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President's Message:

June is a month of transition and new beginnings as we say goodbye to spring and hello to summer. It is a time to celebrate achievements of the past and look forward to the possibilities of the future.

June is a time to celebrate fathers and father figures on Father's Day, which is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month. This day is a time to honor the sacrifices and contributions that fathers make to their families and to society. It is a time to express gratitude for the love and guidance fathers provide and to recognize the important role that they play in shaping the lives of their children.

Another celebration in June is Pride Month. The first Pride Month was celebrated in 1970 in New York City, and since then, it has grown into a global movement with parades, festivals, and events held all around the world. In many cities, Pride Month is now an opportunity for individuals to come together and celebrate their identity and to seek equal rights and protections under the law.

Juneteenth holds significance as a commemoration of freedom and the ongoing struggle for racial equality in the United States. Originating in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, it marks the day when enslaved African Americans were finally informed of their emancipation, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth serves as a unifying celebration of freedom and the ongoing pursuit of equality for all.

Finally, June is a time to celebrate the start of summer and all the fun and excitement that comes

with it. It is a time to honor the achievements and contributions of diverse communities, to recognize the ongoing struggles for equality and justice, and to embrace the possibilities of a bright future. It is a time to enjoy the warm weather, longer days, and to make memories with friends and family.

Thank you to all our auxiliary members who have continued to support our local hospitals through fundraising efforts, volunteer work, or simply spreading awareness of the important work that our hospitals do – each one of you has made a meaningful contribution to the cause.

Ann Porter, Auxiliary President

*volunteers plant seeds of love
that help countless hearts
to grow...*





Meet the Gift Shop Supervisors

The Gift Shops at Belleville Memorial and Memorial Shiloh are full of beautiful things to explore and wonderful snacks to eat. The Gift Shops are supervised by two dynamic women whose faces are a familiar site throughout the hospitals. Here is a short biography of each supervisor to help you know them better:

Kathy Kirchoff

Belleville Memorial has two Gift Shops that are supervised by Kathy Kirchoff. Kathy has been the supervisor for four years and oversees the day-to-day operations of both Gift Shops in addition to overseeing her team of four employees and six volunteers who rotate through the Gift Shops weekly.



Kathy was born in East Saint Louis at Centerville Hospital. She was raised in Fairview Heights and attended St. Albert The Great Grade School. She and her husband, Bob, have been married for 43 years and live in Swansea. Together they have two beautiful daughters, Britney (Mrs. Ed Hoering) and Brooke (Mrs. Christopher Parr). Her daughters have blessed Kathy and Bob with five amazing grandchildren, Jack, Hailey, Benson, Auggie, and Harper.

Kathy and Bob ran a successful remodeling business for 37 years in the Metro East area while Kathy concurrently sold real estate for the last years 12 years prior to joining BJC in 2019. Kathy will tell you she loves her job and especially working with the volunteers. This past year, she had the most exciting task to be a part of the design of the newly remodeled Main Gift Shop and the opening of the Pop-Up Shop at entrance D.

Kathy and Bob have a 10-year-old chocolate Lab, Bama Girl, named after the family's favorite

vacation spot Gulf Shores, Alabama. Kathy states that in her free time she enjoys watching her grandchildren and going to their sporting and school events as well as spending family time around the pool on the weekends. Kathy is looking forward to her family's 14th annual vacation to Gulf Shores in September.

Debbie Larkin

Memorial Shiloh Gift Shop is supervised by Debra (Debbie) Larkin. She has been the supervisor for 5 years. She manages two employees and one volunteer who also runs the register for the Café side of the Gift Shop.



Debbie was born in East Saint Louis at St Mary's Hospital. When she was in the fifth grade, her family moved to Belleville. Debbie attended Our Lady Queen of Peace Grade School, where she met her future husband, Kent. They attended Althoff High School together. Debbie and Kent, who is employed at Serra Honda, live in Fairview Heights. They have two children, three grandchildren, and three grand-dogs. Their son, Scott, and their daughter, Stacy, also attended Our Lady Queen of Peace Grade School and Althoff High School. Scott lives in O'Fallon, MO, with his wife Sarah, their son, Owen, who is 14 years old, and two dogs, a chocolate Lab named Nola, and a great white Pyrenees named Kendi. Their daughter, Stacy, lives in O'Fallon, IL, with her husband Casey, two children, Scarlett, 5 years old, and Will, 4 years old, and a yellow Lab named Mellow Yellow.

Debbie says there is little time for hobbies in her house as any free time is usually taken up with watching grandchildren, watching grandchildren's sports, and watching grand-dogs. Debbie is looking forward to a family vacation to Disney World and the beach in June.



Membership Report

Sympathy

With our condolences to the family and friends, we acknowledge the passing of Active member, June Herman, on May 25, 2023.

Membership Numbers:

- 56 – Active
- 76 – Active/Life
- 2 – Junior
- 232 – Life
- 25 – Sustaining
- 2 – Leave of Absence
- 393 – Total

Fundraising

A Shoe Show by Shoe Roads productions will be in the Auditorium on Tuesday, June 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



and on Wednesday, June 14 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. A variety of brands will be on display for purchase such as Dansko, New Balance, OOFOS, Brooks, Birkenstock and more. Preorders can be made online at www.shoeroads.com.

Spring T-shirts are still available in the Auxiliary Office. They are priced at \$15 each. A Summer T-shirt is in production and should arrive in time for the summer holidays.

The "After Hours" sale held from 5-9 p.m. in the Main Belleville Gift Shop on May 4 made \$312.93 and in the Shiloh Gift Shop held May 11 made \$324.66.

Volunteers Needed

Memorial Hospital - Belleville

Ultrasound/MRI Waiting Room – Volunteers needed to greet patients, hand out forms, and handle incoming calls. No physical activity is required. Length of shift up to the volunteer. MRI has openings on Saturdays from 2:30-6 p.m. and Sundays from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Ultrasound has openings Monday through Friday from 4-9 p.m.

Memorial East Shiloh

Snack Cart Supply Room – One volunteer needed to assist in unboxing snacks and organizing the "snack shelf." Light lifting required. This opportunity is on an "as needed" basis, but likely no more than once a month for 2-3 hours.

Gift Shop

Get your special Graduation or Father's Day gifts and cards in the Memorial Hospital Gift Shops. Also, shop the beautiful summer clothes, jewelry, and purses.

Next "After Hours" sale is June 1 in the Main Belleville Gift Shop and June 8 in the Shiloh Gift Shop.

Gift Shop hours:

- Belleville: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- East: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Magazines

Gently used **May 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.



2023 Book Bazaar Results

Congratulations, the final numbers are in, and the Auxiliary had another great year for the 2023 Book Bazaar. These numbers reflect sales and expenses from May of 2022 through April of 2023.

- \$33,504.57 – income at Fairgrounds
- \$6,422.00 – eBay and pre-sales
- \$39,926.57 – gross sales
- \$6,020.36 – expenses
- \$33,906.21 – net revenue

Thanks again to all the members who work throughout the year and those who work at the event. It takes the whole village of volunteers to make this a success!

Book collections will start up again in August 2023.

Save the dates: 2024 Book Bazaar is at the Fairgrounds, April 3, 4, 5, 6 with set up on April 1 and 2.



Quilting Bee

Monday, May 22, the Auxiliary hosted the annual Quilting Bee in the Auxiliary Annex. Quilters attended from area churches for quilting and fellowship. A light breakfast and lunch were served making it an enjoyable event.

A new baby quilt is on display in the Auxiliary Office and is priced at \$100. It has an embroidered baby bear with the alphabet around the edge and a solid white back. Our quilts are hand quilted by the Auxiliary Quilters.

A queen-sized quilt is on display in the Auxiliary Office. It is pink and white with a floral applique and points for the boarder. It is price at \$350.





Dale Trinka, elected to Lebanon City Council

Dale Trinka continues to help in his community. On May 1, 2023, Dale along with six other elected council members were sworn in at Lebanon City Hall. Ward III. Councilman is a new experience for Dale. For the past few months, he has been going to council meetings to learn more about his new role.

As many of you know, prior to the pandemic, Dale was very active in the Auxiliary. He was the Chairman of the Book Bazaar for years as well as the President of the Auxiliary in 1998. During that time, Dale accumulated over 12,000 hours of volunteering.

We wish you well in your new role, Councilman Trink!

Palliative Care Unit

Donations needed for patients:

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



MCC Donations

- Summer Knick Knacks

Dates to Remember

June 2023

Tuesday	06	Blood Drive - MES	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Community Room
Tuesday	06	Membership Dinner	6 p.m.	Auditorium
Tuesday	13	Shoe Show Belleville	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Auditorium
Wednesday	14	Shoe Show Belleville	7 a.m.-3 p.m.	Auditorium
Friday	23	Shoe Show Shiloh	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community Room

July 2023

Tuesday	04	Independence Day	Auxiliary & Gift Shops Closed	
Wednesday	05	Blood Drive - MHB	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Auditorium
Tuesday	25	Linen Show <i>New Vendor!</i>	TBD	Auditorium
Wednesday	26	Linen Show	TBD	Community Room
Thursday	27	Linen Show - Shiloh	TBD	Community Room

August 2023

Tuesday	01	Blood Drive - MES	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Community Room
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