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## President's Message:

Spring is right around the corner and I don't know about you, but I am ready! Spring is the promise that everything can begin again — it seems to give us permission to let go and embrace all things new. That is particularly true here at Memorial as we say goodbye to Mark Turner and welcome Mike McManus as president of Memorial Hospital and Memorial Hospital East.



Mike  
McManus

During my tenure last year as the vice president of the auxiliary and this year as the president, I've had the opportunity to work with Mr. Turner. I found him to be very interested in and supportive of the auxiliary and its efforts. He has proven to be an advocate and a true friend to the auxiliary.

Mr. Turner is the third president in Memorial's history, and during his tenure, he has led significant growth at Memorial, including:

- Construction and opening of the Orthopedic and Neurosciences Center on the Memorial Hospital Belleville campus
- Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh
- Two medical office building projects on Memorial East's campus to include the nationally renowned Siteman Cancer Center.

Under Mr. Turner's leadership, Memorial Hospital Belleville received Magnet designation in 2008 and has had two

subsequent successful re-designations, along with the initial Magnet designation of Memorial Hospital East in 2018. Only 6% of hospitals nationwide achieve this designation. He also played an integral role guiding Memorial's integration with BJC HealthCare, one of the largest nonprofit health care organizations in the country. Mr. Turner — congratulations on a job well done during your tenure at Memorial. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

As auxiliary members, you should have received a letter from BJC group president Joan Magruder announcing Mike McManus as the new president of Memorial Regional Health Services. In case you missed it, I would like to share some of her words here:

"Prior to joining the Memorial family in 2012, Mike was chief operating officer at Touchette Regional Hospital in Centreville, Illinois. He also held positions with Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital in East St. Louis, Illinois; HBE Corp. in St. Louis, Missouri; Moses Cone Health System in Greensboro, North Carolina; Unity-St. Clement Health Services in Red



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Bud, Illinois; and ASC Health System in O'Fallon, Illinois. He began his career as assistant director of the Hospital Council of Western and Central Michigan.



Mike earned both his master's degree in public health and his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Missouri – Columbia. He currently serves on the boards of Midwest Stone Technologies, the Esquiline Center at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows and Belleville Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president in 2019 and is a member of the Chamber Executive Committee. He is a current member of the Illinois Hospital Association's PAC board, and is a past board member of the Illinois Hospital Association. Mike is past chair of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Hospital Council and has served on various Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church boards and committees, as well as past chair/member of the Gibault High School board. He is also a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The future is bright for Memorial Regional Health Services, and I'm delighted Mike will be leading the next chapter for our Memorial team. Please join me in congratulating Mike on his new role. I'm excited to extend the auxiliary's congratulations and a warm welcome to Mr. McManus and look forward to forging a strong relationship for the betterment of Memorial Hospital and those we're privileged to serve.

*Susan Bowers, Auxiliary President*

## Junior Volunteer

There are many areas within Memorial Hospital where Junior Volunteers have made significant contributions throughout the years. Formerly young ladies known as Candy Strippers, Junior Volunteers are now just as likely to be young men. They no longer wear red-and-white pinafores but contemporary pink or red polo shirts.

Often these young folks are volunteering to meet qualifications for various school organizations, while others are "looking under the hood" to see if a career in medicine might appeal to them. And yet others merely have a desire to give of themselves.

In recent years, we have seen a decline in Junior Volunteer involvement. This is a great opportunity for teenagers to engage in a different environment, one outside the world of electronics and social media, while filling needs within the hospital.

JV's are members of the Hospital Auxiliary and must meet the same requirements for membership, which include attendance at an Auxiliary Orientation, an interview by the Auxiliary Mmanager, a physical and background check. Applicants must have completed eighth grade with a C or better GPA, be turning 14 by the end of that calendar year and entering freshman year in high school.

If you have a friend or relative who may have an interest in becoming a Junior Volunteer, or know of someone who may, please have them contact the Auxiliary office at 618-257-5545. We would love to have them join us!

*Becky Olroyd, Junior Volunteer Chairperson*



## Calling All Piano Players

Siteman-Shiloh is in need of volunteers to play the piano as part of their music therapy program! Studies find that music helps alleviate symptoms of anxiety, pain and fatigue in cancer patients. It can also help the heart and soul of family members, caregivers and the staff at the center. If you or someone you know would be interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact the Auxiliary Office.



## Membership Report

### Welcome New Members:

- Bette Schmidt (A)-Belleville
- Marcia Bedard (A)-O'Fallon
- Sue Ellen Choate (A)-O'Fallon
- Carol Koepernick (A)-O'Fallon
- Robert Rhodes (A)-Belleville
- Janet Witmer (A)-Pinkneyville
- Karen Juenger (A)-O'Fallon
- Lisa Poignee (A)-O'Fallon
- Susan Eisemann (A)-Belleville
- Shari Grant (A)-Greenville
- Trey Richards (A)-Belleville
- Neda Patel (J)-O'Fallon
- Janis Dashner (A)-O'Fallon

### Welcome New Life Members:

- Ann Allen (B)-O'Fallon
- Tom Bergfeld (B)-Shiloh

## Sympathy

With our condolences to family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of former volunteers, Doris Lonski, on Feb. 3 and David Booth on Feb. 16, as well as Life member, JoNell Thorn on Feb. 17, 2020.

### Membership Numbers:

- 92-Active
- 109-Active/Life
- 14-Junior
- 227-Life
- 41-Sustaining
- 483-Total

## Fundraising

The Auxiliary Warehouse is open for Book Bazaar book collection on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. until April 9 and the first and third Saturdays in March, as well as April 4.

Sixty-nine guests spent \$873.32 during the Midnight Sale in the Belleville Gift Shop and \$423 at the East Gift Shop on Thursday, Feb. 13. The next Midnight Sale in both Gift Shops is scheduled for Thursday, March 12.

The Uniform Show with "Heros In Style" held at Belleville Memorial on Feb. 17 and 18 made a commission of \$2,966.55.

The Gift Shop will have an Auditorium Sale on Thursday, March 26, starting at 7:30 a.m. in the Belleville Auditorium. There will be deep discounts on merchandise from the Gift Shop, as well as art from the Auxiliary.

"Shoe Roads Productions" will be having a Shoe Show at Memorial East in the Community Room on Tuesday, March 31, and Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2, at Belleville Memorial in the Auditorium.





## Gift Shop

Now that spring is almost here, the gift shops are bursting with new items! Each gift shop features selections of merchandise that you won't be able to resist, including St. Patrick's Day and Easter gifts.

One beautiful display features cardinal birds, including pillows, placards, signs and figurines at the Memorial East gift shop. (insert photo) Be on the lookout for all of the spring clothing.

At the Memorial Belleville gift shop, shelves are bursting with St. Patrick's Day items, along with new purses and spring clothing. New designer STL Cardinal shirts will be ready for Opening Day.

Right now at both gift shops all clothing and winter scarves and gloves are 30% off until gone!

Beginning this month, the Belleville gift shop will change its Midnight Sale hours to 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. These hours are the same as East and hopefully more volunteers will be willing to work at this worthwhile event.

Also, to feature our St. Louis Cardinals, you will find lots of items to show your support of our hometown team. You'll find jewelry, including bracelets and earrings, key chains and T-shirts. And don't forget



our Blues — there are still items to show your support for our championship team.

Don't miss the gift shop clearance sale in the auditorium on March 26, starting at 7:30 a.m. Come visit for some great bargains.

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:
  - Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
  - Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
  - Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
- East:
  - Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

- Wednesday, March 11
- Thursday, March 12
  - Memorial Hospital East
  - 1404 Cross St., Shiloh, Illinois
  - Community Conference Room
  - 8 a.m.-noon
  - Must attend both days
  - \$20 per person

Call 618-257-5649 to register.



## Quilts

There is a new baby quilt available in the Auxiliary Office. It is light green with animals embroidered on the patches and is priced at \$75. We also have two baby blankets in the Auxiliary Office priced at \$35. They are made of flannel patches and are machine stitched with hand clipped edges.



The baby items handmade by our "Snips and Stitches" group of volunteers, including the "loops of love" and burp clothes, are also available and are priced at \$8 each. They make a great addition to baby shower gifts.



## Dates to Remember

### March

- Wednesday, 3/11, Smart Driver Course
  - 8 a.m.-noon, Community Room
- Thursday, 3/12, Smart Driver Course
  - 8 a.m.-noon, Community Room
- Thursday, 3/12, Midnight Hours
  - 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Belleville Gift Shop
- Thursday, 3/12, Midnight Hours
  - 9 p.m.-1 a.m., East Gift Shop
- Thursday, 3/26, Auditorium Sale
  - 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Auditorium
- Tuesday 31
  - East Shoe Show
  - 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Community Room

### April

- Wednesday, 4/1, Shoe Show
  - 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Auditorium
- Thursday, 4/2, Shoe Show
  - 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Auditorium
- Tuesday, 4/7, Blood Drive East
  - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Community Room
- Thursday, 4/9, Midnight Hours
  - 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Belleville Gift Shop
- Thursday, 4/9, Midnight Hours
  - 9 p.m.-1 a.m., East Gift Shop
- Wednesday, 4/29, Book Bazaar
- Thursday, 4/30, Book Bazaar

### May

- Friday, 5/1, Book Bazaar
  - 9 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Paul UCC
- Saturday, 5/2, Book Bazaar
  - 9 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Paul UCC
- Tuesday, 5/5, Blood Drive Belleville
  - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Auditorium
- Thursday, 5/14, Midnight Hours
  - 9 p.m.-midnight, Belleville Gift Shop
- Thursday, 5/14, Midnight Hours
  - 9 p.m.-1 a.m., East Gift Shop
- Monday, 5/25, Auxiliary Office Closed





## Disposal of Expired Medications

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary collects unused or expired drugs or health supplements. The Environmental Services Department disposes of them according to Illinois EPA regulations. You can bring them to the Auxiliary Office any time during office hours.



## Magazines

Gently used January 2020 or newer magazines are needed for our waiting rooms. Children's magazines are also needed. Please do not include catalogs. Please bring your donations to the Auxiliary Office.



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

*Perseverance*

Staying with a task and not giving up.

## Health Screenings

**Saturday, April 18**

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Zoar UCC, Columbia, Illinois
  - Finger sticks – cholesterol/glucose
  - BPs
  - Pulse Ox
  - Bone Density
  - BMIs

**Friday, April 24**

- 9 a.m.-noon
- Passport to Wellness
- PSOP (Programs Services for Older Persons)
- 201. N. Church St., Belleville, Illinois
  - Finger sticks-cholesterol/glucose
  - BPs
  - Bone Density
  - BMIs



## Memorial East Campus

Memorial Hospital East offers auxiliary members positions as gift shop associates, front desk greeters, patient ambassadors and emergency room assistants.

If you know of someone who wants to volunteer, keep us in mind. If you have any questions, feel free to call Don Feldott, Memorial East Chairman, at 618/409-6499.



## Snips and Stitches

During the week of Valentine's Day, the "Snips and Stitches" sewing group made Valentine-themed burp clothes to give as a gift to the new babies born at Memorial Belleville and Memorial East. A total of 26 babies were born during the week and received the gift.



## Book Bazaar

It's time to save the dates and clear your calendars for the annual Book Bazaar. Set-up dates are Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, April 28. The big event will be at St. Paul's UCC (United Church of Christ) Wednesday, April 29, through Saturday, May 2, 2020.

We will send a letter soon with details and an opportunity to select the dates and times you can work.

Thanks to all of our past volunteers — we look forward to seeing you again this year. If you are new or have not been able to help in the past, we welcome you. This event requires a lot of help from Auxilians to make it successful.

Thanks in advance.







## Donate Today

Make a difference in a child's life this summer by participating in the 2020 BJC Book Brigade. This is our fifth year of providing a summer reading book to every graduating second grader attending public schools located in communities where BJC has a hospital.

Last year, more than 26,000 children received a new book. Over the past four years, a grand total of 100,000 children received a new book, thanks to our BJC team members.



### Make your donation online before March 20

Visit [BJCbooks.org](http://BJCbooks.org) to purchase your book donations. The website is designed so books you purchase automatically ship to the Valley Industries warehouse (a sheltered workshop that employs community members with developmental disabilities), where workers will organize and distribute donated books to participating school districts.

Reading plays an important role in helping to secure a child's future, and with your help, we will give children an educational boost during a pivotal point in their reading education.

Thank you for supporting this BJC team member community service initiative that will make a difference to so many children this summer.

**BJC** HealthCare

## Coronavirus

Due to the expanding travel restrictions related to COVID-19, BJC is broadening restrictions for volunteers. Any volunteers who have traveled outside the United States to areas with community transmission or have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days cannot work in a BJC facility. They may start 15 days after they have returned to the United States or 15 days after potential exposure, provided they do not have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough or trouble breathing. Current COVID-19 Transmission Areas include China (Hubei Province, transmission occurring country-wide); Italy (Northern Italy, particularly Lombardy); South Korea (Southern South Korea, particularly Daegu). Other areas with community transmission include Hong Kong, Iran and Japan.

