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Letter from our President

"VOLUNTEERING IS THE ULTIMATE EXERCISE IN DEMOCRACY. YOU VOTE IN ELECTIONS ONCE A YEAR, BUT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER, YOU VOTE EVERY DAY ABOUT THE KIND OF COMMUNITY YOU WANT TO LIVE IN."
.....Author Unknown

I hope that the daffodils poking up all over the mountain, and the tiny buds bursting on trees and bushes, are an indication that Spring is finally here. I'm grateful for the rain and snow, but enough is enough!

The auxiliary has lots of things planned for the next few months, so check the calendar and watch for email reminders. The first event is the baking class at my home on Tuesday, the 9th followed by the Easter Basket and Bake sale on Friday, the 19th. THANK YOU to all who brought goodies for the St. Patrick's Day bake sale, and to those who stayed to help. We made about \$300, including some great sale items from the gift shop.

Our Boo Bears volunteers could use some help, especially operating a sewing machine. They meet every Tuesday at 1:00 in the medical building next to the hospital. If you think you could help, give Dee Dee Walters a call.

I'm grateful to have so many new members (thank you Kathy Howe), and hope to see you at many of our functions; you'll find we're a lot of fun. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Christi, Auxiliary President

Easter Baskets and Bake Sale!!

We want to remind everyone our annual Easter Basket & Bake Sale is on Friday, April 19th. We are putting together Easter baskets to sell along with traditional bake sale items. We are in need of baked goods and hope all you talented bakers will help us out. We need your baked goods early in order to take care of the morning shift as many employees must come before their shift begins. So please **bring all items to the solarium by 8 a.m.**

We also need additional items such as candy and small toys for the Easter baskets. Please phone Dodie Kirk to coordinate when items can be dropped off at the gift shop for pick up. If you'd like to put a basket together, you are welcome to do so and bring it to the gift shop the week of April 15th. They usually sell for \$5 to \$15.

This yearly event is the largest fundraiser for the Bake Sale Committee. We want to thank you, in advance, for all your help as it's much appreciated.

Sharon Delp and Kathy Howe, The Bake Sale Committee

Ways and Means

Oh! What a beautiful morning.
I've just dropped in to say-
I hope you have a beautiful,
And wonderful Easter Day!



Flowers are blooming everywhere,
Bird songs are in the air.
Spring is unfolding her treasures,
And wants us all to share.



Easter gives hope for tomorrow,
As after the winter comes Spring,
Our hearts can be filled with gladness
As hearts rejoice and sing.



HAPPY EASTER!!

Pat Jongerius, Ways and Means

April Calendar

9th: Cook Class @ Christi's
15th-21st: National Volunteer Week
19th: Easter Basket/Bake Sale
21st: Easter Sunday



Our Connections, Our Impact, Our Stories

Karla Cathalinat

In the March issue of our Newsletter you read a story about a little girl who visited the Mountains Community Hospital Emergency Department in February and received a Boo Bear. Her grateful Mother wanted to thank the volunteer group who donates the hand stitched bears. Well, our Karla Cathalinat knows so well what this is all about. Karla has been an MCH Auxiliary member for 6 years and Boo Bears have been her passion all this time.

Karla attended an initial Auxiliary meeting with a neighbor. Right off Karla knew she did not want to work in the hospital. Having a talent for sewing and a love for baking, Karla decided to try the sewing group and joining in on the bake sales. She learned quickly about the stuffed bears that are given to our smallest patients and she knew this would be something that would be a good use of her time. Karla has seen the group change as many of our members have moved off the mountain. She mentions that right now the group, that meets in the Medical Building in space provided by Dr. Cohen, could use someone who knows how to use a sewing machine. Karla says it is great to get together and chat and know that you are doing something so important. Fellow volunteer DeeDee Walters joins into the group and often you can see a few of our SNF family there too. The sewers are always working to keep up with demand. The hospital calls them when the supply runs low. She mentions that it is important for the community to know who they are and how much personal care and love goes into each bear. Karla also uses her home time, to make the Tooth Fairy Pillows that are sold in the Gift Shop. This additional work helps pay for much needed fiber fill that goes for the bear stuffing. And speaking of much needed, she is always on the search for good cotton fabric. Donations are not as plentiful as they used to be and lately fabric has had to be purchased. If members have colorful cotton that can be cut into 14" x 14" squares, let Karla know.

We thank Karla for her Connection, her Impact and her Story. Our Auxiliary is all about helping our Mountains Community Hospital. What better way to show love than to give a sad, frightened little visitor the gift of a smile and a Boo Bear, made with love. Thank you, Karla and friends, for your kindness, your devotion and your talent.

.Jeannie Venturini, President Elect

Auxiliary Gift Shop

Hello Spring...

Come by the shop and pick up Easter items while they last! I just put out some lovely items from Michel Design Works including scents, soaps, sprays and kitchen towels as well as other fun Spring items. So, stop by to pick up a gift for yourself or someone else.

Thank you,
Toneya Schroder, Gift Shop Manager



Gift Shop Finds!

