

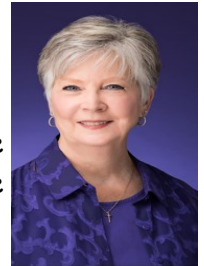
The Manatee Messenger

May 2018

Connie Lesser, Editor



From the desk of your President, Connie Lesser



I believe everyone that attended the Volunteer Week festivities had an enjoyable time. During the Tuesday event the volunteer gifts were distributed and during the Friday event several attendees won door prizes. As usual, the food was delicious.

Thank you to Jason and his crew from Food & Nutrition, and to Jason Fultz and Michael Lariscy from the Thrift Shop, Sally Scarborough, Gift Shop manager, Vernon DeSear, VP and AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS for serving. The Sunday church service was very nice with Blake volunteers hosting a reception after the service.

AnnaLuisa, Raleen & I attended a SHVL (Southeast Healthcare Volunteer Leaders) conference in Lexington, KY last month. We heard some very good speakers present some interesting topics. Our very own, AnnaLuisa presented two sessions.

Last month, AnnaLuisa, Raleen Reiher, Carolyn Richardson, Pat Ellis and I attended the AFHAV West Central District Meeting which was held at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota.

We are looking for a few good men or women

The nominating committee has met to begin their search for prospective candidates to serve on the Auxiliary Board for 2019. This year we are trying something a little different. We are only searching for Directors at this time. Their duties are to attend monthly meetings, co-chair vendor sales and attend special events. If you think you might like to be considered for a position, please email me at connie.lesser@ushinc.com. Please tell us why you would like to serve and what you think you could contribute. I will forward your emails to the committee for consideration.

Quote of the Month

*To make a difference in someone's life,
you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect.
you just have to care.*

~ Anonymous

"Volunteers Soaring With Inner Radiance"

From the desk of AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS



We all know that April showers bring May flowers and we were certainly showered in April, showered with blessings, that is! At the beginning of the month Carolyn Richardson, Senior Advantage Program Volunteer, and myself met with Ship & Shore Travel. It has been decided that Senior Advantage will begin to offer excursions and trips for those members of Senior Advantage. Two big trips coming in 2019 will be to Tuscany, Italy and the northern US National Parks. More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned!

The Society for Healthcare Volunteer Leaders Annual Conference held in Lexington, KY was great, although a little chilly—like, “snowflakes” chilly. Indoors, however, there were good workshops and a chance to see some new vendors for our lobby sales. New ideas abounded and I wanted to run back to Florida and put them ALL into practice (and get warm)! It will take time but look for some exciting changes to come.

Volunteer Appreciation Week went well and I hope that even if you did not attend any of the events, you still felt the hospital's and my appreciation for all that you have given of your time and talents to volunteering. If you have not received your token of appreciation, a blue travel tumbler which says, “Volunteers are the heart of our team”, please stop by the volunteer office or see Jason at the Thrift Store.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the West Central District meeting for the Association of Florida Healthcare Auxiliaries/Volunteers. It, too, was a learning experience, although there were only a few directors in attendance. We had a chance to hear from the director of volunteers for Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota and again got some great ideas that I hope to implement, particularly in recruiting and retaining good volunteers.

Finally, the latest blessing is that the new DeSoto Queen who was crowned on Friday evening is none other than one of our own, Alysha O'Dell. She has been a Summer Teen for the past two years and was waiting to turn in her application for this year until after the events of DeSoto Week were over. Since she won the title of DeSoto Queen, she will be spending this summer traveling the country and to Spain, representing Bradenton. We thank her for her service in the past and wish her well in the coming, exciting year ahead.

I see the May flowers budding already as we prepare for the summer months ahead!





Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Norma Brunson
Director/Pastoral Care



I once read about a couple that loved to share their musical talents with seniors at retirement centers. They played the cello and the harp. On one of those occasions, the wife told the audience that she was going to play a piece entitled, *Claire de Lune* by Claude Debussy. One hard of hearing resident asked another sitting next to her, "What did she say?" The resident replied, "She is going to play Fruit of the Loom."

Obviously, something broke down in this communication. I think of times when I have not clearly understood someone and have missed the intent of their words. Sometimes the intent of the heart and the words of our mouths don't match. At other times the thoughts in our minds blur the words we are hearing from another. So while we can chuckle at the residents' humorous misunderstanding, it is good to remember that clear communication and active listening enhance the potential for healthy and rewarding relationships.

Meet Our New



Seated L—R: Kathleen Kowalski, Kalia Aguera, Karen Champion, Annette Shively

Standing L—R: AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS, Richard Macklin, David Qaisi, Connie Lesser, President

Foundation/Auxiliary Philosophy of Giving

The MMH Foundation/Auxiliary's mission is to support MMH in providing compassionate and dedicated care to all those who are in distress of mind or body. We serve more than 50 departments within the hospital such as the Information Desk, file clerks, patient transporters, Gift Shoppe, Thrift Shop assistants, shuttle drivers, spiritual care providers and many more. As an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization, we also make substantial contributions to charitable organizations in our community in the form of grants, donations and scholarships.



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Jason Fultz, Manager

Located at 4517 Manatee Avenue W.



We are seeing our friends from the north starting to head back home. Hope you have a great summer and can't wait for you to come back in the fall! We will miss you.

In March our sale were \$61,538 up from last year by \$6,900. We did \$4,918 at the half price sale. Thank you to everyone that came out to help with the sale!!!

Donations have slowed down for us, which allows us to catch up on things that we fell behind over the last few months. We have been getting slammed with furniture pickups and our truck is booked out for 2 to 3 weeks.

We could not do what we do without our great volunteers. Thank you so much!!!

SHOP WHERE YOUR DOLLARS STAY IN MANATEE COUNTY.



MAY I say how much I enjoyed serving and visiting with the Auxiliary members who came to our Volunteer Week Brunch? MAY I also thank AnnaLuisa Huffman for suggesting that we serve our Volunteers? What a great idea!

In this month of MAY, we are celebrating our Hospital and Nurses for the remarkable work they do. We have Florence Nightingale, considered the founder of modern nursing, to thank for our celebration. The week of May 12 was chosen for Hospital and Nurses Week to honor the day of her birth, May 12, 1820.

As I write this MAY newsletter article, it is April 25, Administrative Professionals Day. What a busy day it has been here in your Gift Shop! We have served 158 customers, with an average sale of just under \$8.00. Having sold everything from candy to flowers to Vera Bradley and jewelry, it was a very successful day! Thanks so much to Kathy and Phany for being here to help!

Please join us for our Mother's Day Sale, MAY 8-12, which is also during Hospital and Nurse's Week. We'll have special treats!

We'd like to wish a fond farewell to all the volunteers who are leaving for places in the north to enjoy the cool summer weather; especially those from the gift shop! We'll miss you and hope you have a great summer (and come back soon)!

Shophe on the River salutes ALL of Manatee Memorial Hospital and Auxiliary for the wonderful work you do. Every day we hear visitors remark about how nice and friendly everyone is here. We thank each of you very much!



Volunteer Hours April 2018

Connie Lesser, Hours Chairman



100 HOURS

Karen Ervin
Kelvin Foster
Laura Fulk
Nancy Hahn
Joann Jones
Thomas Sams

1500 HOURS

Marilyn Garland
Judy Newlin
Maria Olvera

3000 HOURS

Lata Patel

3500 HOURS

Donna Budd-Jack
Carolyn Keller

4500 HOURS

Judi Bianca
Mary Norwood

2000 HOURS

Winnie Rusch

9000 HOURS

Fred Barnes

500 HOURS

Donna Schneiderhahn
Shirley Trackwell

2500 HOURS

Richard Young

4000 HOURS

Bill Freije

16,000 HOURS

Audrey Dodge



SUNSHINE REPORT

Karlene Rowland, Corresponding Secretary



GET WELL

Bob Revels
Vita Aziz
Sally Leeper
Richard Gross



SYMPATHY

AnnaLuisa Huffman
Family of Jane Winkler



THANK YOU

Ladies at Tree Lake Resort



THINKING OF YOU

Beverly Dietsch
Connie Lesser
Melba Barinka
Judy Schwanz
Brenda Lopez
Nancy Newman
Deanna Warner





Celebrate Women's Health Month!

Join us for an after-hours party from
5:30 to 7:30 pm at one of our four locations.

**3-D
Mammography
is Here!**

Celebrate this Special Month and Raise Awareness of Breast Cancer

Riverside
Wednesday, May 9
(3-D Mammograms available)
300 Riverside Drive East
Suite 4300, Fourth Floor
Bradenton, FL 34208

Pointe West
Wednesday, May 16
(3-D Mammograms available)
2301 60th Street Court West
Suite C
Bradenton, FL 34209

Parrish
Wednesday, May 23
11255 US 301 N, Suite 105
Parrish, FL 34219

Arcadia
Wednesday, May 30
833 North Robert Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266

Light hors d'oeuvres served
Mini manicures, music and giveaways!
\$50 digital screening mammograms for non-insured patients.

Please R.S.V.P. by scheduling your appointment at **941.747.3034**



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Introduction to Hands-Only CPR

The American Heart Association and Manatee Memorial Hospital invite you to learn the importance of Hands-Only CPR, as well as the basic techniques.



Tuesday, May 15 | 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

During the monthly Healthy Hearts Support Group meeting

Manatee Memorial Hospital - Tower Auditorium
206 Second Street East | Bradenton, FL 34208

To register for this event, please call 941.745.6874

WHY LEARN HANDS-ONLY CPR?

Each year, more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States.

- When a person has a cardiac arrest, survival depends on immediately receiving CPR from someone nearby.
- According to the American Heart Association, about 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival.

** Please note, participation in this training does not count as credit toward CPR Certification.*

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Mother's Day

May 2018



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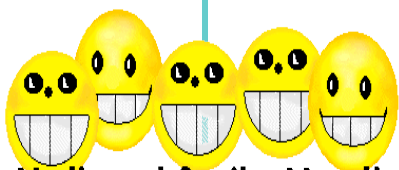
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