanding young man planning to attend University of Missouri, Rolla with a degree in Civil Engineering.

## **Snips and Stitches**

As winter is upon us I can't think of a better time to get together with auxiliary friends and create some much needed sewing treasures. We have been asked to make turbans(hats) for the Siteman Cancer Center at Memorial East. Just like last year, we need people to press, cut, pin, sew and package the items that we make. You **do not** have to be a seamstress. We will use the talents you have to offer. We are meeting at Jane Schwebke's house at 611 Baron Drive in Swansea. We meet on Thursday mornings starting at 9 and ending before noon. Usually, some kind of snack is provided. (Jane loves to cook). So come join us if you have the time and desire to share your gifts. The two dates currently planned are February 6 and 20 with more dates to follow as needed.



## **Memorial Care Center**

Bingo gifts needed this month are:

- Packaged snacks
- Small bottles of hand lotion
- Winter Knick Knack items
- Kleenex Cubes
- Toothpaste





## **Memorial East Campus**

The Memorial Hospital East campus is growing with the recent opening of the Siteman Cancer Center on January 13, 2020. We now have three buildings that offer volunteers an opportunity to serve. Memorial Hospital East offers auxiliary members positions as gift shop associates, front desk greeters, patient ambassador's, and emergency room assistants. In Medical Office Building One you perform duties as a greeters and

information associate. Here you greet individuals and direct them to the various physician offices. On their way out you wish them a good day. Within the Siteman Cancer Center you provide support and assistance to the patients as directed by the staff. The group of auxiliary workers at MHE are a dedicated group providing assistance to the patients and public alike. If you know of someone wanting to volunteer, keep s in mind. If you have any questions feel free to call Don Feldott, Memorial East Chairman at 618/409-6499.



## **Magazines**

Gently used **December 2019** 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.



## **Disposal Medications**

Memorial Hospital continues 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.





# Membership Report

## Welcome New Members:

- Eric Ruff (J)-Caseyville
- Chad Ruff (J)-Caseyville
- Adam Hudder (A)-O'Fallon
- Connie Ellis (A)-Belleville
- McKenzie Widel (J)-Smithton
- Emma Blomberg (J)-O'Fallon
- Cydney Wilkerson (J)-Belleville

## Welcome New Life Member:

- Mary Jo Foerste
- Ann Simpson

## Sympathy:

With our condolences to family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Life member, Verdine Hesterberg, on January 4, 2020 and former volunteer Ginger Kelly, on January 26, 2020.

## Membership Numbers:

Active	81
Active/Life	107
Junior	13
Life	230
Sustaining	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>472</b>

**Community of Character**  
**Word for the Month**

*Trustworthiness*

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

# Dates to Remember

## February 2020

- Thurs. 13** **Mignight Hours**  
10 p.m.-2 a.m. MHB Gift Shop
- Thurs. 13** **Midnight Hours**  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. MHE Gift Shop
- Mon. & Tues. 17 & 18** **Uniform Show**  
7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. MHB Auditorium

## March 2020

- Tues. 3** **Blood Drive**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. MHB Auditorium
- Wed. & Thurs. 11 & 12** **Smart Driver Course**  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. MHE Comm. Room
- Thurs. 12** **Mignight Hours**  
10 p.m.-2 a.m. MHB Gift Shop
- Thurs. 12** **Midnight Hours**  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. MHE Gift Shop
- Tues. 31** **Shoe Show**  
7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. MHE Comm. Room

## April 2020

- Wed. & Thurs. 1 & 2** **Shoe Show**  
7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. MHB Auditorium
- Tues. 7** **Blood Drive**  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. MHE Comm. Room
- Thurs. 9** **Mignight Hours**  
10 p.m.-2 a.m. MHB Gift Shop
- Thurs. 9** **Midnight Hours**  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. MHE Gift Shop
- Wed. 29** **Book Bazaar**
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