Greetings everyone!

I hope the summer is treating you well and that you are enjoying this beautiful island (or wherever you are) with your friends and loved ones. It’s my pleasure to provide you with some updates on Auxiliary happenings, and I’m going to drop some names along the way -- look for them in bold print.

**New Auxiliary Website:** Woohoo! We have emerged from the Dark Ages, and thanks to the technical expertise of Todd Holway of Webheads, Inc., our new website [hhiaux.org](http://www.hhiaux.org) is up and running. (If I were you, I would quit reading this right now and jump on our website and check it out. Really-go ahead.) Many people helped Todd with the information and format for our website, but none worked as hard on this as Dee Judge. Dee is a long-term Auxiliary Board member and handles all of the Auxiliary publications (i.e. newsletters, posters, tent cards, golf tournament forms, etc.). Thanks, Dee, for the great job on our new website.

**New Board Members:** We are pleased to welcome Julia Rathke and Sal La Martina to our board. Julia’s background is in radiologic science and public health. Her oldest daughter is studying nursing at Clemson, and her youngest daughter is a senior at Bluffton High School and is quite the soccer player. Sal enjoyed a 30-year career with Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis with experience in financial management, strategic planning, sales, and marketing. He is also an avid tennis player. Welcome Julia and Sal!

**Penny for Your Thoughts:** After serving two years on our board, Penny Delaughter will be resigning to take on some full-time employment. Penny served as our treasurer and did a terrific job. We will miss her, and we wish her well.

**Annual Golf Tournament:** As you know, our major fundraiser is the premier golf tournament on the island. This year’s tournament will be held at the Harbor Town Golf Links and the Wexford Golf Club on November 27 and 28. (Full article inside.) Our Tournament Director, Bob Elliott, will be working closely with Susan Silver to plan and organize this outstanding event. See more about this event and check out the information regarding volunteer and sponsor opportunities on page 5.

In closing, I want to express my personal thanks for sharing your time and talents with the Auxiliary, our hospitals, staff, and patients.
Along with our new website, we would like to introduce our new logo which you will see on our website and on many of our publications.

The Hospital Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship
This year marked the first time a Junior Volunteer was awarded The Hospital Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship. We are pleased to announce that the recipient of this scholarship is Jocelyn Konitzer. Jocelyn has been volunteering at Hilton Head Hospital for three years and is enrolled in the Nursing program at Landor College in South Carolina this fall. Congratulations, Jocelyn! We wish you the best!

Auxiliary Caring Touch Program (A.C.T.)
A.C.T. Chairman Don Harrison reports the following activity for the first five months 2017:

- Hilton Head Hospital $1,320.98
- Coastal Carolina Hospital $4,609.94
- ANDA/Volunteers in Medicine-HH $3,694.23
- Volunteers in Medicine-Bluffton $148.28
- Total number of patients helped: 28

Through these five months, the Auxiliary has paid out $9,773.43 through the A.C.T. program to help those in need pay for their prescription medicines. Please remember that this program is funded by proceeds from our gift shops at Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital. Shop our gift shops and do your part to help those in need.

Spring Uniform Sale
Our Spring 2017 Uniform & Shoe Sale was held at Coastal Carolina on May 31 and at Hilton Head Hospital on June 1. The Auxiliary received proceeds of approximately $2,000 from this event. Our thanks to all who supported the Auxiliary by shopping with us.

The Auxiliary Trolley
Bob Reichel reports our trolley is 3.5 years years old, and in May we experienced electrical problems. We did a complete replacement of all eight batteries at a cost of approximately $1,200. Our trolley is now operating at full throttle and performing like a new machine.

With warmer weather now here, our drivers are enjoying the feeling of helping people while working outdoors and cruising around our beautiful campus. If anyone would like to join our team we have 3 openings and we would welcome additional volunteers. Tour of duty is 4 hours per week per driver. We typically transport approximately 80 to100 people per day from parking lots and buildings.
The Children’s Memorial Garden

The Children’s Memorial Garden celebrated its 16th annual ceremony on Sunday, May 7th. Many families and friends gathered to honor their children (young and old) who have passed. There are over 400 personalized memorial bricks in the Garden. Personal reflections were given at the ceremony by Heidi Hanson and Rudy Milton, both mothers who recently lost their children. Reggie Deas graciously gave of his time to sing at the ceremony and a butterfly release magically completed the ceremony. For more information about the CMG – please contact Amy Metzger @ 843-384-2859 or Julie Feldman @ 843-298-1967.

Auxiliary Scholarship Money Presented to TCL and USC

On June 28, some of the proceeds from the 2016 Hospital Auxiliary Invitational Golf Tournament were awarded to Technical College of the Lowcountry and USC Beaufort. The funds will be used for scholarships to deserving students who are working to further their education in the health care field.

TCL was awarded $20,000 which will fund 20 scholarships to students working toward a degree in Health Care. Nursing, therapy, and x-ray techs are some of the fields supported by these funds.

USCB received $7,000 some of which was given to student Lydia Nkurruna, shown at right with her sister and mother. Lydia is working toward a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

The Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament Committee is busily working on the 2017 Tournament (see page 5). This year the tournament will be held on November 27 and 28. Over the past 30 years many students have benefited from over $600,000 that has been donated for these scholarships.

TCL Presentation:
Back Row, left to right: Bob Elliott, 2017 Tournament Chairman; Dave Hales, Auxiliary President; Marty Eidemiller, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson; Aida Carrillo, TCL Nursing Student; Terrand Eady, TCL Nursing Student; Ashley Campbell, TCL Nursing Student; Marty Eidemiller, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson; Susan Silver, Tournament Committee.

USCB Presentation:
Pictured left to right:
Bob Elliott, 2017 Tournament Chairman; Dave Hales, Auxiliary President; Marty Eidemiller, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson; Pamela Phillips, Ph.D., RN, Assoc. Professor of Nursing; Susan Silver, Tournament Committee; Lew Wessel, 2016 Tournament Chairman; Bob Elliott, 2017 Tournament Chairman; Dave Hales, Auxiliary President; Glen Levicki, Dean, TCL Health Sciences Department; Mary Ann Jarmulowicz, Program Director, TCL Nursing Program; Lew Wessel, 2016 Tournament Chairman; Jessica Bridges, Assistance Vice President, TCL Office of Institutional Advancement.

Front Row, left to right:
Aida Carrillo, TCL Nursing Student; Terrand Eady, TCL Nursing Student; Ashley Campbell, TCL Nursing Student; Marty Eidemiller, Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson; Susan Silver, Tournament Committee.
Jeff greets our guests with a warm smile and a willingness to help with whatever it is they need. He keeps a wonderful sense of humor no matter what the day brings and is eager to help his fellow volunteers by covering shifts when necessary. Jeff has also volunteered for multiple other assignments including ER greeter during construction, spotter for the Auxiliary Golf Tournament and other assignments that need to be filled. He approaches each assignment with excitement, professionalism and enthusiasm. He is a pleasure to work with and we salute him for his service.

Bonnie is a terrific front desk volunteer. She is always willing to help and even comes in on days not scheduled to help when other volunteers are unable to make their shift. Her friendly smile is a welcoming sign to all the patients and visitors who come to Coastal. Bonnie never refuses to do a task she is asked to do and always takes things on with a positive attitude. Her primary concern is to make patients, staff and visitors feel welcome and important. With that attitude you can see why Bonnie is a valued member of the volunteer team.

On May 8, 2017 Hilton Head Regional Healthcare hosted a Colleague Service Awards Luncheon at Belfair Plantation. Members of the hospital team, which included colleagues, volunteers, and physicians were honored for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. The volunteers recognized and honored are:

5 years: Priscilla Bruno, MaryJane Cheesman, Charles Dombay, Janet Dombay, John English, Dee Kantorowicz, Kathy Lay, Thomas Myers, Bonnie Shanning, Marge Sieban and George Vaveris
10 years: Stella Cerrata, Dee Judge, Marma Kuczkowski, and Andy Leach
15 years: Bill Cunningham and John Mack
20 years: Marti Willits

Nominees for Volunteer of the Year included: Jeff Jordan, Dee Kantorowicz, Tom Myers, Sasha the Comfort Dog, John Serrano, Bonnie Shanning, Donna Shookman, Marge Sieban and Gray Toulin

Our New Volunteers!

Coastal Carolina
Doug Parker, Emergency
Pat Armanno, Education
Jeff Mayo, Therapy Dog
Patty Doherty, Born to Read
Mary Purdy, Therapy Dog
Phyllis Cooper, Born to Read
Ginger Ganschow, Lobby Greeter
Midge Sandlin, Emergency
JoJo Gillies, Lobby Greeter
Donna Stephen, Born to Read
Sandy Leinbach, Gift Shop

Hilton Head
Mary (Cathy) Lee, Gift Shop
Caterina Gallenberger, Gift Shop
Bertie Norton, Gift Shop
Kathryn Dolan, Gift Shop
Sherry Engledow, Born To Read
John Whiting, BMC
JoAnne Barrs, Gift Shop
Jean Podgorski, Gift Shop
Elizabeth Sheets, SDS & ER
Susan Reynolds, Education
Luz Robayo, Emergency
Michael Hawkins, Trolley
Ellie Linscott, Mended Hearts
Wayne Sebulsky, Mended Hearts

Pat Varley, Mended Hearts
David Benedict, Mended Hearts
Angel Iannazzo, Mended Hearts
Shelly Brown, Sr. Emergency
Joseph Cohen, Emergency
Candy Cunningham, Gift Shop
Juanita Graul, Mended Hearts
Betsy Robinson, BMC Imaging
Gloria Statham, BMC Imaging
Craig Murphy, BOOC SDS
Jane Murphy, BOOC Greeter
Claudette Sesera, BOOC SDS
Carol Bracken, BMC Imaging
Peggy Risley, BMC Greeter
The 31st Annual Hospital Auxiliary Invitational Golf Tournament
November 27 & 28
Harbour Town Golf Links & Wexford Golf Club

Plans for this year’s tournament are already well underway under the leadership of Tournament Chairman Bob Elliott. Bob is being assisted by committee members Dr. Joe Cervone, Susan Silver, Roger Tennyson and Dave Hales. They are busily talking with business leaders who have generously supported us in the past and are also working to secure additional sponsors. “Hold the date” reminders were sent to those who played in 2016 as they will have first priority. If slots are available, the Invitational will be expanded to the general public in mid-August.

The Hospital Auxiliary Annual Golf Tournament, which began as an 18-hole event at Harbour Town Golf Links in 1986, is one of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious tournaments on the island. It is the signature event of the Hospital Auxiliary, and along with the profits from our hospital gift shops, is one of our major fundraisers.

The 2016 tournament raised $34,000. In the 30-year history of the tournament, the Auxiliary has donated approximately $600,000 in scholarships to students entering the health care field.

The Hospital Auxiliary has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the Harbour Town Golf Links and the Wexford Golf Club, the two premier courses on the island. Golfers enjoy 18 holes at each course over the two day period, along with a putting contest, hole-in-one, and closest-to-the-hole competition sponsored by Hilton Head BMW. Players receive box lunches and beverages each day, commemorative hats and gifts, and complementary cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at the end of the second day in the Champions Ballroom in the Harbour Town Golf Links Clubhouse.

It takes a “Village of Volunteers” to operate and maintain our two Gift Shops. We are always looking for help! If you are interested in volunteering in our shops or know of someone who would like to help, please be in touch. (843-689-8459)

A bit early, but we would like you to know that dates have been set for our annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale. Mark your calendars.

Hilton Head—November 8, 9, 10
Coastal Carolina—November 29, 30

In the meantime, be sure to stop in and see our current collection. Remember, we do not charge sales tax and all of our proceeds benefit the Auxiliary Caring Touch Program.
Junior Volunteer Program

We are excited to welcome 38 Junior Volunteers into our summer hospital program. These are teens between the ages of 14 and 18 and also a few college students home for the summer. Junior Volunteers work in many different areas of the hospitals, including food service, materials management, our gift shops, welcome desk, patient floors, patient access, same day surgery, and even the Emergency Department. They typically give four hours of service one or two days a week and are trained by seasoned volunteers. We hope that they will take this opportunity to learn about how a hospital operates and what it takes to be in the medical field. We hope to have one day of learning about different fields of medicine presented by various doctors in our system.

All Junior Volunteers go through a process of application, interview, TB testing and orientation before beginning an assignment. These are the same protocols that an employee must go through, which is a good learning experience for them. We are very glad to have our Junior Volunteers with us this summer and look forward to seeing what they learn and experience this year. Here is our list of summer Junior Volunteers:

**Coastal Carolina Hospital**
- Chantel Porter
- Larkyn Tremble
- Victoria Tovar
- Michael Donahue
- Irene Carrion
- Colton Graves
- Melaina Brown
- Connie Ortega
- Courtney Thames
- Toni Lubbers
- Josh Brenner
- Mary Grace Nimmer
- Anastasia Thaller
- Magdeleno Rivera

**Hilton Head Hospital**
- Sydney Parson
- Jocelyn Konitzer
- Samuel Gelb
- Lauren Castner
- Ashna Patel
- Carly Wilson
- Laura Huggins
- Scarlett Camp
- Mary Buck
- Jasmine Hamilton
- Claire Baker
- Taylor Bush
- Mitt Patel
- Donna Mazzoni
- Lela Karlawish
- Damon Kenny
- Jack Mastrorocco
- Anna Schidrich
- Olivia Mitchel
- Gracie Buck
- Hope Hamilton
- Alyssa Marotta
- Hannah Deaton
- Lilly Usher

Save the Date!

**Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Hampton Hall

October 19, 2017

11:30 AM–2:00 PM
# A Celebration of Birthdays!

## April
- Jane Collura: Patient Access, OR Waiting (4/4)
- Jewel Graner: Therapy Dog (4/5)
- Sandra Leinbach: Gift Shop (4/5)
- John Whiting: Greeter (4/6)
- Janet Dombay: Front Desk, ER, Endoscopy (4/9)
- Susan Reynolds: Education (4/9)
- George Vaveris: Front Desk (4/10)
- Judi Greenwood: Women’s Center (4/11)
- Sandra Leinbach: Gift Shop (4/12)
- John Whiting: Greeter (4/12)
- Janet Dombay: Front Desk, OR Waiting (4/19)
- Susan Reynolds: Education (4/19)
- George Vaveris: Front Desk (4/22)
- Judi Greenwood: Women’s Center (4/25)
- Sandra Leinbach: Gift Shop (4/26)
- John Whiting: Greeter (4/26)
- Janet Dombay: Front Desk, OR Waiting (4/27)
- Susan Reynolds: Education (4/27)
- George Vaveris: Front Desk (4/28)
- Judi Greenwood: Women’s Center (4/28)

## May
- Josh Brenner: SDS (5/1)
- Joy Hubbard: SDS (5/2)
- Jean Quigg: Gift Shop (5/2)
- Kristie Branham: Emergency (5/3)
- Charles Dombay: Front Desk (5/4)
- Lela Karlawish: Front Desk, Emergency (5/7)
- John Pontillo: Emergency, Pat. Reception (5/8)
- Linda Bange: ICU/PCU (5/8)
- Claudia Nestorowicz: Greeter (5/9)
- Gail Low: Born to Read (5/11)
- Alyssa Marotta: ICU/PCU (5/12)
- Michael Donohue: SDS (5/16)
- Gray Toumim: Emergency (5/19)
- Carley Wilson: SDS (5/19)
- Courtheen Thames: SDS (5/19)
- Barbara VanHorn: Rehabilitation (5/20)
- Sydney Parson: Rehabilitation (5/22)
- Leonora Raggi: Greeter (5/25)
- Betty Days: ICU/PCU (5/25)
- Anna Schidrich: Therapy Dog (5/25)
- Nancy Trilk: Therapy Dog (5/26)
- Priscilla Bruno: Mat.Mgrt., Diabetes Ed., Greeter (5/31)

## June
- Robert Gibson: Emergency (6/3)
- Elaine Dennis: Gift Shop (6/3)
- Bob Brannen: OR Waiting, Trolley, SDS (6/5)
- Gary Rommel: Emergency (6/6)
- Lavonne Hales: ACU, Information, Pavilion Greeter (6/7)
- Loretta Janelis: Born to Read (6/12)
- Melvina Nozick: Patient Reception (6/13)
- Joan Ploszay: Information (6/17)
- Rosemarie Wiggins: ACU (6/18)
- Barbara Read: Pavilion Greeter (6/21)
- Jean Sansone: Imaging (6/22)
- Vicki Good: Born to Read (6/24)
- Jay Snyder: Greeter (6/24)

## July
- Nancy Cunningham: Front Desk (7/2)
- Jeffrey Jordan: Front Desk, Pavilion Greeter, Emergency Greeter (7/3)
- Karen Ricker: Gift Shop (7/4)
- JoAnn Meier: Radiology (7/12)
- Jane Kaman: Emergency, Gift Shop (7/13)
- Dave Hales: Trolley, Front Desk, Gift Shop (7/19)
- Donna Shookman: OR Waiting, Patient Relations (7/19)
- Helen Pontillo: Lobby Greeter, Pt. Reception (7/20)
- Susan Wilson: Pt. Relations, Greeter (7/24)
- Claudia Terry: Gift Shop (7/26)
- Bob Reichel: Emergency, Trolley, Aux. Board (7/29)

## August
- Richard Hoff: SDS Surgery, Golf Tournament (8/1)
- Kathleen Bart: OR Waiting, Gift Shop, Born to Read (8/2)
- Marilyn Oesterling: Patient Access, Aux. Board (8/5)
- Charielmae Grant: Patient Access, Front Desk (8/6)
- Kathy Lay: ACU, ICU/PCU (8/12)
- Estella Jenkins: Gift Shop (8/13)
- Bill Dix: Emergency (8/14)
- Rachel Caristo: Mat. Mgmt. (8/15)
- Sandy Grice: Front Desk, Trolley, Imaging (8/17)
- Barbara Unangst: SDS, Endoscopy, Imaging (8/18)
- Judy White: Pavilion Greeter (8/18)
- Edwin Loeser: OR Waiting, Emergency (8/22)
- Walt Okrongley: ICU/PCU (8/23)
- Brenda Simpson: ACU, Emergency Greeter (8/25)
- Carol Taylor: SDS (8/29)
- Shirley Otto: Gift Shop, Greeter, Front Desk (8/30)

## September
- Susan Cook: Lab, Administration (9/4)
- Joan McDonough: Front Desk, ACU, ICU/PCU (9/4)
- Susan Ungaro: ACU (9/4)
- Françoise De Vlisme: Emergency (9/15)
- David Myers: Trolley (9/17)
- Susan Alaimo: Gift Shop, Front Desk (9/27)
- Diane Horan: Front Desk, Office, Gift Shop (9/30)

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Since January 2000, volunteers have given Hilton Head Hospital System a total of 279,846 hours of service. Through May of this year we have already given over 10,905 hours, which is an impressive level of dedication and service. Congratulations to all of our awesome volunteers!
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