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Letter from our President

“APPRECIATION IS A WONDERFUL THING.

IT MAKES WHAT IS EXCELLENT IN OTHERS BELONG TO US AS WELL.”.....Voltaire

I hope by the time you read this that some of us will have experienced the train to Claremont and lunch and shopping, and that we didn't have to cancel due to weather. We were sorry to have to cancel the Valentine's Day bake sale but will make it up to the staff with St. Patrick's Day and Easter bake sales. Be sure to read the other articles for details. Doing things like this for the staff is one of our main purposes, and one that we hope everyone can participate in.

Several of our lifetime members who have moved away and still receive our newsletter and email announcements have thanked me for keeping them “in the loop”. Ruth Neu enjoyed the sweet picture of the little girl thanking us for her Boo Bear. Ruth said this was what she did in the auxiliary for many years and she is so glad that you ladies are still working at it. Zel Schweitzer is living in central Texas in a full care senior living facility where they were getting snow at the same time we were. Lake Arrowhead is the place that she loved most and says to say hello to her friends in the auxiliary.

I hope to see all of you at our March 14th meeting at 10 a.m. in the large conference room in the medical building. It seems like the parking has become more limited and difficult, so it might be a good idea to carpool to the meeting whenever possible.

Stay safe and warm,

Christi



Ways and Means



Did you know the Shamrock symbolizes hope, love and life? St. Patrick reportedly used Shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity. But later interpretation also said the 3 leaves are meant to symbolize hope, love and faith. If there is a 4th leaf it symbolized luck which is why the four-leaf clover is considered lucky. So, with the St. Patrick's Day bake sale, we can make it a great sale and symbolize the clover. I will make a cake with the "hope" it turns out; "love" for the purpose I am making it and "faith" that someone buys it. Get out your GREEN recipes and make this the best sale of the year. We will also have a few items on sale from the gift shop.

Thank you

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March Calendar:

14th – Board & General Meetings followed by Re-orientation

15th – St. Patty's Day Bake Sale

Our Connections, Our Impact, Our Stories

Ronda Rynda

If we, in the Mountains Community Hospital Auxiliary, had an award for our own "Miss Congeniality" we would all agree that the winner would be Ronda Rynda. How lucky we are that Ronda has chosen to shine, so brightly, in our group. Ronda has been in the Auxiliary since 2010. There is an interesting story about how Ronda became a member. It was Dr. Win who, during an appointment, convinced Ronda to join. Dr. Win felt this would be a great use of time since Ronda had just recently retired. Ronda began working in the MCH Gift Shop and the rest is history, as they say. She mentions that the shop has had a group of dedicated women, with vision, right from the start. Ronda has enjoyed the interaction with people that this volunteerism has brought to her life.

Ronda is now the buyer for the Gift Shop and enjoys the periodic trips to Las Vegas to shop the Trade Shows. One of the highlights of a visit to the Gift Shop is the marvelous array of varied merchandise and the quality choice of gifts. We can all thank Ronda and Jeanne Hoy (talented shopping partner) for having such a discerning eye. Ronda also gives volunteer time in the front office and is the head of the Auxiliary Nominating Committee this year. Along the way, Ronda also mentions the great friendships that she has made through the Auxiliary and the hospital staff. Working with other dedicated people has been very rewarding. We can all give a big thank you to Dr. Win for steering Ronda in our direction. Ronda is such an advocate for our Mountains Community Hospital and her beautiful smile is so welcoming. Thank you, Ronda, for your Connection, your Impact, your Story.

Jeannie Venturini, President Elect

Gift Shop

The Gift shop has been consistent with sales which makes all of us pretty happy. We have some new items in the shop so come on in and do a little shopping. They have started to get the new gift shop area prepared and we are very excited about that.

Peace and Love!!

Toneya Schroder, Gift Shop Manager



Bake Sales and Baskets!!

We'd like to remind everyone that Easter is just around the corner and Dodie and her committee will be putting together Easter baskets once again. We need a variety of items for the baskets including toys, candy and grass. We have found that the Dollar Store is a great source for basket items. The baskets we make are really appreciated by the employees. If you'd like to put a basket together yourself, you are welcome to do so and bring it to the gift shop the week of April 15th. They usually sell for between \$5 and \$15. The baskets, and baked goods sold along with them, is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Bake Sale Committee. Please take your basket donations to the gift shop where they will be picked up. We want to thank you, in advance, for all your help. It is much appreciated.



In the meantime, if you would like to fire up the oven, we could use some baked goods for our St. Patty's Day Bake Sale on Friday, March 15th. Goodies can be brought to the Solarium by 8:30 that morning.

Sharon Delp and Kathy Howe, The Bake Sale Committee

Boo Bears Made By Auxiliary Members Provide Comfort



Amanda Nicole ▶ **Lake Arrowhead Mommies**



February 9 at 1:38 PM · 📷

Today my 1 year old daughter slit open her finger and needed stitches. This was the worst thing I've ever had to endure as a parent and she's my first child to need stitches. THANK YOU to whoever is apart of this volunteer group who donates hand stitched bears. You have no idea how much this small act of kindness meant to my terrified baby girl. She hasn't put her bear down since we got home and has been cuddling it since the second it was received. THANK YOU SO MUCH 🥹❤️. This was a rough day for us and this small act of kindness was felt



Former MCH Auxiliary member surprises Foundation with \$42,700 Donation!

Lake Arrowhead, January 14, 2018 – Mountains Community Hospital Foundation announces a gift of \$42,700 from the estate of Pamela Huss, a former resident of Lake Arrowhead and MCH Auxiliary member. Pam passed away on February 12, 2018.

Pam was born on May 31, 1937 to Marshall Pratt Phillips and Louise Jones in Los Angeles. She grew up in Atwater Village and graduated from Marshall High School. She started her career as a bookkeeper and retired as a Vice President with Security Pacific Bank. She had a deep love of literature, and always surrounded herself with books of all genres. She also loved doing crossword puzzles and was a master at 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzles.

Pam retired to Lake Arrowhead with her husband Bob, who was also in the banking industry. She volunteered thousands of hours over a ten-year period to the Mountains Community Hospital Auxiliary. Although she and her late husband Bob had a small boat in Lake Arrowhead, Pam never learned how to swim because of her fear of getting polio as a child. Bob passed away in 2006 and then Pam lost her home in the 2007 fire and moved to Monrovia shortly thereafter. Helen Quinn, an Auxiliary member and her husband Duane, were Bob and Pam's next-door neighbors. Helen got them involved in the Auxiliary. Helen remembers that Pam held several leadership positions in the Auxiliary and Bob was always along to help. "I miss her," says Helen, "she was very sweet."

Pam is survived by her brother, Dennis Phillips (Nancy), son Todd Harwell (Lisa), grandson Blake Harwell, granddaughters Ashley Marvin and Hannah Harwell, step granddaughter Kristina and three great grandchildren, two of whom were born shortly after her death.

Mountains Community Hospital Foundation is very grateful to Pam and her entire family for this incredible gift. Her fellow Auxiliary members remember her fondly and I am sure many people in the community will remember the Husses as well. We look forward to honoring her at this year's Rose Memorial and on our donor wall, as a member of the Legacy Society.

If you are interested in joining the Legacy Society, Mountains Community Hospital Foundation can help you explore a bequest or planned gift option. If you would like to learn more, please call Kim McGuire, Director of Community Development, at (909) 436-3263.