

# The Manatee Messenger



November 2018

Connie Lesser, Editor

## *From the Desk of the President Connie Lesser*



We had a great attendance for the Fall Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship with other volunteers. Our guest speaker was Mike Hunter who spoke on Alzheimer's and "Life with Sharyn". He stressed how important structure is in the life of an Alzheimer's patient. We would have liked to have him share more with us but there just wasn't time. He has published a book entitled "Life with Sharyn" if you would be interested in reading it.

The sheets for the Christmas Brunch will go out the first part of December, so be sure to sign-up early so you won't get left out. The brunch will be held in the auditorium and we are limited to a capacity of 80. If you are interested in attending be sure to sign up early so you can attend. Those who sign up after the 80 will be on a waiting list, so if you sign up and cannot attend **PLEASE** let us know so we can give your seat to someone on the waiting list.

Last month several of the Board members attended the AFHAV Annual Conference in Ocala. Pat Ellis, an Auxiliary past president, was installed as the President of the state organization (AFHAV) for 2019. We chartered a bus to take volunteers that wished to go up for the Installation Banquet. They had a fun trip up and back. Sally Scarborough played "Pat Ellis Trivia"

Our vendor sale for this month is Masquerade \$5 Jewelry and Accessories. It will be held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are welcome to help with the sale. All you have to do is call 745-6952 to sign up for a 4 hour shift in the AM or PM either day.

*Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.*

*"Volunteers soaring with inner radiance"*

*From the desk of our DVS  
AnnaLuisa Huffman*



October was a busy month with our Fall Luncheon and Breast Cancer Awareness Month! I also had the opportunity to attend the AFHAV Conference mid-October in Ocala. Concurrent with that conference was the meeting of the Florida Association of Directors of Volunteer Services (FADVS). I was able to present a workshop entitled, "Don't Retreat, Advance: How to Have That Difficult Conversation with Volunteers." I also gathered some great ideas from meeting with my peers with regards to recruitment and retention.

We have good news for those of you who dine in our Second Street Bistro, aka the hospital cafeteria. We have increased your purchasing power for meals! Now, this doesn't mean that I want to see you "bulging at the seams" in your teal smocks; rather, you can now get some chips with your sandwich!

This month I am walking in the Suncoast Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. If you wish to support our Team: Volunteers and Marketing please visit the 2018 Suncoast Heart Walk site and find the Manatee Memorial Hospital page, Team "Volunteers and Marketing" and donate there. Our goal is \$2000. I am walking this year as a "survivor" of a heart attack. Please join me on November 10<sup>th</sup> or donate to our team.

As we enter November, the month for giving thanks, I would like to reflect on some things that I am most grateful for.

- ♥ I am grateful for the smiles and laughter and stories, each and every day, from all of you.
- ♥ I am grateful to work with such dedicated people and I marvel at the time you each give so freely.
- ♥ I am grateful for the love and spiritual blessings that you bring to your jobs and share with me and those with whom you work.

You may not always feel it but each and every one of you is a blessing to the hospital and the staff, the thrift shop, the gift shop, and to me and for that I give thanks!



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On a sad note, I wish to tell you of the passing of **Robert Worth Brunson**, beloved husband of **Norma**, our Pastoral Care Director. He passed early Monday morning, October 29<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of Life will be held on **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1616 59<sup>th</sup> Street, W. Bradenton. We hope you will join in remembering a good and faithful servant of Christ. Please wear your teal or Pastoral navy attire in a show of solidarity and love for Norma.

*Congratulations to Pat Ellis  
2019 AFHAV President*





## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Jason Fultz, Manager

Located at 4517 Manatee Avenue W.



Our donations have been down, but they should pick up in November. We have had a few volunteers out, we are missing them and can't wait to have them back. Some of our northern volunteers are back and we are expecting more in the next few weeks.

September our sales were \$46,909. Up by \$13,000 from last year. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers that make this possible. THANK YOU.

We are having our BIG 50% off sale on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

*Shop where your dollars stay in Manatee County*



Sally Scarborough, Manager



Our Gift Shop Elves are busily working to ready the shop for your Christmas and Holiday shopping experience! We have so many beautiful new things coming in each and every day, you'll have to come see!

Our hospital is teeming with activity. Construction on the new Emergency Room is speeding along and improvements are being made in so many areas! It's a very exciting time here at MMH.

Please join us during the month of November, we're Thankful for YOU!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

# Meet Our New



Seated L-R: Jan Guinn, Nancy Baker, Harold Palm, Kim Bennett  
Standing L-R: AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS, Cristina Dicusar, 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

**"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."**

**~ Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**Volunteer Hours Report for  
September 2018  
Connie Lesser, Hours Chairman**



**100 HOURS**

Kathleen Kowalski  
Mary Owens

**1000 HOURS**

Marie Van Duzee

**5000 HOURS**

Judi Bianca

**500 HOURS**

Mary Cuminsky  
Max Smith  
Barbara Wall-Magee

**1500 HOURS**

Jane Fultz

**5500 HOURS**

Nancy Lawton

**2500 HOURS**

Vita Aziz

**6000 HOURS**

Sam Krusa-Gillespie



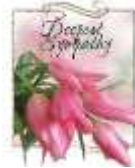
**Sunshine Report  
Karlene Rowland, Corresponding Secretary**



Earletta Maples  
Fred Barnes  
Judi Bianca  
Eleanor Polaski  
Marilyn Jeffery  
Jackie Spierenburg



Mary Jo Murray  
Roger Brate



Nancy Minito  
Sally Scarborough  
Deanie Anderson












Parrish UM Church  
Susanna Hambalek





# November 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 	5  Orientation	6  Election Day	7	8  Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Main Lobby 7AM - 4PM	9 	10
11  VETERANS DAY	12	13	14	15	16	17  Thrift Shop 1/2 price sale
18	19	20  Auxiliary Board Meeting	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	