

The Pulse

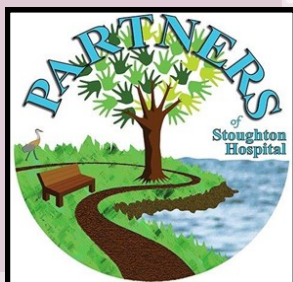


Order Your Pansies By April 13.

Partners of Stoughton Hospital



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President's Message - Melanie Miller

The cranes have returned! Those two friendly birds who walk the hospital sidewalks and parking lot are a sure sign of Spring - the arrival of warmer weather and greater sunshine. It's a time of rebirth and



new beginnings. Perhaps it's a time of self-renewal for each of us as well. It's not necessarily new resolutions or directions, but just a time to reflect on what we choose to do, and the reasons why we take certain actions. Spring is also a good time to try something new or try a new approach to a task which may have become repetitive or lacking excitement. **Put "Spring" in your step. Try something new. Find a reason to smile, a new challenge to your mind, and a way to brighten your spirit.** Enjoy the Spring.



This girl (Linda Swangstu) found a watering can in the Hospital Gift Shop. Soon it was filled with Spring flowers.



Find this magical watering can in our Gift Shop along with many other Spring things.

Gift Shop:



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*Front: Dawn Windland, Melanie Miller, Sharon Beall, Diane Matson, Linda Trunzo
Middle: Norval Morgan, Sandra Maerz, Carol Deneen, Judy Simmonds
Back: Claudia Quam, Becky Greiber, Sue Weum, Bev Mansfield, Helen Sumwalt*

Pansy Sale



Pansy orders are due in the Gift Shop by April 13. An order form is included with this mailing and they are available in the Gift Shop and lobby.

Make sure you're ready for Spring.

Order Pansies Today!

Spring Geranium Sale

Partners is again sponsoring a Geranium Sale with the **deadline for ordering Friday, May 4 with pick-up on Wednesday, May 9** from 1:00-4:00 at the East entrance of Stoughton Hospital near the Foundation Office. All geraniums are being sold as pre-order/pre-pay only. No additional plants will be available on the day of the sale. Geraniums will be sold in 4 1/2, 7 1/2, and 10 inch pots in red, salmon, pink and white. Order forms will be available in the Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop and Lobby.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Celebrate the tradition of
May Day!

Order a co-worker or friend a charming vase of fresh flowers to be delivered to their office or workplace on
May 1.

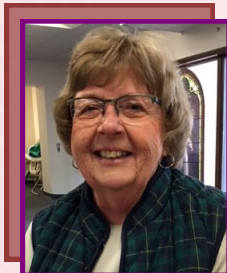
Partners of Stoughton Hospital is offering these 3 x 3 jars filled with colorful flowers for \$5.



Order forms, available in the Hospital Gift Shop or lobby must be placed by
Tuesday, April 24.

Profile of a Partner - Connie Blackman

Written by Diane Matson



Wisconsin soil is deeply embedded in the heart of Partner Connie Blackman. Born and raised on a farm near Darlington, she received her BS in Education from Platteville, her Masters Degree from UW- LaCrosse and met husband Jon on her first teaching assignment in Appleton! But for a time, Connie left the Badger State for Bloomington, Indiana, while Jon was obtaining his Optometry Degree, and she exchanged her Badger pride temporarily in favor of Hoosier fever.

A "native" of Stoughton for the past 46 years when Jon began his optometry practice in Stoughton, Connie traded in her chalk and erasers for a short stint as a "chemist" at IKI, followed by time in the optometry office, and in sales for Nelson Industries. Eventually though, the call of the classroom was too strong, and Connie returned to teaching, for the next 15 years at River Bluff Middle School. She proudly states that she worked with "the finest group of teachers anywhere" and she "loved it". Teaching lends itself to many great stories. Connie recalls the day that an eighth grade girl commented on Connie's new haircut. After being thanked for noticing, the girl replied, "Well, they cut the GRAY out." Memorable moments always include memorable students. A bright, charming, eighth grader whom Connie remembers as having a caring, compassionate nature and whom Connie realized would do "something wonderful", has fulfilled all of Connie's expectations. Little Laura Flanagan, is now Doctor Laura Flanagan, proving Connie's intuition was spot on.

The Blackman family includes sons Shane and Brad, daughter-in-law Shana, and two grandsons, Nixon, 15 and Parker, 11. A new daughter-in-law will join the family this summer when Brad marries Morgan. Earlier parenting days kept Connie busy with the boys' sporting events, and today, time for playing bridge and belonging to several different bridge groups is her favorite activity. The Blackman household is the go-to destination for family and friends to gather to

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watch sporting events and enjoy conversation. When asked about her favorite volunteer activity, Connie quickly mentions the Gift Shop, stating that it's a really great place to volunteer, because she's met so many interesting employees and families.

In honor of their contributions to the community they've called home for the past 46 years, the City of Stoughton honored the Blackmans in 2003 by naming them Syttende Mai King and Queen.

Thank you Connie (and Jon) for your involvement and dedication to our city and to our hospital.

Plan to Attend!



***Tuesday, April 24
beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the
Cinema Café with a pizza lunch
and viewing the movie "Wonder"***



Volunteers are needed for monthly cookie bakes. Contact:

Claudia Quam or Linda Trunzo

608 732-4737 or

ltrunzo@stohosp.com

Service project volunteers are needed (work at home). Contact:

Sharon Beall at

217 663-8594 or

smbeall1@yahoo.com.

Gift Shop Volunteers are needed. Contact:

Joanne Peterson at

608 873-2232 or

jpeterson@stohosp.com.

We all need to pitch in and do our part!

Walking Trail Update

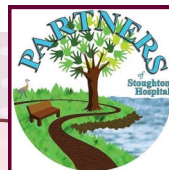
Submitted by Christopher Schmitz

The City of Stoughton has secured funding for the walking trail, connecting to the Partners funded walking trail, along the Yahara River on the hospital property. Construction of the project is scheduled from May through June, and calls for a 10 foot wide paved path.

Why pave the trail? Because paving the path allows for greater accessibility by all ages. Users will be able to exit the walking path on the far west side of the hospital property using the gravel trail funded by Partners last summer, or enter off Amundson Parkway.

Thank you all for your support of this project, and please join me in thanking Tom Lynch and Mayor Olson the next time you see them, for the critical role they played in making this dream a reality.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April 13 - Pansy Orders due - Pick up **April 18**

April 20 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00 Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment.



April 24 - Order May Day flowers to be delivered on **May 1**

May 4 - Geranium Orders due - Pick up **May 9**



March Board Meeting Highlights

- A new CEO will be announced later this month.
- A tentative date of May 10 has been set for the community retirement event honoring Terry Brenny , 4-7 p.m.
- The 14th annual Swinging for Health Golf Outing and Card Party is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at Stoughton Country Club with a buffet, silent auction and raffle to follow.



New Medicare Cards

Starting in April 2018, Social Security will begin mailing **new Medicare cards** with new Medicare Numbers to help protect you from identity theft and fraud. They will use the name and address you have on file with Social Security, so it's important that this information is up-to-date. You can update or verify your address by going to www.ssa.gov/myaccount or calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

Close to Home Café

The Close To Home Café now has an automated Menu Line that will take the place of phone calls to FNS to inquire about the soup of the day, etc.

The menu message will be updated daily at approximately 9:00 AM. To call the Menu Line from inside the hospital, dial X3443. To call the Menu Line from outside the hospital, dial 608-877-3443.