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Where flowers bloom, so does hope.

Lady Bird Johnson

Letter from the President

Happy Spring!

As we often experience in the San Bernardino Mountains, our first week of April is welcomed with a blanket of snow. Just when our daffodils are beginning to bloom, they receive another chilly, winter blast. Even though the weather isn't very cooperative, our MCH Auxiliary continues to plod forth with sunny smiles and wonderful support to our hospital.

The gift shop crew, under the marvelous leadership of Lydia Hill and Ronda Rynda, has been doing an amazing job! With many thanks to our MCH employees, Yvonne Waggner and Travis Barnett, we have been able to really get going. Yvonne is currently working on getting our cash register operating so we don't have to hand record our sales. If you see Yvonne or Travis, be sure and give them a HUGE thank you for helping us with this endeavor. This project isn't just about earning a couple of dollars for our Auxiliary but, more importantly, about getting ourselves "out there" to be ambassadors for MCH. The SNF residents, employees, and hospital visitors have been very appreciative of the gift shop and the smiling faces on every single gift shop volunteer. Thanks to all who have been involved in this project!

Volunteer Recruitment Day will be April 20th at San Moritz Lodge. This event is from 9-4:00, but you do not have to volunteer the entire day. Please contact Holly Carver if you want to help out at this event. Last year, we met and welcomed two amazing women who then joined our auxiliary. It would be awesome if we could get our name out there and recruit some new, wonderful members. The more the merrier!

Our next General Meeting will be April 12, 10:00, in the George Medak Conference Room. It would be great to see y'all there!

Well, if April is "coming in like a lion" I know that I, for one, am excited to have it "go out like a lamb." How about you?

Elaine Tipton, Auxiliary President

April Birthdays



- 3.....Melissa Coates
- 19.....Hortencia Jurado
- 22.....Nancy Crawford
- 24.....Jaye Tarango

April Calendar

- 1.....April Fools
- 2....Autism Awareness Day
- 12....Board Meeting @ 9:00
General Meetings @10:00
- 20....Volunteer
Recruitment Day
- 20....National Volunteer
Recognition Day
- 28....National Superhero Day

General Meeting at 10:00

on Friday, April 12th

in the George Medak Conference Room

This day is National Grilled Cheese Sandwich day!!

Reminder

For the
April meeting



A reminder from Ronda:
Judy Weber
and
Jeannie Venturini
volunteered to bring
refreshments

Volunteer Recruitment Day

On April 20th the 3rd annual Volunteer Recruitment Fair will be held. The event takes place at San Moritz Lodge, 24640 San Moritz Dr. in Crestline. It begins at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help by taking a shift at the MCHA table, you can contact **Holly at (951) 733-9898**. The shifts are **9:00-12:00 / 12:00-3:00**. All that is required is a smile and enthusiasm to “share” the auxiliary.

Even if you choose not to volunteer at the Auxiliary table, it's an interesting event to attend as dozens of organizations from here on the mountain, most that depend on volunteers, are represented. You never know, one may spark your interest.

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to send your hours to Hortensia.

They don't have to be itemized, just grouped by specific month

National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Volunteer Recognition Day is observed every year on April 20th so it is fitting that the mountain recruitment day falls on that date. As the name suggests, it is a day to honor, recognize and celebrate the selfless individuals who volunteer their time and energy to help others and promote good causes...and that is each of you!!

Organizations celebrate their volunteers throughout the month of April but specifically, National Volunteer Week which is April 21-27 this year. The national theme is “Celebrate Service – an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve.”

In that light, know what you do for MCH is appreciated by many!

A tisket, a tasket.....

the green & yellow & pink & blue & purple baskets were a HUGE success!!

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter baskets...
YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

We had lots of candy, chocolate bunnies, stuffed animals and toys to fill 46 baskets til they were very full.

A special thanks to Hortensia, Jeanne Hoy, Lydia, Pat, Shannon & Zee from Skilled Nursing who worked on Monday to assemble the baskets.

On Tuesday Pat and I sold the baskets to the staff. Lydia sold her handmade cards along with candy gift packets, chocolate bunnies and decorated eggs from the candy company down the mountain.



I was told by Yvonne that we took in \$924.50. **That's a record!**

Thank you!!

**Christi Schneider,
Easter Basket Chairperson
(AND the bunny squad)**

See more pictures on the last page



Save the date!

The Le Grand Picnic
will be on Sunday, July 21st

Bake Sale

Nine members baked for the sale held in the Solarium on Friday, March 29th. Between them, they donated a great variety including a coffee cake, 3 pies, a pan of layer squares, 3 dozen cupcakes and 4 dozen cookies of which several large ones were beautifully wrapped with Easter decorations inside. All in all, especially considering employees had just purchased Easter Baskets a couple days prior, the sale was a success bringing in about \$200 for MCH.

Thank you!

Bonnie Currier & Judy Weber
Bake Sale Chairs



We celebrated Mar May's 100th birthday at the February general meeting. What a treasure she is! Some Centenarian stats and quotes were included in the February newsletter, but Mar Mary had a few of her own words of wisdom to share (and I hope I captured them correctly!)



- She never followed any special diet or everyday routine but attributed reaching this milestone to good genes and an optimistic view (and maybe a glass of wine helped.)
- She typically plays Bridge 3 days a week.
- And she volunteered in the MCHA Gift Shop for 22 years, working her last shift on the day it closed (due to Covid) On the upside, she commented how much money she saved once it closed.



The Kiosk has been a great start in preparing employees, SNF residents and hospital visitors to what the future holds for our Gift Shop.

A big thank you to Lydia for getting the wheels in motion (literally!), the Foundation (Kim and Abby), Hospital staff (Yonne and Travis) as well as so many others working behind the scenes to make the kiosk a reality.



Gift Shop



Kathy was a good sport modeling the Wonder Women accessories.....
and speaking of accessories, the MCHA apron signed by members as a reminder
of us, has its own special place in her new home.
Bake on, Kathy!!



Silly thought to ponder.....

If you water it and it dies, it's a plant.
If you pull it out and it grows back, it's a weed. Gallagher (comedian)