

# Mur-Mur



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## President's Message:

April is a big month for fun. April Fool's Day, Easter, International Arbor Day, Earth Day and World Book Day are among a few of the things we celebrate this month. And no one can forget the Auxiliary Book Bazaar held at the Fairgrounds from April 5 through April 8, 2023. There is another celebration this month, National Volunteer Week, April 24 through April 28, 2023. Have you ever considered what traits make a good hospital auxiliary volunteer? I asked individuals and scrolled through the internet to find answers. These are 9 qualities that make a good volunteer in the hospital or anywhere.

1. Reliability and dedication are needed for volunteers to show-up as scheduled and to fulfill their commitments.
2. Flexibility and adaptability are needed to be able to adjust to changing circumstances and handle unexpected situations.
3. Professionalism should be demonstrated by all hospital volunteers, including maintaining patient confidentiality and respecting the hospital's policies and procedures.
4. Good communication skills are essential to be able to effectively communicate with patients, families, and staff.
5. Compassion and empathy are necessary to be able to connect with and understand the needs of patients and their families.
6. A positive attitude is essential to bringing a cheerful and optimistic presence to patients and staff.

7. A commitment to learning is needed to enhance skills and knowledge.
8. Teamwork and collaboration are necessary for volunteers to work jointly with staff and other volunteers.
9. Physical stamina is needed since volunteers may be required to stand or walk for extended periods.

Overall, a good hospital auxiliary volunteer is someone who has a passion for helping others, is reliable, professional and committed to making a difference in the lives of patients and their families. Our Auxiliary volunteers exemplify these qualities every day. Their passion and dedication is sincerely appreciated.

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*Ann Porter, Auxiliary President*

## Membership Report

### Welcome New Volunteers

David Lysakowski (A)-Shiloh

Patricia Nebitt (A)-Belleville

Kathy Schrage (A)-Okawville

### Membership Numbers:

56	Active
74	Active/Life
2	Junior
234	Life
25	Sustaining
2	Leave of Absence
393	Total



## Gift Shop

Belleville and Shiloh gift shops are bursting with new clothing, jewelry and purses for Spring.

Easter items are plentiful from balloons, stuffed bunnies, baskets and more.

Next “After Hours” sale is April 6 in the Main Belleville Gift Shop and April 13 in the Shiloh Gift Shop.

### Gift Shop hours:

#### Belleville:

- Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Shiloh:

- Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

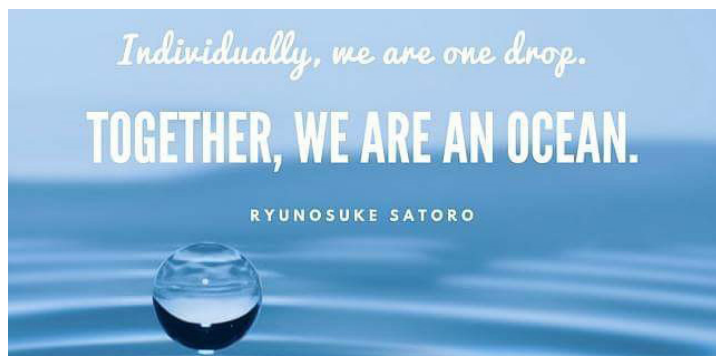
## Palliative Care Unit

Donations needed for patients:

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

## MCC Donations

- Large Print Word Search Puzzle Books
- Crossword Puzzle Books
- Coloring Books
- Colored Pencils



## Magazines

Gently used **February 2023**

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.



## Fundraising

Spring T-Shirts are on their way. They will be available in the Auxiliary Office and in both the Shiloh and Belleville Gift Shops. They will be priced at \$15 each.



The “After Hours” sale held from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Main Belleville Gift Shop on March 2 made \$264.02 and in the Shiloh Gift Shop held March 9 made \$248.71.

The Collective Goods New Book Sale held on March 13-14 in Belleville made a total commission of \$550.13.



## ***Happy National Volunteer Week April 16-22***

“Thank you” to all of you for all you have done to make this year an amazing year. The Auxiliary was able to donate 13,500 service hours and \$167,000 back to the hospital.

“Thank you” to five members who became Life Members making it possible to offer educational assistance to nurses to obtain or maintain certifications.



## ***SKIDLS Recognition***

Emily Morris, auxiliary administrative assistant, located a patient's belongings at the surgical waiting lobby. These important items included a makeup bag, a checkbook and an insurance card. Thanks, Emily, for assuring the patient's items were safe and got to the right place!



## ***BJC Lifts Universal Masking Requirements in Health Care Facilities Effective March 22***

After three years of mandatory masking at health care facilities to help control the spread of COVID-19 and other recent winter viral illnesses, masking will become situational for employees and optional for patients and visitors/families effective March 22, 2023.





## Quilts

A new Queen Quilt has been completed and is on display in the Auxiliary Office. It is pink and white with a floral applique and points for the boarder. It is priced at \$350.

Baby quilts are on display in the Auxiliary Office and the Shiloh Gift Shop, hand quilted by the Auxiliary Quilters. Prices range from \$75 - \$100.

One baby afghan crocheted in a pale green and white is available for \$35.



## Dates to Remember

### April 2023

Mon.	03	Book Bazaar Set-up		Auxiliary Warehouse
Tues.	04	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Community Room Shiloh
Tues.	04	Book Bazaar Set-up		Belle Clair Fairgrounds
Wed.	05	Book Bazaar		Belle Clair Fairgrounds
Thurs.	06	Book Bazaar		Belle Clair Fairgrounds
Fri.	07	Book Bazaar		Belle Clair Fairgrounds
Sat.	08	Book Bazaar		Belle Clair Fairgrounds

### May 2023

Tues.	02	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues.	09	Jewelry Show <b>New Vendor!</b>	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed.	10	Jewelry Show	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Mon.	22	Quilting Bee	8 a.m.	Auxiliary Warehouse
Mon.	29	Memorial Day	Auxiliary & Gift Shops	CLOSED

### June 2023

Tues.	06	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Community Room Shiloh
Tues.	06	Membership Dinner	6 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues.	13	Shoe Show	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed.	14	Shoe Show	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Fri.	23	Show Show	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Community Room Shiloh