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Letter from the President

Blessed is the season that engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

Hamilton Wright Mabie

Happy Valentine's Day!! And speaking of Valentine's Day... Our next Bake Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th in the Solarium. Thanks to Bonnie and Judy for doing such a wonderful job of doing this for us. Let's make our staff happy by bringing lots of goodies for us to sell!

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 13th in the George Medak Conference Room. I hope to see all of you there! Besides the necessary business that needs to be handled, it's a great time to catch up with other members (new and old) while enjoying a cup of coffee and delicious snack provided by our hospital cafeteria!

Also, in February, the Lake Arrowhead Women's Club invited our member, Sondra James, to share about our BooBoo Bears that are so lovingly made for our youngest ED patients. As the MCHA President, I was also asked to attend. I accepted their invitation and will be attending their meeting on February 18th along with Sondra. I will be sharing about our Auxiliary; what we can and will do for our MCH Hospital and our mountain community.

I appreciate all of you!!

Jeanne Hoy, MCHA President

February Birthdays



12.....	Rita Stachowski
13.....	Graham Wallis*
14.....	Sondra James
21.....	Gillian Wallis*
22.....	Gayle Pinkston
23.....	Johanna Olson

*Lifetime/Emeritus

February Calendar

2.....	Ground Hog Day
10.....	Bake Sale
13.....	General Meeting
14.....	Valentine's Day
17.....	Presidents Day

**General Meeting at 10:00 on
Friday, February 13th
in the George Medak Conference Room**



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I cannot believe January is over! You would think we were in the middle of April right now with this glorious weather.

Please don't forget to submit your **volunteer hours** to me, Jenni Mitchell, via email to jenimitch07@aol.com

And just a reminder, hours should be broken down by **the task** you completed.

THANK YOU!!
Jenni Mitchell

Let's BAKE with LOVE & spread some JOY!

Tuesday
February 10th

We can show MCH Staff & SNF Residents
LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

Bonnie and Judy will be in the Solarium beginning at 7:30 on Tuesday morning to accept your treats that have been baked or purchased with LOVE

Bonnie and Judy have scheduled 5 bake sales for 2026.

Each will take place on a Tuesday morning and has a theme that coincides with the time of year. Details of the first, "Love is in the air", are listed above.



Shop 'til you drop!!

"Whoever said money can't buy happiness simply didn't know where to go shopping."

Bo Derek

Ronda and Galla recently attended the trade show in Las Vegas. I don't know about you but I'm looking forward to finding out what treasures will be filling the shelves of the shop soon!!

Speaking of treasures, two of our newest members have joined the ranks of the "Shop Girls" so **ALL 10** shifts are now filled!!! (The Shop Girls are not to be confused with the "Mean Girls" who wear pink on Wednesdays. It's a silly movie reference just to see if you are actually reading the newsletter. I will give a \$5 Starbucks gift card to the first member who tells me who stars in it!)

a warm welcome to

Joy Eckert
and
Denise Wilmeth

"I love to shop.
I rationalize shopping.
I buy a dress because
I need change for gum."

Rita Rudner

Trivia Answers

- 1. Leap Day
- 2. 1 in 1461
- 3. 23
- 4. Julius Caesar
- 5. February, March & November
- 6. Over 40 years
- 7. The Super Bowl

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!

If you have a desire to become more involved, **(possibly filling a Board position...hint hint!!)**

PLEASE let Pat Jongerius know.

The time is nearing for electing new Board members and she is graciously acting as the temporary Nominating Chairperson.

You can contact her either via email at

hoopy66@aol.com

or by phone at (909) 336-0737

Time is how you spend your love.

Nick Laird

A few February Trivia Questions....are you game?

1. What is the 29th day called?
2. What are the odds of being born on February 29th?
3. Over time the length of February kept changing, having as little as how many days?
4. The length of February was finalized by who?
5. What are the 3 months that start on the same day of the week unless it's leap year?
6. February has been Black History Month for how long?
7. What is the largest American sporting event held in February?

Stop by and shop for a gift or two at the Gift Shop Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 4:00 because "No decision should be made on an empty shopping bag."

Donita K. Paul

Punxsutawney Phil: A history in Rodent Meteorologists

Ground Hog Day was first celebrated on February 2, 1887, at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.



It features a rodent meteorologist named Phil.

According to tradition, he comes out of his hole every year on February 2nd and if he sees his shadow, he gets so scared he runs back into his burrow. When he does this, the prediction is 6 more weeks of winter. Alternatively, no shadow means an early spring.

no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

Hal Borland, journalist and naturalist