

2017



Holiday Bake/Craft Sale - December 5, See Page 3 for complete information.



President's Message - Melanie Miller



I was born and raised in Wisconsin, and I've always appreciated the beautiful countryside, the farm lands, and the many things that make Wisconsin so special. I've always just thought of Minnesota as the place where the Minnesota Vikings originated. Being a loyal Packers fan, I've never really taken the time or the opportunity to visit that state next door to the west. But, I guess we're never too old to learn. I've just returned from a trip to the

North Shore, which included driving through Minnesota, around Lake Superior to Thunder Bay, Ontario, and back. It was magnificently beautiful. The bright blue water, the Autumn foliage, and the numerous State Parks made for a fantastic trip. The Sawtooth Mountains offered outstanding scenic vistas, and the drive along Highway 61 was wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable.

The moral of the story is this: You don't always have to travel long distances to find something new, interesting, or worth studying. Open your eyes and your mind, and gain a new perspective on the world closest to you. Take it all in. Find something new, and strive to appreciate and improve your understanding of our world.

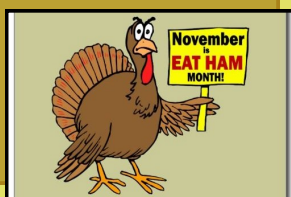
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Love Light Ceremony November 30, 4:30 PM - Bryant Center

- ◆ Music, refreshments, traditional reading of names, and lighting of the trees
- ◆ Donations for inclusion in the program must be received by Nov. 24
- ◆ Donation envelopes available in the Gift Shop
- ◆ Those wishing to write a check please make payable to *Partners of Stoughton Hospital*.
- ◆ Funds raised enhance patient services
- ◆ All community members welcome to attend

Help us light our Love Light trees with your participation.

Gift Shop News - Ann Corneille



We are getting ready for our busiest season in the Gift Shop. Those of you who volunteer in the shop are invited to:

***“Santa’s Workshop” training session
on Tuesday, November 7 from 9:30-10:30 am.
Plan to meet in the Gift Shop.***

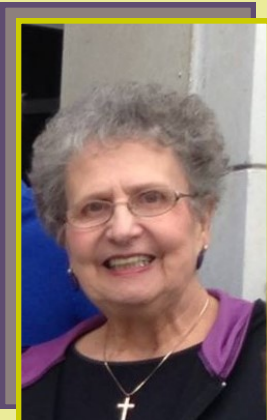


Please contact me if you have some extra time you’d be willing to donate to pick up a few extra shifts. There is plenty of room for new volunteers too, so feel free to invite friends to become a Partner.

We will be kicking off the Season with an ***Open House on November 9.*** The Gift Shop will be open from ***8 am until 7 pm*** that day, offering fun drawings and Holiday shopping incentives. Please remember to check the Partners’ Gift Shop page on Facebook for weekly promotions and new items. And as always, thank you for your continued support.

Profile of a Partner - Marno Stellmacher

Written by Diane Matson



Marno Stellmacher

We have our share of “Energizer Bunnies” in our Partners organization thankfully, but in order to keep up with **Marno Stellmacher**, we all have to hang on to our bunny ears!

From her fifth grade crush on a kid named DuWayne Stellmacher when they were classmates in Waupun, to officially beginning dating as freshmen in high school, the Stellmachers have taken on the world. Happily married for 57 years, they began married life in Twentynine Palms, California, during DuWayne’s service in the Marine Corps. After a short stint in Richland Center, Marno and DuWayne have called Stoughton “home” since 1974, living in the home they built on Jackson Street until 2001, when they relocated to West Main.

The three Stellmacher children, Denise, Julie, and Steven, have given Marno and DuWayne an excuse to travel the United States, and travel they have! Denise and her husband Rick live in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Julie lives in Jefferson, and Steven and his wife Patty live in Saint Louis. Granddaughter Leah is a career Marine and lives in Richland, North Carolina, and Leah’s 12 year old son Jewan has made Marno and DuWayne great-grandparents. Other favorite travel locations have included Europe, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Canada. Whew!

When her suitcases are unpacked, Marno enjoys sewing, crafts, cards and games, taking scenic rides with her fifth grade crush, reading, and baking cookies. She’s also a sports fan, cheering on the Brewers, Badgers, and Packers. And yet.....she’s had time to volunteer. In addition to serving as Partners President in 2010-2011, Marno has delved head first into various Partners’ fundraisers, as well as playing an active role at First Lutheran Church. AND she worked outside the home after all three kids were in school! A career of 23 years at Skaalen as a CNA and Activity Assistant fulfilled her love of working with the elderly.

Marno states that the Stellmacher door is always open to welcome friends anytime, because she just enjoys being with people.....assuming you can ever find this Energizer Bunny at home!

Thank you Marno for your many contributions to Partners of Stoughton Hospital. Your example is a tough one to follow!

Ho Ho Help! With the Holiday Craft/Bake Sale

Fundraising. It's the backbone of the Partners' organization. It's important, it's necessary, and it's only as successful as its membership. ***That's you and me!***

On Tuesday, December 5, beginning at 8 a.m. until all items are sold, the annual Partners' Holiday Craft/Bake sale will once again take center stage, the proceeds of which contribute to patient services throughout the year. In order to insure the continued success of this event, we need **ALL** Partners to be involved.

Are you the crafty type? Please consider donating one or more of your creations. Can you bake? Our best money making items in the past have been lefse, pies, homemade breads, bars and holiday treats. Can't bake? Not at all crafty? Not to worry. A monetary donation would be most welcome.

Please bring your items to the conference room behind the main desk in the lobby on Monday, December 4 anytime between noon and 5:00 p.m. or on Tuesday morning prior to 8:00 a.m. Items should be on disposable plates or containers covered with plastic wrap or in a clear plastic bag. If you have questions about this event, please call the Gift Shop at 873-2281.

Many hands make light work. Many contributions make successful fundraisers. Your involvement is vital to our success.

Can we count on you?

Partners Annual Meeting

Following complimentary flu shots and a nutritious meal prepared by the Stoughton Hospital nutrition department, the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Partners of Stoughton Hospital was held in the Bryant Center on Wednesday, October 18. After words of welcome by Partners' Liaison Ann Corneille, and a slide show presentation of past year's events by Melanie Miller, CEO Terry Brenny reviewed the accomplishments realized by Stoughton Hospital since his arrival 27 years ago. Christopher Schmitz offered a thoughtful overview of "Healthcare Tomorrow", followed by an update on the Love Light event scheduled for November 30, by Love Light co-chair Becky Greiber. Year-end printed reports provided by Committee Chairs were included in the Annual Report hand-out. Sandra Maerz, Nomination Chair presented the slate of officers to be nominated for the 2017-2018 year, and they were installed by Christopher Schmitz. Closing remarks by President Melanie Miller encouraged Partners members to invite friends and neighbors to become involved with Partners. Additional copies of the Annual Meeting and committee reports can be found in the Gift Shop.



2017-2018 Officers: Treasurer Dawn Windland, VP Sharon Beall, President Melanie Miller, Secretary Diane Matson, Assistant Secretary Helen Sumwalt

October Board Highlights

- ◆ A plan to add increased medical imaging and an additional operating room have been presented to the hospital board.
- ◆ Plans are underway to develop a wellness garden to be located west of the ambulance bays.
- ◆ \$100 will be given to Love Light annually in memory of Partners who are deceased.
- ◆ Ann is looking for volunteers to work additional hours in the gift shop during January and February while our "snowbirds" are away.

Upcoming Events



- ◆ Nov. 7 - Training for Gift Shop Volunteers, 9:30 - 10:30 AM
- ◆ Nov. 9 - Holiday Open House in the Gift Shop, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Nov. 9 - Questions to Ask Before Surgery, 1:00 PM, Oregon Sr. Center
- ◆ Nov. 14 - Healthier Holiday Eating, 5:30 PM, Bryant Center
- ◆ Nov. 15 - Cookie Bake, Lobby Conference Room, 8:00 - 11:00 AM
- ◆ Nov. 17 - Blood Drive, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, call 1-800-RedCross for appointment
- ◆ Nov. 30 - Love Light Celebration, 4:30 PM, Bryant Center
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Holiday Craft/Bake Sale, 8:00 AM, Conference Room

For more information about upcoming events, please see <http://stoughtonhospital.com/events/>

Thanksgiving: Giving Thanks & Partners' Traditions

Carol Deneen: When I was still at home, we would go out in the woods and cut our Christmas tree. It was a huge cedar tree.

Deb Ready: We always had kinadles (a German/Eastern European dumpling) along with the regular fixings. (yum!)

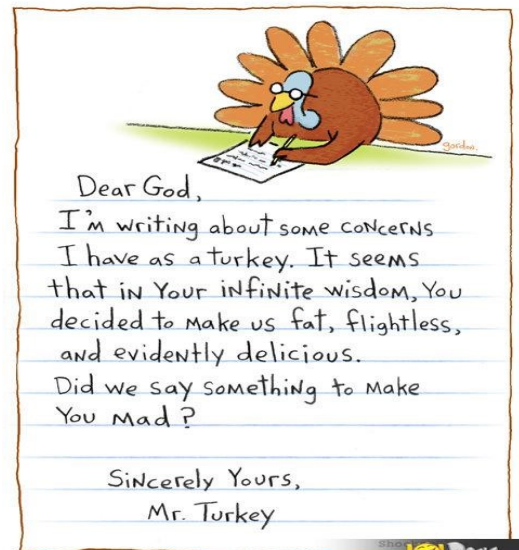
Gail Wollenzien: Have to have jellied cranberries. A must!

Judy Simmons: Each family member goes around the table to tell what they are most thankful for.

Ann Corneille: My sister insists on always having stuffing. I don't care. I hate stuffing.

Judeen Reese: Our family Thanksgiving gathering consists of the traditional overeating, resting, and overeating again. Somewhere in between all of the overeating, the television is tuned in to the never-ending parade of football games. For those of us who have little interest in the games, that time is used to create the first holiday tree ornament of the season. Each year, we take turns providing the idea and supplies to glue together an ornament signifying some family event that has taken place during the past year.

Diane Matson: The grandchildren receive their Advent calendars where, behind each window, there is a piece of chocolate. They can open one window each day, beginning on December 1.....except for the year that their black lab decided to "help" by devouring ALL of the chocolate on Day 1.



Roger Odalen

*If you have gotten a flu shot
other than at the annual meet-
ing, please drop off documen-
tation in the gift shop.*

