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Carol Crane, President-Elect/Editor



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



MAHA

President's Message

Your East Central District Board and Caro Community Hospital Auxiliary have worked together to provide a special meeting "Building Healthy Communities...Together". I hope that you have an opportunity to talk with attendees from other hospitals and do some sharing of information about what you are doing that is exciting for you. No matter what size our hospital is, we have the same needs. For example, how do we invite new volunteers to join us? What kind of fund raisers have been successful? These are just two examples. Another way you can share this information is by making comments on the evaluation forms after you attend a conference/meeting. The comments on these forms are then shared with many.

The MAHA Fall Conference is October 13-15, 2014 (Monday through Wednesday) with the theme "VOLUNTEERS ... at the heart of change"! It is being held at Crystal Mountain this year and, as I had said in my letter to Presidents and President-Elects, ECD is hosting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 24, 2014
ECD Fall Conference
Horizon Center, Saginaw

October 14-16, 2014
MAHA Fall Conference
Crystal Mountain,
Thompsonville

If you are planning to arrive a little early we could use your help guiding people from the area of registration to the vendors and the hotel, as everything is NOT under one roof as we have been used to. Do let me know if you can help us out. The night of the banquet the MAHA Board has asked that we wear something red to go along with the "heart" in the theme.

I know this is early as my year as President is just starting but do think about joining the ECD Board. Early in 2015 Janet Barker, Counselor, will be looking to fill a slate of officers for Spring Installation. If you want additional information on the various offices contact her at j56barker@gmail.com and she will be pleased to talk with you. It's a great way to get to know new people with interests that are similar to your own. I know I would never have had that opportunity without being on the Board.

I would like to introduce you to the ECD Volunteer of the Year but I can't at this time. When you attend the Fall Meeting I hope that you will take the time to congratulate the recipient of this honor. I want to congratulate **every** Auxilian/Volunteer at this time, as what you do at your hospital has earned you that honor every day that you volunteer.

The ECD Board represents you and as President I attend the MAHA Board meetings. If you have questions or wish additional information or explanations do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting each of you at the ECD Meetings and/or MAHA Conferences. Do plan on attending as these are opportunities where there is much we can learn and share as we get together.

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“Volunteering” is the policy or practice of giving one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community!



NEWS from Our Membership



CARO CUMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The Caro Hospital Auxiliary remains active in the community and the Hospital. We are currently in the midst of one of our fundraisers--our annual raffle, with first prize being a 42 inch flat screen television. We have started selling Melissa and Doug items in our gift shop with excellent results. Jewelry and book sales will be held in the fall. We have had a booth at the Cars and Crafts festival as well as the Tuscola County Fair. We will also be participating in the Pumpkin Festival in October.

In 2013 we donated over \$13,000 in equipment to the Hospital!

Suzanne Reed, President



COVENANT HEALTHCARE – SAGINAW

Installation of officers, originally scheduled for April 19th, was rescheduled for June 26th when the following persons were installed:

Chairperson - Kathy Parr
Vice Chair - Brent Gaertner
Secretary - Nancy Doyle
Treasurer - Ken Tobias
Counselor/Nominations - Anne Lorentzen
Communications - Sue Myers.

A delicious ice cream social followed the installation.

Our “Red Carpet Premiere” fundraiser was held on August 14th and 15th. Those in attendance could sign up to golf or if not a golfer, could enter the “Crumpets and Croquet” competition which was sponsored by the Covenant Volunteers, who pledged \$1,200 towards the lunch. There was a great turnout.

We enjoyed a wonderful volunteer picnic at Bliss Park on August 27th. It was very well attended.

Following a long held tradition, the Covenant Volunteers provided a scholarship for \$2000 each to two students pursuing a career in the medical field.

The Emergency Care Center is up and running after a much needed renovation.

Again this summer, we are pleased to have 22 Junior Volunteers from the local high schools.

The Starbucks Coffee Shop, located in the Gift Shop at Cooper Campus, is doing so well that the Manager, Tim Schultz, has extended the hours of operation.

Susan Myers, Communications



GENESYS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – GRAND BLANC

Although we don't hold any fundraising activities during the summer months, our volunteers still faithfully perform their duties in their respective service areas. The many hours donated to the hospital are very important, as the volunteers assist patients and staff alike.

The Acorn Gift and Flower Shop continues to be very popular with staff, visitors and the community. Evergreen, our onsite greenhouse, continues to provide beautiful plants, baskets of flowers and unique items for the home garden. The volunteer Board Officers definitely benefitted from attending the MAHA Conference on Mackinac Island this past June. The workshops were very well presented and the chance to mingle with other hospital volunteers was both enjoyable and informative. Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon featured a "camping" theme and was a great deal of fun. We played horseshoes, made jewelry at the craft table and were treated to trail mix and other camping delights! This was followed by a picnic lunch featuring barbecued chicken, corn "off the cob" and s'mores for dessert. We were able to present Genesys with a check for \$75,000, a portion of our yearly donation. We continue to be a most valuable asset to our hospital.

Planning for another successful year is well under way. We will begin with a Board Retreat in September, at which time our fundraising plans for the coming year will be finalized and goals for the Volunteer Organization will be discussed. We are continually seeking additional ways we might reach out to the community and make a positive difference in the lives of those around us.

Carol Crane, Volunteer President



HARBOR BEACH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



HEALTHSOURCE - SAGINAW





HILLS AND DALES GENERAL HOSPITAL

A few words from the Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary by the newly installed president, who is not sure what she is doing just yet. The annual Hospital Auxiliary Appreciation day was held at Northwood Meadows, with a luncheon and program to thank the members for all they do to provide for the Hospital by donating their time, talents and money. A Uniform sale was held in the hospital, with the public invited, which increased our profit. A \$5, \$10 & \$15 Jewelry Sale was also very profitable. We held the \$5 Masquerade Sale in conjunction with the Hospital Health Fair. Many of our members helped with this event and had a lot of fun doing so. These are just a few of the things we have done, in addition to the many fund raisers mentioned in past communications.

Our Gift Shop, which we get many compliments on, is a real asset in contributing to the fund that is used to make purchases such as blanket warmers for the ER, a deep fryer for the kitchen, automatic door openers for the Rehab Center and installation of the new automatic doors in the Pharmacy. We also purchased a paper cutter and had the chairs refurbished for the girls in the admitting department, which they really appreciated. We donated \$5,000.00 to the Northwood Meadows Senior Living Community toward a new updated Residential Security System. We will continue to try and find new and interesting fund raisers. If anyone has ideas they'd like to share, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Pat Greenwood, President



HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER - FLINT

With the arrival of summer, activities slowed somewhat for the Auxiliary. The Auxilians continue to volunteer in their various areas of service. Fund-raisers and luncheons have subsided for the summer but our Gift Shop, also known as the "Lobby Shop", continues to operate seven days a week as do our other Services.

This past year Hurley Auxiliary was able to donate:

- \$10,000 to Hurley's Children's Miracle Network
- \$56,000 to purchase reclining chairs for the maternity and pediatric units
- \$100,000 to complete our pledge to renovation and development of the Urgent Care Center at Hurley.

We held our annual bake sale, and had various vendor sales – the Five and Six-dollar Man, shoe sales and the most profitable, the linen sale. Funds raised by these activities were part of our donation toward our project for the year.

We were able to send several people to the annual MAHA conference at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Those attending came away informed and well fed—both mentally and physically!

Besides our fundraising, we have begun strategic planning on incorporating our Volunteers and Auxilians into one cohesive group, working together to support Hurley, its patients, staff and our community. I'm looking forward to another productive and busy year.

Tani Konzer, President



HURON MEDICAL CENTER – BAD AXE

We have been very busy since early spring with activities and fundraisers. We had our Valentine’s Day candy sale in February. Our Auxiliary luncheon and installation of new officers was held in April. Also in April we held a book sale.

We sent two members to the ECD Spring meeting in Saginaw. Our members assisted at the Huron Medical Center Health Fair at the K of C Hall in May. Also in May was another luncheon for Auxiliary members with guest speaker, Josh Roggenbuck.

Louise Walker, President



MARLETTE REGIONAL HOSPITAL



MCKENZIE HEALTH SYSTEM - SANDUSKY



MCLAREN - FLINT

Our auxiliary celebrated its 95th Anniversary ALL DAY on April 10, 2014! The day began and ended with open houses. Between these activities we held our gala luncheon, attended by nearly 150 Auxilians, guests and speakers. Numerous media were on hand to report the festivities. The auditorium was decorated with service display boards and “Then and Now” historical pictures and videos. Music from those 95 years played in the background. Each attendee received a monogrammed tote bag, program and bookmark.

What an awesome and memorable celebration, a complete and fitting tribute to our past and present volunteers and their 95 years of selfless dedication and contributions to McLaren Flint! Special thanks go to Judy Dawson, our 95th Anniversary Chairperson!

Four of our Board Members attended the MAHA Conference on Mackinac Island. Once again, a good time was had by all, valuable information was gleaned and way too much food was consumed! The highlight for us was the workshop given by Teresa Williams, Director of McLaren Hospitality. She gave a very informative and professional presentation about our Proton Therapy Center and the Hospitality House...we are so proud of Teresa!

Kathy Carrithers, President



MCLAREN BAY REGION – BAY CITY



MCLAREN LAPEER REGIONAL



MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE - OWOSSO

In July of 1919, 832 women from Owosso and the surrounding area formed the Women’s Auxiliary of Memorial Hospital. They worked hard sewing, canning and gathering foodstuffs from the neighborhoods for the hospital storage. This year we will be celebrating our 95th Anniversary, highlighting memories of years past at each meeting.

We will be having our Gift Shop Fashion Show at our October meeting. This is always a fun time. Those wearing a name tag from the luncheon get a 20% discount on clothing they purchase at the gift shop that day.

Our Memorial Healthcare Foundation is having the Fourth “Art Bra Event” in August. The proceeds from this event go toward helping to defray the cost of cancer screenings for people in our community.

We have several fundraisers scheduled for this fall. We also have Santa coming to the hospital to help with the lighting of the Lobby Christmas tree. He will visit several times during December so the children in the area can come to talk to him.

Meredith Keating, Auxiliary President



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER - CLARE

We are gearing up for an exciting fall. On August 25th we held our second uniform sale. On October 13th-19th we will have our first ever "Bras 4 a Cause" fundraiser...we are very excited to do this. The idea came from the Gladwin volunteers. Lots of activities are scheduled throughout the week with bras displayed at Cops and Doughnuts. The festivities will end with wine, chocolate and an auction at the Doherty on Friday night. If you are in the area, please come and join us.

We will be having a book sale October 6th and 7th. The final fundraiser for the year will be a bake sale at Jay's Sporting Goods on November 1st.

Vicky Gunden, Volunteer/Publicity



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER - GLADWIN

The MidMichigan Medical Center - Gladwin Volunteers have been busy as usual. The Gift Closet continues to be a positive stop for visitors and staff at the hospital. They are continually stocking new items.

Our efforts during the summer focused on preparations for the 47th annual Doe Day Golf Outing. This year it was at Gladwin Heights Golf Course. The funds raised from this outing are used in the scholarship fund to help finance mammograms for women in Gladwin County who otherwise could not afford this valuable screening.

The Reach Out and Read program is not yet fully active. In this program, which the volunteers funded, physicians who treat pediatric patients offer them a free book and encourage them to read. It has been well received. Other activities have included a successful rummage sale and the selling of raffle tickets for five beautiful handmade quilts which have been donated.

Mary Griffore, President



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER – GRATIOT / ALMA

We have been very busy conducting several fundraisers including a \$5.00 Jewelry Sale, New Book and Gift Sale, Uniform Sale and the Sweets (Candy) Sale just before Easter. We had a MMMC-G Logo Sale the end of July which gave the staff, auxiliary members and others the chance to purchase jackets, polo shirts, t-shirts, mugs, tote bags, portfolios, note pads and pens, etc., imprinted with our new logo. The other three MidMichigan Medical Center Hospitals have had this sale as well.

Two of us had the opportunity to attend the MAHA Conference on Mackinac Island in June. We always find these conferences, whether ECD or MAHA, to be so very informative. We always leave with a plethora of information which we are eager to share with our auxiliary members.

I hope you've had a safe and enjoyable summer.

Lillian Connors, Auxiliary President



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER - MIDLAND

Looking to fall, the Volunteer Board is gathering on August 27th for the Second Annual Volunteer Operating Board Retreat at the Chippewa Nature Center. This event enables the members to interact with each other in planning for the upcoming year, setting goals and focusing on one or two areas to really improve the Volunteer experience at MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland. This past year the emphasis was on improving communication in all aspects of the Volunteer activities.

We are always seeking ways for the Volunteers to provide services that help the hospital and enhance their own positive contribution of time and talent.

We are looking ahead to a Uniform Sale on September 17-18, and Book Fair on October 27-28.

Elaine Fabinski, President



SCHEURER HEALTHCARE NETWORK – PIGEON





ST. JOSEPH HEALTH SYSTEM – TAWAS CITY

With the summer flying by, so has our Annual Raffle. This year's grand prize was a 2014 Yamaha Grizzly 350 Auto 4x4. We are proud to once again have offered a large raffle to our community. All proceeds went towards our Volunteer's pledge to the Health System for the Emergency Room renovation that was recently completed. The lucky winner was drawn on August 29th!

We are proud to have our very own volunteer, Jeanette Havel, now serving as MAHA President. Not only is she a dedicated St. Joseph Health System volunteer but is a great representative for all Michigan health system volunteers.

Our Volunteer Boutique is having exceptional sales with new merchandise flowing in and out the door. From January to July alone, the Boutique has profited nearly \$8,000.

Heather Foor, Volunteer Coordinator



ST. MARY'S OF MICHIGAN – SAGINAW

The Volunteer Alliance enjoyed a well-attended Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting in May when new officers were installed.

Regrettably, the *Amazing Bed Race* scheduled for July 31st was cancelled due to insufficient registrations. We are back at the "drawing board" and will keep you informed.

Computerization of our Gift Shop is still in process.

Profits from our Vendor sales have been challenged by the removal of the payroll deduction option for employees. Creativity is growing in response.

Betty Nagel-Cribbins, President



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