

THE CHRONICLE

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Anne Lorentzen, President-elect/Editor



President's Message

Welcome from the 2013-2014 ECD Board

Welcome to the Spring Meeting of the ECD. Covenant HealthCare Volunteers and those of us on the ECD Board have worked hard to provide a special meeting. We hope that the meeting will be interesting and informative and the atmosphere pleasant. Most of all, we hope that you converse with your fellow volunteers from hospitals throughout our district to trade ideas, stories and inspiration. It is this comradely that makes our organization meaningful and gives value to our service and hours that we contribute to make our hospital and our communities better.

I know that I have gained so much from the experiences that I have had as a President of my local hospital and as President-Elect and now President of the ECD. It has been inspiring to meet so many of you and to realize the selflessness with which you contribute your time, money and your gifts of experience and personal attributes. Thank you for all you do and for your support and encouragement throughout my time as President.

If your hospital volunteer group has identified a person who stands out, even in such a group of wonderful people, you may want to complete the nomination form for Volunteer of the Year that will be emailed to the Presidents and Presidents-Elect in the May President's Letter. Please look for it: the deadline for submissions is July 1st.

I congratulate the incoming ECD Board and am looking forward to my year as ECD Counselor. In this future year, also, I am moving to the MAHA appointed position of Vendor Coordinator. It should be fun, a new phase of my hospital volunteer service. I hope many of you, as you read this, will begin to consider a board position in the future. It will bring opportunities and friendships that will enhance your lives.

May your service and enthusiasm continue undiminished throughout your lives!

Janet Barker, ECD President 2013-2014
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 10-12, 2014

MAHA Annual Meeting
Grand Hotel, Mackinac
Island

September 24, 2014

ECD Fall Conference
Horizon Center, Saginaw

October 14-16, 2014

MAHA Fall Conference
Crystal Mountain,
Thompsonville

OFFICERS ECD Board 2013/2014

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***“Volunteer: One who enters into or offers himself for any service of his own free will.”
Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary***



NEWS from Our Membership

ALMA-MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot

I would like to clear up something first of all. We are MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot located in Alma, which is in Gratiot County. Ladies have been asking me” where is the town of Gratiot”. Years and Years ago, we were known as Gratiot Community Hospital as we served most of Gratiot County. We continued to keep that part of our “old” name. I hope that this clears up the confusion of “Who and Where” we are.

Our Auxilians have been working very hard having fund raisers almost every month. We were fortunate to donate to our hospital over \$58,000 in equipment and monetary gifts last fall. We have the following sales: Linen, New Book (2), Uniform (2), Handbag, Candy, \$5 Jewelry, Used Books, Bake Sale as well as a Bake-less Bake Sale.

The Stitch N Stuff Group continues to keep busy making Lap Blankets, Newborn Knit Caps, Comfort Pillows and Patient Meal Tray Decorations.

I hope everyone has a great summer and we will read all about the wonderful things each of your hospitals have done in the Spring Chronicle.

Lillian Connors, Auxiliary President

BAD AXE-Huron Medical Center

BAY CITY-McLaren Bay Regional Medical Center

CARO- Caro Community Hospital

CASS CITY-Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary has sales of all kinds that are well received by our hospital personnel and hospital visitors. Some of the most popular are the jewelry, uniforms and bake sales. Every year in December we have our annual raffle and bake sale. We also assist at all the health fairs.

We work at the hospital, clinics, and the assisted living which is also owned by the hospital. This year the hospital is opening a pharmacy across the street adjacent to the rehabilitation facility. Coming up next month is our appreciation dinner which we always enjoy. The gift shop is our biggest source of income which enables us to buy things for the hospital. The most we do for the hospital are the hours we contribute.

Nancy Simms, Auxiliary President

CLARE- MidMichigan Medical Center

- We did very well with our bake sale at Jay’s Sporting Goods.
- Book Sale went well
- The Uniform sale is coming soon.
- The Fall Volunteer Party given by the hospital was well attended.
- Our volunteers enjoyed their Christmas party even though the weather did not cooperate.
- The Gift Shop is doing very well with new items coming in daily. The Employees Appreciation sale went very well this year.
- With profits from the various departments (gift shop, popcorn, bake sale, book sale and uniform sales) we have been able to purchase some much needed items for our hospital.

Theresa Slocum, Volunteer President (who was chosen to throw the switch to light the Love Light Tree)

FLINT-Hurley Medical Center

The following events took place at Hurley Medical Center in relation to the Auxiliary:

- New payroll system implemented.
- Combined three services into one with Auxilians able to fill-in any of the three.
- Planning day with chairpersons, board members and others in attendance.
- Agreed to form a committee to merge Auxilians and Volunteers.
- Held Birthday Luncheon honoring all Auxilians and past presidents.
- Paid part of the pledge to Hurley Medical Center.
- Changed the floor in the Gift Shop to a wooden floor after removal of the carpet.
- Published *The Auxilian* on schedule.
- Planned an employee vendor sale for summer.
- Held several vendor sales.
- Closed some non-active services.
- Participated in Volunteer recruitment.
- Suffered through the "Old Fashioned Michigan Winter".
- Held a meeting to plan update on progress of combining of volunteers and auxiliary.

Gary Viele, Auxiliary President

FLINT-McLaren Regional Hospital

Happy 95th Anniversary to us!! April 10th was our big celebration luncheon for all members and special guests followed by an open house from 3:00 – 5:00 PM for McLaren employees and the public. Judy Dawson, Chairperson, did a fantastic job coordinating every aspect of this most exciting of events, and many of our members have assisted Judy to help guarantee a fitting tribute to our Auxiliary Volunteers. We will have lots of pictures and comments to share at the ECD Spring Meeting.

Other news:

- Final FDA approval has been secured for the McLaren Proton Therapy Center...talk about going through hoops Though I have reported so many start dates to you, it appears that the first patient will be treated in early Fall.
- Although the Proton Therapy Center has not been operational, our supporting Hospitality House has not sat idle. It has been the site of numerous fund-raisers, conferences and housing for some visiting medical personnel and special cancer patients/families. The Auxiliary has 21 volunteers serving the Hospitality House to help support these activities.
- The latest fund-raiser is "The Secret is Out...A girls' Night In!" Kathy Carrithers and Ginny Livingston were on the planning committee with several of our volunteers assisting the night of the event. Ask us all about the evening.
- Denise Osman, Board Treasurer, participated in the fund-raiser to Soaring Eagle Casino. Lot of fun was had by all who attended especially Denise!

Kathy Carrithers, Auxiliary President

GLADWIN-MidMichigan Medical Center

Greeting from the MidMichigan Medical Center-Gladwin Volunteers. The group has been very busy since the holidays. The newly named "Gift Closet" continues to be active and had many new spring and Easter items. A major fundraiser in February was the Bra-La-La and Wine and Chocolate event. This was the first year for the event but community support was overwhelming. More than \$13,000 was raised to help fund the scholarship fund providing mammograms for Gladwin County women who cannot afford them. Following more than 59 decorated bra entries, voting took place and the entries were modeled by hospital officials, community leaders, and other willing men. A live auction followed with one entry earning \$1,700. A good time was enjoyed for a good cause. The volunteers also donated funds to purchase a new echo/stress lab table. Even though membership is 76, with many in an inactive roll, this group is mighty. Future events include Tot Tours, rummage sale, scrubs sale, the 47th Annual Doe Day golf tournament, and looking ahead to Christmas and the quilt raffle. It's been a long harsh winter, but that hasn't stopped the willingness of the Gladwin volunteers to support the hospital and patients.

Mary Griffore, Auxiliary President

GRAND BLANC- Genesys Regional Medical Center

So glad to see the light at the end of the tunnel, as winter seems to finally be making its way out and allowing spring to filter in, however slowly!

We have kept very busy at Genesys Regional Medical Center these past several months. Despite the heavy snow and relentless ice, our loyal volunteers have made their way to the hospital to carry out their duties in their various areas of service and to work our fundraisers. Their dedication is very much appreciated!

Our fundraising efforts enabled us to present Genesys with a check of \$110,000 at our Volunteer Christmas Luncheon in December. These funds were used to assist with the purchase of a da Vinci Robotic Surgical system, which enables minimally invasive surgery. Without the hard work of the volunteers this donation would not have been possible!

Since the first of the year we have sponsored a Shoe sale, a Linen sale, a "Goodies Chocolatier" sale and a Book Fair. In April the Gift Shop has its "Baubles and Bangles" sale, which is always a favorite, as well as a "Jewelry Plus" sale in the atrium. We are sponsoring an "All That Art" sale and in June will find us have a gift Shop "Sample Jewelry" sale and our second Shoe Sale of the year. We are very busy getting our vendors lined up for the fall fundraisers, nailing down the details and getting the contracts in place.

Our volunteers are looking forward to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon which will be held on June 19th at the Genesys Athletic Club. This is always a very lovely event and a way to express our appreciation for their hard work and willingness to assist Genesys Regional Medical Center and its patients in any way that they can. We are truly blessed to have them!

Carol Crane, Auxiliary President

HARBOR BEACH-Community Hospital

LAPEER-McLaren-Lapeer Region

- The McLaren Lapeer Region Auxiliary has been very busy! In 2013-2014 the Auxiliary made a total donation of \$27,000 to the Foundation!
- On April 19, 2014 we were hosted for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to show recognition and appreciation for all our volunteer staff. Volunteer received a gift and had a wonderful lunch of prime rib and shrimp!

"Volunteers Make a World of Difference"

- The Auxiliary members have been very busy holding numerous fund raising sales, including a Blanket

and Sheet Sale, Book Sale, Six Dollar Sale and Germack Nut Sale. For Mother's Day there was a flower sale. The Gift Shop Volunteers report that the McLaren Lapeer Region logo wear has been selling fast!

- The Volunteer Coordinator has been busy recruiting and interviewing volunteers! We currently have nearly 100 volunteer on staff.
- Installation of new board members for the upcoming year is in the planning phase.

Sarah Barnes, Communications Assistant Manager

MARLETTE-Marlette Regional Hospital

We have given \$500.00 to our acute activities room so it can be more welcoming and usable. Our fall \$5 jewelry sale will be October 29, 2014 and our Christmas Home Tour will be held on December 5, 2014. Marlette's Caring Heart Clinic has moved into an office in our Out Patient Building. It is run by a total "all Volunteer" staff twice a month, and more and more people are being seen. We donated \$200.00 to help pay for some office items that were needed in the Clinic. Right now we are looking for more money making projects as plans are underway to update our Long Term Care Unit.

Barbara Woods, MRH Auxiliary

MIDLAND-MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland

The Volunteer Board has hosted a "Coffee Talk" sharing information about the volunteer organization in order to generate interest in obtaining new members. So far, the gatherings have resulted in ten new volunteer applications! As a part of MidMichigan Patient Experience mission, volunteers have expanded their organization to include a "Compassionate Care" service with the goal of improving recorded patient experiences. Volunteers as well as hospital employees will be recognized by the hospital as a part of the program implemented by the Patient Experience Task Force.

Sandy Reardon, Volunteer President

OWOSSO-Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary

Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary in Owosso is near their monetary goal for the 2013-2014 Project for the hospital, which involves both the CCU Unit and Surgery Waiting Area. Profits from the South Bend Candy Company sale yet this spring should put us over the goal.

We had several people going to the Advocacy Day in Lansing on April 30. We hoped to have updates on No-Fault Automobile Insurance (HB4612), licensing of dietitians/nutritionists (HB4688), as well as mammogram technician certification requirements (HB 4260).

Our 7th Annual Steps for Courage 5K Race and Competitive Walk was Saturday, April 26, 2014. Our profits are used for Cancer Care. This year the money is earmarked for a new lung cancer CT screening. Candidates are those who are 55-80, with a 30 year history of smoking at least one pack of cigarettes per day, or one who has quit smoking within the last 15 years. No symptoms of any kind should be present, and they must be referred by their primary care physician.

We do hope the snow is gone by race day! It has been a beautiful winter but with its challenges. Now we must visualize the beautiful green grass and those early spring flowers ready to present us with some glorious color. They were under the snow patiently waiting.....just as we were.

Jeannette Smith, Auxiliary President



PIGEON-Scheurer Hospital

SAGINAW- Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw

- Five thousand (5,000) Breast Awareness calendars were given to the staff, volunteers and visitors during the month of October at our facilities. This has been an annual activity for the Volunteers.
- Approval of the request for purchase of flowers given to parents of the loss of an infant due to miscarriage, etc.
- The St. Laurent Bros. Candy Sale was held April 3, 2014 and again provided “sweet treats” for sale.
- For the 5th year we were a \$10,000 sponsor of the Covenant Kids Telethon, held April 19, 2014.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner took place April 29, 2014,
- A Starbuck Coffee Shop was opened in the Gift Shop at the Cooper Campus and is proving to be a popular attraction.
- Spring Fling, sale of hanging as well as potted plants, was a success. The bright colors were a promise of warmer weather.
- Our third annual educational session is being planned for July along with the installation of the new officers for Covenant HealthCare Volunteers.
- Our organization will be sponsoring two (2) medical scholarships again this year.
- We are proud to be hosting the Spring meeting of the East Central District.

Loretta Keaner, Communication Secretary

SAGINAW-HealthSource of Saginaw

SAGINAW-St. Mary's of Michigan

- The St. Mary's of Michigan Volunteer Alliance has 404 members with 316 being active volunteers.
- Since the last article, The Volunteer Alliance has given \$50,00 toward the hospital's new Endoscopy suites and has pledged \$100,000 toward the new Interventional Radiology Special Procedures Suite.
- We are in the process of choosing two St. Mary's Associates for our \$1,000 Doris M. Jacques Healthcare Advancement Scholarships.
- The final details are being worked out on our first Amazing Bed Races fundraiser as we Tailgate for Healthcare on July 31. 2014. It will be a phenomenal community event with a fundraising goal of \$20,000. Come join us!
- Our first Volunteer Alliance Annual Giving Campaign raised funds in excel of prior membership fees and increased participation of friends who, for whatever reason, have not been able to physically volunteer.
- We are participating with St. Joseph of Tawas and St. Mary's of Standish in a Regional Volunteer Retreat in May. Camaraderie and communication of ideas will be celebrated.

SANDUSKY-McKenzie Health System

TAWAS CITY-St Joseph Health System

Now that we are getting ready to wrap up this long and harsh winter, the volunteers have more than enough to keep them busy.

- The volunteers will be once again hosting another one of their Major Raffles. This year's lucky winner will score a 2014 Yamaha Grizzly 4WD. The drawing for that will take place Friday, August 29th.
- Just recently, the volunteer's Mission Team had approved a \$50,000 donation to go towards their \$706,000 two year pledge to St. Joseph Health System's Emergency Room renovation.
- A \$5 Paparazzi Jewelry sale was held in April and open to the associates, volunteers and the public.
- The volunteer have a list of other additional fundraisers in the works for this Spring/Summer season including but not limited to a NYE Uniform sale, Bake Sale, and Books Are Fun Sale.
- St. Joseph Health System as well as St. Mary's hosting a "Regional Retreat" for all of our regional Health System volunteers. This took place in Tawas City at our local Knight of Columbus on May 8. This is the first time all of our three regional volunteer were able to get together and it was a great success. The day's activities included speakers, good, networking and much more.

Heather Foor, Volunteer Coordinator-Volunteer Services

Editor's Note

Thank you to the auxiliaries and volunteers that sent in articles for this issue. We enjoy hearing from each of you.

Remember, articles **DO NOT** have to be long, 100 words or less. The Chronicle is published twice a year spring and fall!

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“SHARING” NEWS from East Central District Hospitals

All ECD hospitals are encouraged to submit articles highlighting special awards and/or recognition received by your hospital. Submit articles along with your Auxiliary/Volunteer news for publication. The Chronicle is published twice a year. Spring and Fall editions

THANK YOU

On behalf of the ECD Board I would like to thank President, Janet Barker, for her leadership this year. Her enthusiasm, poise and attention to detail made our ECD meetings and local hospital visits effective and fun. She has been appointed MAHA Vendor Coordinator so be sure to see what she has arranged for the Fall MAHA Conference.

***The ECD Committee on Nominations presents the following candidates for office
2014-2015***

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<i>VP/Membership</i>	<i>Sherylynn Russo, Genesys Medical Center, Grand Blanc</i>
<i>VP/ Historian</i>	<i>Pam Starkweather, Memorial Healthcare, Owosso</i>
<i>ECD Counselor</i>	<i>Janet Barker, Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc</i>

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