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President's Message:

Blessings. For some reason, I've been thinking about my blessings this week. I know that may seem strange considering my recent diagnosis of breast cancer and the completion of a lumpectomy, but that's where my mind has gone. Years ago, we used to sing a song about counting your blessings, "name them one by one, count your blessing, see what God has done." I have so many blessings it would take me the rest of my life to identify them all, so I'll limit myself to a few. My family (mother, father, sisters, brothers, husband, children, grandchildren, etc.), my past profession and careers (teacher, administrator of Child Development Center), my church and church family, and finally, the Auxiliary of Memorial Hospital.

What blessings have I received from the Auxiliary, you may ask. Let me try to relate some of those to you. First and foremost, I have amassed scores of new friends and acquaintances. These individuals come from all walks of life with all kinds of backgrounds. They are compassionate, intelligent, knowledgeable, eager, and fun-loving people who willingly share their lives and talents with others in whatever capacity the hospital needs. Secondly, the blessing of having a purpose in life, something worthwhile to do for others, not just the everyday existence many of us face at the end of our careers. The third blessing I'll mention is keeping my mind functioning and my body moving even when I feel like letting it go to pasture (sorry my farm background slipped in there). Anyway, the fact of the matter is the Auxiliary experience is filled with blessings for all of those who actively

participate. So, encourage yourself and others to keep being involved, however you/they are able. Come make some new friends, and remember - "Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other Gold" (Girl Scout song 1950s).

My final blessing is positivity. I have been given the blessing of being able to identify the positives in life events. A positive attitude gives you the ability to see the good in people and situations. So, try to think positive, and may you all have many Blessings!

Jane Schwebke, Auxiliary President

2023 Book Bazaar! Donations

We have started collecting books in the warehouse every Tuesday through December 13. Donations will also be accepted on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month ending Saturday, December 3. The hours will be 8 -11 a.m. all workdays.

The team will take a short holiday break and start accepting donations again from 8-11 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays, January 10 through March 16. Saturdays will be January 21, February 4 and 18, and the last Saturday, March 4.

And don't forget, lots of help is needed at the Fairgrounds the week of the event. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS, April 3 through 8, 2023.**

Magazines

Gently used **June 2022** or newer magazines are needed for our waiting rooms. Children's magazines are also needed. Do not include catalogs. Please bring your donations to the Auxiliary Office.

If you would be interested in sorting, labeling, and distributing magazines to the hospital waiting rooms, please contact the Auxiliary Office at 618.257.5545.



Palliative Care Unit

Donations needed for patients:

- Nail Polish
- Small Hairbrushes
- Pop-It Fidget Toys

Memorial Care Center

Donations needed for MCC Bingo:

- Packaged Snacks
- Fall Knick Knack items
- Costume Jewelry

Fundraising

Fall T-Shirts have arrived! They are available now in the Auxiliary Office and Belleville and Shiloh Gift Shops for \$15 each on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining 2X – 4X Patriotic T-shirts are available at a clearance price of \$10 each.

Embroidered logo t-shirts, available in Red, Black, Navy, Royal, Pink, Grey, and Maroon are on display in the Auxiliary Office and are selling for \$20 each.

2023-2024 Two Year Pocket Calendars are available for \$5 each in the Auxiliary Office and the Gift Shops.





18th Annual
Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Pecan Sale



\$13 Per Pound

Please order before October 29

Please Note:



- Payment must accompany order. Cash, check, credit/debit, and payroll deduction accepted.
- Orders can be taken over the phone with credit card.
- Pecans should be available mid to late November.
- Pecans are this year's crop from the same supplier as previous years.



Curbside pickup available!

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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Meet the Board

Name: Becky Olroyd

Executive Board

Position: Junior Volunteer Chairperson

Term: January 1 through December 31, 2022. The Chairperson has the option of renewing their position for up to 3 consecutive terms.



Duties: As the Junior Volunteer Chairperson, Becky serves as the liaison for all junior volunteers and their assignments. She is also a past president of the Auxiliary.

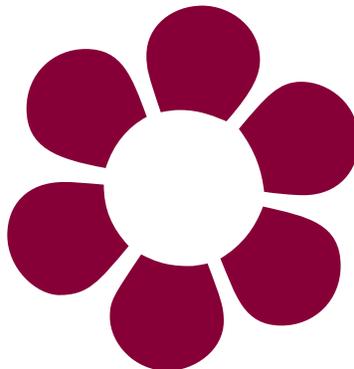
Why Give Back Through Volunteering: Becky states her husband worked with Memorial Hospital for many years. When he passed away, she had extra time and felt it was important to give back to the organization and its people.

Becky was born in Hillsboro, IL. In 1966, she married her husband, Jim. They lived in Bethalto and moved to Chicago where her husband

studied Podiatry. They returned to St. Louis for his residency. They then moved to Swansea where Becky still lives. She has 4 children and 6 grandchildren, ages 11-30. Becky worked managing her husband's medical practice. She did everything from establishing software systems on the computers to managing patient accounts. Becky loves to write. In 2017, she wrote a self-published book about her experiences managing the office for her husband, I love you More Than Brussel Sprouts. Becky said her husband loved Brussel sprouts! Prior to the pandemic, Becky wrote for her church magazine. She enjoys swimming and bicycling.

Fast Five:

1. Coke or Pepsi: Pepsi
2. Coffee or Tea: Coffee
3. Asian, Italian, or Mexican Cuisine: Mexican
4. Butter or margarine: Doesn't matter
5. Cats or Dogs: Not a pet person





Meet the Board

Name: Karen Juenger

Executive Board

Position: Visitor Assistance
Chairperson

Duties: As the Visitor Assistance Chairperson, Karen is the liaison for volunteers assisting patients and families in the Emergency Department, the Intensive Care Waiting Room, Medical Office Centers 1 & 2, and the Surgical Waiting Lobby. She is also a past president of the Auxiliary.

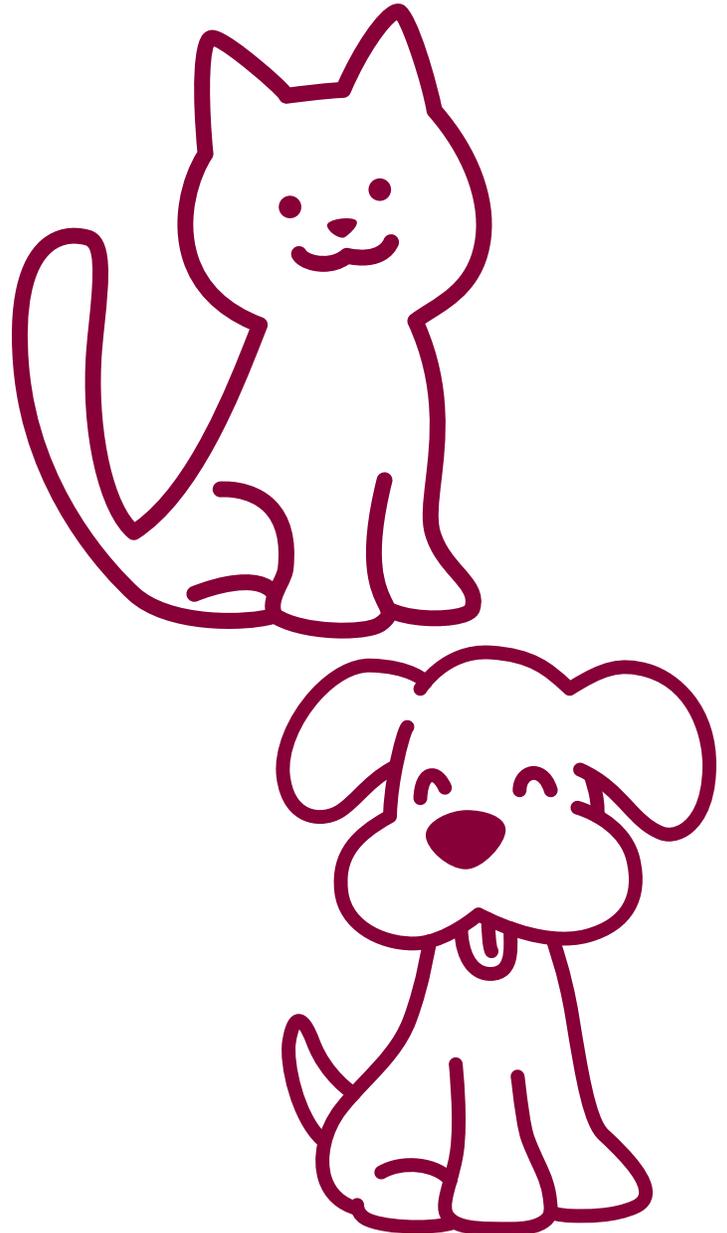


Why Give Back Through Volunteering: Karen states she has always wanted to volunteer. When she retired, the pandemic hit. No opportunities to volunteer were available at the hospital until this year.

Karen was born and raised in Centralia, IL. She went to Kaskaskia College, receiving a degree in secretarial sciences. Karen worked as a bookkeeper with an ambulance company for 25 years before retiring. She lived in Centralia until 9 years ago when she and her husband Larry moved to O'Fallon, IL to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They have a son who is an O'Fallon police officer and a daughter who lives in Glen Carbon, IL. Her daughter teaches at Maryville Pre-school. Karen has 4 grandsons from her daughter. She and her husband have 2 rescue pets - a cat named Moe and a Carkie named Murphy. The Carkie dog is a cross between a Yorkshire Terrier and a Cairn Terrier. Even though he is little, Karen states he is protective of his people. For fun, Karen likes to read, garden, and go to the beach.

Fast Five:

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





Gift Shop

The Belleville Gift Shop renovation/modernization project is underway. The shop was closed August 8-12 during the move to the pop-up shop in the Surgical Waiting Lobby near Entrance D and reopened there on August 15. The shop is expected to re-open in October back in the Main Lobby.

Gift Shop hours:

Belleville:

- Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

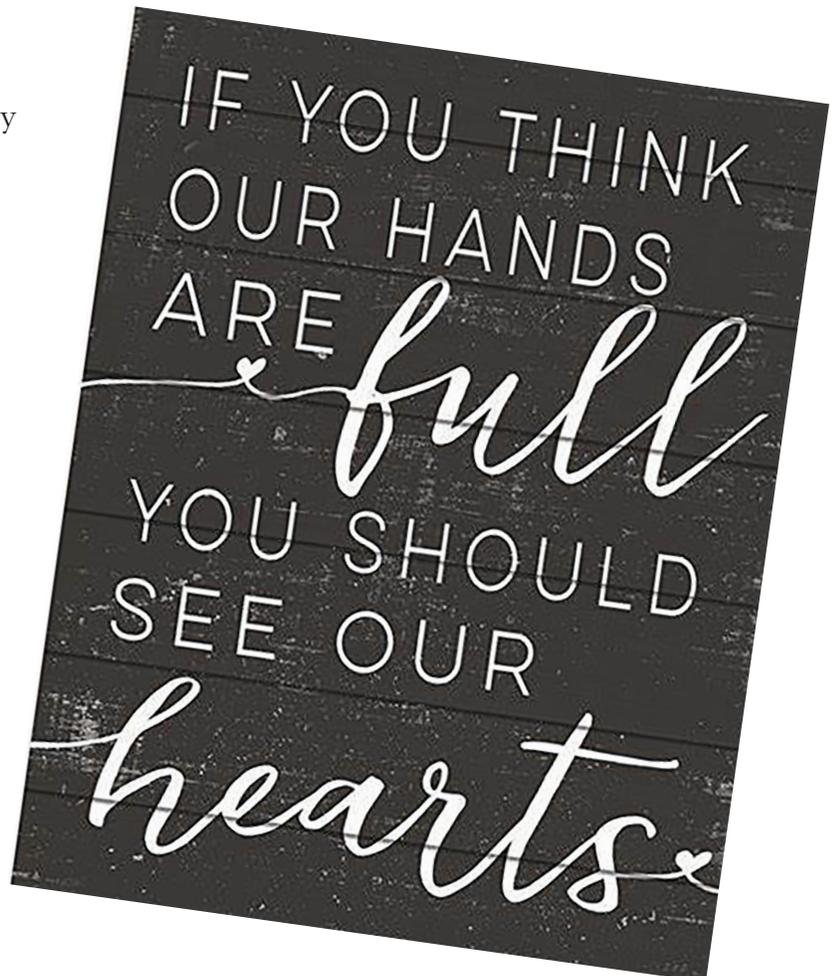
Shiloh:

- Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Quilts

Baby quilts are on display in the Auxiliary Office, hand quilted and machine quilted by the Auxiliary Quilters. Prices range from \$35 - \$125. “Loops of Love” and burp clothes for babies made by the “Snips and Stiches” group of volunteers are also available and are priced at \$8 each.





Dues for 2023

We will begin collecting annual membership dues for 2023 starting October 1 through December 31. Dues may be paid by mailing a check to the Auxiliary Office, Memorial Hospital, 4500 Memorial Drive, Belleville, IL 62226 or credit/debit card over the phone or in the office.

- Active or Junior Volunteer Membership = \$5.00
- Sustaining Membership = \$8.00 (member but not actively volunteering)
- Life Membership = \$100.00 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.

Timecard Boxes

Timecard boxes have been placed in service areas or close to service areas that don't have access to a computer. One has been placed at the Main Information Desk, one in Outpatient Surgery, and one at the MOB2 desk in Belleville. We will continue to have timecard boxes in the Warehouse and at MCC. In Shiloh, one has been placed at the MOB and one in the Gift Shop. If you are volunteering and do not have access to Volgistics, please fill out a timecard from one of these boxes. We want to be certain that we get all service hours accounted for.

Membership Report

Welcome New Volunteers:

Emma Jokisch (A) - Freeburg

Ella Gagan (J) – Freeburg

Thomas Davis (J) - Belleville

Sympathy

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Life member, Eileen Hanna, on July 21, 2022, and Frieda Vogt, on August 18, 2022.

Membership Numbers:

- 55-Active
- 75-Active/Life
- 2-Junior
- 236-Life
- 25-Sustaining
- 12-Leave of Absence
- 405-Total

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Slate of Officers 2023

PRESIDENT Ann Porter

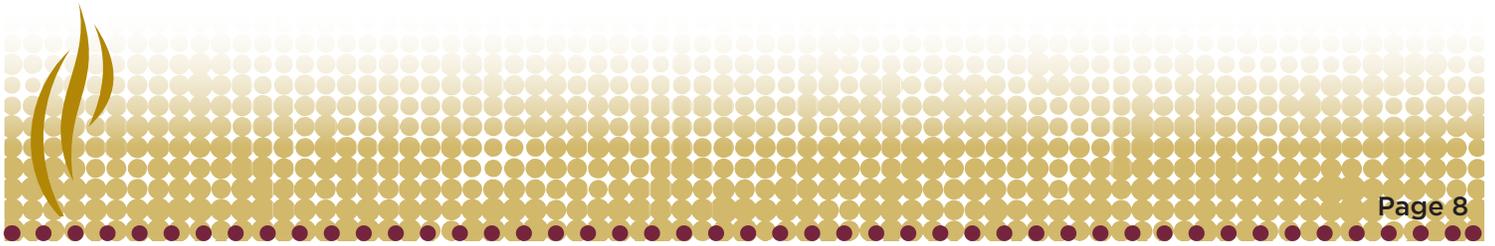
VICE-PRESIDENT Les Mehrtens

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Peggy Harris

FINANCIAL/RECORDING SECRETARY Charlotte Walthers

2023-NOMINATING COMMITTEE Anna Richardson and Joan Green

2024-NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chris Hubert and Carole Middendorf



Dates to Remember

September 2022

Thurs	01	Uniform Show	CANCELLED	Belleville Auditorium
Tues	06	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium

October 2022

Tues	04	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Community Room Shiloh
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November 2022

Tues	01	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues	08	Shoe Show	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed	09	Shoe Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium

December 2022

Tues	06	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Community Room Shiloh
Tues	06	Membership Meeting	6 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Thurs	15	Shoe Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Community Room Shiloh



Fall 2022 Flu Clinic Dates Scheduled

Walk-in flu clinics will be available at both MHB and MHS for the upcoming flu season from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Memorial Shiloh (Community Room)

- October 6
- October 7
- November 15

Memorial Belleville (MOB 1 Suite 480) Occupational Health Office

- October 11
- October 13
- October 18
- October 20
- November 1
- November 9
- November 17
- November 18