

# Partners

## NEWSLETTER

**Gundersen Moundview  
Hospital and Clinics**  
Friendship, WI  
February 2021

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January 2021

27<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive – A-F Community Center  
Register online at Versiti.org

#### February 2021

24<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive – A-F Community Center  
Register online at Versiti.org

#### March 2021

24<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive – A-F Community Center  
Register online at Versiti.org

#### April 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive – A-F High School  
Register online at Versiti.org  
14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Advocacy Day – Virtual Meeting

#### May 2021

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> \* Tentative in person  
Nutman Fundraiser

#### October 2021

5 – 7<sup>th</sup> \* Tentative *Schedule*  
Partners WHA Convention  
Madison Marriott West, Middleton  
Hosted by the Sothern District

#### November 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> \* Tentative in person  
Nutman Fundraiser

\* As we are uncertain about the status of the COVID situation, some of the meetings and fund raisers may be cancelled or held as virtual events



#### Partners Officers

President – Carol Camp, 608.339.7391  
Vice President – Kathie Dye, 608.339.7572  
Secretary – Barbara Schultz, 608.339.8171  
Treasurer – Donna Kirslenlohr, 608.339.9636



### Message From The President

Hello Everyone!  
Here's a Poem for you

### Don't Quit

by John Greenleaf Whittier

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns  
As every one of us sometimes learns  
And many a failure comes about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell just how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So, stick to the fight when your hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

*This poem is in the public domain.*

...Isn't it a perfect description of the challenges of the past year?

I haven't seen most of you since our February 2020 meeting. It's time to "catch-up" on a few things!

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Your officers decided to continue funding Partners' customary projects. We had already contributed \$200 to the Memorial Healthcare Foundation dinner/auction fundraiser held on March 7<sup>th</sup> of 2020. The officers also approved:

- A \$500 scholarship to 2020 A-F High School graduate, Mariyah Henriksen.
- We donated \$200 to Kid's Day 2020. Because of the COVID pandemic, Kids Day was cancelled and the funds will be used for the 2021 event.
- Immanuel Lutheran held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. As in previous years, the Partners donated \$100.00 to its support.

### EVERYTHING IS VIRTUAL!

The Partners WHA convention was scheduled to be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Our District was to host the convention. Partners Directors voted to cancel the face-to-face convention and held a virtual meeting on October 7, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and approve the 2021 budget. The minutes of the

meeting, new officers, etc. are on the website, Partners of WHA.org.

The annual Honor Points Awards are also issued at the Fall convention. Local

groups are encouraged to participate in the state and district level organizations. Various activities earn "Honor Points". Those groups who earn 40 Honor Points receive a certificate at the annual convention. One leader from each group accepts the award and is pictured with the others from their District. this years awards were mailed. Partners received their 2019 award during this virtual meeting.

All members were welcome to join the virtual meeting but each organization was allowed only two voting delegates. Thank you to Barbara Schultz for being a voting delegate, along with me.

Our Western District was re-scheduled to host at Chula Vista Resort for the October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 convention.

If it is possible to have a convention in 2021, it will be held in Madison, October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> at the Madison Marriott West, Middleton and will be hosted by the Southern District.

The West Central District is scheduled to host the Partners WHA Convention October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. It will be held in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

Advocacy Day, in April, will also be held virtually. Details on how to register should be coming soon.

### 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

I've just completed our Annual Report for the State Partners of WHA. You may be interested to know



we have 63 members who donated 459 Volunteer Hours. Partners contributed \$5,928.00 to Gundersen Moundview Hospital. Our big donation was the eye procedure cart.

### THIS AND THAT

Thanks to Joleen, Bobbi and Diane for the wonderful display cases. They were terrific! It was so nice to have something personal and heartwarming in this often cold and distant time.

I would also like to thank Sharon and Diane for helping put up Christmas trees in the Lobby and Concourse. Next year.... "The Parade of Trees" shall return!

Look for information in this Newsletter about Covid vaccinations. I am so hoping they will be the answer to reopening the gift shop and resuming monthly meetings, fundraisers, and our lives!!

Everyone, stay healthy!  
Hope to see you soon!

Carol Camp, Partners President

## THANK YOU THRIVENT

### Sweatpants and Tops Project

At our monthly meetings, we had discussed a project that was brought to our attention at the last convention. The suggestion was that the Partners provide sweatpants and tops for ER patients that do not have clean clothing to go home in as a result of an accident, coming to the ER unexpectedly, clothes being soiled, torn etc.

We spoke with the ER staff who thought it was a great idea but, they did not have room to store the clothing.



I received a call last May from Mar Alexander, the head Med/Surg nurse. She stated they have the same needs for clothing with their patients. Often patients have no clean, warm, comfortable clothing when they return home.

The board made the decision to follow-thru on Mar's request. The Partners received \$250 from Thrivent to start the project. We were able to purchase 28 total sweats and a large storage tote to store them in.

The Med/Surg Staff greatly appreciated the sweatpants and tops which we provided for their department and said that they would share them with the ER.

We are hoping that this can be an ongoing project for the Partners!



Rose Medina-Mar Alexander  
Chris Rhineheart

*Submitted by Carol Camp*

## Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin

is holding monthly blood drives in Adams-Friendship. The Partners are not currently assisting with the drives.

To schedule a blood donation appointment,



Blood Drive Notes

visit [versiti.org/Wisconsin](https://www.versiti.org/Wisconsin). Walk-ins are also welcome. Donors must be 17 or older, or 16 with parental consent, and provide a photo ID with birthdate.

### 2021 Versiti Blood Draw Schedule

#### January 27, 2021

Adams-Friendship Community Center  
Conference Room, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

#### February 24, 2021

Adams-Friendship Community Center  
Conference Room, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

#### March 24, 2021

Adams-Friendship Community Center  
Conference Room, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

#### April 7, 2021

Adams-Friendship High School  
Fine Arts Lobby, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

### COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Donation

Recovered COVID-19 patients  
can help others diagnosed with the virus.

Versiti is in need of all healthy people in our communities to consider a blood or COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation if qualified.

As the illness continues to soar, there will be less donors eligible to donate plasma and patients will be increasingly in need in our hospitals.

Potential plasma donors must: ❶ Have had a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 by physician and laboratory testing; ❷ Must be symptom free for 14 days before being eligible to donate. ❸ Complete a web-site Intake Form ❹ Receive informed Consent Form via Email. ❺ Return Consent Form, COVID test results and screening Form. ❻ For women who have ever been pregnant, there will be additional blood drawn for testing. ❼ Schedule COVID Plasma Donation. To apply for a COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Donation, visit [versiti.org/Wisconsin](https://www.versiti.org/Wisconsin).

## **COVID vaccination for 65+ begins in Adams County**

Information From  
Gundersen Moundview Hospital and Clinics  
Press Release 1/25/2021

The government guidelines for who may receive COVID-19 vaccinations have been updated to include adults, age 65 and older.

According to census estimates, Adams County has approximately 6,106 adults in this age category. Leah Eckstein, public health officer with Adams County Health and Human Services stated that the vaccines remain in limited supply and will be strategically dispersed. As a result, it will take some time to vaccinate everyone in this age group that wishes to be vaccinated.

Both Gundersen Moundview Hospital and Clinics and Adams County Public Health and Human Services began expanding the vaccinations to this new group. The criteria for administering the vaccines differs some-what:

### **Gundersen Moundview Hospital and Clinics Criteria**

- Will vaccinate all individuals age 75 and older, regardless of their health.
- Will vaccinate ages 65 -74 who have risks defined by the CDC such as cancer, kidney disease, COPD, Down Syndrome, heart conditions, obesity, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes and those week-end immune systems from organ transplants or those who smoke.

### **Adams County Public Health and Social Services Criteria**

- Will vaccinate anyone aged 65 and older.

Gundersen Moundview pharmacy-manager, Brad Shaw stated that "Our vaccine supplies are limited so we have established eligibility criteria for the age groups. We look forward to offering the vaccine to everyone over age 65 when we are able."

Adams County Public Health and Social Services began vaccinating on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Vaccines were administered on a first come first served basis, they did not take appointments and will not maintain a waiting list. The Pfizer vaccine was administered at that time.

Gundersen Moundview Hospital and Clinics started its vaccination program the week of January 25th and is using the Moderna vaccine. They had limited appointments on weekdays and held larger vaccine clinics on Saturday January 30th and 31st.

All vaccinations will be by appointment only. Anyone who has signed up on Gundersen Moundview's vaccine waiting list will be called to schedule their appointment as they become eligible. Current Gundersen patients may also be notified of their eligibility to receive a vaccination through a message in MyChart or by letter. To help prepare for community vaccinations, Gundersen encourages current patients to establish a MyChart account now if they have not done so already.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses to be effective. The first dose helps your body to recognize the virus and gets your immune system ready, the second dose strengthens the immune response thus making your body more prepared to fight infection.

Pfizer's second dose is given 21 days after the first. Moderna is given 28 days after. Individuals must return to the same location at which they received the first dose, either Adams County Public Health for the Pfizer or Gundersen Moundview for the Moderna.

Vaccinations are administered at no cost to the individual at either Gundersen Moundview or Adams County Public Health. An administration fee may be charged for dispensing the injection but will be covered by the individual's insurance or the federal government for those who do not have health insurance.

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Additional community vaccination clinics will be held by both Gundersen Moundview and Adams County Public Health in the future and will be advertised in local media, websites and Facebook:

Facebook.com/Adams county public health

Facebook.com/gundersenmoundview

Individuals are encouraged to "LIKE" the public health and hospital Facebook pages to get the most up-to-date information. COVID-19 information is also available at: [gundersenhealth.org/covid19](http://gundersenhealth.org/covid19) and [dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm)

Because of limited supplies of vaccine, it may take several months to vaccinate all Wisconsin residents. For this reason, we must continue to protect ourselves and our community by staying home as much as possible, wearing a mask in public, staying at least six feet from others, and washing hands frequently.

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### **Golden / Honorary Partners**

We have several ladies in Partners that we call Golden/Honorary Members. One such member is Evelyn Baerbock who will be 98 years old on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April this year. This is quite an accomplishment. Evelyn was a surgical nurse and worked in a clinic. She is very active in her church and with other organizations. Evelyn lives in Mauston at the Terrace Heights Retirement Community. If anyone wishes to send her a card, her address is:

Evelyn Baerbock  
1030 Division St #217  
Mauston, Wisc. 53948

***You know we all like to get mail.***

*Submitted by Judy Bieri*

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### **Virtual Nutman**

The Partners held a virtual NUTMAN Sale from November 23<sup>rd</sup> thru December 7<sup>th</sup> of 2020. It worked out well and the Partners raised \$100.52.

We have two sales scheduled for this year and hope we will be able to hold them in person. The dates for this year's spring sale are May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The autumn sale is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



A big Thank You to everyone who ordered online in our 2020 virtual Nutman sale and let's hope for better sales in 2021

*Submitted by Judy Bieri*

## **PPE Report** Public Policy Education

### **Wisconsin Hospital Association's 2021 VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY**

Wednesday, April 14 main meeting

April 14 thru 16, meeting with  
legislators and staff

Wisconsin Hospital Association's 2021 Advocacy Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 14. This year, with the Covid-19 pandemic still a public health concern, legislators will have fewer opportunities to meet with voters in their home districts and trips to Madison pose extra challenges. Therefore, it is important for rural hospital staff, volunteers, and Partners to participate in this virtual event to make our voices heard and support our elected officials.

While the day will be a little different in the virtual format, attendees can still expect to hear from a great line-up of speakers, including opening keynote Frank Sesno. Sesno is an internationally-recognized journalist with more than 30 years of experience reporting from around the world. Well-known as a television anchor, White House correspondent and talk show host with CNN, he is also a nationally-renowned moderator who has engaged some of the world's leading personalities.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with their legislators and/or their staff virtually, and are encouraged to do so. Specific times, in 30-minute intervals, will be set aside on April 14, 15, and 16 for these meetings. WHA will take care of the scheduling and will inform advocates of their meeting date and times, along with Zoom instructions to join the meeting.

There will be no registration fee to participate in Advocacy Day, but pre-registration is required. Register at <https://www.wha.org/EducationEvent?EventID=307>.

*Submitted by Donna Turcany*



## Partners Showcase

Designed by  
Joleen Cozza and  
Bobbie Thierfelder



**November 2020**



## Christmas 2020

Decorating the trees for the Main Concourse and Lobby  
Carol Camp, Sharon Mattox, Diane Roekle and Bobbie Thierfelder