

Connections

Newsletter for the hospital volunteers, students & friends of Roper St. Francis Healthcare

December/January 2019/20

We wish every member of our volunteer and student team a happy holiday season. Your acts of selfless giving each day make a difference in so many lives. Thank you for making our jobs a pleasure!

*Joan Perry Lynne Steele Laurie Glass
Rebecca Buffum Judy Blewer*

Socks & Skivvies Drive



Show your care with underwear! Socks and underwear may be the most needed and least donated items in homeless shelters. Last year we donated over 1,100 items. Look for bins in the lobby and consider donating new men's and women's socks and underwear. Cash donations welcome. The drive runs until 12/15.

New Year Baby Baskets

Welcome our New Year babies in style by bringing in a newborn item - clothing or toy. Volunteer managers will put together lovely gift baskets for first boys and girls born in each facility.



Flu Shots - Last Call

We owe it to ourselves and our patients. Don't volunteer or shadow after 12/1 if you haven't had your flu shot. Shots are still available during regular office hours in the Employee Health offices. If you received yours elsewhere, bring in the documentation.

Youth Service Recognized



Lowcountry students were honored for community service by the West Ashley Optimist Club and two RSFH volunteers were included.

Madison Mummert attends Bishop England. She volunteered transporting patients for the Ambulatory Care Unit at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in 2018 and completed the SCRUBS mentoring program in 2019. She is hoping for a career as a Physicians Assistant.

Evelyn Howe attends Charleston County School of the Arts. She is an honors student and a talented singer. Evelyn volunteers in transport, discharging patients at Roper Hospital and completed the SCRUBS mentoring program in 2019. Her goal is to become a surgeon.

Awards & Nominations

We love writing nominations. We think each volunteer deserves to be proclaimed! Most nomination opportunities are based on some heartwarming story. If you encounter a human interest story related to your volunteer role, let us know.

We also love featuring volunteer spotlights in this newsletter. If you have never been featured, let your manager know and powder your nose for a photo op!



RSFH Teammates Signed 1,900 Cards for Heroes for Active Duty Service Members



Dates To Remember

Volunteer Holiday Luncheons

Details and sign up in Volunteer Lounges
Consider bringing a donation to the Socks & Skivvies Drive!

Roper Hospital

12/6 - 11:30 a.m., Irene Dixon Auditorium

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital

12/12 - 11:30 a.m., Mall Classrooms

RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital

12/13 - 11:30 a.m., Sena Café

RSF Berkeley Hospital

12/16 - 11:30 a.m., Berkeley MOB Classroom

Getting to Know You - RSF Mount Pleasant



Elizabeth Shuster moved to Mount Pleasant almost a year ago from the West Coast of Florida, where she and her husband Jack had lived since their retirement in 2001. She and Jack were high school sweethearts after meeting during her junior year, and have been married for fifty-five years.

Elizabeth became a nurse, and then a full time mother raising four children. Two are in Texas, one in Maryland, a daughter locally in Mt. Pleasant, and 12 grandchildren.

Elizabeth started her own fitness business in 1980, knowing her nursing background would be helpful. She purchased a sound system, created workout tapes, and taught aerobic and step classes five days a week, five hours a day. She is still very active and works out three times a week.

Elizabeth volunteers as a Mammography Hostess (pictured with teammate Melaine Susong) and receptionist in our Surgical Waiting room. When asked why she likes to volunteer and she said, "I love people and to be of help. Volunteering soothes my nursing soul." She enjoys reading, and just joined a book club. She loves music and theater, and will soon train to be an usher at the Dockside Theater. Elizabeth is a gem. We have enjoyed getting to know her and feel fortunate she joined our RSF Mount Pleasant volunteer family.

RSFH Alphabet Soup

Volunteers searching for patient room numbers at Information desks soon learn the RSFH alphabet but as we grow a refresher is in order. In the computer system the facilities are designated as:

- A:** Roper Hospital
- B:** Former Roper Hospital North. Not in use.
- C:** Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital
- D:** Roper Saint Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital
- E:** Roper Saint Francis Berkeley Hospital

Example, if a patient is listed in ERC, it means they are in the Emergency Department at St. Francis Hospital.

Getting to Know You - BSSF Hospital

Rodney Clay grew up in Queens, NY and studied virtual reality at Oral Roberts University. He worked at the World Trade Center at the age of nineteen and was in the city during 9/11.



He has always been excited and fascinated by the future. He enjoys science, is interested in time travel, space and robotics and in his spare time is developing an online adventure game.

Rodney had spent part of his childhood in the Lowcountry and attended Berkeley Middle School. He returned to be close to family here. He has been exploring career options and volunteering in phlebotomy has been a way to serve as well as explore opportunities in healthcare. He has been a great gift to the busy phlebotomists at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital.

Getting to Know You - RSF Berkeley Hospital



Carol Reis was born and raised in Newport, KY and has a sister and brother. At the age of 18, she attended the University of Cincinnati majoring in Fashion Design with a clear vision of her career path and successfully stayed with it.

Carol moved to NYC to begin a twenty-one year career in fabric design and product development. She travelled to the Middle East, Europe, Hong Kong, Taipei and the Far East in the 80's. She worked for Mays, Catherines and Walmart, traveling to the far east five times in one year. Carol has been to India (her favorite destination) and took a safari in Dubai.

Carol shared examples of her current art projects, below. She retired to South Carolina nine years ago, and is now a gallery consulting artist at "Art on the Square." We are privileged to have Carol volunteering at RSF Berkeley Hospital.



Happy New Year 2020!

Learn from yesterday, live for today,
hope for tomorrow.

Anonymous

Volunteer News:

- Thanks to Lillimae Kendrick, Myra Ledbetter, Carl Singleton and Marilyn Madden for assisting with Teammate Giving campaign t-shirt distribution day.
- RSFH teammates are contributing new and gently used children's books for Reading Partners to send home with elementary children from Goodwin Elementary over the holidays. You are invited to bring a book to Nursing Services offices before 12/18.
- Keep an eye out for details on holiday festivities in each hospital facility including ugly sweater contests, food trucks and gingerbread contests.
- Thank you to volunteers who made Halloween so much fun! Costumes around the system were incredible. Thanks to Libby Norton who brought in her 1972 Ford LTD for the Seventies theme photo op at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital.



Roper Hospital:

- The next RH Lunch Bunch will meet 12/13 at 12:30 p.m. at Rutledge Cab Company. \$5.00 burgers and \$1.00 fries. All welcome!
- Nell Duffy and Betty Saulisbury both turned 91!
- The Teacher's Closet sent a lovely thank you for our recent donation of school supplies.
- Thank you to Frank Condon who is retiring after 28 years of service in the transport department.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital:

- Creative? Plan to pick up a gingerbread house form on 12/6 for the decorating contest judging on 12/17.
- Interested in learning to knit newborn hats on an easy circular loom? Let Joan Perry know and look for an upcoming learning session announcement.
- Congrats to Susan LaShomb on her new job in Dr. Lally's ophthalmology practice.

Mount Pleasant Hospital:

- Thanks to all who participated in our Clemson vs Carolina food drive! The food was donated to the ECCO food pantry.
- Congratulations to Nick Dennis on his new grandson.
- Join fellow MPH volunteers at Costco on Tuesday, 12/17 at 12:30 p.m. for a hot dog or piece of pizza and a drink for just \$1.50.



RSF Berkeley Hospital:

- Congratulations to Berkeley Hospital. The Joint Commission surveyors informed leaders that they have issued accreditation to Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital. Meanwhile the new hospital has been regularly exceeding all admission expectations.

Interim RSFH leadership

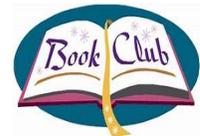


Two Roper St. Francis Healthcare leaders have been tapped to serve side-by-side as interim executives during the national search for a new president and chief executive officer.

Anthony Jackson (pictured above left) will serve as interim chief operating officer, and Dr. Chris McLain (pictured above right) will serve as interim chief physician officer.

Volunteer Book Club

With Ursula Limpert



Two well-known authors present newly-published books just in time for the cold months ahead.



The 19th Christmas by James Patterson with Maxine Paetro, follow detective Lindsay Boxer and the Women's Murder Club as the holiday spirit is ruined by a fearsome criminal seizing control of the headlines with a planned deadly surprise for Christmas morning. Detective Boxer finds the month of December suddenly upended as she tries to avoid a tragic holiday as menacing threats arrived at her office.



Local author Karen White's new book, **The Christmas Spirits on Tradd Street**, takes us to the Tradd Street home of a young couple anticipating a joyous holiday with their twin toddlers. But ongoing excavation of a centuries old cistern in the garden of their historic home becomes a major problem. Locals are anticipating unearthing Colonial era artifacts involving a long lost Revolutionary War treasure chest rumored to have been brought from France to help the then ongoing war effort. With hints of ghosts visiting the Tradd Street home and the knowledge that someone at large was threatening to gain possession of the treasure at any cost, the story quickly becomes a holiday thriller.

Both books are available now at your local book store and library.

Happy Birthday

12/01 Charles Olimpio
12/02 Gretchen Tremann
12/05 Lynnette Donovan, Michael Lumpkins
Roseann Teckman
12/06 Bonny Luthy
12/07 Evelyn Brown, Charlotte Parker
12/08 Christine Nadobny
12/09 Deborah McDonald, Marka Rodgers
12/10 Patricia White
12/11 Mary Kunsman, Roberto Sto Domingo
12/12 Denise Roberts
12/13 Doris Williams
12/15 Karen Pinson, Donald West
12/16 Bruce Chodash
12/18 James Glover
12/19 Charles Tremann
12/20 Nicole Grimmer, Lucas Hanagriff
12/24 Brenda Parker
12/25 Charlie Black
12/26 Patty Fulmer
12/27 Charlie McCall
12/30 Randall Shealey
12/31 Gerard Vollmer
01/01 Olivia Jung
01/03 Susan Norris
01/04 Harold Tillman
01/08 Jean Gill
01/09 LeighAnn Faulkner, Zyne Scharite
01/10 Haley Bowen, Lynn Branton, Barbara Evon
01/11 Gary Gardner, Harriette Watson
01/12 Vivian Hodges, Maria Valcarce Martinez
Alexis Waters-Peterson
01/13 Laurie Glass
01/16 Cecil Hernandez
01/18 Ginny Hodges, Loutrez Scott, Dana Walters
01/19 Rindy Fernandes, Jui Patel
01/20 Delores Diggs
01/22 Harry Douty, Jr.
01/23 Carol Gibson-Bauman
01/24 Cecilia Velte, Elizabeth Yarborough
01/26 Arlene Christel
01/27 Sarah Moore, Elena Smith
01/29 Anne Tanzola

Welcome New Volunteers:

Roper Hospital: Welcome Charlie McCall, Rachel Ewald and Weijun VanLith to the SCRUBS mentoring program and Paul Farthing to the Spine Clinic Mentoring program.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: Welcome former SCRUBS student Jose Martinez back to volunteer in the ED and Lilliemae Kendrick who has kept busy filling in!

RSF Berkeley Hospital: Rebecca Buffum continues to welcome and place new volunteers including: Gerri Raffa, Edna Arcobascio, Lindajean Robinson, Kay Travinski, Janie Rosner, Nancy Schwanke, Ken Schwanke, Jeanine Johnson, Dot Bills, Nancy Hause, Claire Hudson, Carol Piazzola and Pat Gosnell

RSFH Volunteer Opportunities:

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: We welcome volunteers interested in serving at the Cancer Center Reception Desk on Wednesday afternoon, Phlebotomy Escort on Monday afternoon, Mammography Hostess on Monday and Friday afternoons and a golf cart driver is needed on Fridays. Call to brainstorm other opportunities.

Roper Hospital: Lynne Steele welcomes help Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the Information Desk and in the Volunteer office on Tuesday's.

RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital: Laurie Glass seeks a Wednesday afternoon volunteer for the Surgical Waiting Room starting in December. Volunteers are needed for the MOB Information Desk on Thursday and Friday afternoon, Cardiac Rehab Escorts most afternoons and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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