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Geranium Orders Due May 4

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Welcome! Dan DeGroot



Partners of Stoughton Hospital, along with the Stoughton community, welcomes new Stoughton Hospital CEO Dan DeGroot who will assume his duties on May 7, just a few weeks before current CEO Terry Brenny retires after 28 years with the hospital. Mr. DeGroot brings more than 35 years of healthcare and related experience to his new position, most recently as COO at St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls. A former division administrator at Wisconsin's Marshfield Clinic, he has also worked as COO at the Minneapolis Heart Institute inside Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Welcome to Stoughton and welcome to Stoughton Hospital!

President's Message - Melanie Miller

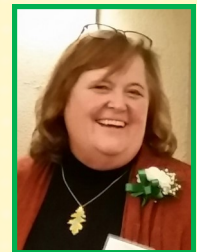
May brings a month of transition for our Partners organization. We will have a change of leadership at the hospital, as well as a change in the season (or at least we hope so), assuming that we won't have any more snow storms in May!

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Terry Brenny for all of his years of service to Stoughton Hospital and for all of his years of support to the Partners organization. We have certainly appreciated his willingness to work with us. He has always been gracious when we've asked for him to participate in our events, and he's always been supportive of our organization. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement. We also hope that he will continue to be a member of the Partners of Stoughton Hospital.

In keeping with a month of transitions, this is also our opportunity to welcome the hospital's new CEO Dan Degroot. We look forward to working with him, and I am sure that we will have the opportunity to meet Dan in the near future. When we meet and greet him, let's share our knowledge of the Partners' mission and our dedication to the hospital.

And one more transition: a new season.... Spring. This is a perfect time for new beginnings and renewals. This is also an opportunity for us to personally think about our purpose and dedication to Partners, reflect on our involvement, and look at new ways to support our group.

May Spring make you feel refreshed and excited about new things to come.





Geranium Sale

A man walked into the gift shop and asked to buy a pot of pansies. The worker told him there were no more pansies but we have some lovely geraniums. The man said, "No, my wife told me to water the pansies."

Order your geraniums in the Gift Shop by Friday, May 4.

An order form is included with this newsletter. All geraniums are sold pre-order/pre-pay.

Pick up your geraniums on Wednesday, May 9 at the East Entrance by the Foundation Office from 1:00-4:00 PM.



Partners of Stoughton Hospital 2018 Directories

The 2018 Membership Directories are available in the Gift Shop. If you haven't already received one, please pick one up at your earliest convenience.

Things My Mother Should Have Told Me

For a great brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes Mints in a double boiler and pour over warm brownies.

Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.



Profile of a Partner - Judy Dowling

Written by Diane Matson



What do Partner Judy Dowling and the late President Ronald Reagan have in common? Both have roots in Dixon, Illinois; Judy having been born there, and Reagan having moved there at the age of 9. Another fun fact being that Judy's father and President Reagan once served as lifeguards together!



As President Reagan moved on to the White House, Judy and her family moved on to Woodstock, Illinois. As a freshman at Northern Illinois University, a blind date with a tall, blond fellow-student from Chicago, resulted in a marriage to Tom that has lasted for 53 years and counting. Daughters Susan, a teacher in Mt. Horeb, and Megan, a teacher/coach at Wauconda High School in Illinois, as well as grandchildren McKenzie 16, Landon 14, McKayla 11, and McKenna 9, round out the Dowling family.

The teaching gene runs in the family too. Judy taught first grade in Illinois before the family settled in Stoughton in 1974, where she taught for the next 25 years, retiring 13 years ago. Now that retirement allows for more leisure time, Judy enjoys reading, boating, and shopping for the grandkids. Besides working in the Gift Shop, where she says she is her own best customer, Judy is involved with the Stoughton Lioness organization, volunteering to conduct eye exams in the Stoughton schools and staffing booths during Syttende Mai weekend.

Get-away favorites for Tom and Judy include dipping toes in Lake Nemacogan "up North" in the summer, a Grand Geneva week in Lake Geneva each December, and a month-long winter respite in Destin, Florida.

Thank you for fitting the Partners of Stoughton Hospital into your busy life-style.



Over 28 Years of Dedicated Service at Stoughton Hospital

Share Well Wishes with Terry Brenny, President/CEO

After 28 years of dedicated service, Terry Brenny will retire. We are offering several opportunities to offer best wishes to Terry. Please join us at one of the following.

May 10 - Hospital Public Celebration

This event will be held in the Stoughton Hospital Bryant Center from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. It is open to all. Please RSVP to 873-2356.

May Town Hall Meetings - These meetings have been planned for employees, volunteers, Partners and Physicians. It will be a great opportunity to offer your best wishes.

May 16 - 7:45 AM, 2:00 PM, and 5:45 PM

May 22 - 7:45 AM and 2:00 PM

We hope to see you at one of these events. Both Terry Brenny and incoming President/CEO Dan DeGroot will be in attendance at all events listed above.

Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop

Trivia Question: In 1961, seven thousand, five hundred, thirty eight of this item was collected in the gift shop and turned in for a total of \$37.69. What was collected?



No raindrops (or snowflakes) will be falling on Partners models **Eileen Stacy** and **Ellie Tone**.

Modeling chic hooded rain ponchos from our Gift Shop inventory, this stylish rain gear is available in solids and patterns and one size fits all. Eileen's unique umbrella is perfect for keeping you dry with its inverted opening style, as you exit or enter your vehicle.

Check out these fun items and many others in the Gift Shop

If you are receiving this newsletter via email and would prefer a printed copy, please pick one up in the gift shop at your convenience.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For information about upcoming events, please see <http://stoughtonhospital.com/events/> or the publication, **For The Life Of You**.

May 4 - Geranium Orders due - Pick up **May 9**

May 18 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00-1:00 Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment.

June 12 - Swinging for Health Golf Outing & Card Party



Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks at the Retirement Event honoring Terry Brenny scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 4:00-7:00 PM. If you are available to help, please contact

Laura Mays - lmays@stohosp.com



April Board Meeting

Dr. Rawal, new Orthopedic Surgeon attended our April Meeting.

- A request from Stoughton Police for \$250 in support of their Safety Camp was approved.
- We will plant and maintain the flower barrels by the main entrance to the hospital.
- Town hall-type meetings will be offered to Partners in conjunction with Mr. Brenny's retirement. See Page 3 for details.

Medicare Scam! *Hang up on Fraudsters!!*

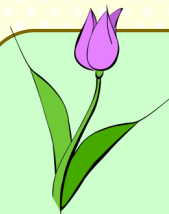
Scammers may call about your new Medicare card to trick you into sharing your personal information.

Medicare will never call you uninvited or ask for your personal or private information to get your new Medicare number and card.

Guard your Medicare number and card. Only give your number to doctors, pharmacists and other health care providers.

If someone calls and asks for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health care benefits, **hang up!**

Answer to Gift Shop Trivia: White-Star caps from bottles of Sarsaparilla.



The Southern District Spring meeting, hosted by the Partners of Beaver Dam Community Hospital, was held on April 12.

Stoughton Partners was represented by Sharon Beall, Melanie Miller and Dawn Windland. A lunch, silent auction, and program presented on the Blue Zones Project completed the afternoon.
www.bluezonesproject.com

The Fall District meeting will be held in Beloit on September 4 .

