

Connections

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

May 2019



RSFH Volunteer Week Festivities
RSF Volunteers Served 83,360 hours in 2018!

Dates To Remember

Memorial Service

Memorial Service for volunteer Norma Gebo
BSSF Chapel, 5/2: 1 p.m. All welcome.

Collective Goods Sale

Roper Hospital - Irene Dixon Auditorium
Monday, 6/3: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, 6/4: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Getting to Know You - MPH



Jean Autullo is from Tiffin, Ohio. She retired to Ocala, Florida, where she traded in a twenty-five year career in bookkeeping, for twenty-two years of golf and sunshine. In 2010 she moved to Mount Pleasant to be closer to her son Larry and daughter-in-law Cyndi. She has two other children; daughter Vickie Jean in Tiffin, Ohio and son Terry and his wife Sharon in Pemberville, Ohio. Jean has eight grandchildren and

eight great-grandchildren. She is looking forward to granddaughter Ali's upcoming Charleston wedding in May.

Jean teams up with volunteer Jim Merryman and therapy dog Molly on Tuesday mornings answering phones, greeting patients and giving directions at the main desk in the hospital lobby at Mount Pleasant Hospital.

Jean loves to read and has done a lot of crafts throughout her life. She states, "I am very grateful to be working at Mount Pleasant Hospital and for the wonderful new friends I have made here." Thanks, Jean!

Celebrating Retirement



Three long-term volunteers were recognized for service at the annual volunteer luncheon as they retired from active volunteering. Pictured left to right, Matt Desmond - Chief Administrative Officer RH, Charles Williamon (14,550 hours) - Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, Paul Russell (2,360 hours) - Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, Ed Ritchens (3,606 hours) - Roper Hospital, and Mark Dickson, VP Mission. Thank you gentlemen!

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers from the Charleston area visit all three of our inpatient facilities at Roper Hospital, Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital and RSF Mount Pleasant Hospital bringing the Eucharist to Catholic patients during the often stressful time of a hospital admission.



Eucharistic Ministers from Nativity Church, Maureen Minaudo and James Anderson.

RSF Eucharistic Ministers are a dedicated and caring group who served over 1,200 hours in 2018. These twenty-seven men and women represent their churches and serve in our facilities. They visit during the week, on weekends and even on holidays. We appreciate their patience as we ask them to comply with hospital volunteer safety, health screenings and HIPAA training.

Thank you to all RSFH Eucharistic Ministers for the time and commitment spent comforting our patients through the years.

Celebrate!

National Nurses Week

May 6 - 12

National Hospital Week

May 12 - 18

Look for festivities in your facility.

We are grateful for our many volunteers with careers and backgrounds in healthcare who now serve as volunteers at Roper St. Francis Healthcare.



Volunteer News:

Roper Hospital:

- Cathy Quattrone passed out snacks to Matt Desmond - Chief Administrative Officer during volunteer week at RH.
- Congratulations to Lisa Beauford! Lisa won the kitchen clock by guessing the number of beans in the jar in the volunteer week contest.
- Information desk mini-classes were a success. If you want one-on-one training or have questions contact Lynne Steele.
- Beth Beaty, RN 5 East Medical Surgical unit, created this one of a kind artwork out of frequently used disposable medical materials. We are proud to boast that Beth started with us as a RH volunteer!



Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital:

- Thanks, mentors! We are blessed with professional staff teammates who are willing to mentor eager aspiring health care providers and one of the best is Larry Harris. Larry is a Physician Assistant with RSF Physician Partners Neurosurgery & Spine group. Students on PA career tracks are eager to get a chance to see what the role involves. Pictured with Larry is Karina Hinrichs who has been enjoying the shadowing experience.
- Thanks to Jessica Vaughan for the miles walked, checking every MD office on campus to keep our directory updated.



Roper Mount Pleasant Hospital:

- National Nurses Week is May 6 – 12. We recognize and thank our MPH volunteers who are themselves retired nurses. They bring a wealth of experience to their volunteer role: Stacey Sampson, Mary Henriksen, Doris Miller, June Bell, Pari Towle and Elizabeth Shuster.
- Welcome Chaplain David Hudspeth to MPH! David is married to Elizabeth Hudspeth - a triage nurse with Partners OB/GYN. They have two sons, Aaron and Jonah. After retiring from the USAF in 2004, they left Charleston to pastor a church in Lapeer, Michigan. They returned in 2016 to be near family and David started his education in chaplaincy in 2017.



Getting to Know you - BSSF

Karin is a self-described “military brat” born in Bad-Kissengen, Germany. Her father was in the Air Force and she spent the first twelve years of her life travelling all over the world before settling in the U.S. Karin was educated in Charleston and majored in art at USC. Married to husband Edward for fifty-two years, they have three children and seven grandchildren. With family currently living with them, a new rescue pup brings the current household total to six dogs!



Karin is excitedly anticipating an upcoming family trip to Germany where she will visit the town she was born in.

Karin spent years as the business manager for the Charleston Ballet Theater and Footlight Players. She worked at Grace Episcopal and Christ Church Episcopal doing administrative work and taught herself desktop publishing to edit and publish church bulletins. She worked at MUSC Children’s Hospital and as Director of Public Information for MUSC Institute of Psychiatry. Karin has always been creative and loved art, fabric and yarn. She works on intricate quilt and needlework projects and has taught at area yarn shops.

Karin volunteers in the Operating Room Waiting Room and at the Information Desk. She enjoys working with the public and the fresh and interesting challenges each day brings.

Welcome Summer Students & Volunteers

Take a breath and hold on tight as we welcome college and high school students in shadowing and volunteer roles to our facilities this summer.

Some students arrive offering to lend a hand while others are in shadowing and mentored roles. Please welcome their energy and enthusiasm! These are our future health care providers.

The SCRUBS summer camp will be held June 12 - 17.

Volunteer Book Club

With Ursula Limpert



In honor of Nurse Appreciation week, a recommended title is **The Language of Kindness: A Nurse’s Story** by author Christie Watson.

This memoir takes us on a trip through the author’s years as a nurse. We watch her grow in her skills and share in her insights into what makes a great nurse. A thoughtful and sensitive memoir, it offers readers a focus on the kindness and care for others that nurses have, and a deeper understanding of the dedication it takes to be a nurse.

This is a touching and heartfelt story to be enjoyed by all as we celebrate our own nurses this month at Roper St. Francis Healthcare.

Happy Birthday!

5/03 Joan Fabian
5/04 Ursula Limpert, Edith Oshinsky
5/05 Colin Phillips, Richard Schramm
5/07 Lauren Sullivan
5/08 Luke Shaw
5/10 Connor Eckard
5/11 Phillip Cook
5/12 Janie Kramer
5/13 Bob Gebo
5/14 Neen Durkan, Florence Jackson, Gale Matthews
5/15 Buse Inceoglu
5/16 Lynne Steele
5/17 Maryann Czamecki, Robert Driscoll, Jr.
5/18 Mikayla DiDonato, Alex Huss, Bob Weaver
5/20 Chrissy Constantine, Michael Szymanowski
5/22 Ryan Church, Marilyn Shaw
5/23 Darla Ryan
5/25 Eileen Anderson, William Heck, Sharon Wolcott
5/25 Joann Gibbons
5/26 June Bell
5/31 Karin Stewart, Judy Volkman, LeRoy Weathers

Welcome New Volunteers:

Roper Hospital: Welcome Sharon Perkins - Lay Eucharist minister, Will Grant - PT shadowing, Przemyslaw "Shem" Murczkiewicz - Admitting, Brenda Parker - Petit information desk, Steve Archie - Spine Clinic.

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: Welcome Paula VanDerVeer - Information Desk, Courtney Titley and Zoe Urban - PT, Morgan Davis and Elizabeth Barrineau - Ashley Hall Interns and Lisa Smalls - Lobby Ambassador.

Berkeley Hospital MOB: Harold Bourgeois - MOB Lobby Ambassador.

Roper Mount Pleasant: Suzanne Meister and Elizabeth Shuster as Mammography Hostesses.

RSFH Volunteer Opportunities:

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: Joan Perry welcomes applicants interested in serving to welcome, direct, escort and serve as lobby ambassadors. Volunteers are needed to serve as Imaging Department escorts, and we are in need of a Monday morning and Friday afternoon Golf Cart

driver. There are Information Desk spots available for volunteers with good customer service and basic computer skills to learn to fill in for summer vacations and travel.

Roper Hospital: Lynne Steele welcomes volunteers interested in staffing the Information Desk on Friday mornings. Help is welcome in the volunteer office any day. Students are needed to help out in transportation assisting with patient discharge. Offer to lend a hand with a weekly project putting together patient discharge handbooks.

Offsite Offices: The Diagnostic Lab on St. James Ave. in Goose Creek welcomes morning lobby escort assistance on Mondays and Fridays. Touch base with Lynne Steele if this role and location would be of interest.

Mount Pleasant Hospital: Laurie Glass welcomes applicants to staff the MOB (Medical Office Building) desk on Thursday and Friday afternoons and someone to cover the MOB desk on Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. during May and June.

Service Area Contact Information

Volunteers are encouraged to get the direct phone number for the department they work in or an email of their department contact teammate in case they can't report for duty and the coordinator is not available to notify. All volunteers are a blessing and extra help but in key areas you have become hard to live without and staff may need to scramble to fill the spot.



Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital: Joan Perry: 843-402-1156

Roper Hospital: Lynne Steele: 843-724-2080

Mount Pleasant Hospital: Laurie Glass: 843-606-7502

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