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I get excited every time I think about our Fall Fundraiser that's being planned for October 16 at The Lageret. I love the stories that are coming out about experiences Partners are having as they prepare for the event.

I have had a small plant stand sitting in our sunroom for a few years. It was in a corner behind several plants which made it difficult to get to when dusting...ahem. The sun had ruined the finish. I decided to make it my project for the Fall Fundraiser. I dug it out and "dusted" it off before painting it black. I added brushed nickel hardware and it looks great! I cannot part with it. Now I am looking for a project to donate to our fundraiser.

Partner Brenda Klitzke recently told me about taking a walk pushing a granddaughter in the stroller when she came upon a small cabinet on the curb waiting for pick up. She left it there but on her way back, she couldn't pass it up again. The cabinet was small but heavier than it looked...too heavy to carry. *Easy solution* – the granddaughter walked home so the stroller could be used to transport the cabinet!!

Partner Becky Greiber went "dumpster diving" and found a beautiful table that had been thrown out. The problem was, the table had a leg missing. *Easy solution* – In no time Partner Roger Odalen, master woodworker had a fourth leg made that looked like it had always been there. Becky now has the perfect project for our fundraiser!

Partner Claudia Quam was in her in-laws' garage while her husband was tearing out cabinets. As the cabinets were being taken to the curb, Claudia made a mad dash to save the drawers before they became trash. Now they're treasures!

Partner Sandra Maerz located a prize piece of junk on the curb in Stoughton but didn't have the courage to claim someone's trash by herself. For the next two days she tried to convince several Partners to go with her to pick it up. Sandra generously offered to drive the "getaway car."

An old table was found in the attic of a downtown Main Street building which was once the home of Forton & Son. Barb Zander has donated it to Partners for our fundraiser. The table has been restored and is now waiting to be painted. I've heard stories of items that are being rosemaled and pieces of art that are a product of Studio 184 paint classes.

What's the story on your fundraiser project? What are you planning to **Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle?** Rumor has it that Dr. Patel has an item to donate. That's a story I have not heard and no one seems to know any details. I can't wait to find out!



Mark your calendars. The Partners Fall Card Party will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on Thursday, September 19, and you won't want to miss it. For an admission price of just \$10.00, you'll be treated to an afternoon of Bridge or Euchre, lunch and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a great new prize. Doors open at 11:30. Lunch will be served at noon. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you'd like to make a reservation, please call Barb Harried at 873-6818. Individual players (men and women) are welcome even if you don't have a foursome.

Please join us!



OMG...is someone really throwing that out?!
I can paint that and make it beautiful again.



.....and donate it to Partners of Stoughton Hospital's Fall Fundraiser
Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle!!



OPEN
9:00 - 3:00
Mon. thru Fri.

The "Dog Days of Summer" hit with a vengeance in July, but we've made it, and we're ready for the excitement of August! Several Gift Shop visitors were stumped by last month's *In Plain Sight* challenge, but Partner Brenda Klitzke's sharp eyes found the pattern on the sleeve of a troll figure. The challenge continues, and shoppers will have to hunt through new Gift Shop items to find the next *In Plain Sight* item.

In addition, when you purchase a Gift Shop item in August and mention the word "Lucy" at the time of your purchase, you will receive an additional 15% off the item of your choice, excluding greeting cards and candy. You will also receive a Fall Shopping Pass, entitling you to a 20% discount on a regularly priced item that will be honored in September and October.

A few Summer items remain, and Fall items will begin to appear in late August and early September. Stop in soon and often to take advantage of these great bargains.



In Plain Sight Continues.

Here's this month's Clue:

*Find the product with this design
and you will be eligible to win
the Gift Shop Prize!!*





Profile of a Partner - Vicki Sperle

Written by Diane Matson



"I need something new and exciting", says our newest Partner **Vicki Sperle**. Thanks to Partner Brenda Klitzke, who convinced her to join Partners, that need is being met!

Having lived in Stoughton since 1959 and graduating from Stoughton High School, Vicki may be a new Partners volunteer, but she is definitely not new to the community or to volunteering. A long-time volunteer with 4-H and the Stoughton Fair, Vicki is also involved with the Stoughton FFA Alumni, and the Christ Lutheran Garden Committee.

Married for 21 years, Vicki and Milt have a blended family of 8 children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two of Vicki's daughters and all 4 step-children live in Stoughton or nearby. Daughters Michelle and Jackie have kept the Sperles on boats, trains, and airplanes too. Michelle spent 4 years in the Army stationed in Germany, and served 18 months in Iraq. She currently has a dental practice in Kansas City, Kansas. After having taught English in the Czech Republic for one year, daughter Jackie now lives in San Diego. Visiting Europe had never been on Vicki's radar, but thanks to the girls, she's been there twice! Local grandchildren keep Vicki grounded by attending as many sports, 4-H, dance and gymnastics activities as she can.

Additionally, Vicki works as an in-home daycare provider three days a week for three lively little ones, ages 7, 5 and "almost" 3. Somehow, there is still time for hobbies, and Vicki's include gardening, camping, visiting county fairs and wineries, old time dances (they love to polka, two-step and waltz) and reading. When it's time for a vacation, the Sperles enjoy camping in State parks with northern Wisconsin being a favorite location. A trip to Alaska three years ago and multiple visits to San Diego also top the list.

Partners welcomes Vicki and her energy and stamina! It may be difficult to come up with something newer and more exciting than what she's already experienced, but the Partners organization is definitely up to the challenge!!



*Partners Annual
Mum Sale*

...From Claudia Quam, Fundraising Chair

As I read my Sunday paper, I could not believe that there was already an advertisement for school supplies! It's hard to believe, but September and the beginning of school are just around the corner.

This year the Partners Annual Mum Sale will also take place in early September. We are offering beautiful Fall mums in a choice of colors for only \$9.00. Order forms are available in the Hospital Lobby or Gift Shop. **All orders with payment are due by Thursday, September 5.** Checks may be made out to

Partners of Stoughton Hospital. Sorry, we are unable to take credit card payments. **Please pick up your mums on Thursday, September 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Stoughton Hospital Wellness Garden,** rain or shine.

Thank you for supporting the Partners of Stoughton Hospital.

Upcoming Events

For a total listing see <http://stoughtonhospital.com/events/> or the publication, *For The Life Of You*.

Aug. 12 or 13 - Drug Identification for Educational Professionals, 8 to 4, See Sharon Beall for more info.

Aug. 13 & 20 - Mental Health First Aid For Adults, \$20, EMS training room, See Sharon Beall for more info.

Aug. 19 - **Mississippi River Valley Blood Center Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00 in the Bryant Center**

Sept. 5 - Mum Orders Due. See newsletter for details. Pick up mums Sept. 12

Sept. 18 - Cookie Bake in the Hospital Lobby

Sept. 19 - Community Card Party, Christ Lutheran Church, 12:00 PM

October 16 - **FALL FUNDRAISER: *Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle* to be held at The Lageret**

October 24 - Flu Clinic and Annual Meeting, times TBD



Partners of Stoughton Hospital met at Nordic Ridge Park in July. We celebrated new memberships and brainstormed ideas for the ***Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle*** Fundraiser.

Front: Bev Mansfield, Sue Weum, Ellie Tone

Standing: Becky Greiber, Judeen Reese, Doris Burdick, Marlene Bierman, Judy Simmonds, Yvonne Call, Mary Sime, Sharon Manson, Jackie Kittelson, Melanie Miller, Ann D. Nelson, Linda Trunzo, Sandra Maerz



As the warm summer nights become the norm in our area, your yard has become a vision of flashing communication. It's the magical world of fireflies. The name "firefly" is a little misleading as fireflies are actually nocturnal winged beetles. But "firebeetles" doesn't have the same ring to it. There are more than 2,000 species of fireflies, also known as lightning bugs.

Fireflies emit light mostly to attract mates, although they also communicate for other reasons, such as to defend territory and warn predators away. In some firefly species, only one sex lights up. In most, however, both sexes glow. Often the male will fly, while females will wait in trees and grasses to spot an attractive male. If she finds one, she'll signal it with a flash of her own. And now that you've had your sex lesson for the day, it's a known fact that fireflies are disappearing.

There are several reasons why firefly populations are declining, including climate change and the harvesting of the substance that makes them glow and habitat destruction. When firefly habitats are destroyed for roads or other construction, they don't migrate to a new spot, they simply disappear.

Enjoy the light show in your yard. (source: firefly.org)