

# Connections

Newsletter for the hospital volunteers, students and friends of Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Charleston, SC May 2018

## Volunteer Week Festivities 2018 RSFH Volunteers Served 85,265 hours in 2017



## Dates To Remember

### Uniform & Shoe Sale

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital  
Mall Classroom #3

5/2: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. & 5/3: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Nurses Week is May 6 - 12

Let our nursing team know how much we appreciate them. An extra thank you to our many volunteer nurses!

### Nurses Night at the Riverdogs

5/7: 7:05 p.m.

See details below

## Join Nurses Night at the River Dogs!

The Charleston RiverDogs will celebrate Nurses Night on Monday, 5/7, and we're encouraging all interested teammates, friends and family to join the fun at the game as well as for discounts on tickets, food and drinks.



The game will be at 7:05 p.m. at Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park. Tickets cost \$5 each, beer is \$1 and hot dogs are \$1. You can buy tickets at <https://bit.ly/2JXBUSV>. The password to buy the tickets is "nursesnight."

## Getting to Know You - Roper

Karen Hopkins was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. Her family moved to Columbia, SC in the early



70's. Karen married Layton, her high school sweetheart after graduation and they had four children and four grandchildren.

All of Karen's children moved to Charleston except son, Marcus who settled in Raleigh, N C. Karen soon moved to Charleston to be closer to her three children Jake, Jason and Jessica.

Karen was educated in early childhood development and spent most of her working life working or volunteering in that field. She worked for Discovery Schools and Kingdom Treasures. Karen is a member of Lord of the Harvest Church where she also volunteers. She also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. She enjoys reading, biking, gardening, music and relaxing on her porch.

Not ready for retirement, she started school again and recently earned her billing and coding certification at Virginia College. Karen connected with Roper Hospital to complete her certification and joined the volunteer team. She has been filing for the Roper Rehab Hospital and working at the Information Desk. She is often heard to say, "Be the best you can be at whatever you do!"

## We Get Mail!

Do you wonder if clerical/office volunteering is appreciated? We received this lovely note about Barbara Partner's gift of service to the Engineering Department:

*Barbara is such a blessing! She accomplishes so many projects with excellent results. She enters all the data for RSF utility bills, reorganizes filing cabinets, assists with record storage. She arrives on time, dresses professionally, keeps any eye out for and reports any facility problems, picks up paper, cleans the sink. If she sees something out of place she takes action. She is outstanding!*

Carolyn Brown, Administrative Assistant, Engineering

## Getting to Know You - MPH



Neen Durkan was born in Washington, Pennsylvania. She started her college career as an Art Major, but after the first year changed tracts to become an RN. She spent her career as an Ob/Gyn nurse and also worked in the OR. For a short time she sold OR packs for Kimberly Clark before joining her husband Joe in the family cheese business in 1982. The company manufactured, distributed and imported cheese. Neen and Joe retired in 1996.

Neen and Joe have been married for thirty-eight years. They have three children and three grandchildren. Neen loves golf and has been playing for twenty years. She has a 31 handicap and is shooting to get it under 30. She is part of a women's golf group, Wine & Nine, that started as friends playing golf and has grown to a group of forty. As one might guess, they shoot nine holes of golf and then meet in the club house for a glass of wine.

Neen volunteers in ICU on Mondays and states, "This is a very special place. The staff is phenomenally talented and compassionate and the Mount Pleasant volunteers are all amazing!"

## Leaving Active Service

As summer approaches some members change schedules and we welcome new students and volunteers. Should you leave active volunteer service or your student observation role for any reason, be sure to contact your coordinator to close your health file and turn in your ID badge. Things happen, life gets busy! If you are inactive without notice for a month we need to place you on "inactive" status to keep our files current so keep us in the loop. All the best to our student team at this busy time of year and congratulations to new graduates. We are proud of you!

When will our country find leaders with integrity, courage, strength - all the family values - in ten, twenty or thirty years? The answer is that you are teaching them, loving them and raising them right now.

Barbara Bush

## News:

- Welcome Lisa Cottingham as the new Director of Mission for Roper St. Francis Healthcare. Lisa is based at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital but serves the entire system. She has graduate level studies in Theology along with a background in marketing and organizational development.

### Roper Hospital:

- New ID badge readers have been placed on both entrances to the Roper Hospital volunteer office. Simply move your badge close to the black box outside the door for the doors to open. This project was funded by Mark Dickson, VP Missions after Joan Perry, Director of Volunteers was concerned about safety in the volunteer office. Remember to wear your ID badge!
- Thanks to Ilene Holland who welcomed CEO and President Lorraine Lutton as she job shadowed a volunteer during volunteer week!



### Bon Secours St. Francis:

- Congratulations to former volunteer, now paid staff Jonathan Monge who has been hired to work in PT at St. Francis. Jonathan had been a practicing Physical Therapist in Costa Rica.
- Note MD office changes with the addition of RSF Physician Partners Ob/Gyn to Suite 312.
- Thanks to Charlie Black who is currently a member of four different advisory boards for Roper St. Francis! Along with the CIN, IRB, Patient & Family Advisory Council he is now a member of the Professional Standards & Credentialing Board.
- Congratulations to Jessica Vaughan who won first place for the day in her equestrian event at Mullet Hall on 4/22.

### Mount Pleasant Hospital:

- Bob Driscoll was nominated for the Acts of Kindness Award by a fellow volunteer for going above and beyond in caring for a patient. He received a letter from Lorraine Lutton and an Acts of Kindness pin.
- Congrats to Elizabeth Milazzo! Elizabeth who is a junior at Wando HS and volunteers in the ICU. She was chosen to represent her school at the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) conference.
- The MPH café has added a new coffee bar. Treat yourself to one of their specialty drinks!
- Thanks to Donna Blake, Mary Hritz and Denise Roberts for the Car Care bucket they put together. It was won by Muriel in Medical Records. Thanks to everyone who contributed items! Richard Neapolitan and Bonny Luty each won



baskets raffled by the Pathways To Excellence team which funds nursing scholarships.

- Denise Roberts and family welcomed her newest granddaughter, Lilly Sophia, weighing 8 lbs 6 oz.

## Getting to Know You - BSSF

Lucreatha Johnson grew up in Mississippi but spent her forty-year working career in a steel mill in Michigan. She began as a safety officer and retired as a supervisor. She retired to Hollywood, SC in 2004 and discovered a love for country living.



Lucreatha has three children and four grandchildren. Daughter Cassandra Holt works in the Phlebotomy Lab at St. Francis Hospital, Ricky Williams and Ashanti Vaughn live in Michigan.

Lucreatha is a member, usher and Sunday school teacher at Mt. Moriah church. She is a member of two quilting clubs and enjoys walking and fitness. She exercises twice a week at the Bees Ferry community center and is looking forward to the West Ashley Senior Center opening.

## Caught in the Act!



Jerry Holst was caught in the act - the act of cleaning up! He grabbed a broom to sweep up litter in the Cancer Center. Golf cart driver Bob Weaver borrowed a bottle of cleaning spray and scrubbed down the seats of the St. Francis golf cart and Twiggs Randall asked for a "claw" to pick up litter in the parking lot. On a recent rainy day, Neil Stitt (pictured above) was caught in the act of mopping the floor in the Mount Pleasant Hospital MOB building. Visitors were dripping water from umbrellas and she took it upon herself to keep them safe!

We are judged by the cleanliness and appearance of our facility. Thanks to everyone who lends a hand to keep our hospitals looking their best.



## Happy Birthday!

5/03 Joan Fabian  
5/04 Ursula Limpert, Mary Britt McDonald  
Edith Oshinsky  
5/05 Richard Schramm, George Valko  
5/06 Ramona Tepper  
5/07 Lauren Sullivan, Ashley Tuttle  
5/10 Connor Eckard  
5/11 Philip Cook  
5/12 Janie Kramer  
5/13 Robert Gebo  
5/14 Anita Durkan, Florence Jackson, Gale Matthews  
5/15 Rodnasia Broderick  
5/17 Maryann Czarnecki  
5/18 Robert Weaver  
5/19 Noel Poff, Twiggs Randall  
5/20 Christine Constantine, Katherine Kracov  
Hope Masters  
5/22 Marilyn Shaw  
5/23 Darla Ryan, Margaret Stypa  
5/25 Eileen Anderson, William Heck, Sharon Wolcott  
5/26 Joann Gibbons  
5/29 Janet Hills  
5/30 Hannah Fogle  
5/31 Thomas Leopard, Karin Stewart  
Judy Volkman, LeRoy Weathers

## Students Learn Healthcare Skills



RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital Women's Infant & Children teammates welcomed thirty-four area high school students for an action packed SCRUBS U career night.

## Welcome New Volunteers:

**Roper Hospital:** Welcome Abigail Perry, Megan Minchak - 6 East nursing unit; Andrea Wilkes - Admitting Office, Griff Hagan - Eucharistic Minister, Connor Crull - SCRUBS Mentoring program, Danielle Wilcox - Rehab Mentor, Drew Moore - Spine Clinic Program, Alexia Tadros - 6 Petit nursing unit.

**Bon Secours St. Francis:** Welcome Hannah Fogle into the SCRUBS Mentoring program and Lydia Janaskei, Kendal Spivey and Madison Reeves as they earn Physical Therapy Observation Hours.

**Mount Pleasant Hospital:** Welcome Bonny Luthey - Surgical Waiting Room Receptionist and Ricky Miller - ACU/PACU.

## RSF Volunteer Opportunities:

**Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital:** Joan Perry is looking for Information Desk help for Saturday afternoon and volunteers interested in staffing the West and West MOB Information desks. If you have a welcoming smile, basic computer skills and are willing to become familiar with the facility we will train you!

**Roper Hospital:** Lynne Steele welcomes volunteers interested in serving in the Same Day Admissions area on Tuesday or Wednesday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. or any part there of and for the Information desk on Thursday mornings.

## RSF Volunteer Contact Information:

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