INSIDE AFHAV

Association of Florida Healthcare Auxiliaries/ Volunteers, Inc.

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Spring 2017

Welcome to spring and summer. I wish each of you the best of both seasons. The AFHAV Board has been busy starting with our February Board Meeting. We met at the Embassy Suites in Altamonte Springs. Mary Green, Annual Program Committee Chairman, brought us up to date on the program. The format for the program is taking shape. Pat Ellis is very excited about our Trade Show. They both would welcome any positive suggestions you might have that could make our Annual Conference a success.

I would like to share with you all some of the things we have done and will be doing the rest of this year. Since the February Board Meeting I have attended and participated in the Installation of new Officers for the Auxiliary at Broward Health Medical Center. I also attended a Mini Meeting at Jupiter Medical Center in early March. Because of the closeness of the Mini Meeting and the South District I decided to cancel and reschedule the District Meeting. The date is now June 6, 2017. Rounding out the month of March I attended East Central's District Meeting at Palm Bay Medical Center. Congratulations to Pauline Daniel and Pam for planning and hosting an outstanding meeting. Your hard work really paid off.

Mary Green, Pat Ellis and I attended the Southeastern Healthcare Volunteer Leaders Conference on Williamsburg VA. We were able to attend some very interesting breakout sessions; heard an exciting and dynamic speaker. We were also able to network with Vendors and Pat personally visited every Vendor in the Trade Show. We are hoping to get many of the Vendors and possibly one speaker. The Southeastern Healthcare Volunteer Leaders has a name change. It is now the Society of Volunteer Leaders. This change will allow them to include Leaders from other parts of the US and hopefully will increase their attendance and membership.

Future commitments will include Mary Green and me attending the American Hospital Association Conference beginning May 7th in Washington DC. Since I am a member of the Committee on Volunteers I will travel DC on May 4th and Mary will join me on May 7th. We attended the West Central District Meeting at Ft Myers, April 17th. Judy Boles, Ann Schwartz and I will conduct the Installation of Officers at Palm Beach Gardens. We will then go to Northeast District in Jacksonville. Then it's on to Northwest's District Meeting in the Niceville and our AFHAV Board Meeting. Again, the last Annual District Meeting of the year will be in the South District in June.

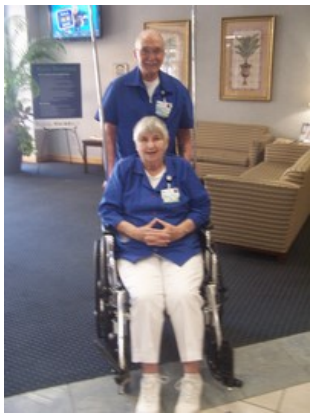
The AFHAV and the FDVS Committees met in Ocala at the Ocala Hilton on April 14, 2017. We discussed the possibility of joining together for this year's Annual Meeting in October. We hope this will be a win win situation for both groups. I will keep you informed we work together to make this happen.

Don't forget to put the Annual Meeting on your calendar. Remember the dates and place; October 19-21, 2017; Hilton Ocala, Ocala FL.. Looking forward to seeing you there.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER *Roz*

From Around Florida

NW District



THE DWYER'S JOIN THE AUXILIARY

Elizabeth (Liz) and Micheal are a husband and wife team that work together to make the medical center guests and patients feel welcome. We have two other couples in the auxiliary which are Diana and Don Wade and Sherry and John King that are truly valued, volunteers. The Dwyer's work together on the same shift as escorts which is very impressive.

The Dwyer's have lived in this area in Navarre since 1999. For a little history of this couple is that they are both ex-navy, they met in Pearl Harbor Hawaii some years ago. Since that time Micheal went on to a career in the Navy of over twenty years. Both Liz and Michael retired from working in the US Post Office. In the past the Dwyer 's raised catfish in Cherry Lake, Florida near Madison Florida. They have two son's Mike and Mark which are both in the Navy. The Dwyer's are a valued part of the Medical Center Auxiliary.

THE AUXILIARY GOES MARDI GRAS

Thanks to Eleanor Shambo for taking this photo of our resident New Orleans Mardi Gras patron. Do you know who is in the picture? Well, it's Sherry King she works the information desk for the Medical Center Auxiliary. The Mardi Gras is a fun time around this area of the Florida Panhandle.

Here is a couple of Mardi Gras facts: 1. Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" in French. With Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent, a 40 day period of fasting before Easter, Mardi Gras is the "last hurrah" of sorts, with participants indulging in their favorite fatty foods and drinks before giving them up. 2. The official colors of Mardi Gras are purple, gold and green. Purple signifies justice, gold means power, and green stands for faith.

NANCY DePRISCO IS AWARDED THE FRIST AWARD

Nany has been a volunteer for many years now since the days that the hospital was on Hospital Drive downtown. Her smiling face has been welcoming Medical Center visitors for a long time. She is always cheerful and is always ready to help in any way she can. She not only volunteers in the Medical Center she volunteers at St. Mary's Catholic Church as an active member of the Catholic woman. She is also a active participant of the Nights of Columbus.

Nancy truly goes above and beyond and contributes to people's lives daily. This is why she has been awarded the Frist award that shows her outstanding ability to greet, perform escort duties and work at the front desk. Her dedication to her day duties makes a difference to everyone that works and volunteers in the Medical Center. She truly deserves this award for the way she assists patients, her fellow workers/volunteers, and medical center guests.

This award is for those that represent the outstanding performer and Nancy is a true representative of this award. Congratulations to her for being awarded this honor.

WHY DO PEOPLE VOLUNTEER?

By David Richards

In the past, it was thought that individuals volunteered strictly for altruistic reasons. The good Samaritan that goes out of their way to aid a stranger. It was the noble thing for someone to lend a hand for the greater good of humanity.

Most people volunteer to gain career experience, to build their resume. Develop skills or learn new ones. Also, volunteer work enables others to make contacts with people in their chosen career. This would not be the main reason for volunteering with the Auxiliary.

Some people volunteer to build self-esteem, to make themselves feel better. To feel needed, to feel that they have a place in this world. To feel like they are making a contribution to society.

And some people do it because they want a better understanding about different people or the organization they serve, "bridging the gap," so to speak, to better understand their community and themselves.

However, I volunteer to give back to my community. I am grateful for the help I received from others. When I was in school or the service, I gained from volunteering programs.

Whatever makes you volunteer keep it up, Volunteering is the ultimate payback. Your desire to give back to the community is renewed by the fact that you made a difference.

So I implore everyone to find a cause and volunteer. Because not only will you be helping others, you will be helping yourself as well..

WC District

Left to Right:

Noreen Hodges (Aux Pres)

Carol Bonanno (Co-Chair)

Roberta Yancey (Aux member)

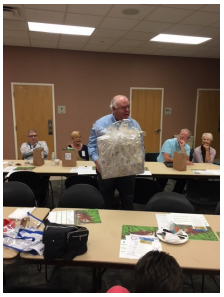
Joann Mazzei (Co-Chair)

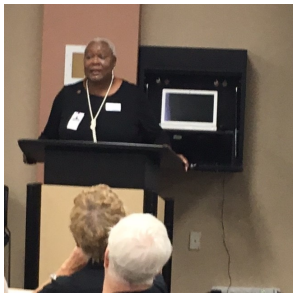
75 Guests, 50/50 took in $1,800

Please email me your newsletter so I can include your hospital in this “From Around Florida” section in future months. AFHAVeditor@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Vernon DeSear, Foundation Executive Director and Connie Lesser, Auxiliary President. They are recipients of an "honorary girl" award at the Just for Girls Annual Luncheon. They were honored in recognition of the support the Foundation has given to the Just for Girls organization over the years. Pictured with Vernon and Connie is Becky Canesse, Executive Director, Just for Girls.

West Central District Meeting Photos:





Upcoming AFHAV Events

April 27—Northeast District Meeting

May 18—Northwest District Meeting

July 10-11 AFHAV Board Meeting

October 21—AFHAV Board Meeting

May 6-9 AHA Annual/ SAL Meeting

May 22-23 AFHAV Board Meeting

October 19-21 AFHAV Annual Meeting and Educational Conference, Vendor Trade Show

South District

Broward Health Medical Center Installation

NE District

Did you have an amazing Fund Raiser?

We are all looking for great fund raising events. So, send me an article about your great fund raiser and I will share your event with everyone in the next issue of Inside AFHAV. Please send your article to AFHA-VEditor@gmail.com.

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Please Update Your Organizational Information

Every year all of organizations have changes in officers and possibly your hospitals Director of Volunteer Services or similar position. In order to keep AFHAV records up to date, we ask that you please use the form on the next page to let us know of any changes.

Please send all changes to AFHAV Secretary Sherry King at the address or email on the form.

Thanks for being a part of AFHAV and we hope that you are all doing well.

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MEMBERSHIP DATA ENTRY FORM

Complete this form for a new member or changes in current member information.
Return to: Sherry King, AFHAV Secretary, 1695 Highway 98 West #303, Mary Esther, FL 32569 **Email:** sheking@aol.com

Auxiliary / Volunteer Group Information Below:					
Name of Auxiliary / Volunteer Group:					
AFHAV District (Check One) ☐ East Central	☐ Northeast	☐ Northwest	☐ South	☐ West Central	
Month You Change Officers: _____	Total # of Volunteers _____	TAV (Check One): ☐ Yes	☐ No		
Name of President / Auxiliary Leader:					
Address:		City and Zip:			
Email:	Phone:	Cell:			
Name of President Elect or 1st Vice President (Specify Title):		Phone:			
Gift Shop Manager:		Newsletter Editor:			
Any other information about your auxiliary or volunteer group you would like to share with AFHAV:					

Health Care Facility Information Below:			
Hospital Name:		Mailing Address:	
Physical Address:		City and Zip:	
Hospital Phone:	Fax:		
Type of Hospital (Check One) ☐ NP (Not for Profit)	☐ IO (Investor Owned)	☐ Government	Number of Beds _____
Name of CEO, Administrator, President (Specify Title):			
Name of DVS, Liaison, Coordinator, Manager (Specify Title):			
Email:	Phone:	Fax:	

Date: _____ Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

Contact Information: _____

Revised: April 2017

Your Board of Directors has been working hard on the Annual Conference and Vendor Show that will take place at the Hilton Ocala on October 19,20, and 21st. Below is a photo of one of the working meetings with the Hilton Ocala staff. We hope to see you all in Ocala this October!!! Please mark your calendars!!!

Hilton Ocala

October 19-21,2017

Main Entrance

Trade Show Venue

Pool Area