

SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital Auxiliary Newsletter

June 2022



RIPON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

Monday, June 20, 12 pm

Green Lake American Legion Hall
518 Water Street, Green Lake

DeAnn Thurmer, president of Ripon Community Hospital and Waupun Memorial Hospital, will inform us about hospital updates.

Come meet our scholarship winners and learn about their post-secondary education plans in the health care field.

Enjoy chicken alfredo, salad, and garlic bread catered by Christianos. The cost is \$10 and can be paid at the door. Coffee, water, and dessert will be provided.

RSVP to Diane Shady, Programs Chairperson, no later than Wednesday, June 15 by calling 920-539-2150 or by email at kanddshady@gmail.com.

Please indicate if you have any special dietary needs when making your reservation.

Reservations made and not honored will be charged the cost of the lunch.

If you have any suggestions about future programs you would like to see at our luncheon meetings, please contact me.

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**2022-2023 Membership
dues of \$10 can be paid
at the June 20
luncheon/meeting.**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

So glad to have some warmer weather and brighter days. The Auxiliary Board has been busy as you will see below.

On March 23, Advocacy Day was held virtually with Julie Stellmacher and Jason Blonigen attending. It is always very interesting to hear how other hospitals have been handling COVID-19 and what we may have to look forward to in the future. Many things were learned from the pandemic occurring and what we need to do if it should happen again. It is very important that we advocate to our legislature and let them know what is happening in our hospitals. A discussion on workforce was a big topic. Home care and virtual provider visits are becoming very popular. It was a very informative session.

THE Spring Flower Sale held on May 2 was a huge success! It was held right at the hospital, like our Fall Mum Sale. We made \$1,580 at the sale, which was very good! Thank you to Georgia Stellmacher and Radene Abel and their helpers for putting up with some very cold Spring weather. We hope to continue with our Spring Flower Sale in this way.

There was a gift shop workshop held on May 3 at the Madison Marriott West with Jeanne Payton and Barb Behlen attending. It is always good to get new ideas and items that may sell in our shop. They felt it was a very beneficial workshop.

The Lakes District Spring meeting was held virtually with nine of our Board members attending at the hospital prior to our May 11 monthly Board meeting. The Community Health Education Chairperson - Sue Schulke, spoke on infectious disease and Public Policy Education Chair, Bill McCulloch spoke on the importance of Advocacy. District elections were held. WAVE and Best of the Best Award applications were encouraged.

Our June Auxiliary Luncheon Meeting will be held on Monday, June 20 at the American Legion at noon in Green Lake. This will be our annual scholarship presentation event and Installation of Officers. More information is available in the newsletter. There is a Brat Fry fundraiser at Webster's Marketplace scheduled for Friday, June 10 from 9 am to 2 pm. The second Brat Fry is scheduled for Friday, August 19. Please contact Pat Albright if you are available to help.

The Wisconsin Hospital Association Convention is scheduled from October 11-13 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The theme is Volunteers: Helping Hands, Touching Hearts. Mark your calendars if you are interested in attending.

The Auxiliary Board voted to donate \$500 to the SSM Health Samaritan Clinic at St. Agnes Hospital. Personal hygiene/health care items were purchased and donated to be given out to those people in need of these items for their personal care. The Clinic was very appreciative of the items we donated.

We still have two vacant Board positions. These are the Public Policy Education and the Community Health Education positions. Descriptions for these positions were listed in the last newsletter. It was highly encouraged at the District meeting to have people in these positions. These spots have been open for almost a year. There are many resources available to help anyone taking on this roll. Please speak with any Board member if you might have an interest in these topics.

Hoping this newsletter finds you all doing well. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our June Luncheon. Please speak with any Board member, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our Auxiliary or volunteering at the hospital.

Julie Stellmacher, President



VOLUNTEER NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings Auxiliary members. Hopefully each of you is doing well and enjoying the warmer weather. Volunteer Services has a few updates we'd like to share. COVID-19 community transmission numbers have remained in the High category for the last few weeks. Community transmission determines what activities we can hold and participate in at the hospital. High transmission still permits us to attend in-person board meetings but encourages large meetings be held in a virtual format. Functions with food and volunteer roles that visit patient rooms are also still on hold at this time. Community transmission levels would have to approach the low category to bring these activities back.

In other news, the screening company, Sodexo, will no longer provide services after Monday, June 6. Masking and social distancing are still required, and departments will screen their patients as necessary. This change has now given us the opportunity for two volunteers to serve together at both the gift shop and information desk.

We are also working to bring some summer student volunteers onboard. Please help us in welcoming this year's students if you happen to notice any new faces around the hospital.

As always thank you all for everything you do for Ripon Community Hospital and the Ripon/Green Lake area communities. Please reach out to any one of us in volunteer services if you have any questions or concerns as we are always happy to help. Wishing you all a wonderful upcoming summer!

Jason Blonigen, Volunteer Coordinator

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PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION

Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) Advocacy Day

The Virtual WHA Advocacy Day took place on March 23, 2022. This year's meeting was held virtually and had 925 attendees along with 353 legislator visits. WHA President and CEO Eric Borgerding kicked off this year's event with an optimistic and reflective message. Eric's message highlighted some of the achievements that have been accomplished over the last two years despite the additional pandemic challenges. Other speakers including former U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb whom with Eric Borgerding stressed the importance of federal government investing in public health capacity to prepare for the next health emergency.

Governor Evers also spoke and announced the signing of two important pieces of bipartisan legislation for Wisconsin hospitals and the patients they serve. Assembly Bill 960 protects Wisconsin health care workers and their families from threats and acts of violence, while Assembly Bill 679 permanently enables hospitals to deliver in-patient level care in a patient's home.

Next year's WHA Advocacy Day will be held on April 19. Please visit

<https://www.wha.org/EducationandEvents/WHAEducationalEvents/AdvocacyDay> if you would like an in-depth review of this year's information.

Submitted by Jason Blonigen, Volunteer Coordinator

Vacant, Chairperson, Public Policy Education

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report, April 30, 2022

Net fundraising for the period of January 1 to April 30, 2022, was \$1,223. A total of \$1,140 was collected for Candy Bar Sales and \$83 was received for the last Nutman Sale. The Flower Basket Sale used to be held during this period, but this year it took place in May.

Gift Shop sales for January through April were \$6,824 and year to date were \$23,089. This cannot be compared to last year since the gift shop was closed for most of last year. However, in 2019 gift shop sales for January through April were \$10,170 and year to date were \$30,329. Traffic in the hospital is down significantly from pre-COVID days and staffing remains an issue, thus gift shop sales are down accordingly.

During this period, we donated \$231 in supplies to the Samaritan Clinic. For the second time, we provided a "goodie bag" of treats to hospital and clinic staff for Valentine's Day.

We had \$41,977 in cash at the end of April. So, we have the funds for the three \$1,000 scholarships that we will award in June, as well as funds to meet the needs of RCH. The Board is currently working with hospital administration to identify those needs.

RCH Auxiliary, Inc. Treasurer's Report Four Months and Ten Months Ended April 30, 2022

	Jan - Apr Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Fundraising	\$ 1,223	\$ 21,732	\$ 25,080
Donations	\$ 3	\$ 370	\$ -
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ 500
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 6,824	\$ 23,089	\$ 31,175
Total Income	\$ 8,050	\$ 45,621	\$ 56,755
EXPENSES			
Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,082	\$ 9,605
Luncheons	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ (18)
State Conventions/District Meetings	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 1,250
Organization Expenses	\$ 69	\$ 191	\$ 247
Gift Shop Expenses	\$ 5,804	\$ 12,575	\$ 21,525
Total Expenses	\$ 5,873	\$ 16,977	\$ 32,609
Net Income Before Distributions	\$ 2,177	\$ 28,644	\$ 24,146
DISTRIBUTIONS			
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Donations for RCH/Samaritan Clinic	\$ 231	\$ 6,846	\$ 15,200
Staff Appreciation Treats	\$ 352	\$ -	\$ -
Total Distributions	\$ 583	\$ 6,846	\$ 18,200
NET INCOME AFTER DISTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,593	\$ 21,798	\$ 5,946
CASH BALANCES		\$ 41,977	

Bobbie Pollesch, Treasurer

Spread love
everywhere
you go:
Let no one
ever come
to you
without
leaving
happier.
~
St Teresa of
Calcutta



WHAT'S NEW AT SSM HEALTH RIPON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

By DeAnn Thurmer, President, SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital and SSM Health Waupun Memorial Hospital

We have a lot going on at SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital these days - all exciting developments to help us continue our efforts to grow and offer as many services as possible at a local level. I'm proud to share with you but a few of these key advancements.

COVID-19 Update

Mask mandates continue at all SSM Health facilities as Green Lake County and surrounding counties remain in high transmission.

Mission Action Team Barlow Park Cleanup

SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital Mission Action Team members, employees, and family members enjoyed the beautiful weather on May 14 being good stewards of our natural resources during a spring cleanup at Barlow Park in Ripon.

The cleanup lasted around 90 minutes, and participants were able to pick up litter and sticks, and rake pine needles and leaves off the basketball courts.

A special thank you to those who helped, including Linda Galica, Julie Greff, DeAnn Thurmer, and Katie Helsell-Thiem along with her family Wyatt, Aiken, and Cordelia, as well as Willow Nitzke.

Moraine Park Foundation Grant

The SSM Health Greater Fond du Lac Region recently gave a \$6,000 certified nursing assistant (CNA) scholarship gift to the Moraine Park Foundation. The scholarship was given on behalf of SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital, SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital and SSM Health Waupun Memorial Hospital. The donation will allow the Foundation to provide scholarships for students seeking to become CNAs. The scholarship is one way that the SSM Health Greater Fond du Lac Region can meet a growing demand for CNAs.

First Responder Support

The Brandon-Fairwater First Responders recently launched its new emergency medical responders (EMRs) program back.

The EMR program received support from SSM Health Greater Fond du Lac, which provided a \$4,000 donation to provide first responders with jump packs and automated external defibrillators (AEDs). SSM Health proudly supports local emergency responders, including the Brandon-Fairwater Fire Department. Dr. Syed Mohiuddin, the hospital's emergency medicine medical director, provides medical oversight to this dedicated team helping with EMS policies and guidelines, as well as training.

SSM Health is fortunate that its smaller communities have individuals who step up to offer lifesaving services.

In addition, SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital continues its support of the Ripon Guardian Ambulance Service with medical control through Michael Combs, MD, emergency medicine physician, and revising policies and protocols for care.

System Leader Visit

SSM Health system and region leaders recently visited Ripon Community Hospital to conduct step back reviews. Step back reviews are a scheduled time that is dedicated for leaders to meet with their teams to understand how they are performing to their goals, what their plans are to close gaps, and address any issues that may have been escalated which need barriers removed for the team to be successful. The reviews provided Ripon Community Hospital leaders and team members the opportunity to share new and exciting projects and developments with leaders from all aspects, including operations, medical office, nursing, strategy, continuous improvement, and finance. Sue Anderson, the new SSM Health Wisconsin Region president, attended as well.

GIFT SHOP

It looks like summer in the gift shop, (now if the weather would cooperate) we have our summer items out on display for all to see. In early May, Barb Behlen and I went to a gift shop symposium in Madison for the day, and we found it to be very interesting and informative. We heard of many new ideas and will be implementing some of those ideas in the future, so make sure you stop in to check it out.

I just want to thank the gift shop team for all their help, I have heard so many compliments of how nice the gift shop looks and the number of items we have on hand. It takes a team to keep it all running smoothly, so thank you!

Jeanne Payton, Chairperson, Gift Shop



Barb Behlen & Jeanne Payton



Gift Shop (RIPON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL/Gift Shop)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MEMBERSHIP

We'd like to welcome our new member, Nancy Fenner. We are all looking forward to getting to know you. Current membership for the Auxiliary is 42.

Sadly, we lost three members recently. These include Karen Bork, Gail Tremore, and Roselyn Wetzel. Our sympathy to their families. Lights will be added to our Lights of Love tree in December.

Just a reminder that dues (still \$10) are due in June. We will be accepting payment at the June 20 luncheon, or you can mail your dues or leave them at the gift shop.

Jackie Halverson, Chairperson, Membership

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION

Vacant, Chairperson, Community Health Education

Safety Tips for handling and preparing common foods

HELP Prevent Food Poisoning!

Type of FOOD	AVOID	Better CHOICE
MEAT & POULTRY	Raw or undercooked meat or poultry	Meat or poultry cooked to a safe internal temperature. Use a food thermometer to check https://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts/mintemp.html
SEAFOOD	Raw or undercooked fish, shellfish, or food containing raw or undercooked seafood, such as sashimi, some sushi, and ceviche.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seafood cooked to 145°F Canned fish and seafood Refrigerated smoked seafood in a cooked dish, such as a casserole
DAIRY	Unpasteurized (raw) milk	Pasteurized milk
EGGS	Foods that contain raw or undercooked eggs, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homemade Caesar salad dressing Raw cookie dough Eggnog 	Use pasteurized eggs and egg products when preparing recipes that call for raw or undercooked eggs.
SPROUTS	Raw or undercooked sprouts, such as alfalfa, bean, or any other sprout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooked sprouts No sprouts
VEGETABLES	Unwashed fresh vegetables, including lettuce and salads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washed fresh vegetables, including salads Cooked vegetables
CHEESE	Soft cheeses made from unpasteurized (raw) milk, such as queso fresco, blue-veined, feta, Brie, Camembert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft cheeses that are clearly labeled "made from pasteurized milk" Processed cheeses, cream cheese, mozzarella, hard cheeses

Accessible version: <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/communication/foods-safety-tips.html>

www.cdc.gov/foodsafety

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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Flower Basket Sale

Hanging basket sale, the week prior to Mother's Day was a success! We sold all 200 baskets by 3 pm on Monday, the first day. The Auxiliary profit is \$1,580. Thank you to all who helped and all who bought baskets. Special thanks to the committee members. Looking to order and sell more baskets next year.



Connie Washkovick, Bonnie Klingbiel & Radene Abel



Bobbie Pollesch

Upcoming Events

Brat Fry Fundraisers

The Brat Fry fundraisers are scheduled for Fridays, June 10 and August 19 at Webster's Marketplace. We will be looking for volunteers to work 2.5 hours shifts from 9 am - 2 pm both days. Contact Pat Albright, chairperson, at 920-748-3072 or 920-517-2067 if you can help. Pat Albright and husband Wayne are ready to cook the brats. So how about brats for lunch!!!



Wayne Albright

Candy Bar Sales

We are continuing to sell Vande Walle's Candy Bars. Looking for volunteers to take a tote/box of 40 candy bars. Candy bars sell for \$1.50. Our cost has gone up, so we have had to increase the price from \$1 to \$1.50. The task requires picking up and paying for the box of candy bars, cost is \$60, and finding, and placing the candy bars in a business location, and monitoring the sales. Currently candy bars are placed at Homen Ford and Chevrolet, Pollesch Construction, Adams Rib, and Thrasher Opera House. There are many opportunities to place a tote!



Anyone interested in helping to sell candy bars can call Georgia at 920-346-5607. All help is appreciated!

Fall Mum Sale

The Fall mum sale will be held at Ripon Community Hospital on Monday and Tuesday, September 12 & 13 from 9 am - 5 pm. Radene Abel is working on the details and looking for volunteers to help. Contact here at 920-229-9827 to help.

Cash Register Roundups

Ace Hardware in Ripon will be doing a roundup for the Auxiliary again this summer. So, shop local and support Ace Hardware and the Auxiliary!

The Piggly Wiggly in Markesan will do a roundup for the Auxiliary, August 10 through 19.

Georgia Stellmacher, Chairperson, Fundraising

Scholarship Awards

We awarded three \$1,000 scholarships again this year. Thank you to the scholarship committee for all your work on this endeavor. The following students were awarded the Auxiliary scholarships:

- Bailey Long - Ripon High School
- Addison Pook - Green Lake High School
- Courtney Mueller - Princeton High School (picture not available)



Jackie Halverson presenting to Bailey Long
Ripon



Addison Pook
Green Lake

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