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President's Message - Judeen Reese

March can be a month of considerable frustration. It is so near Spring and yet across a great deal of the country, the weather is still so wintry and changeable that outdoor activity seems light years away.

The month of March is named after Mars, the Roman God of War. It makes me think of March Madness, Fat Tuesday, Irish celebrations, and in my dreams, the coming of crocus, daffodils and tulips. If you were born in March you are either a Pisces or an Aries. Pisces are creative, kind and insightful people, and if you want someone to organize anything, find an Aries. Boy, can they multitask! No matter what month you were born, we need you and the skills you bring to Partners.

We are currently looking for volunteers in the gift shop. Send a message to Becky.greiber@gmail.com to let her know you are willing to step up. There are many other areas where you can make a difference too. We need Partners who can knit Twiddle Muffs and sew walker bags. This work can be done in your home and as your schedule allows. We can always use Partners to bake cookies in the hospital lobby the third Wednesday of most months, and blood drive workers are needed the third Friday of each month. In addition, there are several fundraising activities being planned and workers are always needed.

Contact me at judeenr@gmail.com or 608 516-5751 and we will match you with a task you will enjoy. It could be one of the best moves you make in March.



After this cold and snowy winter, what better way to celebrate than to think about ordering a beautiful pot of pansies. Partners will be having their annual Pansy Sale in April. Order forms will be available in the April issue of **The Pulse**, the Gift Shop, and the Hospital Lobby. Mark your calendars! **Order pansies by Thursday, April 11. Pick up is Wednesday, April 17.** The cost per 10 inch pot of multi-colored pansies is \$9.00. As always, thank you for supporting Partners of Stoughton Hospital.



Profile of a Partner - Sue Weum

Written by Diane Matson



"Where is your hometown"? is generally the first question answered when compiling a Partner profile. It's a simple, straight-forward response.....or so you might think. Not so with Partner **Sue Weum**. Not withstanding that her very first hometown was Stoughton, having been born in Stoughton Hospital, and having lived here for approximately the first week of her life, Sue doesn't consider Stoughton as being one of her *THREE* hometowns until almost 20 years later. In the interim, hometown was Cambridge for 7 years, and most recently "hometown" has been Jefferson where she currently lives and where she manned a first grade classroom for 32 years.

Sue and her late husband Delbert were married in 1991. He passed away in 2010, but those twenty years were packed with family activities, extensive traveling, and much fun. Little wonder that she returned to Jefferson, given the fact that her daughter Suzette, Suzette's husband Mike, their five children, Cassie, Mike Jr., Sam, Joe and Lizzie along with Lizzie's husband Neil, and great-grandson Jax ALL live in Jefferson. And a great-granddaughter will be arriving in June. Guess where SHE will live?

Travel continues to be one of Sue's many passions. Thanks to grandson Mike Jr., who was enjoying a college semester abroad in Frankfort, Germany, it was the perfect excuse to go for a visit. A never-to-be-forgotten moment was being a passenger in the car driven by Mike Jr., on the Audubon! Some of the many rewards of retirement include Sue's love of reading, enjoying musical theater, board games, cards, and dominoes.

An active member of Christ Lutheran Church where she serves on an ushering team, and belongs to the Elizabeth Circle, Sue also enjoys volunteering in the Gift Shop. In addition to working there approximately four times a month, she is a past member of the Partners Board where she served as assistant treasurer, and most recently served on the Gift Shop Committee. Sue credits Sandra Maerz for encouraging her to join Partners along with Del, convincing them that they would meet a lot of great people, have a good time, and contribute to the Stoughton community through their involvement with Stoughton Hospital. Having been a member since 1998, Sue acknowledges how even more important those friendships and that involvement have become since Delbert's passing.

**Whether it be in Stoughton, Cambridge, or Jefferson,
Sue's contributions to her hometowns have been many.**

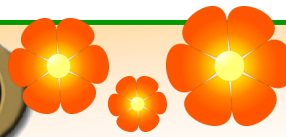
Thank you for all that you continue to do for Partners of Stoughton Hospital.



Planning has begun for Love Light 2019. Mark your calendar and please plan to join us on **Thursday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Bryant Center for our annual program to honor and recognize friends and loved ones. Although monetary donations are accepted year round (stop in the Gift Shop to obtain a donation envelope at any time), the

holiday season is chosen as the time we reserve to celebrate and remember. Exciting changes and new ideas will accompany our 2019 event. Watch your Partners newsletters for updates.

Gift Shop



9:00 - 3:00
Mon. thru Fri.

Spring is just around the corner! Lots of Fun new merchandise coming in! Join us Friday, March 15 for a Spring Open House from 9:00 - 4:00. Besides 15% off on the 15th, we will have other surprises.

In Plain Sight



Here's the **March challenge**. If you identify the merchandise in this photo, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Gift Shop gift card!



The hours in the Gift Shop for March will remain 9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday through Friday with the exception of the Spring Open House on March 15. The Gift Shop will remain open until 4:00 on that day.



Wisconsin Hospital Association Advocacy Day April 17. Transportation to and from Stoughton Hospital and Monona Terrace is provided. Contact Tina Castiglione at 608-873-2251 for information and to register. Registration is required before March 22, 2019.

***Fundraising** should be on every Partner's agenda. Watch your email, Facebook and newsletters for opportunities for you to pitch in.*

Volunteers are needed as the Partners of Stoughton Hospital create and donate Twiddle Muffs. Once again we are asking Partners to donate leftover and odd yarns. Scraps are good and nothing needs to match. Please take any donations to the Gift Shop. We also need members to create Twiddle Muffs for this worthy and unique Service Project. If you can knit/purl or single crochet, we need you!! We will provide you with instructions and donated scraps of yarn. You provide the needles/hook and the time. The project goes quickly; no counting required.

VOLUNTEER

Contact Sharon Beall at 217-663-8594 for information and instructions.

Welcome!

New Members- Donna Olson & Ellen Weum

Upcoming Events

For a total listing see <http://stoughtonhospital.com/events/> or the publication, *For The Life Of You*.

Mar. 15 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00 Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment

Mar. 15 - Gift Shop Open House, 9:00 - 4:00 pm

Mar. 20 - Cookie Bake in Lobby

April 11 - Pansy Orders Due with payment

April 17 - Pick Up Pansies

April 17 - WHA Advocacy Day, Call 608 873-2251 to register.

April 24 - Spring Card Party, 12:00 pm, Christ Lutheran Church

May 1 - May Day Flower Deliveries in Hospital and Annex

May 2 - Deadline to order and pay for Geraniums

May 9 - Pick up Geraniums

July 10 - Partners General Meeting, Nordic Ridge Park Shelter, All Partners are invited (see future newsletters for details)



February Board Meeting Highlights:

A gift of \$1,000 from the Gail Wollenzien memorial was acknowledged. A brief discussion was held on an appropriate use. **2019 Membership Directories have been printed. If you do not have yours, please pick one up in the Gift Shop the next time you are at the hospital.**

The Hospital Strategic Process has been completed and work has begun on Action Plans. A Master Facility Plan is being initiated. **Dr. Rilling will be leaving Stoughton Hospital at the end of the month.**

Laura Mays has accepted the position of Foundation Director and those duties will be added to her Business Development and Public Relations responsibilities.

Lions and Tigers and Bears....OH, MY!!



Melanie Miller describes her experience of taking her picture with her TWO pets (**Quentin & Moonshine**) (as "herding cats.")

Whether you favor cats or camels, dogs or dingos, fish or foxes, it's common knowledge that for most animal lovers, a house just isn't a home without a leash or a litter box.

One study from Loyola University found that people who use pet therapy while recovering from surgery may need significantly less pain medication. Pet ownership has been credited for lowering cholesterol, improving one's mood, increasing opportunities to socialize, improving immunity, and preventing allergies. And even if all of the above proved to be invalid, nothing beats coming home after a day filled with frustration to a pet who thinks you are the world. One sloppy kiss from an over-zealous lab puppy or a purring ball of fur nestled in your lap, and your day is salvaged.

For those of you Partners pet owners, we are offering an opportunity for you to show off your fur/fin/scale children in upcoming editions of "The Pulse" and on Facebook. Please send a photo of yourself with your pet to greentowz@aol.com or drop the photo off

in the Gift Shop. Tell us his/her name and age, and two or three sentences about what makes your pet special. We'll publish one or two photos until all have been featured.

Whether Snuggles is a snake or a St. Bernard, if he's special to you, he's special to us. Please look for our Partners Pets column in future issues and on Facebook.



Diane Matson says her dog **Gretel** is a great secrets keeper, she's always willing to go for a walk, she's a non-judgemental companion and a great listener.