

# HEARTBEAT



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## Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held May 5, 2016 at the White Tail Inn in St. Germain. The appreciation luncheon is to recognize the volunteers for all they do for the hospital, patients, and the local community and to recognize those in milestone years of service to the Auxiliary. If you were unable to attend the luncheon, please see Kathy Viergutz to pick up your 'thank you' gift.

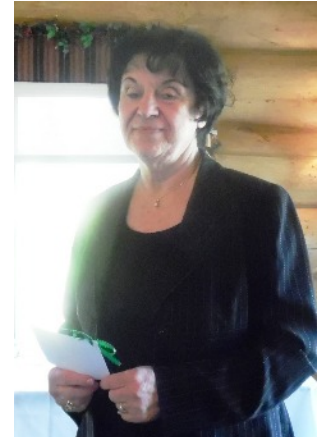


10 Years - L-R: Pam Greedy, Kay Rhymer, Judith Callahan, Susan Loos, Nancy Schneider, Mike Lakich.

Others recognized for ten years: William Niesen.



30 Years - Elaine Wendt



50 Years - Joan Seramur



15 Years - Sue Kivi.  
Others recognized for 15 years: Sharon Bridges.



5 Years - L-R: Joanne Bachall, Phyllis Duranso, Bev Scott, Rosemary Scheibe, Frances Sabick, Linda Baumgartner, Connie Madden, Bobbe Johnston, John Scheibe.

Others recognized for 5 years: Christine Alfery, Addie Halfmann, Carol Hitman, Mary Mee, Thomas Thompson.

## Buddy Program

The Strategic Planning Committee has decided to implement a new "Buddy Program" as part of the process for orienting new volunteers. We are asking for experienced volunteers to buddy with a new member of our auxiliary for a year. During that time we would like you to spend time at the hospital with that person during their shift to show them the different areas of service and introduce them to other volunteers along the way. Also taking them to a luncheon or fund raiser would give them further opportunities to feel more a part of our organization. We trust that being in the "Buddy Program" will help our new volunteers to feel more at home in the hospital and more knowledgeable about all that the AHYMC does for our community.

If you are interested in being a part of this new program please either sign-up on the "Buddy Program" Sheet in the AHYMC Auxiliary area, posted on the communication board, or contact Bev Scott (512-517-9969) [bevscott71@aol.com](mailto:bevscott71@aol.com).

## **“Breath of Fresh Air” Fashion Show**

The Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Auxiliary of Howard Young Medical Center are co-sponsoring a fundraising fashion show this summer. The event will be held Monday, July 18 at the White Tail Inn in St. Germain from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Registration forms will be mailed to all auxiliary members but the event is open to the public. Extra registration forms will be available at the hospital entrances, the AHYMC Gift Shop, and the Eagle River Thrift Shop. Cost is \$28.00 which includes lunch, tax, tip and a door prize ticket.

Raffles will be available. A special gently used purse raffle will be featured. We are asking for purse donations with a surprise wrapped item placed inside with a value of at least \$ 10.00. If you are lucky enough to win a purse you will receive a bonus gift (no peeking). Purses may be dropped off downstairs in the auxiliary room at Howard Young and the triage room (office by the front desk) in Eagle River.

Contact Sue Damske at (715) 356-3135, Pam Cira at (715) 479-5485, or Kathy Viergutz at (715) 356-8677 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



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## **PPE Report June Heartbeat**

There were many interesting articles since the last Heartbeat. Please take the time to look at the ones we do not have room to print. On the internet look up Wisconsin Hospital Association, then go to Valued Voice. You can look up all the articles listed below.

### **All WHA Summaries of Recently-Passed Laws Now Available**

The Valued Voice has been reporting this month about the availability of members-only WHA summaries of new laws passed during the 2015-16 Wisconsin legislative session that could impact Wisconsin hospitals and health systems. The WHA legal and government relations teams have prepared the summaries to help WHA members better understand newly enacted legislation. This week, Gov. Scott Walker completed his signing of bills that were passed during the last general-business legislative floor period. With the legislative session now wrapped up, all of WHA's summaries are now available for WHA members:

- Acts 26 and 83: Exemptions from State Credentialing Requirements for Emergency Service Providers
- Act 116: Interstate Physician Licensure Compact
- Act 153: Mental Health Coordination and Consultation Pilots and Inpatient Bed Finder
- Act 238: Immunity for Health Care Providers Performing a Body Cavity Search
- Acts 263 and 262: Flexibility for Opioid Treatment Programs and New Reporting for Methadone Clinics
- Act 265: New Pain Clinic Certification Requirement
- Acts 266, 267 and 268: Changes to Wisconsin's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Act 287: Health Care Data Modernization Act
- Acts 290, 291, and 313: Removing Regulatory Barriers in Wisconsin's Pharmacist Practice Act
- Act 351: Victim Advocate Accompaniment at a Hospital
- Act 375: Authority of Physical Therapists to Order x-rays

The summaries are for WHA members only and will not be generally accessible on the WHA website. The summaries are posted in the member's portal, which is accessible, by clicking the "WHA Member's Only" icon located on the home page at wha.org. Once in the WHA member portal, the summaries can be found in the dropdown menu under the "General" tab. This section of WHA.org is a secure location and requires a first-time user to obtain a username and password. If you do not have a member account, go to members.wha.org and click on "Register" to create an account. If you have any questions about how to register, contact Tammy Hribar, thribar@wha.org or 608-274-1820.

For additional information, contact Andrew Brenton, WHA assistant general counsel, abrenton@wha.org, or Matthew Stanford, WHA general counsel, mstanford@wha.org, or 608-274-1820. Valued Voice 04/29/16)

### **Articles to Read:**

- Valued Voice 04/01/16: WHA Hails the Signing of Health Care Data Modernization Act
- Valued Voice 04/08/16: WEDC Promotes High Quality Health Care WI is 6<sup>th</sup> Best for Coverage
- Valued Voice 04/22/16: WI Gets an "A" for Palliative Care Services
- Valued Voice 04/29/16: CMS Finalizes "Mega Rule" on Medicaid Managed Care
  - WHA Members Preview New WI Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
  - WHA Information Center Launches KAAVIO
- Valued Voice 05/06/16: Presidents Column: Physician Payment Reform A top WHA Priority
- Valued Voice 05/13/16: Resources Available to Help combat Emerging Cyber Threats
- Valued Voice 05/20/16: Dept. of Labor Issues Final Rule on White Collar Exemptions for Overtime

There is much information, let me know if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. I would be happy to send it to you.

**HAPPY SPRING Submitted by Ruth Johnson**

## North Central District Meeting

By Mary Lou Shepski

Our district meeting was held at Eagle River Inn this year on April 7, 2016. Our theme continues to be *Take a Deep Breath for 2016*. Our guest speaker was Dr. Roderick Brodhead, emergency medicine. In 2015 there were 4,370 new lung cancer patients and 3,050 deaths. There is a 17% 5 year survival rate for lung cancer patients. Dr. Brodhead stressed the importance of getting a radon test kit for your home as radon is the second largest cause of lung cancer. Also, there is a high rate of Parkinson's in Manitowoc from the shipyard air quality. Dr. Brodhead also showed us statistics on the risk of smoking and cancer. He also stated that 55% of Americans have chronic health conditions; 16% have 2 chronic health conditions; 12% have 3 or more chronic health conditions. Go to [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org) for more information.

There were 3 legislations signed into law this past year:

1. Interstate licensures for physicians
2. Behavioral Healthcare
3. Healthcare modernization

The W.A.V.E award nominations are due June 10, 2016. The H.E.L.P. program will be considered. The Fall District meeting will be held in Merrill (not Marshfield).

Sue Damske provided the Leadership Team Report for the Spring District Meeting. She highlighted our board meetings and luncheons. She also explained that we have volunteer information outside our gift shop. Orientations take place monthly and there are perks to volunteering! The other districts also provided information about their auxiliaries.

Our auxiliary has accomplished much in 2015 including 22,248 hours of service (an increase from 2014). We have provided scholarships, Angel Guard Preemie Car Beds, free books for newborns in the birthing center and much more. We continue to have handcrafts available for sale in the gift shop. We raised \$11,060 for our scholarship fund from AHYMC Harvest of Holidays.

We should be proud of all we have accomplished in 2015 and strive to continue our efforts in 2016. Our annual convention will be held October 4-5-6 in Appleton. The theme is Western and attendees are encouraged to wear Western garb. Dress up for the banquet.

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### Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital and Howard Young Medical Center Earn National Healthcare Awards

By Kathy Viergutz, Community Service Coordinator

In April, 14 Ministry Health Care hospitals across Wisconsin were recognized as 4-Star and 5-Star Award winners by national healthcare research leader, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC). The Excellence in Healthcare Awards recognizes organizations that achieve excellence throughout the year by improving patient experiences.

#### Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital, Eagle River

##### 5-Star Ratings:

Inpatient Services-HCAHPS-Communication about Medications

Inpatient Services-Overall Quality of Care

Outpatient Services-Overall Quality of Care

##### 4-Star Rating:

Emergency Department-Overall Quality of Care

#### Howard Young Medical Center, Woodruff

##### 4-Star Ratings:

Emergency Department-Overall Quality of Care

Inpatient Services-Overall Quality of Care



## Crafty Request from HOH

**WANTED:** Do you have an arts or crafts item/s to donate to our annual October, **Harvest of Holidays** Craft Sale? We are looking for birch bark creations, woodworking pieces, floral arrangements, decorated stationery & cards, quilting pieces and other items that could be sold to benefit the AHYMC Fundraiser.

Please contact Kathy Viergutz, HYMC Volunteer Coordinator, at 715.356.8677 for information.

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### WHEELCHAIR SERVICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

The hospital is in definite need of a volunteer who could clean/do light service/locate and keep the legs on the wheelchairs. If you

personally or someone you know might be interested in this extremely valuable position within the auxiliary please contact Kathy Viergutz.

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### Sunshine Needed?

Please contact Bev Coller if you know one of our members who might need a little "Sunshine".  
Bev can be reached at 715-356-0029 or email her at [junebc@frontier.com](mailto:junebc@frontier.com).

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### SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, July 18, 2016 - "Breath of Fresh Air Fashion Show."** White Tail Inn in St. Germain from 11 a.m. -3 p.m

**October 1, 2016 - Harvest of Holidays**  
9:00am-2:00pm Gift shop and Handcraft Sale Tent. 12:00-2:00 Luncheon  
Tickets on sale August 22nd - \$30.00  
Remember to pick up your raffle tickets in the Gift Shop

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## Areas in need of Volunteer Services

If interested, please contact Kathy Viergutz at 715-356-8677.

**Med Surge Patient Floor** – stock nurse servers in patient rooms, files papers & makes copies along with other assigned tasks

**LifeDirect Installers and Office work** – in need of committee chair for this area to begin training before Ron Kroeger retires

**Runner for Wednesday AM** - delivers and retrieves patient food carts, picks up mail for departments, locates wheel chairs

**Greeters for Entrance D** - Tuesday 8-12 & 12-4 and Friday 8-12 & 12-4 as well as fill in position

**Greeters for Monticello** - Fill in position needed

**Out Patient Surgery Waiting** - Wednesday & Friday 8-12 as well as fill in position

### Gift Shop

### Beauty Shop

**One Penny; resident assistant & exercise instructor** - instructor Monday or Tuesday for 1 hour – exercise plan has been developed by the P.T./Rehab department so the instructor would just be conducting the class

**P.T. Rehab** - transport & staff assistant

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## Calling all 'Handicrafty' Folks!

The Handcraft Volunteers would like to extend an Invitation to all Volunteers who might be interested in becoming a member of the Handcraft group, or if you are aware of someone in the community who would be a good fit for this group to invite them to join the Auxiliary. If interested please contact Kathy Viergutz.