

Cathy's Corner

Here we are in February already! It's time to plan our strategies for the year. We've got projects to plan and work on and need ideas for future projects. Please plan to attend the meeting on Monday, February 13th. Meetings are your opportunities to share your ideas for the Auxiliary. I'd love to meet more of you and hear your thoughts. We do have some fun at the meetings. After the December meeting we held a Christmas party. We brought canned goods for the hospital's Christmas Joy project. We had some food and drinks and took time to visit with each other. It was very nice to spend a relaxing time with friends. Also a necklace was found on the floor after the party. The owner may claim by identifying it at the Gift Shop.



Books Are Fun

We will have our next book fair on Thursday and Friday, February 23rd and 24th. The book fair will be held in the Community Connection room across from the Snack Bar. The hours for the sale on Thursday will be 10 AM – 4 PM and the hours for the sale on Friday will be 7 AM – 2 PM. Spread the word and be sure to stop in at the sale. There is always a good variety of books and gift items. After shopping stop in at the Snack Bar and treat yourself to something tasty!



Flower Sale

Our Christmas flower sale was held on December 16th. We had volunteers at the lobby entrance and at the South Center Avenue entrance. Our profit for the sale was \$210. Thanks to Rosie Cappo for organizing the sale and the volunteers that work. Please think about helping with the next one. It is nice to sell beautiful plants to brighten up the day!



Election of Officers

According to the Auxiliary By-Laws, the election of officers shall be held at the April General Membership meeting. A slate of candidates shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee and submitted to the membership ten days prior to the April meeting. Members eligible to vote may propose from the floor any candidates for the office.



Membership Meeting

Monday February 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Somerset Hospital
Conference Room 423.

We will have some Valentine refreshments that evening. If you know someone who would enjoy working with our group please bring them to the meeting. We are always looking for people with the volunteer spirit! See you then!



Visit the Gift Shop

Stop in at the gift shop to see the Valentine and Spring merchandise. You just might find that special gift you need. There is quite a variety of gift items to choose from and your support of the gift shop benefits the auxiliary.



The Giving Tree Project

The Giving Tree kick-off was held on December 9th in the hospital lobby. Thank-you to everyone that contributed to this project! We had wonderful gift baskets, tasty baked goods and delicious lunch items. Thanks to those who worked the donation table, the ticket table and those who served the food items. Three cheers to the committee who worked this project for the third year in a row. Their goal was to raise \$50,000 in three years for In-Touch Hospice and they surpassed the goal by \$253. The total raised this year is \$17,488.25. Super job everyone!



And now...we need to plan for next year. Jodi Walker was the chair for three years and did an outstanding job. Most of the past committee are the hospital's business office staff. They are ready for a well-deserved break. We need another group or chairperson to step up and run with this for next year. Get a friend and be co-chairs of the project. I'm sure we can get guidance from the past committee members. Please consider this and call me if you are willing to help. There are many auxiliary members who always help with this project. We must carry on with the work for In-Touch Hospice!

New Clinical Director for In Touch Hospice

Melissa Mulhollen of Somerset has been named the Clinical Director for Somerset Hospital's In Touch Hospice Program based at the In Touch Hospice House on North Center Avenue in Somerset.



Mulhollen will be responsible for the day to day operations of the In Touch Hospice Program. This includes supervision of the hospice house and the home hospice staff, budgeting responsibilities, maintaining a quality assurance program and providing oversight to the volunteer and bereavement programs.

Berlin Medical Center Now Offering PT Services

Somerset Hospital has officially opened a new outpatient physical therapy center at the new Berlin Medical Center on Main Street in Berlin. The site is Somerset Hospital's first off campus physical therapy center. The new center offers a full range of physical therapy, including services for joint replacement, neck and back pain, sports injuries, arthritis and neurological disorders. Brittney Latuch will be the physical therapist at the new facility. She has a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from St. Francis University.

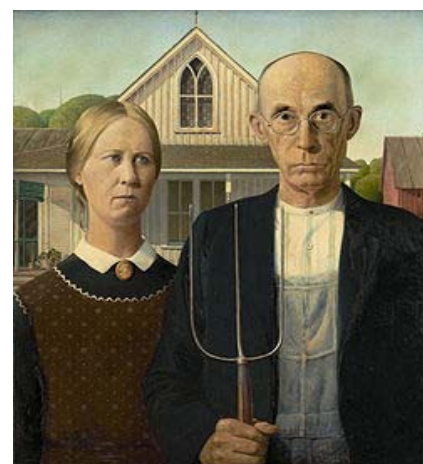


Caring and Sharing

Geri Mitchell will send a card from the auxiliary to members who are ill or who have lost a loved one. We just need to let her know by calling 445-4822. It's a new year so let's get more involved! Volunteer for some projects, come to some meetings or call other members and work on something together. Call with your thoughts and ideas if you can't get to the meetings.



The Hayloft Project



Keep the dates! Peggy Hay & Connie Fisher are co-chairing the dinner theater project to be held at The Hayloft near Rockwood on July 27th and 28th. This is a big project with opportunities for many volunteers to participate. There is always fun at the Hayloft!

Harold Kaufman Employee of the Quarter

Harold Kaufman of the Materials Management department is the Somerset Hospital Employee of the Quarter for October to December 2011.

