

THE CHRONICLE

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Sheryllynn Russo, President-Elect/Editor

President's Message

I'm hoping that many of you will be in attendance today at the East Central District 2015 Fall Conference. I'd like to express my thanks to the **Covenant Healthcare volunteer organization**, today's co-hosts, for their careful planning and attention to detail. Their friendly volunteers and excellent organizational skills have made working with them a very enjoyable experience for your ECD Board. As a reminder, *please fill out the conference evaluation forms* you will find in your folders today. We welcome your comments and suggestions and will use them as we plan future events.

You will also find in your folders a brief description of the positions that we will be seeking to fill on **the next ECD Board**. The next slate of officers will be installed in May of 2016. Serving on the ECD Board offers a wonderful opportunity to assist our Volunteer/Auxiliary Organizations, form new friendships and enjoy new experiences. If you have questions concerning a position or would simply like additional information, please contact Anne Lorentzen, ECD Counselor, at amlorentzen5803@charter.net.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 23, 2015
ECD Fall Conference
Horizon Center, Saginaw

October 12-14, 2015
MAHA Fall Conference
Crystal Mountain,
Thompsonville

As your ECD president, it is my hope that this next year will be one that sees the East Central District become increasingly active in our role as part of the MAHA. It was my privilege to meet with the MAHA Board in July, as we looked ahead and sought to determine how best to serve you in the coming year(s). I encourage you to contact me with any and all concerns or ideas you may have. In addition, I would welcome news concerning any exciting events or special projects that are happening in your Volunteer/Auxiliary Organizations. I plan to visit with as many of you as possible during the coming months! Together, we can make a positive contribution to the healthcare facilities and patients that we all endeavor to serve.

I hope that you'll be joining us for the **MAHA Fall Conference** at Crystal Mountain Resort, October 12 through 14, 2015. We will be participating in the Harvest Gathering during the conference, collecting food and personal hygiene items, should you wish to contribute. We will also be having a **basket giveaway** as in previous years, so please bring one for the drawing if possible.

Enjoy the crisp fall air, tart, juicy apples and beautiful autumn leaves this special season brings. Soon enough the snow will fly and we'll all be wishing for warm sunny days once again!

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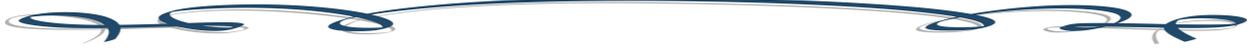
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“Volunteering” is the policy or practice of giving one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community!



NEWS from Our Membership



CARO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The members of the Caro Community Hospital Auxiliary have been keeping themselves busy by hosting Uniform Sales, Book Fairs, Jewelry Sales, and Sweatshirt Sales. They participated in the hospital's Annual Health Fair by conducting an inventory reduction sale in conjunction with the Health Fair. They are also busy selling raffle tickets for the annual Auxiliary Raffle that has prizes including a 50 inch flat screen television, Kindle Fire, tickets to Zehnder's Splash Village water park, and a \$100 WalMart gift card. They also continue to support the Michigan Blood Bank by providing volunteers to assist with the blood drive as well as providing food items for the donors. They will be the sponsor of the CCH Holiday Bazaar in November, which showcases 20+ crafters from the Caro and surrounding area.

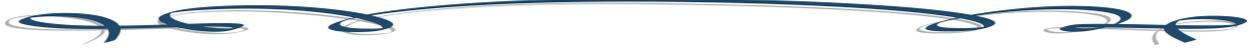
Three members attended the MAHA Spring Conference at Mackinac Island and they were able to bring back some valuable information to use in the Heartfelt Gift Shop and to share with the other auxiliary members. We are also very proud to say that the new ECD Vice President Membership is one of our own!

The CCH Auxiliary continues to be a strong, supporting member of the Caro Community Hospital family.

Suzanne Reed, President



COVENANT HEALTHCARE – SAGINAW



GENESYS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – GRAND BLANC

The Genesys Volunteers just finished our summer luncheon, "The Wild Wild West" as our theme. We held our installation ceremony for our new Board Members during this luncheon. We had a rip-roaring good time enjoying each other's costumes, vittles, and activities.

We had another good year with our fundraisers and look forward to jumping back in with renewed energy and enthusiasm this fall. We'll once again be having numerous fundraisers (some familiar and some new) which we hope will be as successful as they have been in the past. More importantly, the Genesys volunteers will be assisting patients and their families as well as supporting the hospital staff in various capacities. All of which helps to enrich our community.

Ron Thiel, President

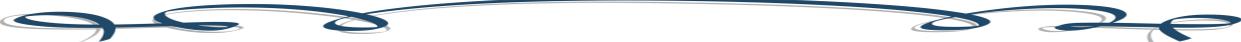




HARBOR BEACH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



HEALTHSOURCE - SAGINAW



HILLS AND DALES GENERAL HOSPITAL

The three "Bees" who attended the spring meeting were very impressed with the theme and the speaker was fantastic.

Our Gift Shop has been very busy, and the Uniform Sales was most profitable. The \$ 5.00 Masquerade Jewelry and Books are Fun Sale are some of the other events coming up. We also sell popcorn every Wednesday and Friday. The smell of hot popcorn brings many regular customers and walk-ins. This is a good money maker.

We have purchased an overhead heater and air conditioning unit to be installed in the front lobby where the automatic doors are. This will make the lobby more comfortable year-round for patients and employees.

The Swing Bed units are open and the Auxiliary members are volunteering where needed. Some of our members have had the pleasure of using the program. Good feedback from all.

Patricia Greenwood, President



HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER - FLINT

We are proudly announcing that our Hurley Auxilian, Nancy Viele, has been elected President of MAHA 2015/2016. Nancy has held many positions on the Hurley Auxiliary Board, ECD Board, and now MAHA. Congratulations to Nancy!

In March, 2015, at our Birthday Luncheon, Hurley Auxiliary enjoyed a Purse Bingo. Prizes were donated by our local merchants. The ladies were thrilled at this new twist on bingo.

Hurley Employees' Vendor Sale was such a big success. This was a great opportunity for employees to display their goods and talents as well as a unique way to build community support. We may schedule it again next year. The Sale was held for one day with ten vendors participating. The vendors donated 20% of their sales to the Hurley Auxiliary.

The Lobby Shop, which is run by Michelle Reed and Marilyn Lewinski with the support of a super group of Auxilians, donated \$138,000 to the Hurley Auxiliary for projects and furniture for the new Pediatric Clinic. They had pledged \$120,000 for the 2014/2015 year. Thank you very much ladies and gents.

Hurley's Pediatric Clinic is located on the second floor of the Flint Farmers' Market in downtown Flint. Our first Auxiliary meeting will be held in the facility on September 15, 2015 in an effort to familiarize our Auxilians with the functions and staff. We are proud to have this Hurley exposure in the midst of our community. If you are ever in the area, please visit our Hurley Pediatric Clinic.

Phyllis Cranston, President





HURON MEDICAL CENTER – BAD AXE

Most of us look forward to Michigan's changing seasons. The Huron Medical Center gift shop. "The Well Wishers", reflects these changes with its seasonal merchandise. Our gift shop is located in Bad Axe's Huron Medical Center, right off the east waiting room.

"The Well Wishers" is an important fund-raising source for the Huron Medical Center Volunteers. Our customers look forward to shopping during the various seasons, especially Halloween and Christmas items. We have a ten percent discount the first Monday of every month for our hospital employees. We truly appreciate our loyal hospital employees who shop in our gift shop.

Our organization is truly thankful for our Volunteer gift store buyers who work their magic in selecting varied and creative merchandise. Many of our dedicated volunteers are scheduled to work in the gift shop. The shop is open daily from 9 to 4, Monday through Friday.

Our other fund raising ventures for this 2015 year include the following: See's Candy Sale in February, Uniform Sale in March, Book Sale in April, Purse Sale in May, summer-time raffle in June through August, \$5 Sale in October, Book Sale in November, Cheeseball Sale in November, and the Christmas Open House Sale the first Monday in November and the Christmas Basket Sale the first Monday in December.

Thanks to our seventh-plus membership, our organization has truly found that "many hands make our workload lighter" in our fund raising efforts.

Louise Walker, President



MARLETTE REGIONAL HOSPITAL



MCKENZIE HEALTH SYSTEM - SANDUSKY

This past June we celebrated our 10th Annual McKenzie Health System Auxiliary Golf Scramble at Woodland Hills Golf Course. We were excited and decided to use the "Diamond Theme" as diamond is the 10th anniversary gift. We had sparkly decorations and more volunteers this year (thanks to the recruiters). We had hopes of surpassing the 21 teams that we had last year. Well, we sure did! We had 34-1/2 teams come out to golf and support our hospital. After all expenses were paid, we grossed over \$12,000. Our best year ever!!! We sure have a great group of volunteers who worked hard this year.

Upcoming events for us are the Bake-Less Bake Sale and our gift shop's annual Kid's Christmas Sale.

Patti O'Connor, President





MCLAREN - FLINT

“The Special Things Gift Shop” is receiving rave reviews since the reopening in March. We are now diligently working with Randall Data and our I/T Department to get the Point of Sale (POS) System implemented. We will then be able to schedule training for our gift shop volunteers.

The Director of Volunteers has been busy with monthly orientation for new volunteers. She does her best to place the in service areas that fit the needs of the hospital and fits the background and desire of the volunteer.

The Vice President has scheduled future vendor sales that include Electronic Fundraising, Out of the Box Shoes, Books Unlimited, and Germack Nuts throughout the remainder of the year. In addition, our own group “Annies” will hold their annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale in November.

Installation of Officers for the 2015-2016 year will take place at our September luncheon. We look forward to seeing everyone at the September ECD meeting in Saginaw and at Crystal Mountain in October.

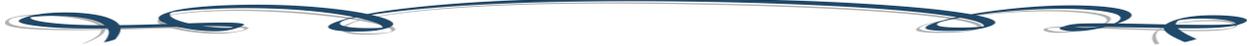
Ginny Livingston, President



MCLAREN BAY REGION – BAY CITY



MCLAREN LAPEER REGIONAL



MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE - OWOSSO

Memorial Healthcare celebrated its 95th year at a May evening meeting at the Owosso Country Club. It was a time to share fond memories, install new officers, and proudly plan future events.

Fall fundraising efforts will include the Linen Sale, Books R Fun, the \$5 Jewelry Sale, and the Candy Sale. The 5K Race/Walk in April and the Silver Stars/Santa Visits in December are two other things we do to raise money for the hospital. The Four Seasons Gift Shop is also working hard to support our project commitment to the hospital. We will be taking a new proposal to the Auxiliary general membership in October for a Level 1 Fluid Warmer and Rapid Infuser to be used in the surgery area, a Panda Warmer to be used in the birthing suites area, and eight Philips Bedside Monitors to be used in the Progressive Care area when up and running.

Our Auxilians and hospital staff are very supportive of our projects as seen through the success of our fundraising efforts. We are already discussing what the 100th Anniversary celebration might look like.

Jeannette Smith, President





MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER - CLARE

We have all had a wonderful summer – now it's time to get back to doing fundraisers. We have scheduled a book sale and a bake sale for later this fall.

Our Fall Volunteer Luncheon is in September and our annual Christmas Luncheon will be in December.

Ann Rowe, President



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER - GLADWIN

The MidMichigan Medical Center - Gladwin Volunteers are enjoying the summer, but it is not the lazy dog days for them. They have kept busy with the extremely well received duties of the Ambassador Program and the Gift Closet as well as the reception desk relief duties.

The main activity they are working on is the 48th Annual Doe Day Golf Tournament. The event will be August 5, 2015 at the Sugar Springs Golf Course in Gladwin. The tournament has been very successful over the years and the response is positive for this year. The funds raised will be directed to support the staff in providing excellent care to the patients by purchasing equipment needed for patient care. The staff provides suggestions/requests to the Wish List and the volunteers work toward fulfilling these wishes. The volunteers are looking forward to fall fundraisers and the Gift Closet Holiday Sale.

Mary Griffore, President



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER – GRATIOT / ALMA

We have been busy with several fundraisers, including \$5.00 Jewelry Sale, Lego Sale and a Bakeless Bake Sale. We had a Golf Outing with the proceeds to support the Breast Health Program.

Two of us attended the MAHA Conference on Mackinac Island and we had a Board Retreat in June, which we found very informative.

Our Gift Shop is doing very well as our buyers seem to find lots of great things! Our Stitch and Stuff group are always busy making comfort pillows, sewing blankets, and making tray favors.

We are all looking forward to the fall and numerous fundraisers we have planned, along with the Lights of Love in December.

Alice Patterson, Auxiliary President



MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER - MIDLAND

SCHEURER HEALTHCARE NETWORK – PIGEON

ST. JOSEPH HEALTH SYSTEM – TAWAS CITY



The volunteers of St. Joseph Health System have been busy adjusting to a new Volunteer Coordinator, Dawn Knapp and a new paradigm for its organization. St. Joseph has been working with Genesys Regional Medical Center, St. Mary's of Michigan and St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital to form the new Mid-Michigan Region of Ascension Health. The new regionalization allows the sharing of resources to allow for a more robust offering of services.

Dawn has been on the job just over a year. In that time frame, she has been fully entrenched learning who her volunteers are, where they are located and what she can do to assist them in their activities. She was able to attend the MAHA Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain, co-host the ECD Spring Conference in Saginaw and attend the MAHA Spring Conference on Mackinac Island.

The volunteers have been active in starting a popcorn popping program. They voted to purchase a new popper and offer delicious, warm popped treats on Thursday afternoons. The support of the new program has been wonderful! The Volunteer Gift Boutique has seen changes as well. There are new faces and new products being offered. One fan favorite is the new eco-designed bags made in the USA. Bags are made of up-cycled products; yoga mat, fabric and sandal strap remnants.

The volunteers just finished the summer season with a Volunteer Potluck Picnic. The volunteers enjoyed spending time visiting with old and new friends, great food and games. The picnic was sponsored by the Retention Team, which organizes activities for the volunteers to help them feel engaged and supported.

The Recruitment Team has been busy organizing events that will pique the curiosity of the public with the hopes of bringing more volunteers into the family. They are planning to host a Coffee Talk at the local Tim Horton's to offer coffee and a conversation about how the volunteers fulfill the needs of the Health System. They are also planning a series of educational/entertaining guest speaker's series open to the public at which they will recruit attendees as well.



ST. MARY'S OF MICHIGAN – SAGINAW

Hello from the new President of St. Mary's of Michigan Volunteer Alliance, Janie Gugino. Summer is always pretty slow for us, but we do have a few things that are new and interesting.

Our Fundraising Committee is looking at re-creating a "Winter Blahs Basket Auction" fundraiser that our counterparts at St. Joseph's Tawas and St. Mary's Standish initially debuted. Departments from throughout the hospital will be encouraged to submit gift baskets that we will auction before Valentine's Day.

Our hospital is now featuring a new volunteer opportunity where we distribute fresh water glasses to patients in the morning and early afternoon. This is a big time-saver for our staff, particularly the CAN's, who have given us many a "thank you" since we have started. We've been growing the program since December 2014. It's been a great opportunity for our volunteers looking to get involved in a clinical setting and at the patient's bedside.

Our thrift shop, Timeless Treasures, continues to flourish being open 3 days week. We are looking for more volunteers who would like to make a great impact in our community. Our proceeds are up \$1,000 from last year thanks to many generous donations.

Our gift shop has undergone a makeover thanks to our new Gift Shop Coordinator, Peggy. Peggy has extensive experience in retail. Under her leadership, we've enjoyed an increase in our overall Gift Shop sales. We are so pleased with the collaboration and hard work from our gift shop employees and volunteers.

Janie Gugino, President



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