



# Partners of Stoughton Hospital

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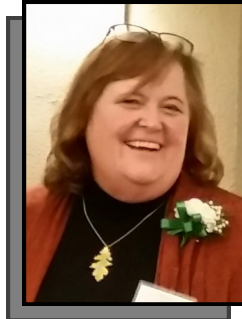
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## President's Message - Melanie Miller



We should never take things for granted. We need to recognize and appreciate the blessings we have, and the friends and family who surround us. People in Florida and Texas seem a long distance away, but their challenges are very real. I'm sure that there are many of us who know someone affected by the hurricanes. We need to be supportive of their struggles in any way that we can, because we

never know when we might find ourselves dealing with an overwhelming challenge. Please keep everyone who may be dealing with this devastation, whether far or near, in your thoughts and prayers. As the Partners' year comes to an end and we schedule the Annual Meeting, it's time to thank our Board members who have given so generously of their time, talents, and leadership during the past 12 months. A thank you also goes to all the Partners who have supported our fundraising and service efforts. We couldn't be successful without you.

***Our organization has had a good year. Come to the Annual Meeting on October 18 and hear about our accomplishments.***

## Love Lights Return To Stoughton Hospital



The annual Love Light event is on the calendar. Thursday afternoon **November 30, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Bryant Center**, light refreshments and music will accompany the traditional reading of the names of those being memorialized, honored, or thanked for their military service. If you would like to have loved ones remembered at this event, please pick up a Love Light envelope in the hospital gift shop. Love Light donations are accepted year round, but in order to have the names of those honored/remembered during this year's recognition, information must be received by November 24. Donations received after that date will be recognized at the 2018 Love Light event. In addition to remembering those who have passed with a white light, please consider honoring those in your life today...a favorite doctor, pastor or priest, teacher, taxi driver, neighbor or friend, with a blue Love Light. Military personnel, either current or retired, will be honored with a tree lighted with red lights. Cash or checks made out to Partners of Stoughton Hospital are welcome in any denomination. Please join us to make this the brightest holiday season ever. Help us light our Love Light trees and let the light shine for those you cherish. ***Send in your Love Light contribution today.***

## Gift Shop News - Ann Corneille



***Autumn has arrived!*** Whether or not you've made a trip to the Gift Shop recently, you're in for a pleasant experience. A fun, fresh new look and the addition of new display items, along with even more new merchandise greets you the minute you walk through the door. Autumn wreaths, metal flowers, colorful candy corn and baskets to add to your outdoor displays, along with festive Fall-inspired pumpkins, mugs, glass trays, and other table items will help to add spice to your interior decorations. Shop our selection of new jewelry and accessories too, including cute purses and novelty bags. Your Packer and Badger needs are covered as well, with new items arriving throughout the season. A lovely new card line, as well as a seasonal "seriously funny" card section has been added. Our current season is Halloween, and seriously, they **ARE** funny!

***Again, thank you to all of you who donate your time to volunteer in the Gift Shop. It is truly appreciated.***

## Profile of a Partner - Linda Trunzo

Written by Diane Matson



Linda Trunzo

When you see her sitting behind her desk in Registration at Stoughton Hospital, and because she was born in this very hospital "many moons ago" (her words), you might think that Partner Linda Trunzo has never left this place. How wrong you'd be!

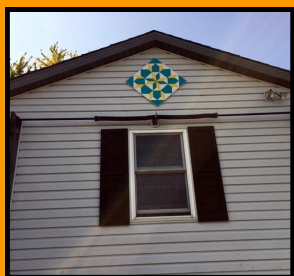
Somewhere between that baby bed in the maternity ward of Stoughton Hospital, and that desk chair in Registration, Linda was introduced by a friend to a dashing Air Force recruit stationed at Truax Field named Rod. Marriage, two daughters, a son, and 6 grandchildren now complete the Trunzo family.

Linda also worked for a time in Madison, and in adult day care at the Stoughton Senior Center for 8 years before finding her true calling at Stoughton Hospital 25 years ago. And now she's here to stay!

Although her hobbies of flower gardening, reading, and most recently, painting barn quilts (her handiwork can be purchased through the Gift Shop!), Linda's favorite "hobby" is her grandchildren. They have gone on many interesting journeys with Grandma, who states that she has more fun on those trips than the kids do! Because Linda's own grandma was so special to her, and because she remembers many fun times, Linda has vowed to make those same kinds of memories a priority with her own grandchildren.

When not covered in paint or surrounded by grandkids, Linda and Rod enjoy finding treasures at flea markets and antique shops. Due to Linda's newest hobby, Rod has discovered that he has to "share" his workshop space, where he refinishes pieces of furniture which Linda proudly states he can restore to their original beauty. The finished products are then "juried" by the grandchildren who help Linda decide which piece would best be showcased in which family's home.

Looking forward to Autumn and road trips to enjoy Wisconsin's beauty, may find Linda absent from that Registration desk now and again, but we know that Super Grandma will be back.....because super heroes always return.



## A Day in the Life of a Gift Shop Volunteer

Written by Diane Matson



We'll call her Hermione. She's not real, but she is all of us who work as volunteers in the Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop. Here is her story:

She sets her alarm clock to get up extra early. It's her day to work 8-12 in the Gift Shop and she has to take a shower, wash her hair, grab something to eat (that free cup of coffee/soda isn't going to last her until lunch), and takes additional time choosing her "outfit". She wonders, "Did I wear this the last time I worked? Will anyone remember? Do I remember?"

She finds a place to park in the hospital lot. She knows that she SHOULD park in the lower lot, knowing that it's two hour parking or valet parking in the upper lot, but she's running a little behind, and she promises herself that she'll park in a two hour slot "just this once". She signs in, chats for a few minutes with Joanne, fumbles in the green bag for "the key" and opens the Gift Shop. Now if she can only remember where all of the lights are....all the while praying that she isn't working "alone" this morning. It's so quiet. Can she figure out how to turn on the boom box?



She approaches the register with trepidation. Can she remember how to log in? After all, it's been weeks since she last worked. Now which square do you touch to open the cash drawer? Whew! Money safely stowed in the register. Now, where is that little switch thingy that lights up the glass showcase?

Here comes a customer. Oh please Lord, let her transaction be something simple. Oh no, she has a gift certificate. There is a square that says "gift certificate" on this screen somewhere. She has a balance due. Hermione thinks she's gonna faint. The customer wants to use her charge card to pay the difference. Does she remember how to use that little credit card machine? She forgets to back up so that the cash drawer doesn't hit her in the stomach, but she remembers that she needs the sales receipt for information for the little machine. She also remembers that the green button on the machine is her

friend. Every time it asks a question, she just punches the little green button. Does she swipe the card or does it have a chip? Will she remember to ask if the customer wants to round up her purchase to benefit the walking trail?

Experiencing deodorant failure by now, Hermione settles into her chair and picks up her book.

Oh no! The phone is ringing. Is that Ann's line or the gift shop phone that she's supposed to answer? Another customer. This one is an employee and wants to charge her purchase to her paycheck. Stay calm. She remembers where to find the payroll deduction forms.

Suddenly, the rhythm returns. Everyone who stops in responds with a smile to her greeting. She walks around the shop, familiarizing herself with new merchandise. She loves this place. She feels like she's making a difference. She knows that she can be a bright spot in an otherwise gloomy day for some shoppers. No one cares if she's wearing the same outfit that she wore last time. She's the face of Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop and she's proud of the contribution that she makes. Thank you Hermione, and thank you to all of the Hermiones who are making a difference in the Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop every time you work. If you are interested in volunteering time in the gift shop, please call Ann at 873-2281.



### September Board Highlights

- Continue to promote classes offered at Stoughton Hospital.
- Partners will sponsor students who wish to enroll in the babysitting class.
- Nomination Committee is working to complete nominations prior to Oct. Board Meeting.
- Be prepared to pay \$10 dues at the annual meeting on Oct. 18.



## Upcoming Events

- ♦ Oct. 11 - Senior Expo, Stoughton Wellness Center, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- ♦ Oct. 18 - Flu Shots, 10:30 AM, Outside Bryant Center, free to all Partners Volunteers
- ♦ Oct. 18 - Lunch followed by Annual Meeting, 12:00 PM, Bryant Center
- ♦ Oct. 26 - Relay For Life Paint Night, American Legion, 6:00 PM
- ♦ Oct. 28 - Med-Drop, 9:00-11:00, Stoughton Fire Station
- ♦ Nov. 15 - Cookie Bake, Lobby Conference Room, 8:00-11:00
- ♦ Nov. 30 - Love Light Celebration, 4:30 PM, Bryant Center
- ♦ Dec. 5 - Holiday Craft/Bake Sale, 8:00 AM, Conference Room



For more information about upcoming events, please see <http://stoughtonhospital.com/events/>

## Partners Annual Meeting Scheduled for October 18

Wednesday, October 18 is the date. The Bryant Center is the place. The time is noon. You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Partners of Stoughton Hospital. Flu shots are available beginning at 10:30 in the dining area of the cafeteria. **Please bring your insurance or Medicare card.** Lunch and a brief business meeting will follow. You will have the opportunity to pay your annual dues of \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to "Partners of Stoughton Hospital". Your lunch reservation would be appreciated no later than October 9 by contacting Ann in the gift shop. A delicious lunch, updates about the Partners organization, and a free flu shot, all in the same afternoon! *We look forward to seeing you.*

### Van Gogh, Monet, Grandma Moses.... and You?

Art class. Were you the star pupil or the one who had to stay after school because you couldn't draw a straight line with a ruler? The good news is...that doesn't matter anymore! Artists of all abilities will be gathering at the American Legion on Thurs., Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. for a **Paint Night, benefitting Relay for Life.** The masterpiece you create could be handed down for generations, and you could become the next Grandma Moses.....or you could simply join your friends for an evening of fun and refreshments, and you can hang your creation in the garage. Whatever the outcome, please consider joining your friends in support of Relay for Life. Additional information is available in the gift shop.



When I became a Partners member in 2013, my expectations were minimal. I expected to volunteer some hours in the gift shop and get out of the house. Becoming a member of Partners of Stoughton Hospital allowed me to do that but a recent tragedy in my family caused me to realize what I have really gained from being a Partners member. Kindness and support to me and my family poured in and made me aware of the many, many dear friends I have made along the way; friendships that I treasure. So, my dear friends, forget about the gift shop discount. It doesn't matter. Forget about the free flu shot. It doesn't matter. Forget about the free lunch at the annual meeting or the spring volunteer activities. Instead, look to your fellow members and celebrate the friendships that you have gained because you are a member of Partners of Stoughton Hospital.

*It is with heartfelt gratitude I thank you for all you have done.*

Judeen

## Partners Stay Informed



Keeping members of our Partners organization informed about trends and practices relative to our continued involvement and contribution to Stoughton Hospital, several Partners members attend District and State Conventions. On Thursday, Sept. 21, the Southern District Fall meeting will be held at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo. The 2017 State Convention will be held on October 3-5 at the Hyatt on Main in Green Bay. The convention will focus on "Building the Future" and will provide the opportunity for our representatives to meet with Partners from around the state. Melanie Miller and Dawn Windland will represent us at this State level meeting. Any Partner interested in becoming involved in future informational meetings is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please contact Partners President Melanie Miller for further information.