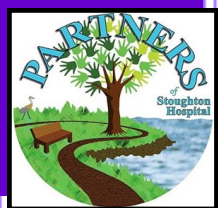


# The Pulse

See you at Nordic Ridge  
July 10, 10:00 am

## Partners of Stoughton Hospital



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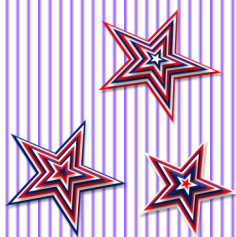
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At the June Partners of Stoughton Hospital Board meeting, we reviewed a list of hospital capital needs. From the list, we approved the purchase of a slit lamp for the Emergency Room. A slit lamp is a microscope with a bright light used during an eye exam. We also approved the purchase of a treadmill for Cardiac Rehab. Both purchases will support the work of Stoughton Hospital and directly benefit our patients. Through these purchases, Partners has made a difference.

We awarded a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. We received the following letter from Matthew Gille, our scholarship recipient.

Dear Partners of Stoughton Hospital,

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship. I was thrilled to hear I had been selected as the recipient of your scholarship and greatly appreciative.

I will be attending St. Norbert College in the fall and plan on taking a pre-med track and double majoring in biology and psychology. I plan to then apply to medical or PA school to become a psychiatrist or psychiatric PA. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me the Partners of Stoughton Hospital Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which will allow me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to continue helping others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Gille*

Matthew is a wonderful individual and I feel like the dollars that Partners awarded him were very well spent. I'm sure you join me in wishing Matthew best luck in his continued education and look forward to him becoming a quality health care provider. Might we hope that one day he returns to his hometown, joins Partners and helps award a scholarship to the next generation? I love supporting our youth!!



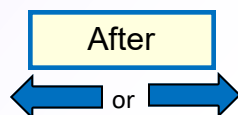
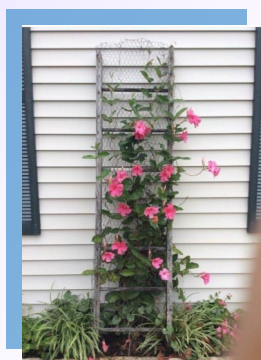
## Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle – Our Fall Fundraiser



Today it's a step ladder. but tomorrow could it be a chalk-painted plant stand? Today it's an unused picnic basket, but tomorrow could it find new life as a cute receptacle for incoming and outgoing mail? Partners wants to challenge your creative side, maybe deeply hidden, and just waiting for the opportunity to express itself!

The Partners of Stoughton Hospital is hosting a **Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle** event on Wednesday, October 16 at The Lageret, itself a beautifully repurposed warehouse near the railroad tracks on East Main Street in Stoughton. Garage sales, yard sales, flea markets, and curb sides are teeming with items with the potential for a new life. Find a "treasure", give it new life, and donate it to Partners. Take a picture before you begin transforming your project. It will be fun to see it before you started. Items will be auctioned off with proceeds earmarked for Stoughton Hospital's items wish-list. If your creativity meter is running on empty, but you see an item that you think has potential, please pick it up, and contact Claudia Quam (608-732-4737) [claudiakquam@gmail.com](mailto:claudiakquam@gmail.com) or

Becky Greiber (608-873-3387 [beckygreiber@gmail.com](mailto:beckygreiber@gmail.com), and they will find someone to repurpose it for you.



Advanced tickets for this fun evening may be purchased at the Hospital Gift Shop. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25. Tickets at the door will be cost \$20 each or two for \$30. Hors d'oeuvres will be available as well as a cash bar offering beer, wine and soda. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of **Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle**. You'll be glad you did.

## Studio 184 Supports Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle



Cindy from Studio 184 in Downtown Stoughton has graciously offered to hold a class for any Partners who have an item or items to "restyle, repurpose or recycle" for the upcoming Fall Fundraiser, but might need a little help or direction. The class will be free of charge and **Studio 184** will donate any paint, but Cindy asks that any additional materials be purchased from them. If you are interested in taking a class please call or email Claudia Quam. 608-732-4737 [Claudiakquam@gmail.com](mailto:Claudiakquam@gmail.com)



## Profile of a Partner - Melanie Miller

Written by Diane Matson



It's been said that you can "take a girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl". If ever that was a true statement, it applies to Partner Melanie Miller!

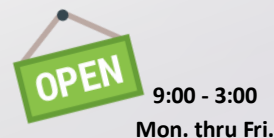
Born on a dairy and poultry farm in Barron, Wisconsin, one of 4 siblings, (two sisters and a brother), Melanie has been drawn to animals and the land for her entire life. Following college graduation, her first job was as the 4-H and Youth Agent in Sauk County with UW-Extension Baraboo. She became a Stoughton "native" in 1990 when she was hired as the State Specialist for UW Extension with a home base in Madison. She retired as a professor after 34 years as a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin Extension Service, having worked with thousands of youth and volunteers.

Melanie's focus during that time was in the agricultural area, working with youth who had interests in animals, plants and mechanical projects. In addition, she also served as Director of the State 4-H Camp (Upham Woods) in Wisconsin Dells for 3 years.

The Partners organization has been enhanced by Melanie's organizational skills too. In addition to serving as Partners President (2017-2019), Melanie has been involved with Love Light, Cookie Bakes, various fundraising events, and planting of the decorative pots at the main entrance of the hospital. Additionally, Melanie is currently President of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees organization (NARFE) and volunteers at various State 4-H events. Finding time for hobbies might seem challenging, but if she has "down time", Melanie enjoys fiber arts and painting, gardening, and serving as a judge at the County Fair. Favorite vacation spots range from St. Augustine, Florida, to Turtle Lake, Wisconsin.

And then there are the animals! Anyone who knows Melanie, knows about Quentin and Moonshine, her "cat children". Moonshine, the 20 pound black cat, often gets in touch with his canine side, following Mel from room to room like a dog and launching himself into her arms unannounced. Quentin is the subtle gray tuxedo feline who prefers to conduct surveillance from the living room couch, and has perfected a purr that sounds more like it's coming from a mechanical device. Even though Melanie doesn't list juggling as a hobby, it's quite apparent that she has perfected that skill as well.

***Partners could use a few more "Country Girls" like Melanie Miller!***



Can you believe that we're turning the corner from Summer to Fall in the gift shop?? We've got sizzling prices throughout the shop and once July hits we will be in Summer clearance sale mode. Don't miss out!

Are you aware that every month Partners of Stoughton Hospital receives a check from Gift Shop sales? Gift Shop shoppers help us support various projects benefiting Stoughton Hospital.

***Thank you for shopping in our Gift Shop!***

**The winner of the eclectic metal birdhouse table is Stacey.**

**We are waiting for Stacey to claim the prize.**

**Gift Shop Manager, Ann Corneille plans to donate raffle proceeds to Partners of Stoughton Hospital to support one of our worthwhile projects.**



## Upcoming Events

For a total listing see <http://stoughtonhospital.com/events/> or the publication, *For The Life Of You*.

**July 10** - Partners General Meeting, Nordic Ridge Park Shelter, All Partners are invited.

**July 19** - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00

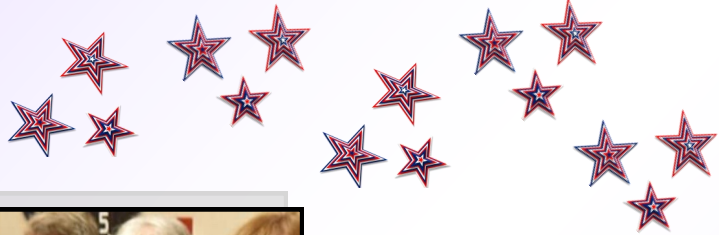
**Sept. 5** - Mum Orders Due. Watch newsletters for details. Pick up mums Sept. 12

**October 16** - **FALL FUNDRAISER: Restyle, Repurpose, Recycle** to be held at The Lageret

**October 24** - Flu Clinic and Annual Meeting, times TBD

*Welcome*

New Member  
Vicki Sperle



### June Board Meeting Highlights

- Home Health's service boundaries are gradually being redefined to address Stoughton Hospital's primary service area.
- The Walking Trail has been "refreshed" at a cost of \$4,000 for the spreading of additional mulch and other routine maintenance.
- The large planters at the main entrance have been planted. Thank you Helen Sumwalt and Melanie Miller.
- Partners sponsored a hole for the cost of \$250 at the annual Foundation Golf Outing on June 11.
- Partners will purchase a slit lamp for the Emergency Room (\$7500), a treadmill for Cardiac Rehab (\$5400).



### July Birth Flower – Larkspur

The Larkspur symbolizes good luck and laughter. If your birth flower is Larkspur, you have a charming and dynamic personality. You have a wonderful sense of humor. Your family is very important to you in every aspect of your life.