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Volunteer Voice

President's Message...

I hope that everyone has survived the busy month of December holiday preparations and parties and the New Year celebrations. We all look forward to having family together and want to have everything picture perfect. So, I hope all of you did have a wonderful holiday season.

Another wonderful Lites of Love Ceremony took place. We had a full community room with nervous students that read their essays, proud parents and grandparents. The Boy Scouts did a good job of presenting the colors and lighting the tree and Max Willman led us in singing some Christmas Carols. We would like to thank the many Senior leaders of the Hospital that came to support all of us. The light donations will provide funds for about four scholarships for next year. Thank you Jo Henrichs and Char Drolshagen for another successful event.

Our next event was the Volunteer Christmas Party. Sorry that Patti could not attend but I think everything went well and everyone had a good time. I hope I didn't mess up too much but I thank you all for at least saying I did a good job. The food was delicious and we had a good time playing Bingo and exchanging gifts. Dale Ludwig did a good job of calling numbers too. Thank you to Dale Hustedt our new CEO and his wife Maria for attending and saying a few words of thanks for the many hours of time that the volunteers contribute to the hospital.



Next was the Bake Sale/Bazaar. So many people to say Thanks to. First is Phyllis Born for her organizing efforts along with her committee of callers, bakers, workers and the many people that donated door prize items. We have some very talented volunteers. Liz Emmerich arranged to have The Nutman come to add another flavor and Kathleen Gaab sold her crafts. I do not have the total profit at this time but it was another great day.

A few of the volunteers also helped to welcome guests to the Unit 3 Open House. It is a beautiful facility but we hope none of our volunteers will need to use this space anytime soon. We need you for other tasks yet.

That was a very busy month and now we move onto a New Year. We will start with our Membership Meeting on January 15th at 2:30 in the Community Education Room. I hope I will see you there.

Happy New Year!

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Kay Ludwig, President



Volunteers

Celebrating Birthdays

December

Mary Werner 12/8

Dee Habeck 12/12

Karen Frosch 12/12

Judy Pinkston 12/16

Louise Paul 12/20

Carol Ewan 12/25

January

Scott E. nerson 1/20

Kathy Brunner 1/25

Pete Kiefer 1/29

February

Christine Bartelt 2/6

Jo Henrichs 2/15

Kathy Bartosiak 2/22



Happy Birthday

Lites of Love Tree Sparkles with Love

Thoughts of loved ones filled hearts during the Lites of Love tree lighting ceremony on December 4th during the 22nd Lites of Love remembrance and celebration tribute. The annual lighting of the Christmas tree has become a heart-warming tradition for many. It serves in culmination to a month long fund drive which supports college bound students with valued scholarships.

The tree lighting ceremony took place in the Welcome Center community room with nearly seventy persons in attendance. The event included a welcome address from Aspirus Medford's new CEO/President, Dale Hustedt; Pledge of Allegiance from a local Boy Scout troop 536 & Pack 533; a blessing from Pastor George Myers of First Baptist Church; reading of elementary student essays; and musical accompaniment by Max Willman.

Thank you to every volunteer who supported the program by making a Lites donation in memory or honor of a family member or friend, donated a delicious treat or attended the event. As a result of this year's fundraising effort, four \$500 scholarships will be awarded next spring. Applications will open in January 2019.

Thank you & Merry Christmas,
Char Drolshagen & Mary Jo Henrichs,
Lites of Love Chairpersons



Crowds overflowed into Aspirus Medford Hospital & Clinics main lobby area during the 2018 annual Lites of Love tree lighting ceremony. Lites chairpersons Char Drolshagen and Jo Henrichs are shown above with Dale Hustedt, CEO; Pastor George Myers and musician Max Willman. After the program, attendees had an opportunity to purchase a 50/50 cash drawing ticket.



Aspirus Volunteers annual
Holiday Bake & Craft Sale



**Bake Sale
Special Thanks to:**

Phyllis Born, chairperson;
Jo Henrichs, Char Drolshagen,
Cheryl Steliga, Liz Emmerich,
Barb Enerson, Dee Habeck,
Louise Paul, Kay & Dale Ludwig
for their extra help and assistance prior to and during the sales event.

Reminder for 2019:

Baked good contributions must be dropped off before the sale starts. Time is needed to price and display goods. The day before (after 3pm) or morning of the sale (at least an hour before sale start, by 8am) is recommended. The peak sale time occurs shortly after the sale begins during the employee morning break period. Please be mindful of this. Thank you.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE ANOTHER SUCCESS!



A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who donated baked goods, silent auction items and shopped during the Holiday Bake Sale held on December 13. I am excited and happy to announce that the numbers indicate we met our fundraising goal of \$1,000. Great job everyone!!

In addition to the generous contributions of baked goods from volunteers and staff, the sale featured specialty food items from The Nutman, vendor craft items from Kathleen Gaab and Jayne Ehler and several prize drawings. Lucky winners of the drawings included:

- Maple Syrup Gift Basket (donated by Julia & Jeff Thums) – DALE HUSTEDT
- Wooden Christmas Trees (donated by Patty & Reno Ruesch) – SHARON IMBACH
- Wine and Goblet Gift Basket (donated by Patty & Reno Ruesch and Phyllis Born,) – PAM SCHINDLER-RUNGE
- Holiday Wreath (donated by Jo Henrichs) – KAY LUDWIG
- Crosswalk Café Assorted Holiday gifts – KATE FRANKI
- Holiday Candy & Cookies Bag (donated by Barb Enerson) – SUE RUDOLPH
- Holiday Candy & Cookies Bag (donated by Barb Enerson) – DEBBIE GUSTOFSON
- Fleece Throw (donated by Karen Frosch) – JANET SMOLA

The lucky winner of the 50/50 cash drawing (\$110) – LOUISE PAUL

Happy New Year to All!

Phyllis Born,
Bake Sale Chairperson



The rumor is true...Peggy & Bruce King are featured dancing in Clint Eastwood's new movie, Mule. According to Peggy, the couple can be spotted dancing 3 times in a two minute segment (about the middle of the movie), but each time per Peggy "is literally a quick second".

Peggy says she misses everyone and wishes you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Volunteer Christmas Social held December 11th

Guests at this year's Christmas party included Aspirus Medford's new CEO, Dale Hustedt and wife, Maria. The event was held at Marilyn's Fire Station in Medford.

Lucky winners of the holiday door prizes included: Neal Olkives, Dixie Noland, Phyllis Born, Sharon Geiger, Carol Ewan and Glatha Smith. Centerpieces were also awarded to volunteer officers for their extra efforts and additional work throughout the year.

2019 monthly planners were sent to homes. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Volunteer Services.



OPEN HOUSE: Aspirus Care and Rehab's new Rehabilitation Wing

Aspirus Care and Rehab celebrated the completion of its new rehabilitation wing (former Unit 3) with staff and public open houses on December 17th.

Special thanks to **Agnes Mertens, Kathy Brunner, Kay Ludwig, Larry and Liz Emmerich** for lending way-finding assistance during the events.

Over fifty members of the community and countless staff members attended the open house. Among those attending was Wisconsin State Representative James Edming.

It is anticipated the unit will be ready to accept patients at the start of the New Year.

Potential future volunteer opportunity: persons interested in providing companion visits to patients in this area may contact Patti in the Volunteer Services office at 748.8789.

"It is great to see Aspirus growing to meet the healthcare needs in the Medford area."

- Wisconsin State Representative James Edming (87th Assembly District)





Cute and clever...Jo Henrichs shows off another fun project that members of the craft committee helped ACR residents to make in time for the holidays. Thanks for your creative ideas Jo!

SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile then I realized it's worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected

Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

Keep the smile going by sending this on to a friend.
Everyone needs a smile!



If you kept every resolution you made *last* year, you'd probably be skinny, smart, healthy, rich - and bored!
[Bored? Good thing you volunteer at Aspirus!]

2019 Resolution:

Smile & Laugh More...they are natural anti-depressants.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Membership Meeting

January 15, 2019

2:30p.m. Community Education Room



National Volunteer Week is April 7-13, 2019

Membership meetings:

- ◆ Membership Meeting - January 15
- ◆ Membership Meeting - March 19 (Nominations)
- ◆ Membership Meeting - May 21 (Elections)
- ◆ Membership Meeting - July 16 (Installation of Officers / Potluck Social)
- ◆ Membership Meeting - September 17
- ◆ Membership Meeting - November 19

Key Projects:

- ◆ Mini Medic Tours - May
- ◆ Lites of Love Fundraiser (mid-Oct to mid-November)
- ◆ Lites of Love Ceremony - December

Fundraisers:

- ◆ PRN Scrub & Linen Sale - March 1
- ◆ Brat Fry Fundraiser - June
- ◆ PRN Scrub & Linen Sale - June 17
- ◆ PRN Scrub & Linen Sale - October 10
- ◆ Holiday Bake Sale - December

WHA Activities:

- ◆ WHA Spring District Meeting - April 4, WI Rapids
- ◆ WHA Advocacy Day - April 17, Madison
- ◆ WHA Fall District Meeting - TBA; Woodruff
- ◆ WHA State Convention - October 1-3, Appleton



Reminder: volunteers can participate in the AMHC's Ugly Sweater Contest too!

