

The Chronicle



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Nancy Viele, Editor

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It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president.

During my term in office, I have encountered amazing and wonderful people who go the extra mile to be of help to others. Your spirit of giving has Y b \ U b WY X ' m c i f ' \ c g d] h U ' E = b ' h \ Y ' k Anonymous Z ' ' Í = ' e i May the light always find you on a dreary day. When you need to be home may you find your way. May you always have courage to take a chance, and never find frogs in your underpants.

ernization of buildings and further education of staff. Your awareness of legislative procedures helped to bring about changes in laws and the introduction of new bills that offer funding to our hospitals. Most of all, you are wonderful advocates for your hospitals.

East Central District encompasses twenty one-hospitals, whose volunteer groups have provided over 517,141 total volunteer hours and \$1.2 million in fund raising and scholarship dollars. What a wonderful caring, contribution you have given to your communities.

It was my goal as president to offer better communication between the ECD Board and each volunteer group through the letter to the presidents each month. Your questions, ideas, and responses were very appreciated. We have improved.

Anonymous
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Jeanette Havel, ECD President



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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

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GRATIOT MEDICAL CENTER

We have had many successful fund raisers, used book sale, Fudgie Wudgie, handbag sale, and we are having a uniform sale in April, which is always very good.

Our latest project was named A Portrait of Wine held at a local winery. Artists were invited to participate and display some of their work. All proceeds from this event will go toward purchase of an advanced childbirth simulator (for breech deliveries) and a fetal monitoring and labor process model set for Gratiot medical Center. It was a success and we are planning to repeat this next year.

Bad Axe

HURON MEDICAL CENTER

The end of 2009 closed out with a flurry of activities and various sales. Our jewelry, book, uniform and bake sales were met with their usual success. Our annual holiday cheese ball sale was our final event, and we were so pleased with the profit of \$2,000. We chose a recipe and worked in conjunction with the students at the local technical center. They provided the kitchen and part of the manpower, and we provided the ingredients, packaging and boosted their manpower. The result was a huge success for everyone. That money, along with our other annual profits, is earmarked for our new oncology room. All have enjoyed a well deserved break from our events, but our 2010 activities will soon come to life as our snowbirds return. We are accepting scholarship requests, and we will award four \$500 scholarships in May. We also look forward to another wonderful year with our fund raisers and the delights that our talented buyers have accumulated for our gift shop over the winter months.

We are certainly counting on another successful year to achieve our goals and to do our part to make HMC an even better place to visit and work.

BAY CITY

Bay Regional Medical Center

Bay Regional Medical Center Auxiliary has had a wonderful quarter. We have revamped our Lobby sales and included some new vendors who we met at the fall convention one of them being the sheets. Our profit margin was phenomenal. We are looking forward to a great year with our lobby sale.

Some on-going projects include remodeling the CCU and IC Units with new furniture and pictures to make the families more comfortable while visiting **their family members**

Upcoming events are the Halloween Party and the Annual Charity Ball.

CARO

Caro Community Hospital

No Article Received.



CASS CITY

Hills and Dales General Hospital

Our uniform sale held in February was a great success as was our blood drive also held in February which yielded 59 pints of blood. Our Auxiliary also voted in February to have a bake-less bake sale. Our book sale was held in April.

At the present time we are funding the project to have the dining room chairs and tables recovered. The project is almost complete.

In April our hospital hosted the Auxiliary members to the annual awards luncheon.

CLARE

MidMichigan Medical Center

We planned many fund raisers this year. April 18th-24th we had National Volunteer Week. April 26th & 27th was our book sale. May 5th was the awards luncheon. June 23rd & 24th is Hot Dogs sale. July 16th & 17th sidewalk, book & bake sale. Also July 16th is the Golf outing. August 26th is uniform sale. September is fall luncheon. Finally October 11th & 12th is our book sale.



FLINT

Hurley Medical Center

The Hurley Auxiliary has pledged \$500,000.00 for the Emergency Department expansion and was one of the major donors recognized at the groundbreaking ceremony April 27.

The Lobby Shop/Auxiliary recently had a fundraiser with the Boutique 2 You. We earned 40% of the total net sales. We earned a total of \$5,056.00 for the hospital on net sale of \$12,640.31.

Our Fall Festival of Events were four events and with a \$1,000.00 donation from the Medical Staff our Grand Total was \$10,945.57. Over 60 volunteers helped in some way with the events. The Auxiliary presented a check for \$25,000.00 to HMC in February.

Our Auxiliary awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to Hurley employees who are furthering their education in the medical field.

Debi Peters, our Volunteer Services Director, retired after 30 years of service. She will truly be missed.

McLaren Regional Medical Center

Our Installation Luncheon with a Style Show was held in September and the 2009-2010 Board met at its first meeting October 14. We had a number of lobby sales from October through March. The Mainstreet Apparel Uniform sale on October 6 was great considering the current economy, returning \$4,093 to our Auxiliary. Our total commission from all lobby sales October through March was \$13,920. In December we had our Annual Awards Luncheon at the IMA Brookwood Conference Center. A total of 36,390 volunteer hours of service was recognized with Volunteers in attendance receiving their awards. Also, Geri Bois our Past President, presented Donald Kooy, McLaren CEO, and Kristen Skivington, Chairperson of the McLaren Trustee Board, a check for the purchase of 55 Crash Carts. This coupled with our donation to the Foundation in support of h \ Y \ í 5 f h \ H \ Y f U d m \ Z c f \ 7 U b W Y f amount of \$25,000, made up the total donation for the year of \$106,966.35.

McLaren continued

McLaren has had a considerable amount of internal renovation at the hospital this year. The 5th Floor in the North building was completely remodeled for the Joint Express program. This floor was designed for the joint replacement patient and is a self-contained unit from the start of surgery to final physical and occupational therapy.

The 6th floor was remodeled with the Administration Staff being moved there from the 1st floor. The Human Resource Department was transferred to the 1st floor. There is a Pharmacy currently under construction just inside the main entrance to the hospital. The completion of a new Cardiac Gym is expected to occur late March or early April. All of these changes have made this North building a state-of-the art facility.

Our new Special Assignment service has created a staff of Volunteers available for Payroll Deduction at the lobby sales as well as to assist the departments of McLaren in temporary assignments. They also work at events sponsored by McLaren in the private sector.

GLADWIN

MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER

In March we presented our Medical Center with a \$25,000 check. Funds will be used to purchase an electrocardiogram (EKG) machine and a hood in Pharmacy for our outpatient chemotherapy program that is expected to begin in early summer. We also held our annual uniform sale. In April our volunteers teamed up with Medical Center staff for the annual Tot Tours with about 300 children participating. We helped at the Community Health Fair held at our Medical Center, and also helped at the Youth Health Fairs for seventh graders at the local schools. During National Volunteer Week, our Medical Center had a beautiful appreciation tea for us. In May we will have a rummage sale and host our annual luncheon with installation of officers. In August we will host our 43rd annual Doe Day Golf Scramble.

GRAND BLANC

GENESYS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

The volunteers at the Christmas Luncheon presented to Tammy Saunaitis, V.P. Human Resources a check of \$105,000.00 for our new Center Renovation, Technology Equipment and Laboratory CDC Analyzer.

Volunteers continue to raise funds through book, shoe, nut, fudge, fine jewelry and six dollar sales. The Acorn Gift Shop and the EverGreen Greenhouse, are the mainstays of our funds. Genesys Regional Medical Center has a "BYK" Agency. The Volunteers are working on their mission statement to coordinate with the G.R.M.C. statement.

Genesys is also working on Patient Experiences, improving our communications with patients and each other! We have been busy at G.R.M.C.!

HARBOR BEACH

HARBOR BEACH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Harbor Beach Community Hospital Auxiliary held a recognition tea in April for all of our local and surrounding businesses that have supported us over the years. The past year the auxiliary has chosen not to do fundraising events related to the financial stress on our local business and residents and economic times in this area. The auxiliary continues to support Harbor Beach Community Hospital in equipment needs and community scholarships.

Our deepest sympathies to the recent loss of Barbara Chapin a long standing auxiliary member and past president. Barb had continued to be very active in the community, hospital committees and auxiliary. Barb will be greatly missed.

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Charles de Lint, Celtic Folk Musician

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SCHEURER HEALTHCARE NETWORK

In December, the auxiliary members enjoyed the Christmas Luncheon and merrily sang Christmas songs.

The Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary was proud to present a check in the amount of \$16,000.00 to Dwight Gascho on behalf of Scheurer Hospital for various equipment items. The snow birds flew off to warmer climate as the rest nestled in for a good long winter nap. The snow melted away quickly and Spring is in the air.

We have been working on the details for the Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon, which takes place in May.

SAGINAW

COVENANT HEALTHCARE

For the second year, the Covenant Auxiliary in partnership with the local Rotary Club is sponsoring the "sleep sack" project. This assures each of the approximate 3,500 babies born at Covenant go home with a sleep sack. The Auxiliary is providing \$8,500 to assist with the purchase of the sacks.

April 24, 2010, was the date of the Covenant Kids telethon. The contributions generated by not only the telethon but other activities will be used to support and enhance services for our youngest patients - those in the Regional Neo Natal Intensive Care unit, the Pediatric unit and the Pediatric Intensive Care unit. The Auxiliary was proud to be sponsor this event with our \$10,000 donation.

Our annual Spring Fling took place on May 6, 2010 and once again our best customers were the employees of Covenant. This year in addition to the sale of hanging baskets we sold smaller potted plants and even had hot dogs for sale! Proceeds (approximately \$10,000) will benefit the Covenant Injury Prevention Program.

HEALTHSOURCE

HealthSource Saginaw has a longstanding commitment of quality care services. Our dedication resonates throughout the multitude of services offered at the 85 year old community-based hospital, and many have entrusted us with their healthcare. Those commendable efforts are highlighted with long term/extended care g Y f j] WY g ` h \ U h ` Y b Wc a d U g g ` h \ Y ` \ c

By upholding the mission/vision of HealthSource Saginaw, Long Term/Extended Care services have proven that our staff has the enthusiasm to be dependable, structured with care, and manage resident needs coming to HealthSource.

Overall, we are focused to bring the best possible service for our entire population, and stand together as a team to provide great individual care needs for each resident.

Our hospital offers the best care options for everyone who has changes in his/her medical condition. This means if care needs change over time, we have a plethora of resources to meet those needs. All of our units provide a protected environment with a scope of independent living. Our interdisciplinary team assures that not only will we protect, but also preserve independence of residents while within our facility.

Each neighborhood is uniquely recognized using different color schemes. Our innovative connection to the great State of Michigan is represented within each lane of each neighborhood, and can be identified as Great Lakes, Garden, Patriotic and Wheels. There are four neighborhoods which we acknowledge as resident home areas having between 49 and 51 residents in each neighborhood. Private and semi-private accommodations include spacious footage of washroom and shower, flat screen plasma television equipped with cable, internet access, room phones and picture window. Some basic room accommodations include furniture which include a bedside table and some surround bed units with storage space. In each neighborhood there is a dayroom that acts as dining room space that is social options for residents if they so choose. Other spaces include the Chapel, Gift Shop, Hair Salon, a special events room and vending areas. Out outdoor spaces have well complemented courtyards that are accessible through our neighborhood units. All are well secured and a beautiful spectacle when the flower gardens are in full bloom.

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St. Mary's of Michigan Auxiliary celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year on May 6th at Apple Mountain Resort in Saginaw, Michigan. A committee worked hard to put together all of the plans for this event. In March of 1960, St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary was born of hard work, organizational meetings and a crew of dedicated women. From a loan of \$3,500 the Auxiliary opened the hospital's Gift Shop and the first Gift Cart took its maiden voyage. In January 1961, the Auxiliary made its first donation to St. Mary's Hospital with a check for \$1,000.

The Auxiliary recently funded \$40,000 for one complete mini-van with accessories.

There was a bus trip scheduled to Fire Keeper's Casino in Battle Creek on March 5th. This was a fundraiser, raising over \$1,100 for the trip. Fund raising can be fun raisers as well.

A Bylaws Committee has been formed to review our by-laws.



SANDUSKY

MCKENZIE

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Auxiliary. Along with our usual no-bake sale and book sales, was our 4th Annual Golf tournament in June where we raised approximately \$4,000. In December 2009, Our Auxiliary Gift Between those sales, we raised \$1,000.

In 2010 our Auxiliary has a lot planned and a lot of changes happening. We are having book sales, a no-bake sale, and a new fundraiser for us this year is a garage sale at our Sunshine of the proceeds will go to the Auxiliary We are excited to be currently holding a John Deere raffle. We are raffling off three John Deere snow blower. Third place is a Stihl weed trimmer. Our local John Deere distributor, Tri-County Equipment in Sandusky, is our supplier. We will be at local craft shows, vendor shows and events from now until August when we will be drawing the winning tickets in August at our yearly 4-H Fair during the demolition derby.

We are making plans for our 5th Annual Golf tournament in June. We hold the tournament at Woodland Hills Golf Club in Sandusky. Our volunteers help by getting prize donations, teams and sponsorships, and help the day of the tournament.

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SAINT JOSEPH

HEALTH SYSTEM

Our 2010 fundraising season kicked off at Perchville with our new raffle. Our first weekend netted us \$661. First prize this year is a John Deere X324 all-wheel steer lawn mower with snow blower and leaf vacuum attachment. Our first prize this year is worth over \$9,000. Our second prize, which is valued at \$530 is a Ducane Affinity LP Gas Grill. Our third prize is a John Deere Tractor Ride for kids, which is valued at \$300.

Once again we will be awarding scholarships through the St. Joseph Health System Foundation. We will be offering one community scholarship to a senior who will further his/her schooling in a health-field industry. We also will give a \$250 gift to any graduating senior of a SJHS associate who is continuing his/her education.

Our fundraising efforts last year enabled us to donate an additional \$40,000 to St. Joseph Health System for the purchase of an \$11,000 Fax Press to support electronic medical records. The balance of the funding will be used to purchase \$29,000 worth of laboratory equipment. We were able to purchase a new Courtesy Coach van to replace our aging vehicle. One of the main criteria the SJHS Governing Council uses when choosing items is that money be used where it will benefit the most people.

