

# Partners Post

*Partners of Marshfield Medical Center—Ladysmith*

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## Greetings from the President

It has been a really busy summer. There is so much to do and so little time. That says it for all of us, right.

Our goal this year was to purchase and install a disabled person swing in Memorial Park, and I am happy to say that we have accomplished our goal. Please look for the article inside for more details.

Events have been going strong. Blue Hills Choral Group gave an outstanding performance at the Lions Legacy Ampitheatre in Memorial Park. We had a great audience. Desserts were served during and after the performance.

Our Fall and Pre-Christmas Sale was just last week. Its always fun to look at different Christmas things to decorate our homes.

For the upcoming events:

- ◆ November 8, 2019, is our **Kringle Sale**. We are still putting together the information on the flavors for this year. We will announce on the radio when you can pre-order these Kringles. They are so delicious and easy to freeze and will keep for later too.
- ◆ **Love Light Tree** is scheduled for December 1, 2019. The purchase of the love lights will be available at the concierge desk this week. See Paula's article on details.
- ◆ **Christmas Around the Tree** will be held on December 10, 2019. This is an annual event for the residents of the Care and Rehab Nursing Home and the employees of the hospital. It brings a little Christmas cheer to all.

That sums up our year; 2020 will bring new and interesting things. Feel free to come and join us at any meeting; we meet the third Tuesday of every month. Just stop at the front desk of the hospital and ask where we are meeting.

We wish each and everyone of you the merriest of holidays. May happiness, health and friendships be the main course at your holiday dinner.



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## 2019 Officers:

President: Beverly Lazar

Vice President: Mary Jane Nelson

Treasurer: Pauline Lundgren

Secretary: Joanne Phetteplace

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
November 8, 2019	Kringle Sales
November 19, 2019	Partners Meeting
December 1, 2019	Love Light Tree Ceremony
December 10, 2019	Christmas Around the Tree
December 17, 2019	Partners Meeting

## Membership Report

Being a member of an organization is an important role both for you and the organization. Strong numbers are great, but strong members are even greater. We appreciate what all members do for the Partners (and MMC-L) and we encourage you to ask others to join us as members.

You can become a member through monetary donations only or you can be a volunteer in the hospital as a greeter (concierge), a patient visitor to those who are hospitalized or help with fundraising events.

If you haven't made your donation for 2019, now is the time to join us for this year. Look over the events we had in 2018 as well as what we are planning for 2019 and see if there is somewhere you can "pitch in" and become a participator as well as a member.

The organization is always in need of additional members and won't you ask someone to

## So many thanks are due.....

Gert Collier has decided to retire as Treasurer of the Partners Gift Shop. Gert started her career as a Partner in 1977. She has filled the position, of Treasurer of the books, for the Gift Shop for the last 30 years.

When we asked Gert how long she served as treasurer, she said she could not remember exactly but a long time. We will miss her confident nature and sweet smile. **"Thank you ever so much"** for all you have done for the Partners and for the Gift shop.



## Wisconsin Awards for Volunteer Excellence

Accepting this award was Jeff Euclide, CAO of MMC-L, Linda Denzer, CHE, Beverly Lazar, President of Partners, Mary Jane Nelson, Vice-president, Carolyn Welsch, Volunteer Coordinator and Pauline Lundgren, Treasurer.

The Partners of MMC-L submitted an application for supplying advanced first-aid kits and blankets for each of the police cars in the City of Ladysmith and Rusk County. The addition of the kits with the training provided by Courtney Meyer, Emergency Room Attendant, have enhanced the life saving efforts on behalf of the police department.

The number of EMT's to staff our ambulance in Rusk County was at an all-time low. Because of this, when an ambulance is needed at a residence or accident; it may take longer than usual to get to the scene. The first person or unit to respond may be a police car. All police personnel are trained in basic first aid, but seldom have all the supplies needed for a medical emergency. The Partners donation of an advanced first-aid kit and blankets are an effort to help alleviate this problem.

## Handicap Swing in Memorial Park



Our goal this year was to purchase and install a disabled person swing in Memorial Park. Joe Baye championed the effort, getting us information and vendors to review to purchase this swing. After meeting with the Park Board for approval, to add the swing to the Park, we were off and running. The swing is in the park and operational. Take the time to stop and look at it. The



swing has its own ramp so you can move a wheel chair onto the swing easily it also has safety walls so the chair doesn't roll off the side. Many thanks to the "park people" for helping to install this swing for us.



## Contributions

The Bethel Lutheran Church Sewing Group of Hawkins has been blessing our hospital with hand-made lap and bed quilts for nearly five years. Crocheted pocket prayer squares are attached to many of the quilts, along with a heart shaped note that reads, "As you hold your Pocket Prayer Square, may you feel God's love and comforting touch. He is with you always." These lovingly stitched, beautiful,



warm blankets have comforted many patients in their most vulnerable time of life.

This summer, Joan Ponsler and a few other Bethel seamstresses from their sewing group took on the project of providing wheelchair and walker tote bags, as well as padded hand grips for walkers and crutches. Not only did they agree to supply us with these items, which are given to recovering swing bed and rehab patients in need, but they used it as an opportunity to be teachers and mentors for three young ladies who performed the craft of sewing these items! Lizzy B., Tiffany M., and Kaylynn B. helped design and sewed 20 walker tote bags, three wheelchair tote bags, and four sets of crutch/walker hand pads! That is what I call a real win-win!



We wish to thank our Bethel teacher and student seamstresses for the generosity of your time, tal-

## What an Amazing Year

September 1<sup>st</sup> marked our one year anniversary as MMC-Ladysmith. As we reflect on our past year, some of the great advancements we have completed, as MMC-Ladysmith, are:

- ♦ Welcomed the addition of a new 3D mammography machine
- ♦ Telestroke equipment in the Emergency Department
- ♦ Updated ventilator machines
- ♦ Transitioned to a new EMR (medical record) and patient registration system
- ♦ Addition of the Cornell Center to our region
- ♦ Completed PBRHC accreditation process for both Ladysmith and Cornell Centers
- ♦ Added primary care providers and a general surgeon at the Ladysmith campus
- ♦ New service of Low-dose CT lung cancer screening
- ♦ Additional MCHS system human and other resources
- ♦ Our awesome Partners won the 2019 Wisconsin Hospital Association WAVE award in the Community Outreach and Collaboration Program category for supplying first aid and trauma kits to Rusk County police and local sheriff's squad cars, as these public servants are often the first responders to emergency situations. WAVE stands for Wisconsin Awards for Volunteer Excellence. I am very proud of our Partners many accomplishments and their dedication to our patients and community!

I am so proud that we are part of a health system that recognizes the importance of investing in our communities and keeping high quality healthcare close to home. The future of healthcare in our surrounding communities is exciting. We have seen so many advancements in the past year, including our neighboring Family Health Center AODA center, new services, additional primary care providers, and we are on the cusp of building a new medical campus. What a great beginning to the next century of healthcare



Northwestern District Fall Meeting was held in Fifield, Wisconsin, on October 22, 2019. Linda Denzer, CHE and Beverly Lazar, President of Partners attended the meeting. There were attendees from Park Falls, Spooner, Hayward and Ashland. These meetings are so informative and beneficial to our Partners group.





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**Love Light Tree**

In honor of our loved ones, the Partners of Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith invite you to participate in our Love-Light Tree project by purchasing lights for your loved ones and attending the Love-Light Christmas Tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2019, in the Hospital Chapel.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor one another (*red & green* lights), honor those in the military service (*blue* lights), and/or honor the memory of a loved one (*white* lights).

Our Volunteer Partners of MMC-L will personally send notifications of those honored and/or remembered to whom you indicate, and the names of those honored and remembered will be published in the Ladysmith News.

There are two ways in which to participate this year:

- ✳ **\$3.00 — Per light donation**
- ✳ **\$50.00 — Sponsorship:** Local businesses and families may purchase a \$50 sponsorship and have their name published as a sponsor in the Ladysmith News with the names of those honored and remembered.

The Love-Light Tree will have an excellent view from Highway 27! Come and join us in celebrating

Please **drop off** (at MMC-L Reception Desks) this form along with your \$3.00 per light donation OR with your \$50 Sponsorship by Friday, November 15, 2019; **OR you can mail** this form, along with your donation to:

Love-Light Christmas Tree  
Partners of MMC-L  
900 College Avenue West  
Ladysmith, WI 54848

Donor/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Red or Green Light)

Honoring: \_\_\_\_\_

(Blue Light)

Honoring in the Military: \_\_\_\_\_

(White Light)

In Loving Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Publish the Name(s) of honored or memorialized? **Yes No**

☐ Enclosed is my Live-Light(s) donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my \$50 Sponsorship

**\*\*Please add additional names on a separate sheet of paper, if more space is needed OR pick up additional forms at the Volunteer-Concierge desk at MMC-L.**