

Membership

Have you paid your 2016 Membership Dues?

Time flies, and it is once again time to make sure you are current with your membership dues! If you are not up to date, there will be a red star by your name and address on this issue of the Capsule. Thanks to all who have already paid.

Some of you may have a red and green star by your name, indicating we have not heard from you for a few years. We hope to hear from you, but we realize things change and you may no longer wish to be a member. If this is the case and we do not hear from you by the end of the year, you'll be removed from our mailing list.

Not sure if you are current? Just check your capsule address label. The year you are paid through is listed below your address. If you are a life member, it will say "Life" instead of a year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Membership Luncheon in September!

- CAREY KRONER, Membership Chair

Membership Dues:

Jan. 1 through Dec. 31:
Active: \$10
Sustaining: \$25
Life: \$200 (one-time only)

Mail membership dues to:

Mayo Clinic Health System -
Franciscan Healthcare Volunteer Office
700 West Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601

Make checks payable to:
Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary

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Memorials

In Memory of Lee Munson
Ruth Morgan

In Memory of Dorothy Schwanbeck
Ruth Morgan

In Memory of Walter Susdorf
Ruth Morgan

In Memory of Larry Torgerson
Ruth Morgan

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Summer 2016

Calendar

August

- 18/19 "Books are Fun" Book Fair
Lang Conf. Room
- 29/30 Blood Drive, Marycrest

September

- 13 Auxiliary Board Meeting,
Lang Conf. Room
PLEASE NOTE: day change
to Tuesday and location
change to Lang, not Dale)
- 13 Auxiliary Membership
Luncheon, Marycrest

October

- 4-6 Partners of WHA State
Convention in Appleton
Auxiliary Board meeting,
Dale Conf. Room
- 12 Western District Meeting
at Black River Beach
in La Crosse
- 27/28 Linen Sale in Lang
- 31 Blood Drive, Marycrest

November

- 1 Blood Drive in Marycrest
- 3/4 "Treasures for Tiny Tim"
Sale, Lang
- 9 Board Meeting in Dale
- 10/11 "Books Are Fun" Book Fair
in Lang
- 12 Tiny Tim Grand Finale -
Cargill Room at the
Waterfront
- 13 Jingle Bell Brunch -
Cargill Room at the
Waterfront

December

- 1/2 Gourmet Nut &
Candy Sale, Lang
- 14 Board Meeting,
Dale
- 14 Christmas Luncheon in
Marycrest - Please bring
new items for newborns in
our Family Birthplace

Raising Money for Nursing Scholarships

Geranium Sale is Again a Big Success!

A big thank you goes to all who helped make our 36th Annual Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary Geranium Sale a success! There was a terrific group of volunteers who helped to set up and work throughout the three-day sale.

Special thanks go to Deb Morrissey and Beth Wiersma for running our Onalaska site, and to Bob and Loraine Mulock for running our Holmen site. A big thank you also goes to Gene and Lori Bauer of Longhorn Valley Greenhouse & Cattle Co. of La Crescent for once again growing such beautiful plants.

This year we sold over 3,800 plants! That's more than we have sold for each of the last several years! Also, new this year were our "Pot People" planters created by Joanne Degenhardt and Pat Briggeman. They made ten planters for the sale, and every one of them sold! Great job!

As you know, all proceeds from these sales benefit nursing scholarships at Viterbo University and Western Technical College. Your continued support of this event helps us provide these much needed nursing scholarships!

Again, thank you for your generous support and please visit us again next year!

-CAREY KRONER AND JOANNE DEGENHARDT
Geranium Sale Co-Chairs



Our energetic and dedicated Geranium Crew getting ready to face the crowds!



"Pot People" planters created by
Joanne Degenhardt and Pat Briggeman

Franciscan Healthcare

President's Message

Your Auxiliary Projects are Making a Difference!

I hope you are having a nice summer. So far this year Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary has donated \$35,000 from Tiny Tim Benefit proceeds to purchase seven cameras for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Auxiliary also donated \$4,000 to be a Big Blue Dragon Boat Festival Sponsor. Additionally, we donated \$4,000 to the Taste of the Coulee Region benefiting YWCA for a total of \$43,000.



This year will be the last Tiny Tim Benefit. This year's proceeds will benefit pediatric and behavioral health patients in the La Crosse Emergency Department. Monies raised will fund the remodeling of three rooms to include a peaceful and welcoming environment, to purchase four tablets for children to use, and to provide for staff education through the Child Life Manager at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital. Additional funds raised will benefit behavioral health services and projects. The Tiny Tim Benefit has raised close to a million dollars over the past 29 years.

The Geranium Sale was held on April 27, 28 and 29. As you know proceeds from the Geranium Sale goes toward nursing scholarships. In May we held our Nursing Scholarship luncheon and disbursed \$10,500 to students at Viterbo College and Western Technical College. We also disbursed \$1,000 to three TAG award winners.

We always welcome new members to the Auxiliary, so please join us and become involved as we carry out our programs and events to benefit the needs of others!

- RITA GASTERLAND, President

From the Volunteer Office

We Need You! Join our Gift Shoppe Team!

Although it has been altered a bit, I am borrowing Uncle Sam's well-known motto as a call to action for more Gift Shoppe volunteers! As Auxilians you are aware of how the proceeds from the Gift Shoppe benefit our organization. In recent history the Auxiliary has been able to meet its substantial pledges toward the Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery (CAMS) and the Emergency & Urgent Care Center (EUCC), primarily through the monies raised in the Gift Shoppe. Many other smaller projects and programs have also been on the receiving end of the hard work, dedication and generosity of the Gift Shoppe volunteers. We want to continue in these efforts, but in order to be successful we do need additional volunteer assistance to maintain regular operating hours and sufficient staffing.

Please give Cathy Wiste, Gift Shoppe Coordinator a call at 608-392-4825 to find out how you can help, what shifts are in need of coverage, and what your next steps will be to begin serving in the Shoppe. No retail experience is necessary, and Cathy and experienced volunteers will provide all the training you will need to become a member of the Gift Shoppe team!

- RUTH MORGAN, CAVS, Director of Volunteer Services



Happy Birthday

If you have a birthday during the months below and your name does not appear, please call Renee in Volunteer Services at 392-4203. We want to include you on our growing birthday list.

August

- 8 Joe Kruse
- 12 Peter Hughes
- 16 Barb Hafner
- 17 Irene O'Brien
- 17 Judy Fox
- 26 Leola Wettstein
- 27 Jonella Rademacher
- 29 Clara Topinka

September

- 6 Kathy Wewerka
- 11 Nancy McMullin
- 13 Michelle Sheehan
- 13 Rose Raska
- 22 Carla LaPoint
- 22 Mary Wateski
- 26 Laura Skaife
- 27 Marie Kabat
- 28 Patricia Briggeman
- 29 Karen Matzke
- 29 Renee Foster

October

- 10 Betty Baier
- 11 Kay Nix
- 14 Shirley Cvikota
- 15 Katie Wine
- 17 Hazel Cornell
- 17 Wendy Franke
- 19 Barry Stahl
- 26 Kathy Schultz
- 27 Beverly Fredrickson
- 27 Carol Strittmatter
- 27 Mariel Carlisle

Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to These Volunteers

for reaching the following levels of service as of December 31, 2015.

100 Hours

- Sister Dorothea Burr
- Madelyn Buttke*
- Doris Coughlin
- Thomas Davie
- Donna Downing
- Matthew (Kevin) Dubois
- Nancy Ecklund
- Kathleen Filkowski
- Elaine Gaab
- Donna Herman
- Emma Hermes*
- Thomas Joseph
- Jacob Korish
- Bailee McClintock*
- Judith Mosley

1,000 Hours

- Robert Baranowski
- Bobbie Cree
- Judi Darling
- Rita Gasterland
- Marsha Kurth
- Eunice Reget
- June Rochester

1,500 Hours

- Thomas Breiter
- Donald Gallagher
- Peg Garves
- Fay Gora
- Bernice Lansing
- Michael Larsen
- Steven Laufenberg
- Anita Sand

2,000 Hours

- Richard Boudreau
- William Chamberlain
- Mary Martin
- Carol Rindahl
- Janice Stanienda
- Gloria Williams
- Warren Wolf

2,500 Hours

- Karen Adams
- Susan Jensen
- Carey Kroner
- Rhonda Olafson
- Nancy Solberg
- Sister Therese Wolf

500 Hours

- Vanessa De Souza Machado
- Kathy Fuss
- Thomas Hlavac
- Sharon Karlman
- Cathy Maringer
- Diane Melnyk
- Mary Olson
- Marlene Sargent
- Shirley Schumacher
- Deborah Stanage
- Cynthia Wallis
- Vicki Williams
- Darlene Wozney

3,000 Hours

- Jerry Bertilson
- Donna Glowcheski
- Anna Johnson

3,500 Hours

- Pat Briggeman
- Vernon Garves
- Sharon Helke
- Dee Monti
- Rose Raska
- Gisela Reber

4,000 Hours

- Anonymous

4,500 Hours

- Mary Dvorak

5,000 Hours

- Kathleen Hill

5,500 Hours

- Ellie Brown
- Sister Juanita Hytry
- Christine Johnston
- Dr. Bill Kader
- Donna Mattison

6,500 Hours

- Dr. David Corser
- Margaret Schaub

7,000 Hours

- Catherine Roberts-Graves



9,000 Hours

- Anonymous

11,500 Hours

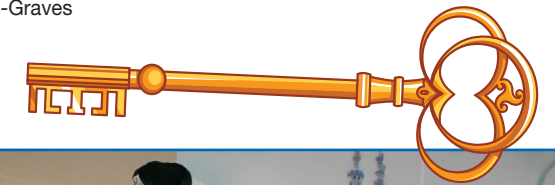
- Nancy Brown

14,500 Hours

- Betty Stoll

17,000 Hours

- Betty Baier



Our Committee: front row: Saverna Stemper, Lynn Conway, Renee Foster, Peter Grabow, Jan Pohlman, Art Peek and Amanda Kubista; back row: Janet Papenfuss, Ruth Morgan, Brent Johnson, Lisa Morgan, Iago (the dog) and Amy Every

Bibliography:

- Alice:** Janet Papenfuss
- Mad Hatter:** Brent Johnson
- White Rabbit:** Lisa Morgan
- White Rabbit's Companion:** Iago
- Tweedle Dee:** Lynn Conway
- Tweedle Dum:** Renee Foster
- Daisy:** Amy Every
- Queen of Hearts:** Ruth Morgan
- Croquet Cards:** Jan Pohlman and Art Peek
- Guard Cards:** Peter Grabow and Paul Olson
- Tea Party Hostesses:** Amanda Kubista and Saverna Stemper

Acknowledgements:

- Sara Slayton, Storyteller
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- Lori Sase, Valley View Mall, props and "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" sign
- Teresa Hase, Graphic Design and Photography





Betty Stoll, Pat Briggeman, Hazel Cornell, Rita Gasterland, Carey Kroner, Sue Lynch, Wendy Franke, Betty Baier, Ruth Morgan, Gayda Hollnagel

Opportunity for Learning and Fellowship Western District Meeting hosted by Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary

The Western District Meeting was held on Thursday, April 14th at Piggy's Restaurant. We had 67 ladies attend. Rita Gasterland welcomed everyone and introduced Peter Grabow, our Auxiliary's liaison. Then we had our state and district meetings followed by lunch. Instead of a speaker, we had the Special Export Barbershop Quartet sing to us. The meeting ended by naming the silent auction winners and then drew for door prizes which were the centerpieces on the table that Sue Lynch made. Thanks to all who attended and coordinated our Western District Meeting.

- RITA GASTERLAND, President

Geranium Luncheon Awarding \$10,500 in Nursing Scholarships

Our luncheon was held on May 4 in the Marycrest Auditorium. Fifty people attended. Chef Mike Tangen made a salad, chicken cordon bleu, rice, asparagus and cheesecake. The meal was very delicious.

Carey Kroner and Joanne Degenhardt co-chaired the geranium sale which was held on April 27, 28 and 29. Despite cold and rainy weather, the sale went very good. The Auxiliary gave out \$10,500 for nursing scholarships. Six Viterbo students received \$1,500 each. They were Christina Heckman, Emilee Wiersma, Ivy Miemetz, Rececka Cook, Samatha Noble and Ashley Hansen. Three Western Technical College students received \$500 each. They were Emily Stafford, Katie Tracey and Megan Dockendorff.

Rose Raska informed everyone this will be the last Tiny Tim Event. She also invited anyone who wanted to attend the state convention in October in Appleton and said it would be paid for.

We had our usual business meeting and ended the luncheon by giving out our door prizes, which were our centerpieces, which was a geranium in a basket.

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 14, at Marycrest Auditorium.

- RITA GASTERLAND, President



Three of our scholarship winners: Christina Heckman, Emilee Wiersma, and Ivy Miemetz

Advocates for Women Women's Fund of La Crosse Spring Fling Luncheon

This luncheon was held on April 9 at the Waterfront Restaurant, Cargill Room. Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan La Crosse bought two tables. The Women's Fund advocates for women and girls...we look to fill the gaps in services and opportunities to make a difference in their lives. It started with a silent auction and several vendor displays followed by door prizes and lunch. We promoted the Big Blue Dragon Boat Festival and the Tiny Tim Benefit.

Taste of the Coulee

Auxiliary Is Major Sponsor for "Taste of the Coulee Region" Event



On Thursday, June 9, the Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary participated as the major sponsor for the Taste of the Coulee Region benefitting the YWCA. This event was held at Celebrations on the River and attended by over 150 guests. This was the Coulee Region's premier FOOD, WINE, BEER & COCKTAIL event in 2016.

Seated - Gayda Hollnagel, Pat Briggeman, Cathy Wiste; Standing - Lois Johnson, Carey Kroner, Hazel Cornell, Dee Dee Rickert, Jen Harnisch, Ruth Morgan, Sue Lynch and Katie Wine.

Light Up a Life!

Season of Light Has Raised \$150,000 for Patients in Need

You may already know that the Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary Season of Light Program and Memorial Program fund needy patient accounts. But, did you realize that in the past 20 years alone, over \$150,000 has been given by the Auxiliary to ease the burden of debt for many of the patients cared for in our facilities? Those struggling to pay their medical expenses are assisted through the efforts of the Auxiliary and then notified of their special gift just before Christmas.

The Auxiliary's Tree of Light will stand in Marycrest through the month of December, with a list of all names displayed during that time (updated weekly). You will soon receive your Season of Light brochure, and we ask you to join in our efforts to help our friends and neighbors in need. Whether your purchase is in memory of, or to honor a loved one, it is truly a gift that keeps giving. Thank you, and "God Bless Us, Everyone."



CELEBRATING

30

YEARS

of

GIVING

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE AUXILIARY'S 30TH

Tiny Tim Benefit

November 12 & 13, 2016

The Waterfront Cargill Room

Proceeds from the 2016 Tiny Tim Benefit will benefit pediatric and behavioral health patients in the La Crosse Emergency Department.

**JOIN US FOR THE GRAND FINALE
OF THIS FANTASTIC HOLIDAY TRADITION.**

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28th Annual Joint Luncheon

“Putting a Spring in Your Step”

The Joint Luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 6 at the Radisson Hotel. We had 170 ladies in attendance. Tickets were sold at both gift shops and Festival Foods Village, Copeland and Onalaska. Our theme this year was “Putting Spring in your Step.” The centerpieces were dressy shoes with a flower arrangement inside each shoe (see below). It started off with our usual style show, outfits came from CJ Banks and Christopher Banks. There were 12 models, six from Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary and six from Gundersen Partners. For lunch we had a spring garden salad, smoked pork loin, potato gratin dauphinoise, asparagus, rolls and cupcakes. After lunch we gave out several, nice door prizes along with the centerpieces. It was a very enjoyable time.

- RITA GASTERLAND, President



Sue Lynch, Joan Weissenberger and Nancy Garbisch



Our 12 models for the Fashion Show, including six from Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary and six from Gundersen Partners.

A Gift to Franciscan Healthcare Auxiliary Memorial Fund

Donation in memory of:

Donation made by:

Send to:
Wendy Franke,
Memorial Chair
c/o Volunteer Services
700 West Avenue South,
La Crosse, WI 54601

Advocacy Day 2016

Advocacy Day is a Chance to Meet With Your Legislators!

Advocacy Day was on March 30, 2016 at the Monona Terrace in Madison, following by legislative visits at the Capitol. The event is sponsored each year by the Wisconsin Hospital Association and draws nearly 900 hospital advocates from across the state each year. It's designed to educate and motivate health care employees, trustees and volunteers on important health care-related issues and to encourage grassroots advocacy opportunities. Featured speakers give timely insight to state and federal health care issues, and participating in legislative visits allow attendees to speak up on behalf of their hospitals. This year's keynote speaker was Rick Pollack, President and CEO of the American Hospital Association. He shared his perspectives on the political ins and outs of Washington DC along with a discussion of specifics affecting health care from a national view.



Thanks to our Auxilians who attended this year's Advocacy Day: Gayda Hollnagel, Rita Gasterland, Donna Cramer, Carey Kroner, Hazel Cornell, Rose Raska, Sue Lynch.

Kick Up Your Heels for Volunteers!

Western District hosts

2016 Partners of WHA Convention



OCTOBER 4-6, 2016

Gift Shop

Greetings from the Gift Shop

I hope you all had a great summer. Now we are looking forward to fall and changing our theme in the shop.

Great news! We will be handling hospital logo items. We are the only outlet on the hospital campus. We will be stocking t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, dress shirts for men, coffee mugs and umbrellas. If you do not find your size, our manager Cathy can order for you.

Another new item is some of our Baggaline® handbags have an RFID blocking liner to protect from scanning fraud. This is a great way to protect your credit cards.

Our buyers have gone to market and will be putting out new items every week.

Please stop in, browse and buy!

- BETTY BAIER, Gift Shoppe