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Hospital Auxiliary

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SPRING

What springs in Spring?

Buds spring!

Leaves spring!

Flowers spring!

Trees spring!

Plants springs!

Grass springs!

Robins sing in Spring!!

By Meish Goldfish



Letter from the Editor

Here we are in March already! How does that happen??? Hoping all of you made it through this last bout of snow without too much struggle or damage as even though we didn't get a tremendous amount of snow, the winds were pretty destructive.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our last meeting!! Lots of new faces which is such a great boost for our Auxiliary. It is heartwarming to see that our Auxiliary is growing!!

We are still in need of some volunteers for our Board: President Elect, Nominating Chair, Parliamentarian and Gift Shop Manager. Please consider volunteering in one of these areas. I would sincerely appreciate it if someone would be willing to fill the President Elect position. I have another year in my term starting in July, but it would be wonderful for someone to step forward as President Elect so they can begin to learn the ins and outs of what makes our Auxiliary tick!

OK, enough nagging!! Hope to see just as many of you at our next meeting on Friday, March 13th.

Take care,

Jeanne Hoy, MCHA President

March Birthdays



- 4.....Marina Morales
- 11.....Karla Cathalinat
- 14....Brenda Castillo-Harrower
- 29.....Joy Eckert

March Calendar

- 8.....Daylight Savings begins
- 13...Board Meeting @ 9:00
General Meetings @10:00
- 17...St. Patrick's Day
- 24...Spring Bake Sale

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



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*A tisket, a tasket,
a green or yellow
basket?*



*Easter Baskets
for the MCH Staff*

Christi is continuing to take inventory as to the status of available items to fill basketscandy, toys, etc.

As such, be on the lookout for an email in the next couple of days that will provide a detailed list of needed fillers

Easter Basket "Organizer"
Chairperson
Christi Schneider

Love was in the Air at our last Bake Sale!



We are reminded at each bake sale just how much staff look forward to the goodies as they still try to sneak in to buy early!!



Thank you to all the members who donated goodies for this bake sale.



Total sales were \$377

And Next.....

Spring is in the Air Bake Sale!

Our next Bake Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, a couple of days after the first day of Spring. Isn't it enjoyable that we live somewhere where there is a change of seasons? (Hopefully!!)

For this sale. think about a favorite item (baked or not), you associate with Spring. When I think of Spring fruits, I always think of strawberries so how about a Strawberry Pie in a graham cracker crust with a simple glaze. As Ina Garten would say, "how easy as that?"

Thank you, in advance, for your donations to make our Spring Bake Sale a success. We appreciate all of them.

**Bonnie Currier & Judy Weber
Bake Sale Chairpersons**

That time of year has come again when Pat Jongerius, currently filling the spot of nominating chair, is reaching out to members about filling Board positions coming open for fiscal year July 2026/June 2027.

If contacted,
please consider filling one of these positions...

President Elect,
Nominating Chair,
Gift Shop Manager

THRIFT SHOP

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our members who work in the shop and ask that their hours be donated to the Auxiliary. (A note: The money we receive, as with any of our fund raising events, directly benefits the hospital with a yearly donation)

The last check we received was for \$5178!

Ronda Rynda is on the Blue Jay Thrift Shop Board and currently our MCHA liaison.

She shared a few facts at our February meeting such as:

- ✓ There are 10 non profit organizations with volunteers who work the shop.
- ✓ Our scheduled day to fill hours is Mondays with some members working Wednesdays.
- ✓ The shifts are normally 3 hours long (similar to our Gift Shop).

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Ronda!

MCHA Gift Shop



It's hard to believe that a year ago this month, we were waiting for the final sign offs so that we could finally re-open our shop!



We have been going strong for the past few months and are at full staff. But we could always use a few more volunteers to fill in for the planned and unexpected shift needs.

If you haven't had the opportunity to drop by the shop, I would suggest you put it on your "to do" list! You don't necessarily need to shop (although often you may find something you can't do without!) but just to see how Lydia has beautifully decorated it with a welcoming feel. She has a knack for featuring seasonal and holiday items as well new items that arrive....sometimes daily!

Hello from the flooded streets of Arrowhead last week to all the melted snow this week! So quickly from the freeze of winter to the pleasant Springtime temps!!!! Leave it to Mother Nature!

But to the business at hand. Please submit your volunteer hours for the month of February when you get a chance. And as always, please remember to break down your hours by task.

For example: Thrift store: 20 hours
Gift shop: 12 hours
Driving/meeting: 2 hours

Thanks so much! Jenni Mitchell

A fun blast from the past!!!



VOLUNTEER WORKERS—Mountains Community Hospital volunteers were treated by the hospital staff to a potluck luncheon April 14. Each volunteer received a small gift as well.

April 20th is observed as National Volunteer Recognition Day. This year, National Volunteer Recognition week is April 19th through the 25th.

From the MCHA archives, Christi found an article from The Mountain News Dated April 26, 1994. (Could you guess the era by the hair styles?)

It is interesting to see the things the auxiliary participated in and provided in the past. Some are outdated such as making layettes for newborns as we no longer have a labor & delivery department, but some are continuing to carry on with providing cherished items such as the "Boo Boo Bears" for the youngest patients being treated in the ED. Twelve volunteers made 3000 bears!

Hospital honors volunteers

During Volunteer Week last week at Mountains Community Hospital a luncheon was held April 14 in the Medical Building Conference Room in honor of volunteers who help out in many capacities at the hospital.

The hospital staff treated the hospital auxiliaries and volunteers to a traditional potluck with a small gift for each of them. Karen Sackett, executive director, presented Jean Evans, acting auxiliary president, with a gift of thanks for all of the many hours that the organization has given to the hospital.

The hospital is fortunate, Evans said, to have women from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church making layette sets for babies; Catherine

King of Cedar Glen knitting caps for the newborns and stocking slippers and lap blankets for the Skilled Nursing Facility residents; and Lou Johnson and her 12 auxiliaries who have been making "Boo Boo Bears" for the emergency room for the past several years. Those women were recognized at Thursday's luncheon for finishing the 3,000th "Boo Boo Bear" for the children in the emergency room.

Dave Cathey has been a familiar face in the SNF, helping residents in wood working; Pastor Larry Courson of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church offers a church service every Thursday afternoon; Kim Pye, a local fitness instructor, arrives early every Friday morning to lead

the SNF residents in wheelchair exercises; Laurel Brann demonstrates T-shirt painting and helps residents with their own creative designs.

Also the Dogwood Quilters have made quilts for residents and newborns for the past five years. A group of volunteer drivers in the community deliver meals for Mountain Meals on Wheels program five days a week.

The auxiliary has allowed the hospital to remodel rooms, purchase furniture, and replace costly equipment with modern models. It also has a staff of men and women who help out in various departments at the hospital with clerical and reception work every week.

The Auxiliary remains a permanent fixture at MCH!