

The Manatee Messenger



December 2018



Connie Lesser, Editor

From the Desk of the President Connie Lesser



Here we are in December...about to say "Goodbye" to 2017. This year has gone by in a flash. Soon we will be installing your new Board of Officers and Directors.

In June, we held a "Courtesy Sale" with Scrub Club for the employees. I'm happy to report that Scrub Club has made a generous donation to the Auxiliary in the amount of \$2000. We are most grateful for this donation. They have also donated scrubs for patients who are discharged and have nothing to wear home. The Thrift Shop is good about sending clothes when needed. However, scrubs are unisex and can easily fit most anyone.

We held a Masquerade \$5 Jewelry sale last month. Sales were \$7,120.85 and our 20% was \$1,331.00. This month we will hold our last sale of the year. It will be with Collective Goods on Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th. Be sure to come by and shop for some last minute Christmas gift items.

We will hold our Christmas Brunch on the 21st of this month. It will again be held in the Auditorium. We are limiting attendance to 80. Please sign up in either the Volunteer Office or Thrift Shop. If you sign up and cannot attend, please let us know so we can give your seat to someone on the waiting list. Information for the Brunch is further in this newsletter. Sign up begins Monday the 3rd and deadline is Friday the 14th.

Last month, several of the Foundation board members attended the SCF Scholarship luncheon to honor the recipients. We currently have 12 medical scholarship recipients attending. It was nice to meet them and learn about the medical fields they were going into. At the end of the luncheon there was a "paddle raise" held to raise donations.....they raised over \$50,000. Suncoast Credit Union was gracious enough to match the first \$10,000.

I wish all of you a very merry Christmas! If you are traveling, please return to us safely.



"Volunteers Soaring with Inner Radiance"

From the Desk of your DVS AnnaLuisa Huffman



The ribbon on the wreath outside our office door says, "Volunteers are a Gift", so I looked up the definition of the word, "Gift" in Meriam Webster and here's what I found.

- 1 : a notable capacity, talent, or endowment
- 2 : something voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation
- 3 : the act, right, or power of giving

Using this definition, I believe that Volunteers are truly a gift to Manatee Memorial Hospital and the Auxiliary Foundation. Each of you brings to your department/position, certain talents that maybe you did not even know you possessed. By the very nature of volunteering, you are an endowment to your department; you make someone else's job easier, less cumbersome and enable them to give excellent patient care and customer service.

The second definition even includes "voluntarily". I marvel at how freely you give of yourselves, day after day, week after week without thought of compensation. Well, maybe you do it for the free meal, but my guess is "NOT". You give from the heart, compensated with the satisfaction that you are helping others.

The third definition relates to my position as director, because I have the privilege of working with all of you "Gifts". You have given yourselves to the Thrift Shop, the hospital, the fundraisers, lobby sales and you have given your time to attend the many events we host (again, maybe it is for the food!). You continually amaze me with your strength and love for one another and those we serve.

Volunteers REALLY are the best Gift! and I am most thankful for all the "Gifts" I have been given! May you have a very blessed holiday season!

Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

---Og Mandino

Volunteer Heroes



A very special **Thank you** to those who volunteered to help in the Laboratory when the chutes went down. There was a lot of running back and forth to the outpatient building, to the ER, to the different nursing units on every floor! Martha Sutherland, Director and all the nurses and lab workers were full of praise for the great job the volunteers did. You make me so very proud. Kudos to **Valerie Schiller**, Volunteer Extraordinaire! Also **Gerry** and **Jackie Spierenberg**, **Pat Dennis**, **Gerry Sturn**, **Bob Lennox**, **Karlene Rowland** and **Cristina Dicusar**. It was exhausting but everyone recognized your efforts. I am most grateful, too!



Holiday Brunch



When: Friday, December 21st

Where: MMH Auditorium

Time: 10am – 12pm

Menu

Catered by Popi's

Sign-up deadline:
Friday, December 14th

French Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon & Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy
Hashbrowns
Fresh Seasonal Fruit
Chicken Tenders
Honey Baked Ham
Greek Pastries
Orange Juice, Coffee, Sweet Tea



Book Now
& Save
\$150
Per Person



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ADVANTAGE PROGRAM
Of Manatee Healthcare System
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Find Out More!
December 11, 2018
6:00 pm
Manatee Memorial
Hospital Auditorium

Canyon Country

featuring Arizona & Utah

Departing September 13 – 20, 2019

Highlights...

Scottsdale • Oak Creek Canyon • Kaibab National Forest • Grand Canyon •
Lake Powell • Choices on Tour • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion
National Park • Las Vegas

8 Days • 10 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 4 Dinners

BOOK NOW: Double \$3,224; Single \$4,124; Triple \$3,174

Regular rates: Double \$3,374 ; Single \$4,274; Triple \$3,324

** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Tampa Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$275 per person

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. *(See registration form for consent.)*



Reflections of Italy

Departing November 4 – 13, 2019

Highlights...

Rome • Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Siena • Florence
• Chianti Winery & Cooking Class • Venice • Choice on
Tour • Murano Island • Milan

10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 4 Dinners

Book Now
& Save
\$200
Per Person

BOOK NOW: Double \$3,624; Single \$4,224; Triple \$3,649

Regular rates: Double \$3,824 ; Single \$4,424; Triple \$3,849

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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Tampa Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$4,990

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THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Jason Fultz, Manager

Located at 4517 Manatee Avenue W.



October was a great month with sales of \$48,800. November started off slow but has picked up.

Our half-price sale was on Saturday, November 17th. We had an excellent turnout with sales of \$6,003.44. We had a few volunteers out with it being a holiday week, but we had great help from the hospital with Vernon, AnnaLuisa, Connie and a few others. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped get ready for the sale by pricing, cleaning, sorting and running the registers.

We continue to get more and more donations.

Shop where your dollars stay in Manatee County

A Friendly Reminder

It's very important that you let us know if you have a **change of address, phone numbers, email address or name change**. We often communicate with you by email and that is also the way you receive your newsletter.

Meet Our New



Melissa
Bosley



Mary
Donato



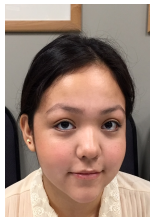
Joanne
Lindsay



Kelly
Prince



Ivy
Proffitt



Ruby
Ramos



Barry
Stephens



Roxanne
Stephenson



Carolena
Thomas

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.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"It's the greatest mistake to do nothing because you can only do a little.
Give what you can, and do it together. That's the power of one.
Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
~ Dan Zadra**



***Volunteer Hours Report for
October 2018
Connie Lesser, Hours Chairman***



100 HOURS

Nancy Coffey
Sheila Jacobsen

3500 HOURS

Lucy Fuller

9000 HOURS

Don Gadd

2000 HOURS

Malcolm Norwood

6500 HOURS

George Humbert

9500 HOURS

Pat Ellis



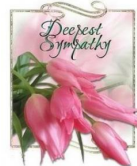
***Sunshine Report
Karlene Rowland, Corresponding Secretary***



Johnny Robinson
Coralie Viner
Juanita Adams



Woodland Village
Knit-Wit's
The Source Church
Tamara Dutcher
Ladies of the Moose-Palmetto
Margaret Beaubien
Imperial Lakes
Loving Stitches Ministry
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church



Sally Scarborough
Norma Brunson
Joanne Webster



Norma Brunson
John Rombough
Raleen Reiher
Terri Lamitie





December 2018



	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Hanukkah	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 New Member Orientation Orientation	11	12	13 Collective Goods Main Lobby 7AM - 4PM	14 	15
16	17	18 Auxiliary Board Meeting	19	20	21 Holiday Brunch The First Day of Winter	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28 	29
30	31 Bring on the NEW YEAR!					