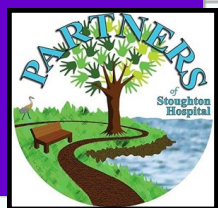


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*"April hath put
a spirit of youth
in everything."*

- William Shakespeare

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President's Message - Judeen Reese



It's April! What a great time of the year. The days are getting longer, the air is getting warmer (if ever so slightly), and there is a feeling of excitement in the air. In the spirit of the Spring season, there is also a fair amount of excitement within the Partners of Stoughton Hospital organization. If anyone tells you that Partners doesn't have anything happening, it's most likely an April Fool's Joke because it just isn't so! We have enthusiastic mem-

bers coordinating multiple activities and upcoming events, as well as maintaining our volunteer schedule.

Our Membership Committee reports 9 new members since the start of the year. FANTASTIC!! Welcome to all of our rookies. We're glad that you joined us!

Our Gift Shop Committee is exploring new ideas. The next time you're at the hospital, please stop in the Gift Shop to see all of the new things, and to pick up your copy of the 2019 Membership Directory. Don't miss our Summer Solstice Celebration in the Stoughton Hospital Wellness Garden on June 21.

Our Fundraising Committee is working overtime. Order your Spring pansies by April 11. The Spring Card Party scheduled for April 24 promises to be lots of fun. Order May Day Flowers by April 25 to be delivered in the Hospital and in the Annex on May 1. Geranium orders are due by May 2 and our monthly cookie bakes in the lobby continue to be successful. You might also hear from our newly formed Committee who is already planning the 2019 Love Light Ceremony. WHEW!

In the midst of all this activity, a major Fall Fundraiser is being planned for October 16. Mark your calendar and get ready to become involved. Watch for details in next month's newsletter to learn how you can help! Thanks to everyone who is working to support the Stoughton Hospital and the communities it serves by your involvement in Partners.

Back By Popular Demand - Spring Card Party

Mark your calendars. The annual Partners Card Party is being held at Christ Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 24, 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, a luncheon consisting of sandwiches and desserts, and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for chances to win a variety of door prizes. Doors open at 11:30 and lunch is 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.

*Spring has Sprung.
The grass has Too.
This fun event waits
Just for YOU!*





Profile of a Partner - Joanne Peterson

Written by Diane Matson



If you're looking for a husband, you might want to consider getting a nail in your tire. At least that's what worked for Partner **Joanne Peterson**. Knowing that a friend's son worked at a service station, she had an idea. Long story short, Pete was able to repair the tire without having to replace it, saving Joanne a "ton of money".....and as they say, the rest is history.

Even though Evansville is her hometown, Joanne says that she's lived in Stoughton for 100 years. More accurately, Stoughton has been her home since 1977, and Pete "the tire guy" has been her husband since June 15, 1985. The family also includes daughter Karin, a nurse practitioner, her husband Bernie and grandchildren Roxie, age 9, and Finley who is 7, daughter Annie, who has her Masters in Social Work, her husband Patrick, and grandchildren Kellan who is 8, and Abrene, age 4.....and they ALL live in Minnesota!

Joanne's official title at Stoughton Hospital is "Guest Services Coordinator", and even though she's generally seen sitting behind the reception/information desk with a phone glued to her ear, you're also more than likely to sometimes notice her filling in as a valet, wearing a rain slicker or a winter coat, parking cars and assisting folks out of their vehicles and into wheel-chairs, or assisting a Gift Shop volunteer who is puzzling over the foibles of the Gift Shop cash register. In May, Joanne will be celebrating her 22nd year as a hospital employee. Her resume also includes time spent working in dental offices and 11 years working at Nelson Industries.

When it's time for vacation, Joanne particularly loves the New England states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, but she's also partial to oceans, mountains, flower gardens, art galleries, and trips to Alaska and Mexico.

Spending time with family and girlfriends top the list of "hobbies", but Joanne also loves art, reading, garage sales, road trips, traveling, and Jazzercise.

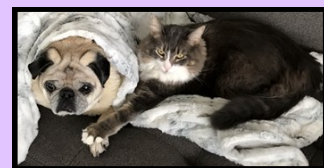
Maybe she hasn't been the Face of Stoughton Hospital for 100 years, but the 22 years that Joanne HAS spent here, have brought smiles, comfort, conversation, and a feeling of welcome to the hundreds of patients, family members, and friends who enter our doors.

Thank you Joanne. We look forward to seeing you in the lobby for the NEXT 100 years.



Lions and Tigers and Bears....OH, MY!!

Partner Chris Schmitz shares memories of his pug, Myles who he had for almost as long as he has worked at Stoughton Hospital, and Madi who moved from a farm into an easier life as a condo dweller. This picture of Myles and Madi was taken a few months ago.




Gift Shop



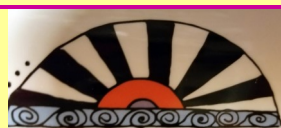
9:00 - 3:00
Mon. thru Fri.

There are exciting things coming to the Gift Shop!! Fun Spring inventory, Easter Bunnies, Rosemaled eggs, and Mother's Day ideas. There's so much to shop for.

Check it out soon

In Plain  **Sight Continues.** Our February Winner was Joanne Peterson.

Here's this month's Clue:



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

Fundraising *should be on every Partner's agenda.*
There are lots of things happening and we need your help.

The snow is disappearing quickly which means Spring is almost here. Our Spring Plant Sales are in progress. Pansy orders are due by April 11 with pick up on April 17. Geranium orders are due May 2 with pick up on May 9. Order forms complete with details are included with this newsletter.



Remember when we were kids and made May Day Baskets for our neighbors, friends and relatives? Partners are bringing back that fun tradition and celebrating May Day by selling mini flower arrangements. Surprise a co-worker, friend or loved one with a charming 4" vase filled with fresh flowers. The May Day mini arrangement order forms are available at the Hospital Gift Shop and Lobby Desk. The cost is \$5.00. The deadline for ordering is Thursday, April 25. May

Day mini arrangements will be delivered within Stoughton Hospital and SSM Clinic or can be picked up between 10:00 - 2:00 on Wednesday, May 1.

Welcome!

New Members - Lisa Olson, Laura Klitzke & Katie Slinde

Upcoming Events

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

Apr. 19 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00 Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment

April 11 - Pansy Orders Due with payment

April 17 - Pick Up Pansies by Hospital Foundation entrance, 1:00-4:00

April 17 - WHA Advocacy Day, Call 608 873-2251 to register.

April 24 - Spring Card Party, 12:00 pm, Christ Lutheran Church

April 25 - Deadline for ordering May Day mini floral arrangements

May 1 - May Day Flower Deliveries in Hospital and Annex

May 2 - Deadline to order and pay for Geraniums

May 9 - Pick up Geraniums in the Stoughton Hospital Wellness Garden, 1:00-4:00

June 21 - Summer Solstice in the Stoughton Hospital Wellness Garden

July 10 - Partners General Meeting, Nordic Ridge Park Shelter, All Partners are invited (see future newsletters for details)

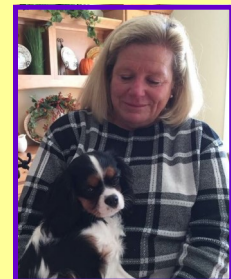


March Board Meeting Highlights:

- ◆ Construction is ongoing in the Imaging and Surgery areas with a completion date in May.
- ◆ The 10 Year Master Facility Plan will be rolled out in April.
- ◆ April 7-13 is designated as *Volunteer Appreciation Week*.
- ◆ A Fall Fundraiser is being planned and a committee has been formed. Watch for upcoming information.
- ◆ A brochure was distributed showcasing opportunities to purchase metal sculptures or brick pavers for the Wellness Garden.
- ◆ Thank you to Gen Wilberg for sharing her experiences as a Partners Past President.

More Lions and Tigers and Bears....OH, MY!!

Partner **Ann Corneille** considers **Lucy** family. Lucy provides unconditional love and is always there to ground Ann. A hug and a look from Lucy makes the whole day better.



Partners pet owners - Please send a photo of you and your pet with permission to share to green-towz@aol.com or drop the photo off in the Gift Shop. Tell us his/her name and age, and two or three sentences about what makes your pet special.