President’s Message: Dave Hales

Happy 2020, everyone! I’m pleased to report that the Auxiliary had another great year in 2019.

Here are some highlights:

Gift Shops: Our gift shops had a terrific year under the dedicated management of Dotty Gottdenker and the hard work of our gift shop volunteers. Profits totaled nearly $30,000 and primarily fund our Auxiliary Caring Touch Program.

Coastal Carolina Chapel: The Auxiliary donated $4,000 to renovate the chapel at Coastal, which was dedicated in early 2019.

Walls of Fame: An Auxiliary “Wall of Fame” was created and installed in key locations at each of our hospitals. These attractive and informative displays provide a visible presence for the Auxiliary to promote our programs to visitors, employees, and volunteers.

Children’s Memorial Garden: Thanks to the leadership of board member, Amy Metzger, and her co-founder Julie Feldman, we continue to see many aesthetic improvements to this beautiful garden. The Auxiliary received a $10,000 donation from Linnea and Frederick Bristol Jr. to provide commemorative bricks and landscaping enhancements. Located between the main entrance and the administration building, the CMG provides a beautiful place to relax and reflect.

Women’s Health: We continued our positive relationship with Dr. Shelly Ringer at the Breast Health Center located at the Bluffton Medical Campus by providing educational materials for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and funding for the Breast Cancer Support Group.

Auxiliary Caring Touch (ACT): Through this program the Auxiliary provided $40,000 ($11,000 to each of our hospitals and $9,000 to Volunteers in Medicine in Hilton Head and Bluffton) to purchase medication for those in need. The program has been expanded in conjunction with our hospitals to provide transportation home for indigent patients following their treatment.

Scholarships: From the proceeds of our golf tournament, we presented $41,000 in scholarships for area nursing and healthcare students at TCL, USCB, and qualified hospital volunteers and children of hospital employees.

Annual Golf Tournament: Considered the premier golf tournament on the island, our annual event, which is played over two days at Harbour Town Golf Links and the Wexford Golf Club, continues to grow in reputation and stature. This year’s tourney raised $50,000 to fund our Scholarship and Women’s Health programs.

A Special Thanks: On behalf of our Auxiliary Board, I would like to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to our Golf Tournament Director, Bob Elliott. Through Bob’s outstanding leadership, we have doubled the proceeds from our golf tourney over the past several years. Bob has worked tirelessly to promote and enhance the tournament for our players, sponsors, and donors. The positive relationships he has developed, combined with his organization and hard work, have contributed greatly to the success of our tournament. Thanks, Bob.

Please join us . . .

19th Annual Ceremony
The Children’s Memorial Garden
Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 4-5 pm
Front campus of Hilton Head Hospital
For more information, please call
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NEWS AND NOTES

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

WELCOME!

JULIA CAPSHAW
Julia Capshaw is originally from Eastern North Carolina and retired in 2001 after 30 years of service with the Department of Defense. After retirement, Julia volunteered at a hospital in New Bern and continued her volunteer service when she and her husband moved to Sun City Hilton Head in 2019. In addition to volunteering at the hospital, Julia was appointed to the County Elections Board and served for over 5 years. Her plans for the future are to stay involved in the community and to do lots of traveling. Julia’s primary board responsibility will be to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Welcome, Julia!

BEVERLY PORTER
Beverly Porter comes to us via Albuquerque, NM. During her work career, she held positions of responsibility including Director of Mgmt. Training & Development with companies in the health care field. During retirement, she became a volunteer at Lovelace Westside Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. Since moving to South Carolina to be closer to her children, Beverly puts all her talents into practice. She plays the piano, sings, dances, makes jewelry and floral arrangements, plays bocce and board games, belongs to the Sew What Club and travels. She has even been an extra in movies and TV, acted in commercials and modeled! As a board member, she will be serving on the Auxiliary Caring Touch (A.C.T.) Committee. We are pleased to have Beverly join us.

JOHNA PORTER
Johna Porter has recently taken over as the treasurer of the Auxiliary. She has been a very active volunteer working twice weekly in the Hilton Head Hospital Gift Shop and assisting with inventory management and financial data management. Her responsibilities also include handling the payroll deductions for purchases in the gift shop. Johna is no stranger to volunteer service and was active over the last 15 years in a variety of school and athletic groups. Prior to taking some time off to raise her two children, Johna worked as a paralegal. She is graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA where she earned a BA in philosophy with a business certificate. We are very happy to have Johna step into this very important position in our organization.

UNIFORM SALE:
Our January Uniform/Shoe Sale was held at Hilton Head Hospital on January 22 and at Coastal Carolina Hospital on January 23. The Auxiliary would like to thank all staff members who support the Auxiliary by shopping with us.
**Women’s Health Program**

The breast cancer support group was treated to pastries and specialty coffee at their December meeting on December 4. Three door prizes were presented. The pink Christmas tree was decorated and everyone enjoyed a wonderful morning of fellowship and support.

**Elaine Dennis—Retiring Volunteer**

One of our long term volunteers, Elaine Dennis, will be retiring from volunteer service in our Gift Shop. Elaine has helped raise money in support of the Auxiliary since joining us in 2009. Her volunteer service has been matched by monetary donations through the Matching Gift Program. Exxon, the company from which her husband retired, has made financial contributions to our Hospital Auxiliary based on the time Elaine donates as a volunteer. Many thanks to Elaine for the years of valuable service she has given to the Auxiliary. Julia Baldree-Rathke recently presented Elaine with her 1,000 hour pin with our appreciation for all her service. Good luck, Elaine—thank you for your generosity. We will miss you!

**Auxiliary Caring Touch Program (A.C.T.)**

The Auxiliary Caring Touch Program provides financial assistance to qualified patients discharged from specific local medical facilities who are financially unable to pay for certain healthcare needs. Emergency help is provided to pay for critically needed prescription medicines or special equipment for a limited time.

The A.C.T. Program is funded through the proceeds from sales at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shops and contributions.

**2019 A.C.T Summary**

A.C.T. provided a total of $40,114 to patients in 2019 as follows:

- Hilton Head Hospital $11,485
- Coastal Carolina Hospital $10,629
- ANDA/Volunteers in Medicine-HH $ 9,000
- Volunteers in Medicine-Bluffton $ 9,000

A total of 126 patients were assisted in 2019.

**New Program:**

**A.C.T. Baby Car Seat/Carrier Assistance**

The Hospital Auxiliary received a $1,000 grant from the Hattie A. and Marie V. Fatz Foundation to help fund a new Baby Car Seat/Carrier program under A.C.T.

The Board approved the new program starting in 2020. This program will provide for child carriers and car seats to be available to patients at Coastal Carolina Hospital and Hilton Head Hospital who give birth, but do not have the financial ability or access to programs which would provide assistance in obtaining protective carriers for their newborn or infant children.

**Introducing Camper, Our New Therapy Dog**

We would like to welcome owner/handler Anne Healy of Bluffton and Camper, our new therapy dog, to both Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital. We are very excited to have them join our hospital community.
The annual Hospital Auxiliary Boutique and Bake Sale was a huge success in November. It was featured at Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital. Thanks to all of you who did their holiday shopping at our boutiques and throughout the holiday season at our two gift shops.

Every year our bake tables are a big attraction at the boutique. This year they were extra-special. Thanks to all of you who donated your specialties. Big smiles were seen on folks walking away from the bake tables.

To our Gift Shop Manager, Dotty Gottdenker, and all our ladies who volunteer in our Gift Shops, please take a bow. Bravo to you for your hard work and extra hours.

At the end of December, our shelves were looking a little bare, but they are filling up quickly with some great looking handbags, scarves and gift items appropriate for all occasions. Stop by and have a look.

Our prices are fair and remember, there is no sales tax. You can use your credit cards—Mastercard, Visa, Amex and Discover—and your debit cards.

P.S. We have a new stock of quality greeting cards ranging in price from $1.00-$2.99. Our $2.99 cards help feed a child, which is indicated on the back of each card. What an extra nice greeting it makes!
Dear Friends,

We have a very unique charitable golf event with a rich history on Hilton Head Island of 33 years. With the support of sponsors, donors, golfers and Hospital Auxiliary volunteers, we continue to increase the impact we have on people’s lives in our local communities.

Money raised at the tournament provides scholarships for those attending the nursing programs at Technical College of the Lowcountry and USC Beaufort, and for the children of hospital employees and volunteers. This year for the first time, we began supporting the Women’s Health Program of the Hospital Auxiliary, which provides help for breast cancer patients.

Our tournament set a new record in 2019 by raising over $50,000 (double what the tournament generated in the early years) bringing our grand total of money raised to $800,000 over our event history. In the next 3-4 years our goal is to reach the $1,000,000 mark!

Our tournament is special because we play on two of the finest golf courses in the country, and we always have support from their directors of golf and staff. For 20 years we have been playing at Harbour Town Golf Links and for 8 years at Wexford Golf Club. My special thanks to John Farrell, Director of Golf Operations at Harbour Town and Cary Corbitt, VP Sports & Operations for Sea Pines, and Scott Hunter, Director of Golf at Wexford, and their entire staffs.

We are very fortunate to have the continued support of sponsors, prize donors and hole sign donors (shown at right). We ask that if you frequent any of these businesses that you thank them for supporting the Hospital Auxiliary, and specifically our golf event. This year we added 11 new sponsors providing product, cash and/or services. We are proud that three local charitable foundations have recognized the value of what we do and see it as consistent and complimentary to their mission.

Finally, I would like to suggest that you consider supporting the golf event fundraiser by providing your time as a tournament volunteer or by becoming a hole sponsor for $200 or a tournament sponsor starting at $500.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Dave Hales, president of the Auxiliary.

Mark your calendar now for November 30 and December 1, 2020 for our tournament’s 34th year.

Bob Elliott

Congratulations To John Vargo!

Golfer John Vargo was a winner in our Hole-In-One contest when he hit the winning shot on the 13th hole at Wexford Golf Club. The prize for his efforts is a 2-year lease on a beautiful new BMW SUV from Hilton Head BMW. Congratulations to John and Happy Driving!
New Volunteers

Hilton Head Hospital
Dolly Gannon
Charlie McCuart
Katerine Molina
Barbara Schifflin
Lew Brindle
John Cully
Bill Edmonds
Anne Jennings
Madison Avinger
Jim Breland
Debbie Bull
Dinah Kittredge
Tim Smith
Brian Swann

Coastal Carolina Hospital
Julia Capshaw
Beverly Porter
Frankie Primus

Bluffton Medical Campus
Susan Boger
Laura Neal
Joan Scelza

Hilton Head Hospital
Brenda Burden
Phil Burden
Maria Atanasov

Did you know?
In 2019, our volunteers gave 28,525 hours of service. That is an increase of 1.2% from 2018. Thank you so much for all the time that you give to our organization.

Capes and Caps
For the last couple of years, The Sew What Club in Sun City has been making fabric capes for kids that they donate to Hilton Head Regional Healthcare. The project was started as a way to give these small 'superman' style capes to any kids that might come into one of our emergency rooms or be treated in our outpatient pediatric rehabilitation program. These capes have been called Capes of Courage. The ladies of the sewing group take donated and purchased fabric and sew the capes out of bright patterned fabric with a Velcro closure in the front. Patterns are usually seasonal and have included super hero prints, mermaid prints as well as prints with animals and other patterns that children would love to wear. The cape pictured at right has a really cute shark patterned fabric.

Recently, we have expanded the program. Because of the generosity and efforts of the ladies in The Sew What Club, we are now distributing the capes to both the Women’s Center at Hilton Head Hospital and to the Women’s Pavilion of Coastal Carolina Hospital. Katy Mowery, the Director of the Women’s Pavilion at Coastal Carolina Hospital, and her staff have coined the phrase "Super Star Siblings". The capes will now be given to new big brothers and big sisters after the birth of a baby in one of our units. We felt that the capes would be a nice way to recognize their new status when a family welcomes a new addition. The group also knits baby caps for new arrivals in our Women’s Center at Hilton Head Hospital and The Women’s Pavilion at Coastal Carolina Hospital. In addition to red caps for Valentine’s Day, one of the ladies knitted ‘Baby Yoda Caps’ from the Star Wars saga (shown at left). Thank you to all these special ladies.

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE TRAINING
Our Annual Compliance Training has been scheduled. Please make note of the dates below and find one that fits your schedule. All active volunteers must complete one of these refresher courses and have it documented in your file.

Dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 26: 10 am - 12 Noon at Coastal Carolina Hospital New River Room
- Thursday, Feb. 27: 10 am - 12 Noon at Hilton Head Hospital Boardroom
- Monday, March 2: 1 pm - 3 pm at Hilton Head Hospital Boardroom
- Tuesday, March 3: 1 pm - 3 pm at Coastal Carolina Hospital New River Room
- Thursday, March 5: 9 am - 11 am at Bluffton Medical Campus Classroom
- Tuesday, March 10: 1 pm - 3 pm at Hilton Head Hospital Boardroom
- Monday, March 16: 1 pm - 3 pm at Coastal Carolina Hospital New River Room

Please email me at julia.baldreerathke@tenethealth.com or call my office at (843-689-8201) with the date and time that you will be attending. You do not have to attend a session where you volunteer – you may attend on any date, time, or location above that works with your schedule. If you are attending or have attended orientation since January 1, 2020, you are excused from attending one of these sessions. Our Bluffton High School and Hilton Head Christian Academy students are excused as well.

We will review HIPAA Law (patient confidentiality) as well as Plain Language Codes and reinforce several other required annual topics. I look forward to seeing you there!

Julia Baldree-Rathke
Volunteer Services
**Junior Volunteer Program**

We have welcomed several high school students this year at our facilities. These students are participating in different types of programs where they are receiving school credit for clinical exposure time in one of our departments.

We have had three students from Hilton Head Christian Academy that are spending the entire school year with us, learning about hospital functions within their assigned area and observing the roles of different hospital staff.

From Bluffton High School, we had six students in our facilities during the fall semester, and we have welcomed five students for the spring semester. These students are assigned to an area for the entire semester and observe the roles of different staff in their assigned area, as well as how their assigned department functions.

The Bluffton High School students are involved in the Sports Medicine certificate program with the Beaufort County School District and this is their final and fourth semester of these classes. These students have already had 2 semesters of anatomy and physiology (Sports Medicine I and II) and a semester of a health science class. They are in our facilities every day either during the first block (period) of the day or during the last block (period) of the school day – depending on their individual schedule.

We bring these students in as junior volunteers. They complete a junior volunteer application and they must have a recommendation from an official at their schools. The students must also complete TB testing and be cleared by the Employee Health Nurse before they begin. They also attend an orientation session before beginning their assignment. These are the same protocols that an employee must go through, which is a good learning experience for these young people. I am hoping that some of these students will continue as volunteers this summer.

These students are hoping that their experiences with us will help guide them into a field of study in college and a future in some aspect of healthcare. We hope they continue to take the opportunity to learn from our staff and ask lots of questions. Maybe some of these students will return as employees after college.

**Chaplaincy Program at Coastal Carolina**

Island Chaplains and Friends will be starting services at Coastal Carolina Hospital beginning the week of February 10, 2020. Rev. Ian Lamont will be rounding on patients three days a week as needed.

**A Celebration of Birthdays!**

**January**

Diane Cookson  
Front Desk  
1/11

Barbara Harrison  
BMC Greeter  
1/12

Karen Couser  
Emergency  
1/16

Dee Kantorowicz  
Front Desk  
1/17

Mary McNeill  
Front Desk  
1/21

Eleanore Knott  
Gift Shop  
1/28

Annette Gomolski  
SDS  
1/30

**February**

Linda Stauffer  
Emergency  
2/2

Gretchen Iverson  
SDS  
2/2

Ida Pinderski  
Born to Read  
2/5

Bill Duvall  
Trolley  
2/6

Helmut Heyde  
Trolley  
2/7

Maria Atanasov  
Pavilion Greeter  
2/10

Marilyn Fraley  
Lobby Greeter  
2/11

Virginia Lucier  
Front Desk  
2/13

Carla Bech-Hanson  
Emergency  
2/14

Jane Waltz  
Front Desk  
2/17

John Mack  
Front Desk  
2/20

Katherine Molina  
Emergency  
2/21

Anne Ovstegard  
Emergency  
2/25

Johna Porter  
Auxiliary Board/Gift Shop  
2/25

Julia Capshaw  
SDS  
2/25

Loretta Brockington  
Lobby Greeter  
2/28

**March**

Tom Myers  
SDS  
3/3

Kathleen Wilson  
Materials Mgt  
3/4

Dotty Gottdenker  
Auxiliary Board/Gift Shop  
3/7

Jane Miller  
Born to Read  
3/7

Frankie Primus  
Gift Shop  
3/7

Nancy Paton  
Front Desk  
3/8

June Schroeder  
Gift Shop  
3/9

Andy Leach  
Trolley  
3/11

Joe Cohen  
Trolley  
3/14

Marti Wills  
Front Desk  
3/19

Martha Hutchinson  
Born to Read  
3/22

Gus Savastano  
BMC Greeter  
3/25

Dick Zanglin  
Trolley  
3/31

**April**

Lauren Anthony  
Rehabilitation  
4/1

Sandra Leinbach  
Gift Shop/Employee Health  
4/5

Laurie Holwerson  
Front Desk  
4/8

Janet Dombay  
Emergency  
4/9

Irene Williamson  
OR Waiting  
4/9

Susan Reynolds  
Education  
4/9

George Vaveris  
Front Desk  
4/10

Lenore Hansen  
Gift Shop/Front Desk  
4/12

Sandy Koepe  
Emergency  
4/12

Diane Berlingo  
Gift Shop  
4/13

Lucy Young  
Gift Shop  
4/26

Lydia Edmunds  
Born to Read  
4/30
When you give a gift from the Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shops your gift keeps on giving. All proceeds support the Auxiliary Caring Touch Program which assists those in the community who are in need.