

Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Nov. 15. Make your reservation today.

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Dedication of Terry Brenny Wellness Garden

The Stoughton Hospital Foundation will be hosting a dedication of the Wellness Garden in honor of Terry Brenny on **Tuesday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** The event will be held in the Ambulance Bay adjacent to the Wellness Garden. Guests will have the opportunity to walk through the garden. Light refreshments will be served and the event will conclude with a short program. Parking may be limited. Carpooling is encouraged.

You - Volunteers - Everyday Heroes



The Partners of Stoughton Hospital were well-represented at the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) Convention held recently at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point. Partners President Melanie Miller, along with members Sharon Beall and Sue Weum were given the opportunity to network with Partners members from hospitals throughout the state. A full slate of speakers, and workshops was offered and vendor booths provided informational materials that our representatives were able to bring back to our organization. As a reminder of the vital part volunteers play in our hospital environment, the ladies brought home these messages: "Sometimes heroes wear smocks or vests instead of capes", "An everyday hero is someone who makes a difference in peoples' lives", and "As volunteers, YOU make a difference, one smile or small act at a time." A timely reminder for all of us.

Partner Receives Standards Person of the Month Award

Written by
Diane Matson



Partner and co-editor **Judeen Reese**, was recently chosen by Stoughton Hospital to receive the Standards Person of the Month Award for October, recognizing her many hours of volunteer service to the hospital. In addition to serving on the Partners Board, Judeen is involved in the Love Light program, assists the Foundation and Public Relations department having created more than 100 gift baskets which are donated for various community events, volunteers in the gift shop, and helped to create several brochures advertising the Partners-sponsored Wigs Program, as well as the Twiddle Muff and Walker Bag programs. CEO Dan DeGroot and the Standards Committee presented Judeen with a token of appreciation during a surprise recognition visit. Congratulations Judeen on jobs well done!

Profile of a Partner – “The Maerz Girls”

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Sandra Maerz, Mindy Holverson, Renee Kjellstrom, Brenda Klitzke

We've all heard that old adage “*the apple never falls far from the tree*”. Former Partner President **Sandra Maerz** is the “tree” in this scenario.

Daughters **Brenda Klitzke**, **Renee Kjellstrom**, and **Mindy Holverson** are the “apples”, and all four of these ladies are Partners of Stoughton Hospital!

Having lived in Stoughton her entire life, Sandra was a Stoughton Hospital employee for 33 years while raising 6 children (the “apples” have one more sister and two brothers). The family has grown to include 13 grandchildren and “several” great grandchildren. In addition to serving as an election worker, Sandra volunteers at the front desk and in the gift shop at the hospital, and hosts countless family gatherings, including traditional *Saturday Soup* events that Brenda mentions as one of her favorite things to do for fun. When time allows, Sandra loves to travel to Branson or to Renee’s cottage in Wautoma, quilt, and her green thumb once earned her a local “Garden of the Month” honor.

Daughter **Brenda Klitzke**, also a Stoughton native, married for 40 years, mother of two and grandma of four, recently retired from her role as Employee Services Specialist with the Oregon school district, after having worked as an educational assistant and building secretary with Stoughton Schools. In addition to Mom Sandra’s famous *Saturday Soup* gatherings, Brenda loves to vacation in Door County, read, sew and knit. She’s also a rabid Brewers, Badgers, and Packers fan. Having taught Sunday School when the kids were younger, Brenda can now be found volunteering in the hospital gift shop.

Married for “just” 38 years, Daughter **Renee Kjellstrom** has lived in Oregon since her marriage, but quickly acknowledges that Stoughton is her hometown. Two daughters and five grandchildren keep Renee busy babysitting for her youngest grandson, attending older grandchildren’s’ sporting events, and anxiously awaiting the birth of grandchild #6 before this article is published! A cottage in Wautoma is a favorite travel destination for her (and for her mom!) Renee has also found time to be a Partners member for “about” five years.

Mindy Holverson, the third apple in our scenario, also a Stoughton native, lived in Fitchburg for one year, but has called Stoughton “home” for 52 years. Married for over 31 years, Mindy is mom to Steven and Sam, mother-in-law to Jordan, and grandma to granddaughters Paige and Rikki. This Partner’s favorite vacation destination is home! She loves spending time with the granddaughters, reading and gardening. Mindy has worked for the Stoughton Area School District for 30 years, but she isn’t sure just how long she’s been a member of Partners.

One couldn’t write a better ending to this Profile than the words that Mindy shared:

“Our mom has always kept our family close. When we were kids, we would go to our grandma’s for “coffee” every day after school. We had a wonderful relationship with our grandparents that I will always be grateful for. We continue to go to Mom’s for coffee to this day, and she makes “soup” on Saturdays for whoever shows up. While we lost our dad way too soon, Mom kept the family together and taught us the importance of family. We are truly blessed to call her Mom.”

You are invited to be a part of the **2018 Love Light** event scheduled for Thursday, November 29 at 4:30 PM in the Bryant Center at Stoughton Hospital. Donate in the name of someone special to you, honor Military Personnel or remember someone you have lost. We need to hear from you by Nov. 24. Donation envelopes are available in the hospital lobby, gift shop and via mail. Those making donations as well as beneficiary names will be displayed in the Love Light program. These donations help Partners of Stoughton Hospital support various programs within Stoughton Hospital and the communities it serves.

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like "Holiday Craft and Bake Sale" Time

We all love holiday traditions and one of Partners most time-honored traditions is the annual "Holiday Craft and Bake Sale" to be held on **Tuesday, December 4** beginning at 8 a.m. and ending when all items are sold. 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. Do you like to bake? Our most popular money making items in the past have been lefse, pies, breads, bars and holiday treats. Can't bake? Not crafty? Not to worry. A monetary donation is always welcome.

Please bring your craft and/or baked items to the conference room behind the main desk in the Stoughton Hospital Lobby on Monday, December 3 anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. or on Tuesday morning prior to 8:00 a.m. Baked 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 Claudia Quam (732-4737) or Linda Trunzo (873-8062).

Keep Your Lines Straight!

Do you have a Styrofoam ball, 42 squares of fabric, 150 pins, a bit of ribbon, a lot of time and someone to keep reminding you to "keep your lines straight"?

Just like Santa's elves, Partners have been very busy making colorful quilted "radiant star" ornaments. The ornaments are available in a variety of holiday colors and patterns.

Ornaments will be sold at the "Holiday Craft and Bake Sale" and in the Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop. The cost of each ornaments is \$8.00. Thank you to those members who donated fabric and ribbon, and a special thank to Melanie Miller for her expert instruction.

***Pictured:** Louann Jansen, Lynn Wieser, Karen Ayers, Sandy Esser, Helen Sumwalt*



Welcome!

New Member: Alice Johnson

Upcoming Events

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

Oct. 27 - Fall Medication Disposal & Sharps Collection, Stoughton Fire Station

Nov. 5 - Gift Shop Volunteer Training, 9:00-10:00 in the Gift Shop

Nov. 6 - Dedication of Wellness Garden, 10:00 AM, (NOTE TIME CHANGE), Ambulance Bay

Nov. 8 - Gift Shop Holiday Open House 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Nov. 16 - **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 8:00-1:00 Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment.

Nov. 29 - Love Light Ceremony, 4:30 PM, Bryant Center

Dec. 4 - Partners of Stoughton Hospital annual Bake/Craft Sale in Hospital Lobby

Partners of Stoughton Hospital October Board Meeting



- \$190 resulting from the September cookie bake was donated to the Alzheimer Dementia Association.
 - A motion passed that will require coordinators of fundraising events to be a member of the Fundraising Committee. It is encouraged that a different fundraising committee member be assigned to coordinate each fundraising event.
 - Thank you to Sandra Maerz for coordinating the community card party event. Another card party is being planned for spring.
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Gift Shop

OPEN

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday through Friday



Partner **Marsha McBroom's** friend has "lost her head" over the vast selection of ponchos, wraps, and sweaters currently available in the Gift Shop. Marsha is modeling a poncho trimmed in fur at the neck and cuffs, while her friend prefers the cozy plaid, turtleneck style. If your winter wardrobe needs color, check out the reds, golds and pinks, some with metallic threads running through the fabric or trimmed in marabou feathers!

And while you're browsing, don't miss the selection of fur-cuffed fashion gloves or those with sparkly accents, all of which have finger tips that are "text friendly".

Gift Shop Training

Thank you to those who were able to make the Gift Shop refresher training on Oct. 16. If you were unable to attend this training, there will be additional training, on Mon., Nov. 5 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Gift Shop.