

Auxiliary Matters



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AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT HILTON HEAD REGIONAL HEALTH CARE

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY DONATES \$40,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT AREA NURSING STUDENTS

The Hospital Auxiliary presented \$40,000 in scholarships to area nursing and health care students. These scholarships are important in attracting new students and helping to address the shortage of nurses in the Lowcountry. Over the past 30 years, the Auxiliary has donated approximately \$650,000 in scholarships through proceeds from its Annual Hospital Auxiliary Invitational Golf Tournament held at Harbour Town Golf Links and Wexford Golf Club.

The Nursing and Allied Health Program at the Technical College of the Lowcountry was presented a check for \$18,000. Expansion of the health sciences campus combined with growth of exiting programs and development of new programs will

allow the college to accept more students. These programs are renowned by business and industry and considered to be best in class. These accolades have spurred the overwhelming interest in their health science programs.



The Hospital Auxiliary gives special thanks to **Christopher Corkern** (shown above at far right), President of The Corkern Group, Ltd., and Financial Advisor with the Prudential Insurance Company of America, for being our “Presenting Sponsor” of this golf tournament for over 10 years. The Hospital Auxiliary and the communities serviced by Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital owe Chris a special “Thank You” for his long standing support of this worthy cause.

In photo at left, Marge Sieban (second from right), Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman, and Bob Elliott (at far right), Director of the Hospital Auxiliary Invitational Golf Tournament, joined with Chris Corkern to present a check for \$12,000 for the nursing program at USC Beaufort. USCB graduated 26 students in 2018, up from 22 the previous year. USCB is on target to graduate 36 students in May 2019.



(More Scholarship news on page 3)

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NEWS AND NOTES

AUXILIARY CARING TOUCH PROGRAM (A.C.T.)

Chairman **Don Harrison** reports a total of \$26,586. was paid out through the A.C.T. Program for the fiscal year 2018 as follows:

- Hilton Head Hospital \$7,209.
 - Coastal Carolina Hospital 4,558.
 - ANDA/Volunteers in Medicine-HH 7,640.
 - Volunteers in Medicine-Bluffton 7,179.
- Total number of patients helped: 80

THE AUXILIARY TROLLEY

Look for a makeover on our trolley the next time you see it. We are replacing the vinyl enclosures that pull down to protect drivers and passengers during cold and rainy weather. The new enclosure will be an improvement as they are lighter, more flexible, mold resistant and feature Sunbrella fabric on the bottom. Though a little more costly than the heavy vinyl panels the new replacement panels will provide for a better quality, long term solution.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS

The Auxiliary continues to provide refreshments for the monthly meetings of the Breast Cancer Support Group. At the December 6 meeting, Corner Perk provided coffee and pastries and the group decorated a pink Christmas tree in the lobby of the Bluffton Medical Campus, where the meetings are held. A door prize drawing for a "Breast Cancer Awareness" Santa purchased through our gift shop was awarded.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS—TONI VALENSTEIN & TOM MYERS

Toni Valenstein worked as Director of Marketing for Mayday Communications in Farmingdale, NY before her retirement 12 years ago. Since moving to Bluffton, she has kept busy volunteering her time at the Sun City Computer Club, which has more than 3,000 members. Toni also teaches classes and offers presentations. She has taught iPad/iPhone classes for Continuing Education at USCB, as well as done presentations for OLLI. In her spare time Toni is an avid tennis player and enjoys sewing/quilting.



Thomas Myers has offered to undertake the treasurer responsibilities for the Auxiliary after volunteering for a few years in HHH's Same Day Surgery Department. Tom has financial management experience with middle market closely held companies in controller and treasurer positions and in public accounting as a CPA. Tom and his wife Carol have three adult daughters who also pitch in with the community activities of their churches, PEP and Special Olympics. They all enjoy the low country environs in their times together here.

AUXILIARY NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DAVE HALES

On behalf of our Auxiliary Board, I would like to extend greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019.

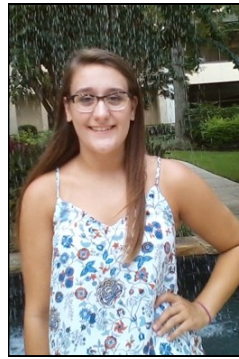
We are excited to welcome **Toni Valenstein** and **Tom Myers** to our board. Toni brings welcome expertise in technology and will enhance our social media presence. Tom is a former CPA and controller and will provide valuable service to our board as Treasurer. At the same time we are saddened to lose board members, Bob Reichel and Leslie Poole. Thankfully, both Bob and Leslie will continue in their multiple volunteer roles.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our **Annual Golf Tournament** was a **tremendous success**, netting approximately \$48,000 for our nursing and health care scholarships. Thank you to Bob Elliott, Tournament Director, and committee members, Susan Silver, Dr. Joe Cervone, Joe Baker, and Jim Knell for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to Auxiliary Board member, Dee Judge, for producing the publications and advertisements for this event, and to all who volunteered at the tournament.
- The **Auxiliary** partnered with **HH Regional Healthcare** at "Man Up for Health" and "We Know Women" healthcare seminars, focusing on men's and women's health issues. Over 200 people attended the events in the Sun City Clubhouse. The Auxiliary provided raffle prizes and shared information about volunteering and our Auxiliary programs.
- When a change in our hospital dress code required new scrubs for many of the hospital staff, the **Hospital Auxiliary** provided a **\$100 voucher** for each of our nurses' assistants to ease the financial impact of this change. The vouchers were redeemed at our Uniform/Shoe Sales which are held twice annually in partnership with First Uniform.
- **Coming Soon! – The Auxiliary "Wall of Fame"**
One of the goals of the Auxiliary Board has been to market and publicize the dedicated work of our volunteers, as well as the programs supported by the Auxiliary. To that end, the Board approached Jeremy Clark, Market CEO of Hilton Head Regional Healthcare, and received permission to utilize 16 feet of wall space down the hall across from the Auxiliary Office to highlight our programs and volunteer service. Soon every visitor and employee will be able to see the work that we do first hand as they pass by this display.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Five additional Auxiliary Healthcare Scholarships of \$2,000 from the golf tournament proceeds were presented to qualified hospital volunteers and children of hospital employees to pursue degrees in the medical field. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



Lauren Castner



Jocelyn Konitzer



Anna Rathke



Carley Wilson



Mitt Patel

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN



Auxiliary Board Member **Don Harrison** attended the memorial service held in the Garden this past May. He thought it would be a fitting tribute to past and present volunteers for the Auxiliary to purchase a bench in

their honor for the Garden. He brought his idea to the Board and the bench has now become a reality. A plaque will soon be installed on the bench to highlight this gift from volunteers.

Also, special thanks to Howard Kirk for his outstanding work and time devoted to restoring our memorial area. Howard repaired and replaced columns in the Garden that had rotted out over time. He also repainted all the columns and did a beautiful job restoring this special memorial area. We hope you will stop by and admire the new look!

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PRESENTS CHECK TO VIM



Members of The Hospital Auxiliary Board recently toured the Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) facilities in both Bluffton and Hilton Head.

VIM is a recipient of funds allocated to the Auxiliary Caring Touch (A.C.T.) Program which is funded by proceeds from sales at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shops.

The total budget allotted to the A.C.T. program for the coming year is \$40,000. Checks for \$9,000 each were presented to VIM Bluffton and VIM Hilton Head.



CCH CHAPEL GETS A MAKEOVER



A year ago Coastal Carolina Hospital was forced to use its chapel room for offices. When that was no longer necessary, The Hospital Auxiliary

expressed an interest in the remodeling of the existing site.

Marge Sieban, our CCH rep, accepted the challenge and got to work. Marge planned out how the finished chapel should look and began searching the internet for furniture, drapes, lighting, Bible stand, guest book, sconces, lectern. Sun City Glass crafter Sammie Condron offered to make a lovely glass window for the entrance door to the chapel. We are waiting for a contractor to install the stained glass piece in the door to make the remodel complete. Marge says there will be a reopening ceremony when that has been done and says she is happy the project turned out exactly as she envisioned it—and under budget too! Our thanks to Marge for this new addition to Coastal Carolina Hospital.

Auxiliary Gift Shops News

- The Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale set the pace for a good holiday selling season. Biggest sellers were our fashion accessories and holiday decorations. The Bake Table is always a favorite attraction at the Boutique. Thanks to all who contributed their baking skills for making this year no exception. Sales at our bake tables reached over \$1,400.



- A big thank you is in order for the “Ladies of our Gift Shops.” They do an outstanding job keeping our customers happy and our shops in order, not only at holiday time but all year long.

- Want to send flowers or a get well gift to a patient in the hospital? Give us a call. We will arrange to deliver a beautiful

arrangement of fresh flowers or a perfect get well gift to the patient’s room. No delivery charge or sales tax!! Just call us at Hilton Head Hospital (843-689-8459) or Coastal Carolina Hospital (843-784-8191).

- Proceeds from our Gift Shops support our Auxiliary Caring Touch Program, so remember to think of our Gift Shops when looking for a gift for any occasion—birthdays, baby, wedding, hostess, or perhaps a treat just for you. The fashion accessories coming in for the spring are lovely and affordable!! A gift from the Auxiliary Gift Shops is a gift that gives again.



- The winner of our Santa Cookie Jar at Hilton Head was Judith Johnson, a patient who said she was anxious to get home and fill up the jar with her favorite cookie recipes. The winner at Coastal Carolina was Ron Groteluschen, Market CFO for HH Regional Healthcare.

- Thank you to **Johna Porter** (left) for donating a CD player for the Hilton Head Gift Shop so you can enjoy music while you shop.



AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

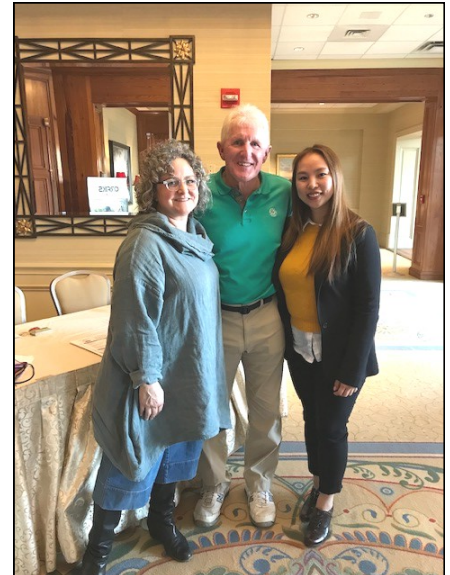


Our Presenting Sponsor-Chris Corkern (l) and Tournament Director Bob Elliott



THE 31ST ANNUAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

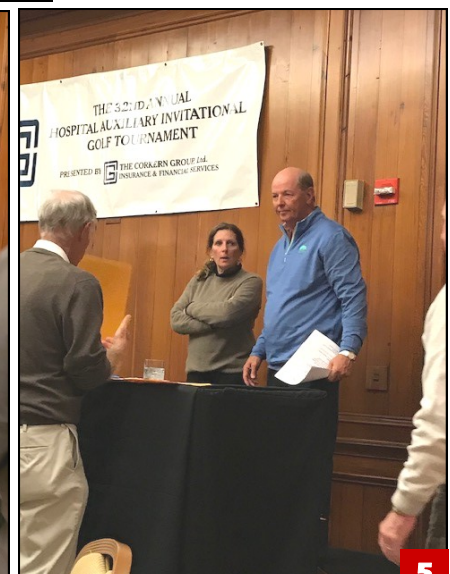
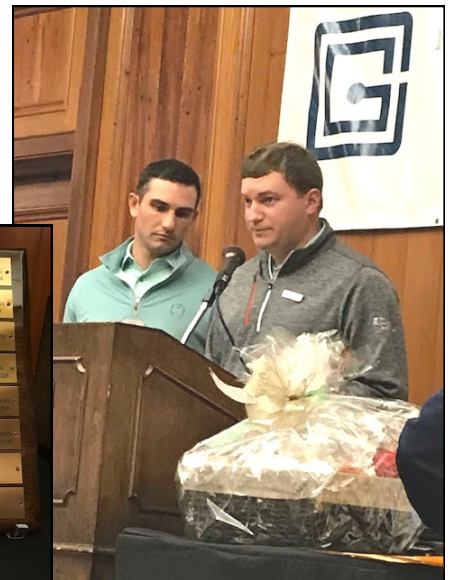
Thank you to all our sponsors, prize donors, hole sponsors, volunteers, participating golf clubs—Harbour Town Golf Links & Wexford Golf Club—and our fabulous Golfers!
See you next year —
Dec. 2 & 3, 2019!



Auxiliary President Dave Hales with two of our scholarship recipients



2018 Tournament Committee



WELCOME, JULIA!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES MANAGER



MANAGER OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES APPOINTED

Hilton Head Regional Healthcare has announced the selection of **Julia Baldree-Rathke** (pronounced Rod'Kah) as our new Manager of Volunteer Services.

Julia has been a volunteer in our gift shop, and she has served on our Auxiliary Board as Treasurer and Chairman of our Women's Health Program. She grew up in North Carolina and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Radiologic Science and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Julia has held administrative positions at several hospitals throughout her career and has served in numerous volunteer positions at her daughters' schools, most recently as President of the Bluffton HS Athletic Boosters.

Julia's husband, Thomas, is a chemical engineer and a native of Berlin, Germany. They have been married for 28 years and have lived in eight different locations. They have two daughters – Anna, 21, a nursing major at Clemson University; and Kathryn, 18, a freshman pre-med major at the University of Alabama. (See scholarship news on Anna on page 3.)

We are looking forward to working with Julia in her new position. We hope you will join us in welcoming and supporting her as our new leader and providing patience and cooperation during her transition.

Our former manager, Terri Green, has relocated to Louisville, KY to be closer to her family. Terri will begin her new position as Volunteer Manager at the University of Louisville Hospital. This facility is a 400-bed Trauma Center (one of just two in the state of Kentucky), with a Cancer Center, Stroke Center, and recently opened Woman's and Children's Centers. Terri reports that this hospital has not used its volunteers to help with Patient Experience in the past and is looking for ways to better utilize the volunteers. We all wish her well as she begins this new and exciting position. We thank her for the energy and compassion she brought to this position and for the dedication she demonstrated to our volunteers, patients, visitors and hospital colleagues. Congratulations are also in order to Terri on the birth of her first new grandbaby!



Would you like to add to your volunteer experience or know of someone who would like to volunteer?

There are several vacant spots in our weekly schedule for trolley drivers. So if you like to drive a golf cart, you might enjoy driving our Auxiliary trolley. Shifts are available for most days and are approximately 4 hours long. Call Julia, Volunteer Manager (843)689-8201

We also have openings in our Gift Shops. No experience necessary. Learn an easy point-of-sale system (POS) that will add to your computer knowledge while serving the patient, visitor and staff.

Openings also exist in many other areas, including the front desk, patient units, medical pavilion, etc. Call Julia, Volunteer Manager, at (843-689-8201) or Dotty, Gift Shop Manager at (843-689-8247).



Our New Volunteers!

Bluffton Medical Campus
Tania Pegues

Hilton Head Hospital
Jim Conner
Betty Hickey
Billie Jones
Sharon Lenge
Lizabete Sekkes
Thuy Ta

BOOC
Kimberly Watson

Coastal Carolina Hospital
Christina Adams
Jhoselin Almirail
Sue Johnson



Your auxiliary newsletter is published quarterly and has some important information including dates for upcoming events. What happens when you misplace your newsletter? No problem – it's on our website. To download a newsletter just type: **HHIAUX.ORG** and then click on the "Newsletter" tab at the top of the page. Check out the rest of the website for information on all our auxiliary programs, golf tournament, and volunteer pictures.

We also have a new Facebook page. Please join us by signing into **Facebook** and searching for "Hilton Head Hospital Auxiliary."



QUALITIES OF A GOOD VOLUNTEER

- ✓ Enthusiasm
- ✓ Positive attitude
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Reliability
- ✓ Creativity and passion
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Good organizational skills

Just a reminder . . .

We are in the height of flu season now. Here is a tip on how you can keep yourself healthy:

It is always important to have good hand hygiene, but now more than ever. Please be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often. Also keep your hands away from your face. An innocent scratch of the nose can spread germs you don't want.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."

~Albert Schweitzer

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."

~Erma Bombeck

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

~Author Unknown

A Celebration of Birthdays!



Carol Donahue	Same Day Surgery	1-03
Mallory Russell		1-11
Barbara Harrison	Greeter	1-12
Beverly Cleveland	Therapy Dog	1-12
Dee Kantorowicz	Front Desk / Pavilion Greeter	1-17
Mary McNeill	Front Desk / SDS	1-21
Kathy Eckart	Therapy Dog	1-22
Eleanore Knott	HHH Gift Shop	1-28
Patricia Armano	Clerical	1-29
Annette Gomolski	Escort / Same Day Surg.	1-30
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Linda Stauffer	OR Waiting / Front Desk/ER	2-02
Liz Iglesias	Med Surg	2-02
Ida Pinderski	Born to Read	2-05
Bill Duvall	Trolley	2-06
Helmut Heyde	Trolley	2-07
Sylvia Penzel	Gift Shop	2-09
Trudy Meyers	Born to Read	2-12
Virginia Lucifer	Front Desk	2-13
Carla Bech-Hansen	Emergency	2-14
Jane Waltz	Front Desk	2-17
John Mack	Front Desk	2-20
Marma Kuczkowski	HHH Emergency	2-23
Patty Davis	OR Waiting	2-23
Carolyn Rosenblum		2-23
Anne Ovstegard	HHH Emergency/Knitting	2-25
Johna Porter	Gift Shop	2-25
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Bryce Macauley	Med Staff Services	3-01
Thomas Myers	SDS /Aux. Board	3-03
Kathleen Wilson	Food & Nutrition/Mat.Mgmt.	3-04
Patrick Varley	Mended Hearts Visitor	3-06
Dotty Gottdenker	Gift Shops / Auxiliary Bd.	3-07
Jane Miller	Born to Read	3-07
Nancy Paton	Pavilion Greeter/Front Desk	3-08
June Schroeder	Gift Shop	3-09
Andy Leach	Trolley / Golf Tournament	3-11
Brendan Mulvihill	SDS	3-11
Ira Kirschner	Lobby Greeter	3-18
Marti Willits	Front Desk	3-19
Mary Iannazzo	Mended Hearts Visitor	3-19
Martha Hutchison	Born to Read	3-22
Mary Buck	Front Desk	3-31
Richard Zanglin	Trolley	3-31

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