



HEARTBEAT

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EAGLE RIVER HOSPITAL

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**And the Winner is:
Joan Holdmann, 2018 Volunteer Hero**

Submitted by Diana Sell

Joan was among the nine volunteers from Ascension Eagle River Hospital who were nominated for the Volunteer Hero Award which was presented in May at the Recognition Luncheon at the Whitetail Inn in St. Germain. Joan has worked in the Thrift Shop for twenty years and has provided over 18,600 volunteer hours to the hospital. She has also been on the Board of Directors.

Joan is described by fellow volunteers as a very caring, kind, compassionate person who is dedicated to her work. She is loved by all and makes both customers and staff feel welcome and important. She can be seen at the shop many days of the week, after hours, moving donations inside and emptying large bins of trash. She always goes above and beyond. Congratulations, Joan! Keep up the good work.



Joan Holdmann
2018 Volunteer Hero



Pictured are the Volunteer Hero Nominees. Margo Granat, Marlys Lee, Peggie Lambert, Joan Holdmann, Gill Wank, Dorothy Lorch, Diana Sell and Marie Maciag. Volunteer Hero Nominee Dorothy Ivaska was not available for the picture.

Thank you all for everything you do for the hospital!

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

~Elizabeth Andrew



"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

~Winston Churchill



Fall District Meeting

The Fall District Meeting was hosted by Aspirus Wausau Hospital Volunteers and held on Friday, August 31. It was attended by Marie Maciag, Pam Berdal, and Diana Sell. Paul and Connie Dobbratz presented the "Con Artist's Playbook" which educated participants on fraud trends and behavior, prevention strategies, and resources for those needing help. There were reports by State Officers and the District Business meeting. See attendees for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE
9th Annual Day of Renewal
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Moon Beach Camp
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

THRIFT SHOP

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Joan Holdmann, Chairperson

During this time of transition of no longer being an Auxiliary member of Eagle River Hospital, I am hearing many voices saying how sad they feel. Some, like myself, have been associated with the Auxiliary for many, many years. I, too, feel sad. We have all worn our smocks with great pride. We have liked being a small town group doing wonderful things for our local hospital. Our latest gift was the purchase of the new Ambulance, one of many that we have donated towards. Our logo is noted on the side of the new one.

Since our last news report, the Thrift Shop has undergone a few changes. Keeping with the white shelves installed after the car went through one of our big windows, we have added many new wall shelves. Back in the house ware area are new wall shelves and six new free-standing ones. We've also added new wall shelves in the toy area and new wall shelves along the women's clothing area. We're looking good, as they say.

The working and sorting area still needs to be worked on. We're all trying to come up with an idea on how to make things easier for the workers and keep the floor area less crowded. We'll keep trying. The store is making good money this summer. We just finished a half price sale. We will have another sale soon. We're trying to move out the summer items and place our fall/winter things out.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to our wonderful snow birds that come back and work hard for us during their short time here in summer. They are really appreciated and give some of our regulars a break. Our winter regulars then come back renewed and ready to get to work, they tell me.

Our daily Team leaders are falling into place with everyone accepting a few more things to think about on their day of work. I personally thank them. It sure has made my job easier.

On that note, I will sign off and get back to my laundry. (My company left)

HUGS, LOVE AND A HARDY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL



Thrift Store Staff L - R Denise Riemer, Mary West, Kristi Hehn, Peggie Lambert, Diane Schoessow, Joyce Wied, Dorothy Lorch, Joan Holdmann, June Ong

Membership

Respectfully submitted, Pam Cira, 715-479-5485

Even though we are no longer going to be an auxiliary but rather a volunteer program, some things will remain the same. I will still need safety reviews and annual tb forms returned. So these items will be mailed to you with a return envelope for me to document them in the Volgistics program. Also, please continue to record your hours so that Sally and Marlys can get them to me as they, too, need to be recorded. And if you forgot to log hours that you provided months earlier, please just include them in your current month's hours. It saves me a lot of time to not have to go back and check earlier months for recorded hours. As a volunteer organization, there are no dues but every volunteer must contribute some time so please make sure that you submit any and all minutes/hours on the cards provided at either the hospital front desk or in the Thrift Shop. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

President's Report

Submitted by Diana Sell



It's hard to believe that summer is almost gone and soon we'll be seeing the beautiful fall colors. Teri could not write a President's Report because she is in Ireland so please indulge me as a past president.

So many changes have taken place this year within our organization. The biggest change is in the leadership structure for our volunteer organization. We could not find volunteers to fill the Executive Committee positions that were vacated in June so at the May meeting we voted to become a Volunteer Department of Eagle River Hospital no longer requiring officers or a separate LLC structure. Many organizations have gone this route for the same reason. People want to just volunteer without the additional duties that the office of president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer require. Pam Berdal and Kathy Viergutz will continue to provide support for our volunteer activities.

We will still maintain our active role in attending District meetings and Convention. *By the way, Convention is October 2-4 in Steven's Point.* The North Central District is hosting it and our hospital is in charge of the 50/50 raffle.

The Thrift Store will continue as well as the HELP program, Outpatient Department volunteers, and other volunteer roles. We plan to continue decorating the Christmas tree with scarves, mittens, and hats to be distributed by the Salvation Army. I will send out an email or flyer when the time nears. In other words, our VOLUNTEERING CONTINUES.

The Day of Renewal is on September 18. Elizabeth has organized a great agenda regarding Financial Security. I hope you can attend.

The past eight years have afforded me cherished friends along with many wonderful memories. Volunteering will continue to give me a sense of purpose and accomplishment as I know it does for all of you. As Kathy and Pam take over some of our duties, please be kind!

Here's to new beginnings!



Annual Flu Shots

Flu shots will soon be available – Remember, all volunteers who will be providing volunteer hours during the flu season are required to have flu vaccination documentation.

If you choose to receive your vaccination outside of the Ascension facilities please provide documentation to Kathy Viergutz or Pam Berdal.

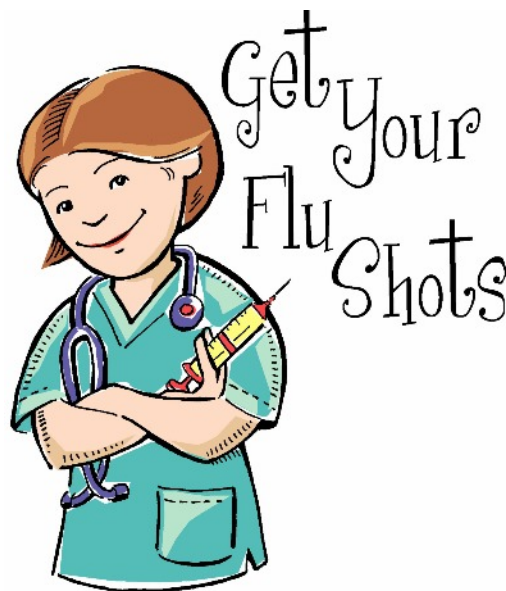
Northern Region:

Eagle River Hospital

Date	Location	Time
10/18/2018	Associate Health	0830-1130, 1230-1500

Howard Young Medical Center

Date	Location	Time
10/11/2018	Associate Health	0730-1130, 1230-1500
10/25/2018	Associate Health	0730-1130, 1230-1500
11/08/2018	Associate Health	0730-1130, 1230-1500





Celebrate!

September

Marilyn Preisler	9/2
Marilyn Schneider	9/7
Gene Weber	9/12
Jane Prod	9/14
Mildred Pepp	9/15
Marie Maciag	9/16
Betty Andrew	9/17
Dennis Berdal	9/17
Judy McGinnis	9/18
Pat Van Acker	9/21
Dawn Guzman	9/25

October

Ann Eno	10/8
Pam Berdal	10/9
Karen Chamberlin	10/9
Elizabeth Purtell	10/11
Mary Lochte	10/21
Frances Lussnig	10/25
Andrea Mathews	10/26
Gilbert Wank	10/27

November

Lynn Lee	11/8
Sandra Slagle	11/10
Mickey Jensen	11/13
Kristi Hehn	11/19
Elizabeth Oslakovich	11/19
Joan Holdman	11/26
Hilda Rozga	11/29



Birthday Greetings!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18, 9th Annual Day of Renewal,
Moon Beach Camp, 9:30 - 3:30

October 2-4 WHA Partners State
Convention, Stevens Point

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES
COME AND WORK
WITH US**

Thrift Store Volunteers

HELP Program Volunteers

Out-Patient Surgery Volunteers

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