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2017 Dr. Ashe Scholarship Recipients

The Volunteers of Howard Young Medical Center awarded Dr. Henry Ashe Continuing Education Scholarships to ten students. Each student received \$2,000. Two \$1,500 scholarships were presented to graduating seniors from Lakeland Union High School (LUHS) and two \$1,000 non-traditional scholarships to Nicolet College. All are planning to pursue a healthcare major.

College recipients include: Katelyn Dallmann, UW-Milwaukee, Biochemistry/Physician; Julia Kelk, UW-Whitewater, Communication Sciences and Disorders; John Aguirre, Northland College, Chemistry/Pharmaceuticals; Michael Laurence, Notre Dame, Science Business-Hospital Administration; Rebecca Butkus, UW-Madison, Exercise Physiology/Physician; Ashely Bruette, UW Oshkosh, Nursing; Carly Hanlon, Nicolet Area Technical College/UW Superior, Nursing; Vansh Jain, UW Madison, Biology/International Studies/Physician; Tarynn Kuchler, Bellin College and UW Green Bay, Nursing and Hailey Teichmiller, Gustavus Adolphus, Biochemistry, PA/Physician.



L-R John Aquirre, Julia Kelk, Michael Laurence, Ashley Bruette, Rebecca Butkus, Tarynn Kuchler, Carly Hanlon

For the first time ten scholarships were awarded due to the impressive applicants we continue to receive. Scholarships were awarded based on the number of qualified applications selected and funds available for the program. Funds are provided thanks to the Volunteers of Howard Young Medical Center fundraisers, including the Great Trivia Quest, LifeDirect home alert program and sales from the Volunteer Gift Shop located inside Howard Young Medical Center. We have provided \$102,000 over the last six years to college students, LUHS students and non-traditional scholarships to Nicolet College.

Past scholarship applicants were required to be graduates of Lakeland Union High School but recently the program was expanded to include home schooled students. Eligibility requires that students currently be enrolled in programs leading to an associate or bachelor's degree in healthcare-related majors. Students must have completed one semester of college.

Dr. Henry Ashe was instrumental in establishing the area's first medical clinic. His passion for healthcare helped secure medical services for the area. A framed portrait of Dr. Ashe is proudly displayed in the Monticello entrance of Howard Young Medical Center.

Congratulations

Volunteer Luncheon

By Sandy Hilgemann and Dave Christensen

The VHYMC held the first of three annual luncheons at the Boathouse on February 13th. The volunteer board meeting was held at 9:30-10:30 and at 11:00 began a meet and greet cocktail hour followed by a noon lunch. President Sandy Anderson reported on the latest happenings between HYMC and Marshfield Clinic.

Laurie Oungst officiated the installation ceremony for new



members of the leadership team, Betty McCormick and Dave Christensen (2nd term).

Following a fabulous Italian buffet lunch, drawings for door prizes and a 50/50 raffle took place with prize donations generously given by local businesses. Mrs. Patty Bonack, a local area author, gave a very interesting speech on organ donations and the importance of it.

Mark your calendar for the next luncheon on June 12th and another in the Fall.

"Thank You and God Bless Jerry!"

A few friends gathered to say a big thank you and a sad goodbye to Eucharistic Ministry Volunteer Jerry Hagman of Holy Family Parish in Woodruff. Jerry has distributed Holy Communion for four and a half years beginning at the young age of 83 and finally retiring at a mere 87 years young. He is moving to Marshfield where he worked for over fifty years as a dentist in the local community.

Pictured with Jerry are Susan Leet, Chaplain at Howard Young, Kathy Viergutz, Volunteer Coordinator, and Sandy Gilarski, who will be taking over the Thursday communion at Howard Young Hospital.

Thank you to all those Eucharistic Ministers who faithfully come each week to bring the presence of Christ to our patients.



Artist Talk and Tour of Exhibition

An *Artist Talk and Tour of Exhibition* was held Friday, February 9th at Howard Young Medical Center. Jillayne Waite, Nancy TeWinkel and Christine Alfery displayed and discussed their artwork as well as provided original pieces for raffle. A percentage of the sale and all proceeds from the raffle were donated to the Waite-Kane Educational foundation for Lyme Disease.

Photo contributed by Dean Hall, Lakeland Times
Photographer/Journalist

Community Health and Education

Submitted by Joan Hauer

There has been a lot of news in the local area related to substance abuse and related activities, both tragic and hopeful. Programs developed, forums held, and area-wide efforts at communication and action.

Ascension/Ministry is making efforts to provide a network of services to persons and families with substance abuse issues in a timely and supportive manner. Critical opportunities are lost when individuals are crisis treated, open to further treatment at that time, and then delayed for lack of openings or beds. In discussion of the issues with Sandy Anderson, CEO-Ascension/Ministry, they are able to provide an array of services to meet presenting needs. Whether the point of entry is the ER, the courts, self or provider-referral, the components; inpatient for detox and initial treatment, intensive group follow-up for individuals and their families is made available. They work with other consortiums in the area to ensure a network of awareness and support.

A suboxone program is in place providing an alternative to heroin that is monitored and tapered over time. It is accompanied by intensive outpatient therapy for patient and family. There are other medications of this type in process of being considered. They require training and certification for the provider and are carefully monitored at the federal level.

A network of pain clinics in the Ministry system work together to educate providers on alternatives and preferred pain treatments to improve comfort and function and minimize addiction; increased use of physical therapy, meditation and comfort measures, non-addictive medication.

In area news, a TriCounty Committee was established to focus on controlled substance issues. Consisting of Iron, Vilas and Oneida, the committee is made up presently of tribal members, county board and law enforcement. Invitational meetings were held by State Attorney General Brad Schimel described as law enforcement roundtables. They did include persons from health care agencies and social services. The predominant use of methamphetamines in the local area was discussed. This has resulted in significant demands on social services to provide for the minors in the home, often for extended periods of time. This is occurring in an era of decreased funding and desire by counties to hold their budgets. It has challenged the foster care system, the social service system that monitors and supports them.

Substance abuse has no boundaries.

PPE Report Submitted by Ruth Johnson, PPE Chair

Here is the report for this newsletter. I have changed my format. In the past I have printed the articles for you to read, but they were too long. So I will try this. If you do not like this format, let me know. I want you to know what is going on at the state level.

If you are interested in knowing what is going on at the state level you can easily find it. Get on the inter-net and enter Wisconsin Hospital Association; Education and Events. Look at this page for Valued Voice. They will be listed by date. You will find what you are looking for.

For this newsletter: Value Voice 1/19/18, State Law Makers Circulate the Care Co-ordination Medicaid Pilot Legislation Page 1; 1/26/18 Congress Passes Stop-Gap Government Funding Measure – CHIP Funded, other Key programs not. Page 2: Feb 2, 2018 Youth Apprenticeships Program Help Employers identify Potential Employees Page 3; Feb 9, 2018 Hospitals Notch Several Wins Under the New Federal Funding Law Page 1

What is the Wisconsin Hospital Association? Visit their website at www.wha.org and explore.

Mission Statement:

The Wisconsin Hospital Association's mission is advocating for the ability of its members to lead in the provision of high quality, affordable, and accessible health care services, resulting in healthier Wisconsin communities.

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire ... if you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something ... for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times ... during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations ... they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge... which will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes ... they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary ... because it means you've given your all.



It's easy to be thankful for the 'good' things ... yet, a life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive ... find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.



Sunshine Needed?

Please contact Bev Coller if you know one of our members who might need a little "Sunshine".

Bev can be reached at 715-356-0029 or email her at junebc@frontier.com.



SAVE THE DATE

- March 21** WHA Advocacy Day, Madison
- April 26** WHA Partners North Central Spring District Meeting, Rhinelander
- June 13** Volunteer recognition luncheon, Whitetail Inn, St. Germain
- September 11** Luncheon – Location TBD
- October 2-4** WHA Partners State Convention, Stevens Point
- October 20** Great Trivia Quest Fundraiser, Thirsty Whale, Minocqua

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VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Areas in need of Volunteer Services

If interested, please contact
Kathy Viergutz at 715-356-8677.

(New) Medical Staff Services – Scan and attach information to credentialing data base, license renewals, and complete criminal background checks. Computer skills required. Days and times are flexible.

Radiology Reception Desk – Thursday afternoon available, hours are 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Runner – Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Gift Shop Cashier – Shifts are 10:00 am – 2:00 PM

Greeters – Monticello Friday 12 – 4; Entrance D Wednesday and Thursday 12 – 4.

LifeDirect – Office Assistant - Schedule fluctuates due to number of calls. Messages can be checked from home to prevent coming into the office if there are no calls or issues to handle.

Leadership Team & Board of Directors – Please give some thought to taking on a more active role in the leadership and operations side of the volunteer organization. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the organization, meet other members from your organization and other volunteer organizations as well. It is a way for you to be assured that the organization will continue to function and serve the hospital and community. Please contact Kathy if you would like to know more or have an interest.