

The Manatee Messenger



September 2018

Connie Lesser, Editor

From the Desk of the President Connie Lesser



The hallways are not quite as busy as they were this summer. Our wonderful teens are now back in school and we certainly do miss them. Many of them attended the Teen Party which was held last month. Several received awards. Caroline Kelly was presented with the "2018 Outstanding Volunteer" award and the Teen Ambassadors received recognition awards as well. To sum it up.....we had a fabulous group of teens!!

This month the auxiliary will be holding a vendor sale with the ever popular "One Touch Linens and More". They will be here on Thursday, the 13th and Friday, the 14th. The co-chairs for this sale are Laurie Tompkins and Barbara Smith. We have one AM position and one PM position on Friday for any volunteer that would like to work the sale. If you are interested, please give me a call at 745-6952. Remember, when you work a sale you get double hours.

The holidays are upon us and there will be a number of activities, so please watch the calendar in the future newsletters. The next activity is the Fall Luncheon coming up on October 12th. **Reservations are required!** Sign-up sheets will be available at the Thrift Shop and in the Volunteer Office starting Monday, September 17th. The deadline to sign-up is Monday, October 8th. There is more information on the luncheon further in this newsletter.

I don't often mention this, but I want to say to all of the volunteers just how much I appreciate all that you do for the Volunteer Program and MMH. We couldn't do it without you. You are the very heart of MMH and for that we are blessed and most grateful.

Have a fun and safe Labor Day weekend.

"Volunteers Soaring with Inner Radiance"

**From the Desk of your DVS
AnnaLuisa Huffman**



The month of September starts off with Labor Day so, I would like to start off thanking all of you for the labor of love that you give to Manatee Memorial Hospital and Thrift Shop. You give so selflessly of your time and your talents and I want you to know that this hospital is grateful and blessed to have you all as part of its team! I think it is wonderful, too, that you are the gifts that keep on giving! Many of you took some time off for health reasons, "replenishment", cool weather, travel, family, etc. but you are returning to us. I thank God for your good health and safe return as we get ready to head into another season.

We have a few new positions that we are looking to fill with volunteers. They are:

- Discharged patient phone caller (2 - 3 hours /week)
- Filing in Health Information Services, Physician's Management Office
- Front Information Desk
- Discharge Host/Hostess
- Thrift Store Cashier

So, don't forget our motto, "**Each One, Reach One**"! We have plenty of applications that you can pick up for your friends or I will be happy to email it to them. Just let me know!

Also, the Volunteers are hosting the Silent Auction for the American Cancer Society Heart Walk. This fundraiser brings in a lot of dollars towards the hospital's goal of \$25,000. The dates are September 19, 20, 21. We will need to have at least one volunteer to "man" the table, take the bids, and answer questions. I would like to have the Auction open from at least 7:30am - 7:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday. The winners will be announced at 3pm on Friday. If you would like to help with a shift, please sign up in the Volunteer Office.

Also, polish up your baking skills because we will also have a bake sale coming up and I know you all will love to participate, in one way or another!



Fall is Here!

Annual Auxiliary Fall Luncheon

When: Friday, October 12th

Time: 12:00 noon

Where: MMH Auditorium

This will be a buffet luncheon catered by the Second Street Bistro. There is no charge.

The 2019 Slate of Officers and Directors nominees will be announced and elected at that time.

MENU

Maple glazed roast turkey

Garlic mashed potatoes

Fresh apple cranberry cornbread stuffing

Southern style green beans

Tossed mixed green salad

Sweet potato cinnamon cheese cake

Seating is limited.....Reservations are required!! Sign-up sheets will be in the Volunteer Office and the Thrift Shop beginning **Monday, September 17th**. **Deadline is Monday, October 8th**.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Jason Fultz, Manager
Located at 4517 Manatee Avenue W.



HAPPY LABOR DAY



This was a great summer with steadily increasing sales. July was another outstanding month with sales of \$53,460 which is up by \$7200 this time last year. August is our last month of the fiscal year with total sales of \$617,000, which is up \$70,000 from last year.

We are looking forward to another busy season, but until then, we are enjoying the somewhat slower times. We can't wait to have our northern volunteers back. Most of them have not seen the store since we rearranged.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help with organizing, helping customers, and running the register. If you know someone that would be a great fit to our family, please tell them about us.

Thank you to our teen volunteers this summer. They were a big help to us during our busy off-season.

Shop where your dollars stay in Manatee County



Sally Scarborough, Manager



Wow. We're in the home stretch of 2018. Baseball is winding down, college football starts this weekend! Our Manatee County weather shows no indication of fall, but we know it will eventually get here . . .

We're thankful that we've had an excellent summer here in your shop. We're working hard to make sure our fall and holiday seasons are great too!

No matter what, we're very excited that our volunteers are beginning to return from the north! We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and healthy summer. We wish you all safe travels, and look forward to seeing you soon!

Thanks so much for your continued support,

Healthy regards!

Meet Our New



Seated L-R: Diane Roy, Lee Voshell, Louise Lippert
Standing L-R: AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS, Clarissa Berrios, Diane Jolly, Connie Lesser, President

Foundation/Auxiliary Philosophy of Giving

The MMH Foundation/Auxiliary's mission is to support MMH in providing compassionate and dedicated care to all those who are in distress of mind or body. We serve more than 50 departments within the hospital such as the Information Desk, file clerks, patient transporters, Gift Shoppe, Thrift Shop assistants, shuttle drivers, spiritual care providers and many more. As an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization, we also make substantial contributions to charitable organizations in our community in the form of grants, donations and scholarships.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"Be nice to people....maybe it'll be unappreciated, unreciprocated, or ignored,
but spread the love anyway. We rise by lifting others."**

~ Germany Kent



*Volunteer Hours Report
for July 2018
Connie Lesser
Volunteer Tracking Chairman*



100 HOURS

Logan Bell
Kori Stotts

3000 HOURS

John Rombough

1000 HOURS

Laurie Tompkins

8000 HOURS

Mary Hunter
Jeanne Meyn



*Sunshine Report for August
Karlene Rowland
Corresponding Secretary*



GET WELL

Jan Heider
Mary Jo Murray
Valerie Collison
AnnaLuisa Huffman



SYMPATHY

Pat Ellis
Family of Destiny Nichols
(Teen volunteer)



THANK YOU

Janet Campbell



THINKING OF YOU

Bev Dietsch
Nancy Goldsworthy
Brenda Lopez
Valerie Beechy
Richard Stahle
Pat Ellis





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| 9 Rosh Hashanah | 10 New Member Orientation Orientation | 11 9.11.2001 PATRIOT DAY | 12 | 13 One Touch Linens & More Main Lobby 7AM - 4PM | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Fall Luncheon Sign-up begins | 18 Auxiliary Board Meeting | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
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