



Greetings Partners,

I'm so excited to have this opportunity to personally invite each of you to our 2023 Partners Convention...Today's Dream...Tomorrow's Reality, October 3-5 in Stevens Point.

Our Convention Chair, Betty Oddo, hosting District, West Central Volunteers and the staff of The Holiday Inn and Convention Center have worked vigorously and with so much enthusiasm to present and ensure a wonderful convention experience.

Won't you join me and our fellow Partners as we enjoy 2 days of fellowship, educational workshops, CEO Panel discussions, business meetings, enlightening speakers, and fun evening activities.

Don't miss out on sharing ***Today's Dream...Tomorrow's Reality***.....with new and familiar faces!!!!

See you soon in Stevens Point!!!!!!!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Scott".

Sharon Scott

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West Central District hosts the 2023 Partners of WHA Convention October 3-5, 2023

Today's Dream... Tomorrow's Reality

Location

Holiday Inn Stevens Point-Convention Center
1001 Amber Avenue
Stevens Point WI 54482
715-344-0200

Hotel is attached to the Convention Center so it is easily accessible.

Room Rates

Single \$115.99 per night

Double \$115.99 per night

CALL IN: Call 715-344-0200 and Press #1

Please refer to **Partners of WI Hospital Association** when making your room reservations. Group block code: **PWH**

All rooms must be reserved by Friday, 9/8/2023. Rooms will be released on Saturday, 9/9/2022. Check-in will **not** be available before opening of the convention. Please leave your luggage in your vehicle until you check in and receive your key.

Registration

Full Conference Registration – Member	\$150.00
Full Conference Registration – Non-member	\$175.00
One Day Only – Member	\$95.00
One Day Only – Non-member	\$105.00

Meals included with Full Registration

- **Tuesday**
Dinner
- **Wednesday**
Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Thursday**
Continental Breakfast

Tuesday's lunch is NOT included with your convention registration. Please eat lunch prior to the start of the convention.

Note: The Amber Grill Restaurant located on premise is NOT open for lunch

Meals included with One Day Registration

Wednesday lunch and dinner

Guest meals may be purchased for \$35.00 each. (Please see registration form.) To help us plan seating, please check the appropriate boxes on the registration form for each meal you plan to eat.

Please make checks payable to PARTNERS OF WHA and mail with completed registration form no later than September 8, 2023, to:

St. Joseph's Hospital
Attn: Volunteer Services
2661 County Highway I
Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Questions? Email: brandalee.sikora@hshs.org

Voting Delegates – Please indicate your two voting delegates on the Registration Form.

No refunds will be given. However, registration may be transferred to another person. Please notify Brandy Sikora of any changes.

Featured Speakers

KEYNOTE SPEAKER-Servant Leadership

Tom Thibodeau is an Associate Professor at Viterbo University and is the founder of the Master of Arts in Servant Leadership. He inspires all through is infectious enthusiasm, compassion and commitment to leadership and service.

CLOSING SPEAKER-Positive Intelligence

Terri Donlin is a Partner volunteer, Professional coach, and leader with a history of service and leadership. She applies mentoring, training and her learned coaching skills in serving others to become their best selves.

Schedule

Tuesday, October 3

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration and set up
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome & Introduction
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tom Thibodeau Keynote Speaker
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Workshops 1-4
3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Visit Vendors and Hospital Displays
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Cash Bar Dinner W.A.V.E. Award Purse BINGO

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Special Interest Meetings
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	General Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	CEO Panel
12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch Best of the Best Honor Points Presentation
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Workshops 5-8
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Cash Bar Dinner Honoring Past Presidents 70 Years Celebration Toast

Thursday, October 5

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Resume business meeting if necessary
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Terri Donlin Closing Speaker
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Wrap Up Invitation for 2024 Convention Raffle Drawings

Be a "dream" in your semi-formal attire and help us celebrate 70 years!

General Information

Silent Auction. Each Partners organization has been asked to contribute a Silent Auction item with a minimum value \$40. Please bring in your silent auction item when you register. NO perishable items, please.

Hospital displays. A designated space is reserved for each hospital display highlighting your organization's activities. Set up is Tuesday from 9 am to 5 pm. Takedown is Wednesday after 5 pm. DO NOT leave anything of value with your display as we are unable to provide a secure area. Please DO NOT bring "give aways" – we are often more interested in what's on the table than spending time looking at your display.

Door Prize Raffle. The Raffle Committee has gathered a list of wonderful prizes! Each organization should return their ticket money (or unsold tickets) at the time of registration. Additional raffle tickets will be available to purchase during convention. Please do not send sold or unsold tickets via U.S. Mail. You need not be present to win.

50/50 Raffle. The 50/50 Raffle Committee will sell tickets during dinner on both Tuesday and Wednesday and during lunch. You MUST be present to win.

Wine Raffle. The wine raffle is back with over 40 wine bottles to raffle off. Tickets will be sold during Tuesday dinner social hour, Wednesday during lunch and dinner social hour. Drawing will take place at the conclusion of Wednesday's dinner.

Purse BINGO. NEW THIS YEAR! Purse BINGO will take place Tuesday immediately after dinner. There will be 5 games played with a chance to win a purse with each game. Purses not chosen will be put into a separate raffle which will be raffled at conclusion of BINGO.

Wednesday Evening Dinner To show support for our theme.... Be a "Dream" in your semi-formal attire and help us celebrate 70 years!!

Workshops for us Dreamers

Please indicate your preferred workshop by using the corresponding number.

Tuesday, October 3, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

1. How You and Your Hospital Can Play a Role in the Financial Health of a New Baby ~

As you become a new parent or grandparent saving for higher education with Edvest 529, a Wisconsin's College Savings Plan, you can help your loved ones reach their future goals more successfully. Learn how hospitals can play a critical role in helping parents plan for not only the physical health of a new baby, but their financial health too.

Presenter: Jessica Wetzel, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions

2. Livable Communities for All Ages ~

By 2034 the nation will have more people age 65 or older than under 18. By 2060, nearly 1 in 4 people in the United States will be at least 65 years old. This demographic shift presents an opportunity for well designed, age-friendly communities to foster economic growth and make for happier, healthier residents of all ages. The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities serves as a catalyst to educate local leaders (both elected officials and engaged residents) and encourage them to implement the types of changes that will foster growth for their community. Learn what policies and programs you can support to make your community a safer and more livable place for those of all ages.

Presenter: Amber Miller, AARP Assoc. State Director of Community Outreach

3. How Does Your Garden Grow....to Help Your Community ~

Learn how to start, maintain, and utilize the products of a community garden. The Green Beanie, Roger Elliott, who started the award-winning (2016 WAVE and 2017 HAVE Awards) Community Garden at HSHS St. Joseph's in Chippewa Falls will share how he came up with the idea and illustrate how you can start your own community garden using all volunteer help by collaborating with area food pantries and community members.

Presenter: Roger Elliott, Chair, Volunteer Partners of St. Joseph's Hospital Community Garden

4. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY ~

Join Advocates from Family Support Center's (FSC) Domestic Violence Program to learn more about what services are provided at FSC and other anti-violence agencies, what advocacy is, what are some common dynamics of violence, and how we can help survivors process their trauma.

Presenters: Jeni, Domestic Violence Program Director and Krista, Domestic Violence Youth Advocate-Family Support Center, Chippewa Falls

Wednesday, October 4, 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

5. HEAT-Hospitals Education and Advocacy Team ~

What is HEAT? Why should you get involved? The HEAT program provides you with the information, strategy, and assistance you need to share your insight on how legislative issues impact hospitals and the communities they serve.

Presenters: Kari Hofer, WHA Vice President, External Affairs and Jon Hoelter, WHA Vice President of State and Federal Relations

6. ADRC ~

If you have questions about aging or living with a disability, your local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) can help. The ADRC provides information on a variety of programs and services. That includes long-term care options. The ADRC also helps people apply for programs and benefits, including publicly funded long-term care.

Presenter: Maureen Miller. Assistant Director ADRC Portage County, Wisconsin

7. What Do We Do Now? ~

Thanks to Covid the number of hospital volunteers have fallen drastically. Nobody wants to be in charge. Sound familiar? Volunteer organizations are trying to decide what kind of leadership style will work for them. A Board of Directors, an advisory council, a hybrid form. Hear from 2 DVS's who have gone through this and what they found works for them and maybe for you.

Presenters: Ann Bergmann, DVS Cumberland Healthcare and Tammy Koger, DVS Marshfield Medical Center Ladysmith

8. MENTAL FITNESS ~

Let us help you tune into your wise mind. Let's talk about mental fitness for a few minutes. How well is your mental fitness? Do you know your Saboteurs? Can you recognize when one of them is helping you make negative choices? How much do you lean on your Sage voice? Can your sage voice help you overcome your Saboteurs? Let us give you a few pointers on recognizing your Saboteurs and helping your Sage voice pull out the positive in you helping to recognize and block your saboteurs. In the process, you will learn some tricks to slow your mind down and focus on the positive.

If you plan on coming to this workshop - take the online assessment and bring results to the session. [Saboteurs | Positive Intelligence www.positiveintelligence.com/saboteurs/](http://www.positiveintelligence.com/saboteurs/)

Presented by Treva Wetherell & Terri Donlin

