

The Manatee Messenger



October 2018

 **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** 

Connie Lesser, Editor

From the Desk of the President Connie Lesser



Last month we sponsored a vendor sale with "One Touch Linens & More". This is always a great sale and one the employees look forward to. We had total sales of \$18,662 and our profit was \$3,488. Our next sale will be held November 8th & 9th with "Masquerade \$5 Jewelry & Accessories". Our co-chairs are Barbara Wall-Magee and Marie Van Duzee. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the sales. If you are interested in helping, please call the Volunteer Office and sign-up for a 4 hour AM or PM shift.

After the Auxiliary Board Meeting last month several board members took a tour of the Breast Care Center. Mary Ann Edwards gave a very informative presentation on the new equipment and all the different procedures that are done there. They have the latest technology. Manatee Memorial Breast Care Center is the first in Manatee and Sarasota counties to offer the Hologic Genius Clarity HD high-resolution 3D mammography imaging technology with the new SmartCurve breast stabilization system. It's designed to deliver a more comfortable mammogram, without compromising image quality. Only the Genius exam is clinically proven to detect 20-65% more breast cancers compared to 2D mammography alone. It reduces callbacks up to 40% and is better for dense breasts. Have you had your annual exam?

We are getting ready to celebrate Fall with our annual Fall Luncheon which will be held in our auditorium on Friday, October 12th. The Second Street Bistro will be catering the buffet and the menu sounds delicious. We will also be introducing our new 2019 board members. We will have a guest speaker who will give a brief talk on Alzheimer's. I hope you will plan to attend. Sign-up sheets are available in the Volunteer office and Thrift Shop. Reservations are required. Remember, deadline for sign-up is Monday, October 8th.

Good bye Summer.....Hello Fall!!



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



The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and I would first like to say thank you to the volunteers who work in the Manatee Memorial Breast Care Center. These ladies are extremely compassionate and reassuring to the patients who visit the office. They are understanding of the fear and concern that patients and their families are facing. So, a special thank you goes out to Barb Smith, Alyce Hahn and Shirley Betts, one of our newest volunteers. At the same time, I would be remiss in not saying Thank You to all the volunteers who have battled breast cancer themselves or through loved ones. It is a reminder to all of us that life is precious and time is too. Thank you for choosing to give some of it to Manatee Memorial and the Thrift Store.

October is a busy month, but really, what month isn't? With the Fall Luncheon, followed by the AFHAV (Association of Florida Healthcare Auxiliary Volunteers) Conference at which Jason Fultz, our Thrift Store Manager will be presenting, as well as myself, the Breast Cancer Walk, and the return of many of our "snowbird" volunteers, October is shaping up to be quite a month.

We would also like to congratulate our very own Pat Ellis, Gift Shop Volunteer, who will be installed as the AFHAV President at the banquet at the end of the conference. In this governing position, Pat represents all of the Florida Auxiliaries and will travel the state sharing her expertise and listening to the concerns of volunteers in the healthcare industry. She has been preparing for this role for several years and we are very proud to have someone from Manatee Memorial rise to such a position.

The new Emergency Care Center is still on target to open in mid-December. We will be arranging tours for our volunteers. Please keep an eye on your email for the schedule.

Speaking of schedules, I need to remind you that the FLU vaccination is **mandatory** for those who are working in Manatee Memorial and have any type of contact with patients. Even if you do not have direct contact with patients, or you work at the Thrift Store, I would highly recommend that you get the FLU Vaccine. You will be receiving a short explanatory PowerPoint presentation which will have the form for you to complete, whether you receive the vaccine at MMH or elsewhere. **REMEMBER** to bring documentation if you have your shot off campus.

Also, remember that all volunteers (over the age of 50) are now members of Senior Advantage. You may pick up your Senior Advantage card in the Volunteer Office or from the Thrift Store. You never know when you are going to need it!!



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 are in the Volunteer Office and the Thrift Shop. **Deadline is Monday, October 8th.**



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Jason Fultz, Manager

Located at 4517 Manatee Avenue W.



Fall is almost here and we are looking forward to some cooler weather.

We have our Halloween and Fall merchandise out and it's going fast! Stop by and take a look at some of the great items for a fraction of the price. Like every Halloween, we will have a 31% OFF storewide sale, mark your calendars.

We are busy like always, but not as busy as we are going to be in a few months. So we are enjoying our slower time of the year and getting ready for season!

Shop where your dollars stay in Manatee County



Sally Scarborough, Manager



We've had a great September and we're looking forward to an exciting fall and rapidly approaching holiday season!

We have really beautiful and interesting things coming in every day. As those of you who visit us know, we try to have a varied offering of secular and spiritual wall décor and all types of silly signs in the shop at all times. This allows our staff and visitors a calming visual distraction from their busy days here at Manatee Memorial. They also sell very well, which is great for us!

We've resumed our regular hours of Monday through Saturday now that our volunteers have returned from the north. We have a wonderful group, we're grateful for each and every one of them!

Thanks so much for all you do for our community,

Meet Our New



Seated L-R: Patricia Peckham, Robin Lewis, Nancy Rupp, Beth Thornton, Michelle Jones
Standing L-R: Connie Lesser, President, Jennifer McQueen, Arnold Nordaas, Frank Sturgell,
Don Roberson, Terri Lamitie, AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS

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

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in."

~ Dr Syed Muhammad Zeeshan Hussain Almashhadi



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



100 HOURS

Tamara Dutcher
Dristin Hughes
Marie Zephyr

1000 HOURS

Carol Grant
Valerie Schiller

3500 HOURS

Johnny Robinson

10,000 HOURS

Fred Barnes

500 HOURS

Sarah Azbell
Nancy Newman

1500 HOURS

Aileen Barry

6000 HOURS

Natalie Vakauta

28,500 HOURS

Connie Lesser

8000 HOURS

Aline Jandreau



**Sunshine Report for September 2018
Karlene Rowland
Corresponding Secretary**



Terry Cook
Mary Jo Murray



Pat Dennis
Robert Revels








Sherry Meece





October 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
	1  New Member Orientation Orientation	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8  Luncheon Sign-up Deadline	9	10	11	12  Fall Luncheon	13	
14	15	16  Auxiliary & Foundation Bd Mtgs	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> AFHAV ANNUAL CONFERENCE </div>		18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31  Halloween				