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## Partners With Our Lady of Victory Hospital Newsletter

# The Partners

October  
2019



## current topics >>>

### Have you paid your 2020 dues?

*It is only \$5 PER year. We want to keep our cost reasonable and would like to focus more on activities, volunteering, and supporting the hospital!*

**Please send to:**

ATTN Membership  
1120 Pine Street  
Stanley, WI 54768

Would you like to receive your newsletter electronically via email? Let us know by sending an email to: [Lacey.chapek@ascension.org](mailto:Lacey.chapek@ascension.org)



## October Meeting: Bring a Friend!!



We have some very exciting news to share with you!

Partners With Our Lady of Victory Hospital is having a Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, October 16 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the upstairs conference room. Bring a friend, and if that friend pays the \$5 dues to join, your 2020 dues will be automatically waived! That's right, your membership is free for 2020! Your friend's \$5 will cover the rest of 2019, and all of 2020.

Dawn Gapko, CAO, and Jane Bentz, Director of Community Outreach and Volunteer Services at both Good Samaritan and OLV hospitals, will be present to tell us about new and exciting volunteer opportunities to help Ascension Our Lady of Victory Hospital. They will cover some new and easy fundraising suggestions as well.

This *is* our membership drive, and we are hoping to grow our Partners' membership, so please help this cause, and get your 2020 dues free! Enjoy good food, visiting with friends, making new friends, and finding out what new things Partners With OLVH has to offer.

*See you on Wednesday, October 16*

Donella Christianson  
Co-President, Partners With Our Lady of Victory Hospital

# One of Our Own!



**Pictured Left:** Donella Christianson and Director of the Red Cross, Bob Bruce **Right:** Donella and husband, Stanley's Mayor, Norm

Donella Christianson received an award for the Blood Program Leader of the Year Award for the Eastern District, being nominated by her Red Cross Representative, Zachary Scott. She accepted the award at the American Red Cross Minnesota Region Volunteer Recognition Event and Annual Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN and was accompanied by her husband Norm. The Stanley-Boyd Community is part of the Eastern District of the Minnesota Region. There were approximately 250 people in attendance.

Donella organizes and coordinates five annual Red Cross blood drives a year, with the help of other volunteers, including the Partners With Our Lady of Victory Hospital, collecting 45 – 65 units at each drive. Even on Christmas Eve, Donella has coordinated blood drives for many years because she understands the patients don't get a holiday from needing lifesaving blood. In total her drives have collected 2,692 units since 2006. She continues to keep growing her drives, taking all the responsibilities. She is always finding new ways to make each blood drive special by adding food and drawings for gift certificates from local restaurants, garden centers and more as a thank you to blood donors.

Other responsibilities include recruiting donors, writing articles, getting calling lists ready, scheduling appointments, lining up goodies for the canteen, help make a lunch for the Red Cross staff, and being on site before, during, and after the drive. Donella is also Co-President of Partners with Our Lady of Victory Hospital, Stanley and was recently installed as Secretary/Treasurer of the West Central District.

Check out this website >>> [www.partnersofwha.org](http://www.partnersofwha.org)



**Contact Us!**

Web Coordinator, Peg Larson, [pegvoluntr@hotmail.com](mailto:pegvoluntr@hotmail.com)

**Volunteers: Our Precious Gems (Convention)**

*October 1-3, 2019*

*Red Lion Paper Valley, Appleton*

*HOSTS: LAKES & SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.*

*Sharon Scott, Chair*

*Iva Mulhern, Co-Chair*

*Donella attended this convention and we are anticipating a report of all the news and events!*

Remember to contact Alissa Broughton if you think a member may need a card for a little 'sunshine.' Or maybe birthdays or anniversaries at work or with the Partners. Her phone number is 715-864-2612 or email her at [Alissa.broughton@ascension.org](mailto:Alissa.broughton@ascension.org)



## July Meeting Minutes: officially unofficial

*Meeting July 9, 2019 6:30 pm*

**Partners present:** Donella Christianson, Marian Walsdorf, Nicole Dekan, Lucille Granros, Pat Jankoski. **Secretary** was absent, no report given.

**Treasurer** report given by Nicole, there were no corrections made or filed.

**Sunshine** chair was absent, no report, but reminders to get info to Alissa if you know someone who needs a card or note!

**Membership** report not given, but Marian noted we should remove Marian Simon from our current membership list.

**PPE report & Health report** on Partners of WHA website

**Unfinished Business included:** Blood drives, Volunteer Week, Scholarships, and the Stanley Rodeo Days Parade float.

June's blood drive went over goal (yay!). Next blood drive will be August 16<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Vineyard Church. Please note the date change! Donella put Easter candy at desks during week of Easter instead of volunteer week. 2 Scholarships were given this year. Donella thanked the OLV staff for a great job on the float.

**New Business:** District and state meetings upcoming; please contact Donella if you're interested in going. Strong Bodies possible money donations put on hold. Love Light Committee meeting will be set up. Coffee Cart. AOLV's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic- we're looking for volunteers.

Donella Christianson

## New Discussion Topics >>>

- **Love Lights-** we will set up a committee to discuss how we can make it even better. Please contact Donella if interested in joining or you have ideas
- **Coffee Cart-** no longer available in atrium due to infection control and safety issues. Per CAO Dawn Gapko, coupons are available for people to use, as well as receptionist can call down to Dietary to have coffee delivered. All questions should be submitted to Dawn.
- **Fundraisers-** Let's discuss!
- **West Central District Spring Meeting-**  
Donella has set up groups for all of the different activities and needs for planning such a large event. If interested in helping, please contact her.



## Membership >>>

Please Welcome Our  
Newest Members,  
None this month

# Officers

### President:

Donella  
Christianson

### Co-President:

Marian Walsdorf

### Secretary:

Roxanne Novotny

### Treasurer:

Open

## Did You Know? >>>

*"I would like to be a Partner but it is hard for me to get out and about."*

Want to help your local Partners but don't seem to have the time, energy, or ability? We have the answer! With fundraising projects and ideas picking up, we will need help putting together packets for sellers, coordinating phone calls, distribution, and other paperwork.

Do you sew, knit, or crochet? We are always looking for stuffed animals or blankets for our children that come into the emergency room. We also donate hats and mittens to the local schools.

Like to bake? We always need snacks or refreshments for various events, like the booksale, Lovelights Ceremony, meetings, and other ideas that are coming in the New Year!



# Partners of Wisconsin Hospital Association, Inc.



*Partners of WHA President:  
Jan Molaska*



*Partners of WHA President-Elect:  
Peg Larson*



## Dates to Remember



### Upcoming...



#### **October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-4:00pm**

Partners Bookfair/Gift Fundraiser  
OLV atrium

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-1:00pm**

Partners with OLVH *potluck*  
meeting in conference room

#### **October 17<sup>th</sup>**

District meeting in Cumberland,  
please contact Donella if interested  
in attending.

### Way Ahead...

#### **April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

West Central District Spring  
Meeting- please contact Donella for  
details or if interested in helping  
with this event!

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If you would like an announcement, article, or photo put into the newsletter, please contact Lacey Chapek at 715-644-6134, or email [lacey.chapek@ascension.org](mailto:lacey.chapek@ascension.org)

We will try for quarterly newsletters to keep members updated!