

THE CHRONICLE

Spring/May 2016

Carol Crane, President /Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There have been ongoing changes and challenges in the healthcare field this year, as in the past several years. I'm happy to say that your East Central District Board and the MAHA Board have gone to great lengths to keep abreast of the latest information and act on it accordingly. We will continue to work together to provide our members with legislative news, updates on hospital projects, Volunteer/Auxiliary Group achievements and future plans. The more knowledge available to you, the easier it will be to adapt and flourish!

Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, has worked diligently with the East Central District to present your spring conference, "Tea in the Garden". How appropriate, as we are all glad to welcome warmer temperatures and spring flowers!

This past year has gone by rather quickly for me. It has been a whirlwind of new and exciting experiences and I have really enjoyed every one of them. It is now time to pass the torch and welcome your ECD Board for 2016-2017. I will remain in the position of Counselor for the next year. In addition, I've accepted the position of Legislative Director on the MAHA Board and look forward to serving you in that capacity as well.

For those of you I have met during my time as ECD President, my heartfelt thanks for your hospitality and friendship! I've had the privilege of attending several of your luncheons and conducting your Installation Ceremonies, something I've very much enjoyed. Your responses to my phone calls and emails have been greatly appreciated. I regret that it was not possible for me to attend each and every luncheon and celebration throughout the year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAHA Annual Conference
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
June 7 – 9, 2016

ECD Fall Meeting
Horizons Center, Saginaw
September 28, 2016

MAHA Fall Conference
Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth
October 10 – 12, 2016

As we look ahead to the coming months, we are seeking one of our ECD Hospitals to co-host the fall 2016 ECD conference. It is a very rewarding experience, offering comradery and fun. Please contact me if you would like more information as to what is involved and I'll be happy to answer any questions you have!

My warmest congratulations to the incoming East Central District Board. I'm certain they will do an outstanding job in their respective positions. They each bring enthusiasm and expertise to the table. Please extend your support to them as you have so kindly done for me!

As Counselor for 2016-2017, it will be my task to seek candidates for ECD's 2017-2018 Board. I can say that I have benefited greatly from my time on the Board. It has enabled me to grow as a person, expand my horizons and meet many lovely people. I do hope that some of you will be interested in serving next year. I will be reaching out as the time approaches. And of course, if you are interested in a position, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Enjoy your summer!

Carol Crane,
ECD President
mamoose01@yahoo.com
810-735-6618

“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!”

ECD OFFICERS 2016/2017

<i>President:</i>	<i>Pam Starkweather, Memorial Healthcare, Owosso</i>
<i>President-Elect:</i>	<i>Jeannette Smith, Memorial Healthcare, Owosso</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Judy Dawson, McLaren, Flint</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Kathy Hayes, Hurley Medical Center, Flint</i>
<i>VP Membership:</i>	<i>Beth Greene, Caro Community Hospital, Caro</i>
<i>VP Historian/PR:</i>	<i>Lillian Connors, MidMichigan Medical Center, Gratiot/Alma</i>
<i>Counselor:</i>	<i>Carol Crane, McLaren, Flint</i>

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS!

CARO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The Caro Community Hospital Auxiliary members have been very busy this spring. We have had jewelry, uniform and a Books are Fun Sale this spring. In April we held our Annual Spring Tea to thank the volunteers. This was the first time that we held the Tea at the Hospital and everyone enjoyed the new venue. We have begun to sell Raffle tickets for our annual fundraising raffle. Prizes for the raffle include a flat screen TV, Amazon Fire and a \$100 gift card. The membership voted to allocate \$4000 to purchase new curtains for patient rooms. Members of the Auxiliary also participated in the first annual 5k Color Run sponsored by the Hospital.

HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER-FLINT

Our Christmas Open House was held on December 1st and 2nd, 2015, which allowed all three shifts to participate. It was a great success and profitable. We held our Linen Sale on January 21, 2016. Our Lobby Shop Valentine Flower Sale was not only beautifully displayed, but offered a loving and cheerful atmosphere.

Hurley Auxiliary sponsored two people to attend Hurley's Annual Benefit Ball on March 5, 2016. A new fundraiser, a Spring Bake Sale, was held on March 17th, with four generous volunteers who organized and solicited donations and baked goods from our Auxilians. We hope to repeat this next year. We shared this date with Hurley Foundation's Staff, who sold popcorn and sent the aroma of cooking to our visitors and staff members.

Hurley Medical Center Auxiliary celebrated 60 years of service on March 15th. Our 2016 Project Check of \$100,000, was presented to Melany Gavulic, RN, MBA, President and CEO of Hurley Medical Center. The funds will help to complete the Pediatric Suites on our 11th floor. Purse Bingo was a highlight of the luncheon.

A two day Purse Sale was held on March 2nd and 3rd. It was a huge success. April 7th and 8th was our shoe sale, also a big success.

On April 23rd, our Auxilians will participate in the Hurley Clinical Career Fair. Our next fundraiser will be a Mother's Day Flower Sale on May 6.

Thelma Watson, President Elect

MCLAREN-FLINT

The annual General Membership Meeting for the Auxiliary Volunteers was held on February 23rd. Thankfully, the weather that day was very cooperative and we had great attendance. The next day...not so much! I keep thinking that winter is finally behind us and spring is in the air. Apparently Mother Nature had different ideas as we had about 10" of snow and ice the next day. As always, Don Kooy gave us a very informative "State of the Hospital" overview. We also had Dr. Linda Lawrence give us a very interesting presentation on the 3D Mammogram imaging system.

Vice President, Judy Dawson, has scheduled several very successful vendor sales so far this year consisting of uniforms, jewelry, nuts, candy, shoes, etc. In addition, our own group “Annie’s” will hold their Spring Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday, May 6th. The “Special Things Gift Shop” continues to train volunteers on the Point of Sale (POS) system. We have experienced a few issues, but are working through them and know this system will be a great time saver and report processor in the future.

We are looking forward to attending the ECD Spring Meeting/Installation in Saginaw and four of us will be attending the MAHA Annual Meeting & Educational Institute on Mackinac Island in June.

Ginny Livingston,
President

MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE-OWOSSO

On January 19, 2016 the Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Board made a \$150,000 recommendation and commitment over a five-year period to support the \$1.2 million redesign, renovation, and retooling of the Emergency Department. The general membership approved the recommendation at its April 12, 2016 meeting. The Auxiliary is expected to give \$30,000 each year for five years toward that campaign, allowing some of the fundraising profits to be given for current needs of Memorial Healthcare as well.

The Auxiliary completed two of its three monetary projects for the hospital in the 2015-2106 year, which included a Panda Warmer for Newborns in the Family Birth Place, a Level 1 Fluid Warmer & Rapid Infuser for the Surgery area. The third project, eight (8) Progressive Care Bedside Monitors, should be finished by June, 2016.

Memorial Healthcare has been recognized nationally for its expertise in maternity care. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association designated Memorial Healthcare’s Family Birth Place as a Blue Distinction Center in January, 2016. This distinction validates the hospital’s extraordinary work, commitment of quality care, and excellence from staff and providers. The maternity care program must meet all five of the following criteria: family centered care; care processes that protect, promote, & support physiologic childbirth; evidence based care that is aligned with established guidelines: quality outcomes & performance are measured & disclosed to the Memorial’s Performance Improvement Committee; and, multidisciplinary team-based clinical drills/simulation training for high risk events. Physicians, nurses and staff were excited that the youngest of their patients continue to receive care before and after delivery that is being recognized by a national association.

The Auxiliary provided Pizza for a luncheon with the Long Term Care residents of the Memorial Healthcare on February 15th. The Auxiliary Board members also made out Valentine cards for the residents. Many of those residents also attend our Auxiliary Membership Luncheons, and some help sell popcorn on Friday Popcorn Days.

Auxiliary members attended the Advocacy Day in Lansing. Our main purpose was to thank the lawmakers for their positive efforts toward healthcare this past year. It was also a time for networking with other hospitals and the Advocacy staff of MHA.

At our May Membership Luncheon meeting a presentation was done by Tom Kurtz, CIO, about EPIC software that allows patients access to health records and gives a chronicle of a patient's health history. It is already in use by some of the other ECD hospitals as well as hospitals all over the world. We are beginning the process of implementation this year with the EPIC software.

Twelve Auxiliary past presidents, some of whom had served on the East Central District and/or the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates boards, were recognized at our May luncheon meeting as well. Our Installation of Officers was done by Carol Crane, President of the ECD.

We will soon be approaching the end of our 96th year in July, 2016. It has been filled with lots of memories, hard work, and a truly satisfied feeling of providing our Memorial Healthcare hospital the best that we could give during that time. We take all that with us as we continue to move forward to an even better existence.

Jeannette Smith, President

MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER-CLARE

Where has spring gone...some flowers did pop their heads up only to get snowed on. This year we are trying a new fundraiser. We will be selling used purses that will have a surprise wrapped inside.

The Annual Volunteer Luncheon that is put on by the hospital will be held at the Doherty Hotel. We have three "New" volunteers added to our roster, which is always nice.

SCHEURER HEALTHCARE NETWORK-PIGEON

The Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary has been busy with many fundraisers over the course of the year and as a result, we have made two purchases for the hospital. We have purchased a GlideScope (\$18,147) for the Emergency Room and a Wander Guard System (\$9,535) for the Long Term Care Unit.

Currently, we are preparing for our Spring Style Show and Luncheon, scheduled for May 4th. In addition, our Golf Fundraiser preparations are underway for August 26th. We are also planning a new fundraiser for October called Dueling Pianos Dinner/Entertainment Evening. We will also have 50/50 drawings, Silent Auction, and Wheelbarrow of Cheer. It should be a fun time for all.

Lisa DiCamillo

ST. JOSEPH HEALTH SYSTEM-TAWAS CITY

The SJHS Volunteers have been extremely busy the first quarter of 2016! The Mission Team made the decision to support the health system and surrounding community by gifting financial support for:

- *\$7,750 for a new Bladder Scanner
- *\$5,000 for the SJHS Winter Ice Gala in support of community outreach programs
- *\$5,000 for associate and community scholarships

We received a gift of a grocery cart from Neiman's Family Market of Tawas City. Once the cart is refurbished, it will be used as a traveling gift shop cart. The cart will travel to our waiting rooms, patient rooms, and various departments. The cart will be stocked with a variety of items for sale.

Snacks were enjoyed daily during Volunteer Week, provided by the Volunteer Services Department. Each day had a snack with a different theme/slogan attached. Monday's snack was a baggie of pretzel knots with the tagline of "We would "KNOT" be the same without you as a volunteer!!!

Dawn M Donihue-Knapp, Volunteer Coordinator

ST. MARY'S OF MICHIGAN-SAGINAW

We held our first ever "Cabin Fever Basket Auction". Departments throughout the hospital filled baskets with themed items and donated them to the Alliance. Associates, volunteers, Board Members, and even visitors were able to buy chances on whichever basket they chose. Great fun and great gifts. The result was far better than we anticipated and will definitely be done again next year.

Another one of our favorite events was held in March. The \$5.00 Jewelry Sale brought in revenue that is so easy to achieve. Not much work and a lot of fun. Rachael, our volunteer coordinator, put together a pictorial Volunteer Yearbook for our 55th Anniversary Celebration. Even though that occurred last year, the book holds a tremendous amount of current information and pictures that we all look at frequently.

Our Installation Ceremony for new Board Members and Recognition of Current Board Members was held on May 2nd.

Janie Gugino-President SMOMVA

MAHA BOARD 2016/2017

<i>President:</i>	<i>Mary Lu Cramer</i>	<i>SED</i>
<i>President Elect:</i>	<i>Carol D'Alberto</i>	<i>UPD</i>
<i>Vice President Education:</i>	<i>Anne Lorentzen</i>	<i>ECD</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Lavenia Dean Billings</i>	<i>SED</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Deborah Northrup</i>	<i>UPD</i>
<i>Counselor:</i>	<i>Nancy Viele</i>	<i>ECD</i>

Visit us online at www.mahaonline.org. The website contains news and ideas from all 6 districts.