

*PARTNERS OF WHA is committed to advocating for the health of our communities and advancing the success of local health care volunteer organizations, through the coordination and provision of volunteer education, development resources, and leadership opportunities for health care volunteers and their organizations.*

## A Message from the Partners of WHA President

### Leadership Update



Sharon Scott

It is with sadness that I am announcing the resignation of our President-Elect Patsy Pippin due to ongoing health issues. Patsy's letter of resignation was received on July 23, 2023.

In accordance with our Partner Bylaws, Section 7.5, a special Board of Directors meeting was held on August 10, 2023, to fill the vacant

position of President-Elect. A quorum of the Board was present via a virtual meeting and unanimously approved the appointment of Julie Steiner as President-Elect.

Per Partner Bylaws, Section 7.5 (c) Julie will serve as President-Elect until the Annual Membership Meeting on October 4, 2023. At that time, Julie will be a candidate for the President-Elect position and other nominations may be received from the floor. All candidates must comply with protocols stated within the Partners Bylaws Section 7 and ensuing paragraphs. Voting delegates will elect the successor to the position.

Questions? Reach out to me or Immediate Past President Peg Larson ([pegvoluntr@hotmail.com](mailto:pegvoluntr@hotmail.com)).

Sharon Scott, Partners of WHA State President

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### What to Wear, What to Wear

The 2023 Convention Committee would like to ease any concerns you may have regarding the attire for Wednesday evening at [state convention](#). Please feel free to dress in something comfortable. Semi-formal attire was only suggested as a FUN option to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Partners. The Convention Committee apologizes for any misunderstanding. We want you to attend and join in the fun!

### About Julie Steiner

Julie Steiner finds volunteering at her local hospital gratifying and fulfilling. She has been a member of The Friends of Vernon Memorial Healthcare (VMH) for 35 years. Julie has chaired and served on various committees and has held the offices of Treasurer, President-elect, and President (four times).



Julie Steiner

She is honored to also have served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chair of Western District Partners. She has served on Partners Convention Planning Committees, the WAVE Committee and chaired the Best of the Best Committee. Julie was Partners 2018-2020 State Treasurer and 2020-2022 State Secretary. She was named Partners Newsletter Editor in January 2023.

Professionally, was News Director at WVRQ Radio in Viroqua, Wisconsin, a position she held for 21 years. She became the Marketing/Public Relations/Development Manager at Vernon Memorial Healthcare in 2000, retiring in 2013.

Through the years she has been an active member of numerous organizations in her community.

Julie is married to Garith Steiner, a retired hospital CEO. They have two married daughters and four grandchildren, ages 3 to 10.

Julie enjoys travel, golf, fishing, reading, sewing, needlepoint and spending time with her family and friends. She looks forward to continuing to work with all the amazing volunteers who make up the Partners of WHA.

### Important Survey!

The Partners of WHA board is reviewing its convention planning process and structure. Please take time to complete this survey:

[Click here to access the survey.](#)