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President's Message - Judeen Reese



As 2018 comes to an end, Partners members show no sign of slowing down. The 2018 Love Light event was the result of many people coming together with a common goal. Partners members, hospital employees, city employees, friends and families all contributed to its success. This success allows us to continue supporting the

Stoughton Hospital Wellness Garden and the walking trail. Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 Love Light event.

Our annual Bake/Craft Sale is one of our more popular fundraisers. This year was no different. Thank you to our capable Fundraising Committee for the planning and coordination you provided and to everyone who donated food and craft items for the annual bake/craft sale.

Our board meetings continue to be held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 in the front conference room. All Partners are invited to attend. It's a great way to meet people and to learn about activities and events that our organization sponsors and supports.

2019 Committees have been formed. Our new chairs and vice chairs have really stepped up, plans are being made, and work has begun. I have a good feeling about where we're headed, but I'm asking you to get involved. Call Joanne Peterson at 608 873-2232 to put your name on the schedule to volunteer in the hospital or the gift shop. Contact Sandra Maerz at 608 873-6125 if you're willing to serve on a committee or help with a specific activity. We need your help. How many times have you heard, "It takes a village...."? It's absolutely true.

I wish you all a wonderful 2019 including many traditional and new experiences with the Partners of Stoughton Hospital. Feel free to contact me at any time with your ideas.

This time of year we hear most fans in this area saying, "GO PACK". In light of their current situation, I've changed my cheer to **"GO PARTNERS!"**

Invite others to join Partners. There are many benefits.

[Learn More Here.](#)



Profile of a Partner - Rachel Farrell

Written by Diane Matson



A lifetime of volunteering made the choice to become involved with Partners an easy one when Rachel Farrell moved to Stoughton 5 years ago. She chose Stoughton based on the experience of a cousin who, while traveling across the country, found herself near Stoughton when her husband became seriously ill. Because of the great treatment he received at Stoughton Hospital, Rachel knew that she had found her new destination when she was considering making a move.

Now that Rachel's son and three grandchildren are grown, she's finding time to enjoy her hobbies of gardening, reading and baking. Having traveled as much as she wanted, she is now content to stay at home and continue volunteering as she has in the past. In addition to volunteering in critical care for 5 years in a previous community, Rachel also enjoyed volunteering as a "patient" because the area had a teaching hospital. Her experience of having worked in retail womens' clothing and spending 8 years as a gift shop volunteer previously made joining Partners a natural fit.

Rachel's reason for joining Partners when she first moved to Stoughton is her belief that it benefits the community. She feels fortunate to have a facility like Stoughton Hospital here and she recognizes that doctors and nurses deserve credit for establishing that positive reputation. Her personal experience is founded on the care her husband received during his battle with cancer.

Thank you Rachel for choosing Partners and the Stoughton community for your new home. We are all made stronger by volunteers like you.

Jingle the Moose was seen in our gift shop throughout the season. A raffle was held in the gift shop to find Jingle the Moose a forever home. **Donna Strandlie** was chosen as the new owner of Jingle. Her husband Roger came to the gift shop to claim the prize for Donna. He told us this is the second thing Donna has ever won. The first time she won, he was the prize!

Roger Strandlie and **Ann Corneille**, gift shop manager are shown with Jingle the Moose. Ann has generously donated the proceeds of the raffle to Partners of Stoughton Hospital. **Thank you, Ann!**



Thank you to all our holiday shoppers. Don't forget us in January. Watch for exciting events coming in 2019. When you shop the Gift Shop, you support the Partners of Stoughton Hospital.

**Membership
Dues**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting Partners with payment of dues for 2019. If you have not already paid, this is the last call. Annual dues are \$10. Mail them to Sandra Maerz, 1522 Buckingham Rd. or take them to the gift shop. Directories are ready to be printed.



Partners of Stoughton Hospital

Appreciation goes to everyone who donated to the 2018 Love Light Event. Donations support several projects including the Stoughton Hospital Wellness Garden and the walking trail along the river. We are grateful for your generosity and thank you for your contributions. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting Stoughton Hospital, the patients and the communities it serves while honoring, recognizing and remembering those we love.

2019 Partners Officers and Committee Chairs



Front:: Roger Odalen, Bev Mansfield, Becky Greiber, Judeen Reese

Middle: Diane Matson, Linda Trunzo, Melanie Miller

Back: Helen Sumwalt, Brenda Klitzke, Sandra Maerz

Not shown: Sharon Beall, Claudia Quam, Mindy Holverson

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Partners member **Wilma Furseth** and her sister **Lena Hinton** were delighted with the selection of baked goods and crafts offered at the recent sale held in the hospital lobby. Thank you ladies, for supporting our fund-raising event.



Melanie Miller, Dawn Windland and Helen Sumwalt used their creative skills to give the planters outside the hospital main entrance a seasonal makeover.

Thanks to **Joanne Peterson** for the lovely fresh pine.

Upcoming Events

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

Jan. 18 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00 Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment.



April 17 - WHA Advocacy Day, watch for additional information in future newsletters

Partners of Stoughton Hospital December Board Meeting



- Laura Mays briefly outlined the 5-year Strategic Goals as being **A.** Continuing the provision of low cost/high value services **B.** Continued implementation of strategies. **C.** Advancing the “Excellence Together” culture **D.** Maintaining excellent safety/quality scores and **E.** Leveraging technology and partnerships.
- Copies of the Stoughton Hospital 2017-2018 Annual Report were distributed.
- Dr. Rawal is now paneled with Dean Health and he will begin educational seminars in the community in January.
- Dr. Schwab will expand into a venous oblation retail therapy line and incorporate his wound care specialty into that program.
- Partners Board will NOT meet in January. A July meeting will replace it. Watch for additional details.
- Recognizing February as “Presidents’ Month”, President Judeen Reese has invited Past President Gen Wilburg to be our guest to share her experiences as a previous Partners President. We invite everyone to attend at 8:30 on February 6 in the front conference room.

thank you!

to everyone who helped make BINGO at the Senior Center a fun afternoon for seniors and other community members. It's another way we make a difference.



Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) and Stoughton Hospital CEO Dan DeGroot have invited Partners of Stoughton Hospital to attend WHA Advocacy Day. Please save the date: April 17 and learn more about the 2019 event in future Partner newsletters.

Contact Sharon Beall (216-663-8594) with questions and to express an interest in attending the April event.

