

The Stethoscope

Join us for an Outdoor Picnic!

We will be celebrating the installation of our new Council Officers and the 2021 Scholarship Recipients

July 14, 2021

12:00 p.m.

Irvine Park

Knights of Pythais Pavilion

Cost \$5.00

Located just inside the Main Entrance to the left by the Splash Fountain

Boxed Lunch featuring a cold deli sandwich,
chips, cookies and beverage.

Please make your
reservation by contacting
the Volunteer Service
Office at 715-717-7439 or
brandalee.sikora@hshs.org
by July 11th.



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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



Dear Volunteer Partners,

The sun is shining and slowly we are getting back to the normal we remember. Cautiously, we can gather with friends and family and even hug each other once again. With the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, and months of giving dose after dose, the number of patients suffering from COVID-19 in our Chippewa Valley community has decreased, and we are able to be social.

We are able to continue with our plans for the 49th Charity Ball event. The pandemic took our White Star's Queen of the North Seas ship off course a bit, but I'm so thankful our Charity Ball committee was able to schedule Friday, Sept. 10, at Fest Valley Events for the anticipated evening of fun. The committee has been working hard to make this a spectacular event knowing that we've been cooped up in our houses for a year or better. The even location was moved to provide ample room to distance yourself from others if you prefer. All planning has been done with safety and fun in mind, so please consider attending. And a huge thank you to all committee members who have put their heart and soul into this night of excitement.

Although some of our community programs remain online because of the pandemic, our MOMs (Maternity onto Motherhood) program at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital has taken off. The MOMs program was launched in 2020 as a way to connect with families throughout the mother's pregnancy, her birth and after she leaves the hospital. Our MOMs coordinators meet with the mother and families, get to know their unique needs and help tailor the families' experiences. Although the babies are born at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, our Chippewa Falls community families appreciate having that local connection to help them through maternity and the first year of motherhood. We've received excellent feedback on this program, and we're happy to be able to help our community in this way.

As always, thank you for your dedication to our hospital. You reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality Franciscan health care ministry, and we couldn't be more thankful. Our hospital continues to be a warm and welcoming place because of you. Thank you!

Sincerely,

John Wagner
President and CEO, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital

LETTER FROM OUR PARTNERS PRESIDENT



Dear Volunteer Partners,

The last 2 years have gone by quickly. It has been an honor to serve as your President. Over the past two years, I have had the support of an amazing group of Council Members. As you know there have been many challenges over the past 12 plus months. But your Council Members navigated the challenges with determination and optimism. While we haven't held our normal fund raising events, Partners is financially stable. Due to the foresight and planning of previous Council Members, we have funds set aside to supplement our income. We will still award six \$1,000 scholarships in July and we will still be able to provide financial support toward St. Joseph's Hospital projects.

Since we were unable to celebrate Partner's 50th Birthday last year, our 51st virtual Birthday party was a welcome event. It was a time to reflect on the last 51 years. Pat Gutknecht, a founding member and Past President of Partners, gave a brief history of Partners. Sister Frances recruited several community members to form an Auxiliary to provide volunteer as well as financial support to St. Joseph's Hospital. As a Volunteer Partner, you can be proud that we continue to serve St. Joseph's Hospital and our service is based on the foundation laid by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

Looking ahead, the Partners Council will be reviewing our strategic plan. One of the goals is to collaborate with the Volunteer Partners of Sacred Heart. With that goal in mind, our Council has joined with the Sacred Heart Partners to create a video that will highlight volunteer opportunities at both hospitals. Volunteers are now allowed back into both hospitals and more volunteers are needed. So the video will be used as recruiting tool and it will also educate community members about St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart Volunteer Partners organizations.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is July 7th. It is a special meeting where the scholarships are awarded and officers are installed. Your incoming President is Ellen Kiefer. Ellen has been a supportive and thoughtful President Elect for the past two years. She is a dedicated volunteer and she will be an amazing President. Also on July 7th, Terri Hutson will be installed as President Elect. Terri is an awesome addition to the Partners Council. In addition to the new officers, another change on the Council is a new Membership Chair. Jan Giedd has stepped up and will replace Jan Horan as Membership Chair. Thank you to Jan Horan for her years of service. Please refer to this Stethoscope for information on the July 7th meeting.

As my term comes to an end, I want to thank the Council members for their dedication and creativity over the past two years. Thank you to Brandy for keeping us on track and also for her endless optimism and energy. And thank you to John Wagner for his support of Partners. Finally, thank you to each of the Colleagues of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital. They have adapted, adjusted and have continued to provide excellent health care to our communities. We are blessed to have a hospital and colleagues whose Mission is: "To reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality Franciscan health care ministry."

On behalf of the Partner's Council, THANK YOU to each of you, our Partner members, for your continued support. We look forward to getting back to normal so we meet in person. If you have any questions, you can email me at: maryrosewilli@gmail.com. Take care.

Mary Rose Willi
Volunteer Partners President

WONDERLAND ON THE RIVER

Save the Date: October 30, 2021 at Lake Wissota Golf. If interested in decorating a table or attending, please contact Jan Giedd at jangiedd@yahoo.com or Brandy at brandalee.sikora@hshs.org. More information to follow in the Fall Stethoscope!

Jan Giedd
Wonderland on the River Chair



STEAK FRY

Our planning meetings are in full swing and we are optimistic that that we will have dine in, take out, free delivery and we are working on drive thru pick up. 4 tickets per Volunteer partner member will be mailed out for you to buy or sell to your friends.

We are making some changes to conform with safety guidelines. This will in no way affect the great food we serve. Because of this we will not be asking for bars to be donated for desserts.

All monies go to the Partners' Scholarship Fund to benefit local students entering the medical field. We missed last year, but we still able to honor 6 recipients with \$1000 scholarships. We are looking forward to bringing back this great event in 2021!

WE STILL NEED OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR:

Wednesday the 4th Prep work Thursday the 5th Set up
Servers Clean up Please contact the volunteer office,
715-717-7439 or Betty, 715-559-8021 if you are able to help.
Let's get the word out!

Betty Oddo and Julie Clark
Steak Fry Co-Chairs



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ANNUAL
STEAK FRY

Thursday, August 5
Knights of Columbus Hall
236 Pumphouse Road, Chippewa Falls

Drive through and pick up is from 3:30 to 7 p.m.
Delivery begins at 4:30 p.m. Reservations can be made ahead of time to 715-717-7439 by August 3.

Dinner: 4:30 - 7 p.m. • Adults: \$11 • Children: \$5

Adult: steak sandwich, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw, sweet treat, coffee, water and soda

Children: hot dog, corn on the cob, bag of chips, sweet treat, water and soda

Every adult purchased ticket will be entered into a door prize drawing. Need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Partners scholarship fund for local students.

Purchase tickets at the HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Gift Shop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by contacting a Volunteer Partners member. All purchased tickets will be entered into a door prize drawing. Need not be present to win. All proceeds to benefit the Volunteer Partners scholarship fund for local students pursuing a degree in health care.



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CHARITY BALL

Captain's Entry: April 15, 2021

After a rocky start and stop, we have decided to extend our voyage deadline once again postponing the maiden voyage to the Fall. I am still very confident our voyage will be a success. The White Star's Queen of the North Seas remains in Dry Dock. Final orders for the remaining details will be submitted by month's end.

Captain's Entry: April 21, 2021

All celebration will ensue as previously planned but with a new date. The 49th Charity Ball will now be scheduled for Friday, September 10th in the year of 2021. The White Star's Queen of the North Seas'

Maiden Voyage will board at the Fest Valley Event's Pier in Cadott, Wisconsin. Final design preparations are underway and the launch should be ordered soon. The marketing team has created a wonderful postcard to Save the Date for the upcoming voyage. Please be on the lookout for it. The vision is starting to manifest. The excitement is rousing the crew.

Captain's Entry: May 25, 2021

The entertainment has been booked and finalized. The new pier boasts many additional accommodations to look forward to for the distinguished guests, like Glamping and Campsites. Final approval for the official invitations is approaching. Keep an eye to the news in late Summer for interviews regarding our maiden voyage and mission. Like & Follow us on Facebook for Charity Ball Trivia games and other pre-launch festivities.

Captain's Entry: June 15, 2021

Excitement. The Queen of the North Seas has had a successful launch and has been moved to the Fitting-Out Wharf. Our generous sponsors will be happy to note that the final fitting out will be completed soon and a date has been set for sea trials. As the Captain, I cannot wait to see how she fares in the open ocean.

Captain's Entry: July 1, 2021

It is my pleasure to report that the plans and preparations for The White Star's Queen of the



North Seas are on schedule. All current routes and passage courses are being reviewed and plans are still underway for our maiden voyage. Conditions are favorable and White Star's Queen of the North Seas has launched into open ocean. If all goes well during sea trials, she will be entered into service on September 10th. We are all hopeful! Meanwhile, the sales of passage tickets are continuing for those willing to brave the seas and join us at the Charity Ball, tickets on the website, through the mail or by phone when contacting Brandy Sikora, Director of Volunteer Services.

With my amazing crew, First Officer Neil and Chief Officer Brandy, we wish to see you all in person at the 49th Charity Ball to honor community, commitment and the journey towards a promising future.

Amber Leibrandt

2020-2021 St. Joseph's
Hospital Charity Ball Chair
(Captain)



PUBLIC POLICY

As always, there is a lot happening on the political scene. Budgets are being drawn up on both the state and federal level. Republicans in the state legislature have rejected the budget proposed by Governor Evers and are writing their own budget. Evers has hinted he may veto the entire budget. Complicating things is the monies allocated within the CARES act and the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. Some of the federal dollars have specific ways in which they can be spent. Things to watch that are of particular interest – How mental health monies are allocated, dollars for broad band and funding for disproportionate share hospitals. I expect health care will do “OK” in this budget as COVID concerns are still in the forefront. Watch for HEAT alerts asking you to contact legislators about budget issues.

President Biden has submitted an ambitious budget with a large price tag. He proposes funding it with a tax increase on the wealthy and corporations along with borrowing. Republicans are opposed to any roll back of tax cuts or increases in taxes. Hopefully a bipartisan agreement can be reached.

Two words we hear often in the news are filibuster and reconciliation. Here is a short review on how they work. The filibuster is not defined in the constitution. It was established by Senate rule in the early 1800's. The Senate, as the Upper House, was not designed to be a site of majority rule but a place of deliberation and reflection where the rights of the minority would be protected. The filibuster is essentially unlimited debate. The longest filibuster lasted over 24 hours. A procedure known as Cloture is used to end a filibuster. The Senate leader calls for unanimous consent to end debate. If anyone objects, a vote is taken. Sixty votes are needed to end the filibuster. If the vote is less than 60, the bill is considered “filibustered”, debate is closed and the bill is not voted on. Nominations for executive posts, federal judgeships and a few other special cases are not subject to filibuster.

Reconciliation is a process that can be used to pass budgetary legislation affecting spending, revenues and the federal debt limit. It can only be used once per year on each subject. Reconciliation bills only need a simple majority to pass, they are not able to be filibustered. The “BYRD” rule prohibits reconciliation bills from increasing the federal deficit after 10 years, or making changes to Social Security. The Senate Parliamentarian determines if the bill meets the criteria needed to be passed via reconciliation. The Vice President can override the Parliamentarian, but that is very rarely done.

Julie Clark
PPE-Public Policy Educator Chair



THE COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

At the moment I am writing this it's the second week of June and most of the Community Garden plots have been planted. Our 9th season marks the 4th time that we've had all 24 plots reserved. Although we lose a gardener or two each year, we've been blessed by newcomers joining us each year as well. This year we welcome a team of gardeners from the Rotary Club, three new donor gardeners, a master gardener, and two new gardeners growing for their own tables.

Our gardeners continue to enjoy their work with the Community Garden program. We are out in the fresh air, working with our hands, and making a difference in the fight against hunger in Chippewa County.

With every plot being reserved we have the potential for our most productive year ever!

Our corps of gardeners this year includes:

- 1st Year Individual, for own table
- 1st Year Master Gardener
- 1st Year Rotary Club
- 1st Year High School Student and Family
- 1st Year Individual, donor gardener
- 1st Year Retired Resident, Comforts of Home, donor gardener
- 2nd Year Individual, for own table
- 2nd Year Richard O'Mara, working with Don Hauser
- 3rd Year Retired Rehab Colleagues
- 4th Year Don Albrecht (caretaker of the Apple Orchard)
- 4th Year Don Hauser (3 plots)
- 5th Year Sallie Butcher, the Eagles Club (2 plots)
- 6th Year Cathy Lombard, (5 plots)
- 7th Year Rick Beckler (3 plots)
- 9th Year Roger and Lois Elliott (1 plot)

Many thanks to Don Wester, Manager of Tractor Central for providing the tilling of our plots again this year. With a brand

new tractor and mulcher at the dealership he sent one of his employees to the garden and prepped designated plots for us.

One of our plots this year has a totally unique look - Plot 1B is populated with four raised planting beds. This experiment was made possible by my need to replace my deck at home and the deck boards, railings and other components were used to create the raised beds. The "free" lumber was used to build each of the planters about 30" wide by 8 feet long and at a height of about 17" - perfect for sitting down on the edge of the planters for planting and weeding. Loey and I don't do hands and knees work very well any more, nor do we tolerate stooping to any extent so we felt the raised beds would be an opportunity to allow us to continue gardening, but in greater comfort. The experiment is off to a good start - the planting and watering went well. It'll be interesting to see how productive these planters can be.

Our beekeepers, Don Hauser and Richard O'Mara, along with volunteer helpers Rick Beckler and Janine Albrecht have re-populated our bee community and they're busy every day, making honey.

Once again we have been blessed with opportunities to share our story within the community. Both Channel 13 and Channel 18 broadcast interviews with me and Cathy, and several of our new members came to us as a result of that exposure.

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Gardeners get to have the wildlife in the area keep us company each season – the turkeys have been strutting their stuff in the open field, the eagle from the nest on the Northern Center grounds soars overhead, the bluebirds are back in town and we've recently been visited by a few Monarch butterflies.

Community Garden season 9 is off to a great start! God is great! Every day in every way. the "Green Beanie"...

Roger Elliott
Volunteer Coordinator, HSHS St. Joseph's Community Garden



Janeen Albrecht (kneeling) assists Don Hauser and Richard O'Mara while they re-populate the bee hives early spring.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year we received 19 applicants for the Volunteer Partners Scholarships. 12 of them were new high school graduates and 7 of them were post secondary. There were 4 committee members that were able to get together and score the applicants. All the applicants were very qualified to receive the scholarship so choosing the top 6 was very hard! Let me introduce you to them:

Sydney Hillert

Graduated from Chi-Hi. Attended UW-Madison and in 2020 she received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Currently she works as a CNA at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee while attending college. She is pursuing her Masters of Science in Nursing at Marquette University pursuing her goal to become a Certified Nurse Midwife.

Travis Christoph

A 2021 graduate of Stanley-Boyd High School. Travis works on his family dairy farm with his mother and father and 6 siblings. He plans to attend UW-Eau Claire in the fall to pursue his career to become a Chiropractor and own his own business.

Stephanie Thompson

Received her High School Diploma from Grand Forks Central High School in North Dakota. Currently lives in Chippewa Falls and is attending CVTC in Eau Claire pursuing her Associated Degree in Nursing and wishes to work as a Labor and Delivery Nurse after graduation.

Jazmine Johnson

Jazmine is a 2021 graduate, along with her twin sister, of Chi-Hi and is currently planning on attending Howard University-Washington, D.C. in the Fall to pursue her goals of receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Biology. She hopes to do medical research, specializing in hematology or epidemiology, to help those suffering from cancer and other diseases.

Sidney Polzin

Sidney is a 2021 graduate of Chi-Hi, and is looking forward to pursuing her college degree in Biology to become a Physical Therapist at Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN. She found her passion just recently after acquiring a knee injury while playing with an advanced hockey league and having to go to physical therapy for treatment.

Jacklyn Oldroyd

As a 2021 graduate of Chi-Hi, Jacklyn is looking forward to attending UW-Eau Claire in the Fall. She hopes to pursue her dreams of becoming a physician's assistant in pediatrics and possibly even a Physician herself. She is currently a volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital in the ER Entrance and works as a CNA at Dove Healthcare and enjoys her time she spends at both places.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Services

As I sit down to write this, I am thinking about all the events that are coming up with the Partners and I am SO EXCITED to be able to help the Chairs of these events bring them back better than ever!

Looking at the calendar, it will be a busy fall but it will be worth it as we all come back together again and be able to enjoy each other's company while supporting the Hospital and the Partners mission.

I know that summer can be busy but once fall comes around and you are looking for something to fill some time, I have some volunteer opportunities available at St. Joseph's Hospital and Sacred Heart Hospital so keep us in mind!

Information Desk
Gift Shop
Radiology Waiting Room
Surgery Waiting Room-St. Joseph's only
Family Waiting Center-Sacred Heart only
Hospice
Partners Event Helpers-Keep an eye out in the stethoscopes and emails!

Benefits of being an in-house volunteer include; camaraderie with colleagues and other volunteers, free meal if volunteered for 4 hours or more, invitation to volunteer luncheons, free flu shots (this year, free and FIRST COVID vaccinations), included in colleague gifts and perks, and just down right JOY! Please reach out to me at 715-717-7439 or Brandalee.sikora@hshs.org to discuss these opportunities more...I would love to have you on the team!

Brandy Sikora
Manager of Volunteer Services
St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart Hospital

GIFT SHOP

We are winding down to the end of our fiscal year and this year has been challenging. Without the foot traffic that we typically see on a day to day basis during normal times, our sales have been down but we are slowly getting our numbers back up. The colleagues are great supporters of the shop and having payroll deduction with the new system we received back in October of 2020, thanks to the Volunteer Partners, has helped tremendously!

The volunteers that are coming have been a great help as well, helping me keep things clean and organized, rotating merchandise, providing great customer service and being there so the shop is open.

Right now, we are only able to have colleagues, volunteers and those that are here for an appointment or visiting but hoping that these restrictions will lift soon and anyone can come in and enjoy the shop again.

Enjoy your summer and hope to have you back soon!

Brandy Sikora
Manager

STATE CONVENTION

The WHA (Wisconsin Hospital Association) Partners State Convention is scheduled for October 5-7, 2021 in Middleton. It is tentatively planned for in person attendance. The theme is "Together we build a Better Future."

Mary Rose Willi
President

USED BOOK SALE

SAVE THE DATE!

Collection begins September 1st. The sale will be Thursday September 30th and Friday October 1st. Friday will be bag sale all day!
Looking for volunteers to help with setup on Wednesday September 29th starting at noon and for cleanup on Friday October 1st starting at 1pm. Also, helpers to work the event. Please reach out to me if you are interested
brnr@charter.net.

Barb Rasmus
Used Book Sale Chair



OKTOBERFEST

We are looking for 8 volunteers to assist in the Oktoberfest Beer Gardens and ticket booth on Saturday September 18th from 7pm-Midnight. As volunteers helping at Oktoberfest, the Volunteer Partners receive a check in return with an amount based on the revenue that is taken in at the event and the number of volunteer hours worked. In 2019, we received a check in the amount of \$360. Please reach out to Brandy Sikora to sign up!



SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

The Spring District Meeting was held virtually on May 11th. Our own Betty Oddo, a dedicated Volunteer Partner Council Member, was elected as the new District Chair. Congratulations Betty! We are proud of you and thankful for all you do!

Our District (West Central) will be hosting the 2023 WHA Partners State Convention and Betty Oddo is one of the co-chairs. She will update our members and let us know how we can help her with the convention.

The district meeting also included updates from the hospitals in the West Central District. There were similar comments regarding lack of fund raising opportunities and cancelled meetings due to COVID. Watch the upcoming Stethoscopes for updates regarding West Central District meetings.

Also at the meeting were state updates given by the WHA (Wisconsin Hospital Association) Partners. Bill McCullough, the Public Policy Educator, reminded everyone of the importance of HEAT (Hospital Education and Advocacy Team). HEAT is a notification system that alerts subscribers about important public policy that affects Wisconsin Hospitals. If you are not a subscriber, you can sign up at WHA.org. Sue Schulke, the Community Health Educator, explained that the WHA Partners focus for this year is infectious diseases.

Mary Rose Willi
Volunteer Partners President

TICKS, TICKS, AND MORE TICKS!

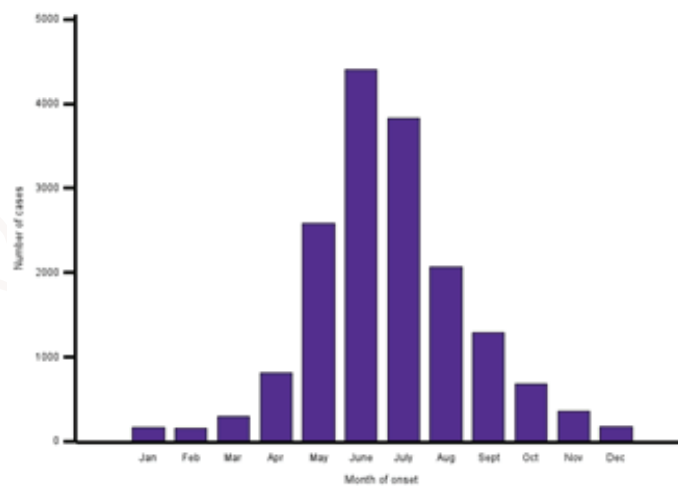
Ehrlichiosis is an illness spread by ticks, most commonly the lone star and blacklegged tick. Anyone can get this illness but people who spend more time in the outdoors are at a higher risk. Ticks are most active from May to September and found in the woods, brushes, and tall grass. However, we need to be cautious throughout the year as well. This disease is spread through the bite of a tick. Ticks need to be removed as soon as found to prevent illness. They can attach to any part of the body but often found in hard to see areas such as an armpit, belly buttons, scalp, in and around the ears, groin area and behind the knees.

Ehrlichiosis is preventable and treatable. Signs and symptoms are usually mild. Early signs and symptoms can be fever, chills, severe headache, muscle aches nausea, vomiting, joint pain and rash.

This disease is treated with an antibiotic and should be started as soon as Ehrlichiosis is suspected. Delay in treatment can be extremely dangerous leading to damage to the brain or nervous system, respiratory failure, uncontrolled bleeding, organ failure and even death.

If you are unable to remove a tick or start to see a rash, please consult your physician right away!
Pat Bertrand

CHE-Community Health Educator Chair





July 7	Council Meeting and Installation	Zoom
July 14	Luncheon and Scholarship Presentation	Irvine Park
August 5	Steak Fry	KC Hall
September	Used Book Sale Collection	
September 1	Council Meeting	Zoom
September 10	49th Annual Charity Ball	Fest Valley Events
September 18	Oktoberfest	Fairgrounds
September 30	Used Book Sale	McDonald Hall
October 1	Used Book Sale	McDonald Hall
October 5-7	Partners State Convention	Madison
October 13	Council Meeting	Zoom
October 13	Fall Membership Luncheon	TBD
October 30	Wonderland on the River	Lake Wissota Golf



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