

~ **Message from the Staff**



On Monday, October 3, a new safety plan will be activated in the hospital. It is called BERT (Behavioral Emergency Response Team.) On occasion, there may be a patient who has been identified as easily agitated or has the potential for violence. These patients will have a hand sign outside their room on the door frame. This is to ensure volunteers and staff are aware that the patient has been agitated. This helps everyone to prepare so volunteers, patients and staff can be safe. If you approach a patient room with this hand sign and you are uncomfortable entering, please feel free to refrain from entering and let the person who sent you to the room be aware of this. If you choose to enter the room, be sensitive that the patient may be agitated. Please let the volunteer office know if you have any questions.

**Flu Vaccination Reminder**

Vaccinations are required (or a medical/religious waiver form submitted) by October 31. Free clinic dates and times were mailed to your home. If you need a schedule, please call the office at 258-6625 and leave a message.

**Return to Work Following an Illness**

Just a reminder for volunteers who are off work for an extended medical illness or surgical procedure and under the care of a physician, you will require a Return to Work form to be completed by your physician.

*With kindest regard,  
Joanne, Treva, Barb, Tara, Helen & Julia*

~ **Holiday Market**

The Holiday Market is fast approaching and will be held on November 3 (2:30 – 6:00 pm) & 4 (7:00 am – 4:00 pm).

**The Sinsinawa Bread** will again be available @ \$7.00 a loaf. If you would like to preorder, please stop by or call the Volunteer Office at 258-6625 and leave a message.

**Help is needed in the following areas:**

**Mills Street Market:** We are going to create an exciting sales display of items made and donated by volunteers and staff. If you are you a crafter, jewelry maker, sewer, artist, woodworker, etc., please consider donating your items. Be creative and show off your special talents! Contact Dianne Schmidt at 608-273-4208 or [djs5873@charter.net](mailto:djs5873@charter.net) for more details.

**Sweepstake Ticket Sales:** We still need help selling sweepstake tickets during the Holiday Market on the following dates and times:

**Thurs, Nov. 3:** 4-6pm

**Fri, Nov 4:** 7-9am, 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-4pm

Any help will be appreciated. Please contact Kris Richter at (608)835-7981.

**Bake Sale:** If you are able to donate baked items, please contact Elaine Brye, Bake Sale Chair, at 608-836-0543 or [medtech31us@yahoo.com](mailto:medtech31us@yahoo.com). Drop off times are Thurs., Nov 3, 10 am – 6 pm or Fri., Nov 4, 7 – 10 am.

**If you are unable to help in these areas and would like to learn more about the Holiday Market's greatest needs, please contact the Holiday Market Coordinator, Kris Richter, 835-7981 or [karichter@charter.net](mailto:karichter@charter.net).**

*Special thanks to St. Mary's Auxiliary for their donation of \$1,000 to the Mission Awareness Team to purchase food totes to transport Thanksgiving Day meals for families at Lincoln Elementary School. Last year 120 families received food donated by St. Mary's volunteers and staff to prepare a Thanksgiving Day meal for their family.*

*Heartfelt gratitude to the Auxiliary from  
Austine Duru, Director of Pastoral Care:*

*"We are so grateful for this important donation  
by the Auxiliary Board Members. This will help  
us make the Thanksgiving celebration  
extra special for many families this year."*



Please ask a family member or friend to join our amazing and fun volunteer team. A “personal ask” is the best way to recruit new volunteers. We have many service areas in need of volunteers. Here are just a few. Please contact the volunteer office for more information.

- ✓ **Day Surgery** (clinical unit) - Greet patients and families as they arrive early in the a.m. and help settle them into their room.
- ✓ **PACU (Post Anesthesia Care Unit – Operating Suite)** – Assist patient families by being a liaison between the recovery room and the patient’s family. Escort patient families to the patient room post op.
- ✓ **Mail & Flowers** – Bring a smile to patients by delivering mail & flowers.
- ✓ **Gift Shop** - Provide exceptional customer service to customers and assist them in looking for a special purchase.
- ✓ **Blood Drives at St Mary’s** – Assist with various jobs such as: registration table, refreshment table, signing in donors, distributing printed materials, and maintaining the donor log. Blood Drives are held one Friday per quarter with shifts from 8:30am-12:00 and 12:00-3:30pm

If you would like to help in any way, please contact the Volunteer Office at 258-6640.



## ~ An Update from the Public Policy Chair

by Sue Luginbuhl

This past month or so has seen several education and work initiatives aimed at addressing the physician shortage in Wisconsin. Some of the things they are working on:

- Expansion of graduate medical expansion (GME), hoping once they graduate they will stay in Wisconsin
- Creation of physician retention toolkits
- Creation of physician Quality Residency Programs
- Advancement of rural broadband infrastructure (e medicine, e visits, telemedicine, etc.)
- New OB/GYN residency programs (UW Med school)
- An increased number of residents going to rural areas (with hopes they will want to work in these areas when they graduate)

With the election coming up, the WisconsinEye is available to follow what is going on in politics: The WisconsinEye Board of Directors is a bipartisan governing body established to ensure that WisconsinEye achieves its mission to provide nonpartisan coverage of state government and public policy discussion. As a matter of board policy, neither the board nor any individual board member has any involvement in the network's daily operations or programming decisions.

I am surprised there is not much to report so close to an election!

## ~ Mark Your Calendar

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| <b>Oct 4-6</b> | Partners of WHA Conv.                    |
| <b>13</b>      | Cookie Bake                              |
| <b>14</b>      | Meet & Greet Luncheon–<br>New Volunteers |
| <b>17</b>      | Gift Shop Board Meeting                  |
| <b>19</b>      | Stitcher’s Gathering                     |
| <b>24</b>      | Auxiliary Board Meeting                  |
| <b>27</b>      | Cookie Bake                              |
| <b>Nov 3-4</b> | Holiday Market                           |
| <b>10</b>      | Cookie Bake                              |
| <b>17</b>      | Cookie Bake                              |
| <b>28</b>      | Auxiliary Board Meeting                  |
| <b>Dec 4</b>   | Lights of Love Lighting                  |
| <b>7</b>       | Cookie Bake                              |
| <b>15</b>      | Cookie Bake                              |
| <b>16</b>      | Volunteer Holiday Party                  |

