

The Manatee Messenger



June 2018

Connie Lesser, Editor

From the desk of the President Connie Lesser



Here we are into June already.....my how the time flies. We will be welcoming the summer teens this month. Be sure to let them know they are welcome and how much we appreciate their time and service. They will be a huge help taking up the slack for our snowbirds that left for the summer.

We sponsored a scrub sale last month with Scrub Club. This was a "Courtesy Sale" for the employees who have been so wonderful to patronize our vendor sales throughout the years. This time we brought the store to them. The employees were very pleased.

AnnaLuisa and I have been working on getting the new Volunteer Tracking program up and running. We hope to have it ready by June 1st. This program looks like it will be much more efficient for all the information we need to keep. I'm sure you will not have a problem with signing in or out because it will look pretty much the same as before. If you have questions, give AnnaLuisa or me a call.

The Nominating Committee is still looking for candidates to consider for the 2019 Auxiliary Board. They are currently looking for Directors only. If you think you might be interested, please email me at "connie.lesser@uhsinc.com". Please state why you would like to serve and your qualifications. I will forward your message to the committee for consideration. You must be a year round volunteer and have volunteered for one year or more.



If you have a change of address, phone number, email address or marital status, please let us in the Volunteer Office know. Also, if you know of a volunteer who is in a hospital other than MMH, is ill or has lost a loved one, please let us know so that we can send a card.

Quote of the Month

The meaning of life is to find your gift.....
The purpose of life is to give it away.

~ William Shakespeare

*From the desk of the DVS
AnnaLuisa Huffman*



Looks like we are finally into the summer months, although it has felt like it for a few months already! We have 90 Summer Teen Volunteers who will be starting the first week of June. They will be with us until August 3rd when we will have a farewell party for them. Everyone seems excited to have them helping us, especially since they can fill in the "holes" left by our Snowbirds, although they will never be able to take your places! My focus for these teens this summer is "Service Excellence in the Patient Experience". I am hoping to enable the students to spend more time visiting with patients, learning to attend to their needs, answering call buttons and putting a smile on patients' faces.

On the morning of June 8th we will be visited by 25 students from the Future Leaders Academy of Unidos Now. This is a college-prep program that targets low-income, first-generation Latino students and focuses on preparations for college, leadership training and community service. If anyone is interested in assisting me in leading a tour group of 10-12 students around the hospital, please let me know. It is helpful to have some tidbits of Manatee Memorial Trivia, because the students will "eat it up!" The morning tour will be followed by a panel discussion with several doctors so the students will have a real understanding of what it takes to become a physician. And we give them lunch-what could be better?!

To all the Fathers, Grandfathers, great-Grandfathers, and those who "act like my father" in caring for me and watching out for me, I want to say, "Bless You!" Thank you for giving of your spare time to come to the hospital or thrift shop. Thank you for filling in when someone is sick or taking a trip or just needs some time off. Thank you for your strength and dedication to your volunteer positions. I am truly blessed to know you and to work with you. Enjoy your Month!

So batten down the hatches, mates, we are about to endure a YOUTH INVASION!





Thrift Shop News
Jason Fultz, Manager
 Located at 4517 Manatee Avenue W.



April was a great month with sales of \$51,068.89...up from last year by \$3,622.07.

We are in our off season so our customer count has dropped. But, we are still having some great months.

We have been re-organizing the store over the last few weeks. We have had some great responses from the customers. Stop in and take a look....you might find something you can't resist.

Shop where your dollars stay in Manatee County



Shophe on the River
 Manatee Memorial Hospital
Sally Scarborough, Manager



May was a very busy month in your Gift Shop. We had an especially good Memorial Day Sale, just concluding as I write this. We thank all of you who support us with your purchases! Whether it's a soft drink for your ride home, a greeting card or something more ... every purchase helps us raise money for the Manatee Memorial Foundation.

We love it when hospital visitors find a pleasant and calm refuge in the shop. Outside of our door, very serious things occur every day. Inside the shop, we try very hard to create a peaceful oasis for our guests and staff. We hope you will come in and see us during these warm (and rainy!) summer months.

We're looking forward to meeting our new teen volunteers soon. What great young people they are. They're a pleasure to get to know!

Thanks so much for your service to our community and hospital.

Meet Our New



Seated L-R: Milca Flores, Deirdre Fowler, Ronnie Backes, Sheila Jacobsen, Boryana Walker
Standing L-R: AnnaLuisa Huffman, DVS, Lorraine Castleberry, Marlene Yonko, 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.



Volunteer Hours Report
May 2018
 Connie Lesser, Hours Chairman



100 HOURS

Irene Kelly
Robert Lennon
Montelle Miller

1000 HOURS

Neal Long

2000 HOURS

Tom Murray

3500 HOURS

Marcia Shepard

5000 HOURS

Nancy Lawton

6500 HOURS

Liz Evans

14,000 HOURS

Mary Jo Murray

28,000 HOURS

Connie Lesser





Sunshine Report
 Karlene Rowland, Corresponding Secretary



GET WELL

Lenora "Bunny" Schneider
Melba Barinka
Sally Leeper
Marilyn Jeffrey
Dick Gross



THINKING OF YOU

Tom Murray
Sally Leeper



SYMPATHY

Hank Larson





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Teen Orientation #1 & New Member Orientation 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Teen Orientation #2 	13	14 	15	16 <i>Flag Day</i>
17 	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30