



Cape Coral Hospital Auxiliary

Newsletter

January 2019



Letter from the President, Carol Anderson

Last year this time, I was stepping out of my President-Elect shoes and in-to the President's. It was exciting, exhilarating and frightening! But thanks to a wonderful board, we accomplished many things. In all, our businesses, fundraisers, and FUNdraisers have raised a whopping \$1,700,000! That's incredible. We have approved over \$500,000 to Cape Coral Hospital. Little things mean a lot. For example, we approved a request from the Teaching Garden volunteers for \$275 for supplies. (Please take the time to visit the garden next to the Sports Medicine Rehab by the Healthy Life Center). But also, big requests; 3 new Volkswagons (trolleys), a new truck for the Purple Polo Thrift Store, the Uniform Store expansion, and many more projects are in the works. Also, volunteers in our businesses alone, have given over 21,000 hours of their time. Thank you all. Looking forward to a successful year ahead.

- Carol Anderson

Financially speaking, the Year 2018 in review

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was a busy time. The Auxiliary paid out \$674,069, some of which was for projects approved in prior fiscal years. The Auxiliary pledged an additional \$253,071 including funds for the expansion of the Uniforms and More store. You probably noticed the construction when signing in at the kiosk.

This would not be possible without the work of the volunteers who staff the various businesses of the Auxiliary. A big *THANK YOU* for all your time and effort.





Where Does The Money Go?

In recent months (through November), the Board of Directors entertained various requests for funds. Here is a summary of those requests that were approved.

\$8,495— 100 hurricane cots for hurricane billeting (for employees staffing the hospital during a hurricane)

\$10,194— Turbo Oven for Dietary and Food Service

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\$5,970— Recumbent bike and recumbent cross-trainer for Pulmonary Rehab Department

\$7,000— Comfort Bears for pediatric ER patients

\$7,000— Start-up expenses related to a “Patient Clothing Closet” in Cape Coral Hospital

\$1,000— Adopt-a-Family gift card program administered by Human Resources Department for CCH employees

\$752— I-Pad and case for pediatric patients in ER



The Auxiliary's Sewing Group is in need of 100% Cotton Fabric to make cough pillows. If you have any cotton fabric to donate, please drop off at the Volunteer Resources Office



What is the Patient Clothing Closet?

Maybe you have not thought about it, but often a patient's clothing has been ruined before receiving emergency treatment.

Some patients may not have the resources or local family support to buy or bring clothing to the patient. So the patient must be discharged wearing hospital gowns. This situation was noted during Leadership Patient Rounds.

Medical Director, Dr. Harry Alberti asked for a review to address discharge clothing needs which occurs approximately 30 times a month.

Hospital staff (Patricia Crowe -3 West Director, Sharon Ballard — Case Management, and Suzie Killeen— Guest Relations) met with Volunteer Director, Jeri Grimes to come up with a solution. The result was a request for the Auxiliary to create and maintain a closet with various clothing items which can be given to these patients at the time of their discharge.

The Auxiliary agreed to take this project on as their own and will provide inventory tracking and work with the Uniform Store who will be ordering clothing supplies as needed.

Have You Seen This Truck?



This is the new truck for the Auxiliary 's Purple Polo Thrift Shop. If you have furniture and larger items you want to donate to the thrift shop this is the truck that will be coming to your door.

In case you have not noticed the thrift shop has had significant renovations in the past year, both inside and out. These included a new name and branding to the Purple Polo Thrift Shop. All proceeds benefit our healthcare system to include, but not limited to, medical equipment and nursing scholarships.



An elderly couple had been experiencing declining memories, so they decided to take a power memory class where one is taught to remember things by association. A few days after the class, the old man was outside talking with his neighbor about how much the class helped him.

"What was the name of the instructor?" asked the neighbor.

"Oh, ummmm, let's see," the old man pondered. "You know that flower, the one that smells really nice but has those prickly thorns, what's that flower's name?"

"A rose?" asked the neighbor.

"Yes that's it," replied the old man. He then turned toward his house and shouted, "Hey, Rose, what's the name of the instructor we took the memory class from?"

Volunteer Anniversaries

Congratulations, and a warm thank you to the following volunteers who have reached some milestone years of service during the months of June, July, August, September and October, 2018.

Five Years: Jacqueline Minich, Linda Cudney, Harry Hoffman, Jane McWilliams, Shirleen Tassin, Marion Bovard, Linda Hooper, Linda Senter, Carole Sharo, Mary Hopper, Maria Tiuso, Abraham Hernandez, Charlotte Jamison, Susan Schuman, Loretta White

Ten Years: Jim Broody, Judy Eggert, Marilyn Workman, Margaret Eckhardt, Michael Freedman, Sue Twin-ing

Fifteen Years: Emily Mormann, Christine Roscioli, Mary Lou Weiler, Iris Wilson, Betsy Vandercar, Margaret Lann

Twenty Years: Carl Greenman, Helene Okerstrom, Norrine Seils, Maria Gesty, Clem Moors

News from...



Anticipated opening for the newly renovated Uniform Store is mid-January. Our fresh new store will feature 3 dressing rooms and more room for displaying merchandise. Look for great sales after the opening and chance drawings for scrub sets.

What's New at *Coral Tree Gift Shop*

We are starting the year off right with lots of new merchandise. Come in on January 24th and celebrate National Belly Laugh Day with us and get 25% off gifts that day. Valentine's Day is around the corner and we have lots of fun things and candy for your special Valentine! Shop early for best selection.

What's Happening at *Fresh Garden Cafe & Catering*

Happy New Year, Everyone! The Pro Shop in the café is having their annual, "After the First of the Year" Sale!!! Take 30% off all clothing!! Come check out our new food items on the menu. We have a great selection of healthy foods. Don't forget about your catering needs for this year. We are ready and available to cater your next party. Call us at the Fresh Garden Café, (239) 424-3233. We'll be happy to serve you.

News from Across the Street at



As you've read, we are proud to be driving around our community in a new truck for donation pick-ups and furniture deliveries. The graphics offer good advertisement for our business. Want to make a donation? We can help. Stop by or call to coordinate a pick up at 772-4443. Our truck runs Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Come see what's new in our showrooms. We're open Monday through Friday, 10 am—5 pm and, Saturday, 10am—5 pm.

2019 Upcoming EVENTS

Mark
your
Calendar!

January

29th - 30th Dynamic Shopping

Main Lobby * 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

31st Dynamic Shopping

Santa Barbara Prof. Bldg.

10 am – 3:00 pm

February

4th - 5th Shader Jewelry

Main Lobby * 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

6th Shader Jewelry

Santa Barbara Prof. Bldg.

10 am – 3:00 pm

14th Valentine's Day

March

17th St. Patrick's Day

19th - 20th One Touch Linens

Main Lobby * 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

21st One Touch Linens

Santa Barbara Prof. Bldg.

10 am – 3:00 pm

24th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

10 am Auxiliary Meeting Room

April

22nd - 23rd Lionne Designs Jewelry

Main Lobby * 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

24th Lionne Designs Jewelry

Santa Barbara Prof. Bldg.

10 am – 3:00 pm

21st Easter

Outside Fundraising Adventures:

- ♦ **ALASKA CRUISE—June 21—29, 2019:** 7-Night Cruise aboard NCL Joy with an overnight stay in Seattle. Starting at \$1,666
- ♦ **WEEKEND BAHAMAS CRUISE—September 27—30, 2019:** Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas with trip including round trip bus to Miami. Starting at \$521



New Volunteers

September

Ezra Bruno—3 North
Debra Burmood—Gift Shop
David Figueroa—4 West
Brenda Giase—Ambassador
Cynthia Harper—Day Surgery
Betty Kotowski—Healthy Life Center
Lancing Little—Volunteer Resource
Sylvia Maynard—4 North
Sandra Michel—Spiritual Services
Jessica Nguyen—Blood Donor Center
Stephanie Robb – Day Surgery
Jessica Route—ER Treatment
Sandra Shifler—Day Surgery
Karen Tota—Main Info Desk
Richard Weatherwax—Folkswagon
Vicki Williams—Day Surgery

October

Marcella Bailey—Central Transport
Paul Baker—Uniform Store
Virginia Birgy—Uniform Store
Brandon Garcia—Healthy Life Center
Joel Garcia—Healthy Life Center
Yonell Hernandez-Beresford—3 West
Travis Johnson—Central Transport/Folkswagon
Ashley Jordan—Clinical Lab
Kassidy Keys—ER Treatment
Allison McLain—Rehabilitation Center
Stephanie O’Dell—3 West
Martha Pelayo—ICU 2nd Floor
Pablo Ramirez Silva—Central Transport
Lisa Roberts—Emergency Department
Timothy Sampson—Folkswagon
Gasinee Sangopsantisuk—Child Development
Nancy Skidmore—Family Birth Place Floor

Volunteers Needed

If you have some spare time and would like to add an additional shift, the following positions are available: Discharge Lounge Greeter; Emergency Dept. Greeter; Emergency Dept. Transporter. Contact Janine Barnes at the Volunteer Resource Office for more information, 424-2206.