

SE District 2023 Winter Newsletter



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from
Sue*

SE District Chair Greetings

The year 2023 has arrived... and with it, the opportunity to renew our commitment and support for both Partners of WHA and our local hospitals! Through the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, hospital volunteers help make our communities strong and a place we are proud to live in.

Although it may seem early, plans are underway for the 2023 Spring District meetings as well as the annual state convention this Fall. The SE District Spring meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1 and hosted by Ascension Elmbrook Hospital Auxiliary. More information and an invitation will be forthcoming. How great it will be to meet in-person once again!

Sue Schuelke-SE District Chair

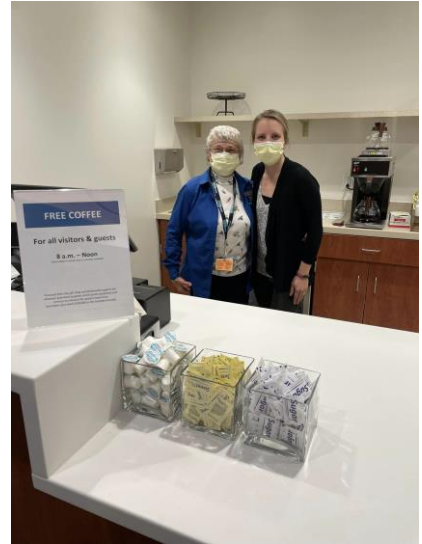


SAVE THE DATE! The 2023 WHA Advocacy Day is planned for April 19 at the Monona Terrace. Participation is free but you must register to attend. Registration(online) is open.

LOCAL**What's New in the SE District!****UPDATES**

**Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital
Volunteers**

FMFH Volunteers Open New Kitchenette: a newly constructed volunteer services kitchenette space opened Tuesday, January 3 in the main lobby at Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital. This space will be a dedicated area for volunteers to host weekly cookie sales, host special events such as Crumbl Cookies, Nothing Bundt Cakes, etc and provide daily grab and go items for staff and visitors. Complimentary coffee is available for visitors, patients, guests, and volunteers. The back end of the space is a kitchen to bake cookies, house our refrigerator, freezer, and sink area to wash our dishes. The volunteer kitchenette is open on a daily basis, and we are actively recruiting hospitality volunteers. The volunteers and Volunteer Services staff would like to thank our hospital administration for supporting our team and supporting the creation of this space!

**Oconomowoc Memorial
Volunteer/Auxiliary Services****JINGLE MINGLE**

On November 16, we were excited to get together for our annual Holiday gathering. 37 Auxilians, Volunteers, and Guests were in attendance. The clubhouse at Shorehaven in Oconomowoc was the perfect setting! We enjoyed spending time together with wonderful food, a fun game, and some fabulous door prizes. We look forward to next year's event and hope more of our members will join us!



Note: I (Sue) had the privilege of attending this year's Jingle Mingle as a guest. A delightful event with so many gracious volunteers!

Public Policy Report

The State Public Policy Chair for the next two years is Bill McCullough. Bill graciously agreed to continue on in this role, having done a fantastic job in communicating updates on public policy as it relates to hospitals and hospital volunteers. Lots of good information Bill provides is available through the *Reaching Out* newsletter published quarterly, district meetings, and the annual Partners of WHA State Convention.

Community Health Education Report

The new State Community Health Education Chair is Cindy Hermel. Cindy is a long time member of Partners of WHA and has served in various leadership roles. The topic for the next 2 years will be Mental Health. Although, the subject was covered just prior to Infectious Disease, there are so many concerns happening in our communities directly related to mental health issues.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Consider showing support for this health initiative through health education activities and projects.



