

# Mur—Mur



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## ***President's Message:***

May is usually one of the most pleasant months of the year. As flowers bloom and the temperatures rise, people all around the world eagerly anticipate the arrival of this beautiful month. May is a time of celebration, renewal, and growth. What makes the month of May so special?

One of the primary reasons May is so special is because it marks the transition from Spring to Summer. It is a time of renewal and growth. The weather becomes milder, the days are longer, and the trees and plants come to life, filling the world with a riot of colors and scents. This is a time of year when many animals give birth to their young, and people often take advantage of the warmer weather to begin planting their own gardens. People start spending more time outdoors during this time of year, taking walks, enjoying picnics, and participating in outdoor sports and activities.

May is also known as a month of celebration. In many cultures, May Day is celebrated on the first of May, marking the beginning of summer. This holiday is typically associated with dancing, singing, and feasting and is often accompanied by colorful parades and pageants. In addition, Mother's Day is celebrated in May, providing an opportunity for people to express their gratitude and love for the important women in their lives. Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 20th century, thanks to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor her mother and other mothers for their love and sacrifice. After years of campaigning, Mother's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday in 1914, and it has since become a global

celebration of motherhood and maternal bonds. It is typically observed on the second Sunday in May in many countries.

May is also a month of historical significance. Many important events have occurred in May. May 8th marks Victory in Europe Day, which commemorates the end of World War II in Europe. May 20th is the anniversary of the first American woman to travel into space, Sally Ride. May 25 is celebrated as Towel Day in honor of the author Douglas Adams, "A towel, [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy] says, is about the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have." And then there is Memorial Day, a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on the last Monday of May to honor and mourn the military personnel who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Communities across the country hold events to commemorate the day. Don't forget the National Moment of Remembrance, which is another important part of Memorial Day observances. Established by Congress in 2000, the Moment of Remembrance asks Americans to pause for one minute at 1500 (3 p.m.) local time to remember and honor those who have died in service to the country. This moment of silence is meant to unite the country in a shared expression of gratitude and respect for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

As we welcome the month of May, we'd like to take a moment to recognize the incredible work of our hospital auxiliary volunteers who have been tirelessly supporting our patients and staff

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throughout the year. From organizing fundraising events to providing comfort to patients and their families, our hospital auxiliary plays a vital role in making our hospital a caring and supportive community. As we move forward into the month of May, we invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to our hospital auxiliary members for their selfless dedication and commitment to our mission.

*Ann Porter, Auxiliary President*

## **Palliative Care Unit**

Donations needed for patients:

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

## **Membership Report**

### **Welcome New Volunteers**

Linda Ochoa (A) - Swansea

### **Membership Numbers:**

58	Active
76	Active/Life
2	Junior
232	Life
25	Sustaining
2	Leave of Absence
395	Total

## **Quilts**

A Queen Quilt is on display in the Auxiliary Office. It is pink and white with a floral applique and points for the border. 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.



## **Fundraising**

Spring T-shirts have arrived! They are available in the Auxiliary Office and in both the Shiloh and Belleville Gift Shops. They are priced at \$15 each.



The "After Hours" sale held from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Main Belleville Gift Shop on April 6 made \$250.23 and in the Shiloh Gift Shop held April 13 made \$449.39.





## A Message from Mike

I am both pleased and saddened to let you know that Anne Thomure, Director of Marketing and Communications and Executive Director of the Memorial Foundation, will be retiring in August 2023. Anne started her career with Memorial as Public Relations Assistant in 1986. In 1989, she became the Director of Marketing and Communications and added the role of Foundation Executive Director in 1997.

Anne has been the face of Memorial in the community for many years having been involved in the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, receiving the Ambassador of the year in 2009, Metro East Chamber of Commerce, serving as board chair in 2017, board member of the Violence Prevention Center, Hospice of Southern Illinois, YMCA and the Belle-Scott Committee. Anne has organized countless events for Memorial and has been a key voice in the community and to the media for Memorial.

Personally, I consider Anne a good friend and colleague. Since joining Memorial in 2012, I have found Anne to be a trusted confidant and sounding board on a variety of issues. She will be missed, but please join me in congratulating Anne and wishing her well on this new chapter in her life.

**Michael McManus**

*President*

Memorial Hospital

## Magazines

Gently used **April 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.



## MCC Donations

- Summer Knick Knacks
- Packaged Snacks

## June Membership Meeting

Come enjoy an evening out with fellow volunteers at the June Membership Meeting and Dinner that will be held Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium at Belleville Memorial Hospital. Doors will be open at 5 p.m. and a \$5 charge will be collected at the door. Hourly and Life Member pins will be presented. Please call the Auxiliary Office at 257-5545 by May 26 to make a reservation.





## **Memorial Appreciates Our Volunteers**

Each day across BJC HealthCare's 14 hospitals, patients, employees and visitors are greeted warmly by a volunteer. Thousands of men and women give selflessly of their time and talent to greet patients, act as navigators, staff gift shops, perform clerical duties and offer compassion. This week, we shine a light on a few of these amazing volunteers.

Denise Thomas (left) and Carol Winter (right) have volunteered together since 2018. The two of them work every Wednesday side-by-side greeting patients at Entrance D. Denise began volunteering in 2015, and Carol began in 2018. When asked why they love volunteering, Carol said, "I just love people. If they walk in, and I could smile at them, I like to think it's helping ease something. I just enjoy it!" Denise said, "I enjoy working and helping people. I just like being around the people here."

Thank you, Denise, Carol and all our amazing Memorial volunteers. We appreciate you!







## Gift Shop

Mother's Day is the time to surprise that special woman in your life with unique gifts that are found in the Gift Shops at Memorial Hospital. There are purses, jewelry, clothing and an assortment of other gifts to show your love.

Next "After Hours" sale is May 4 in the Main Belleville Gift Shop and May 11 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.



the work of a volunteer  
makes everything  
grow more beautiful.



## 2023 Book Bazaar Thank You

Thank you to all who made the 2023 Book Bazaar a success.

This year's event started with several new obstacles. A flat tire on one of the rent trucks on Monday and keeping the customers dry and safe from the storm on Wednesday morning while maintaining control of the line numbers. The volunteers did a fantastic job adlibbing under chaotic conditions.

Thanks to all who worked in the warehouse Tuesday and Thursday, the volunteers who helped set up and tear down at the Fairgrounds, and all those who worked during the event, including the crew that kept up with food and drink. We know it is hard work and requires dedication from the volunteers. Thanks to Emily and Nancy for all behind the scenes help.

We mustn't forget to thank our customers, some who travel only a few miles and those who

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travel hundreds of miles. Some of our customers mentioned they traveled from northern Illinois, western Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Some may have traveled further but did not mention their home base.

The total revenue at the Fairgrounds was over \$33,000, which is an amazing amount. This does not include pre-sales, and we are still waiting for some expenses before we have the net.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event's success.

**Save the dates:** 2024 Book Bazaar is at the Fairgrounds, April 3 – 6 with set up on April 1 and 2. Hope to see you there.

Gary and Adele

## Dates to Remember

### May 2023

Tues.	02	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues.	09	Jewelry Show <b>New Vendor!</b>	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Wed.	10	Jewelry Show	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
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

### July 2023

Tues.	04	Independence Day	Auxiliary & Gift Shops	CLOSED
Wed.	05	Blood Drive	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Belleville Auditorium
Tues.	25	Linen Show <b>New Vendor!</b>	TBD	Belleville Auditorium
Wed.	26	Linen Show	TBD	Belleville Auditorium
Thurs.	27	Linen Show	TBD	Community Room Shiloh