

# Connections

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

September 2018

## Heartbeat of the Holy City

Volunteer Solveig Bracy was selected to have her portrait painted by artist Kyle Stuckey as part of the Heartbeat of the Holy City. The fifty portraits will be on display at the Principle Gallery at 125 Meeting St. on Friday, 10/5 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Proceeds support the Teacher's Supply Closet. All welcome.



## JJ's Bake Sale

Support the RSF Lowcountry Heart Walk team with a bakery treat from JJ's Bakery - Summerville! A percentage of profits will support our team effort. Enjoy cookies, cupcakes and personal sized cakes.

### Roper Hospital

Wednesday, 9/5: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Next to cafeteria

### Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital

Wednesday, 9/19: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Mall area near chapel

## Service Dogs vs Pet Therapy Dogs

We know and love our pet therapy dogs, but from time to time you may notice a service dog in the hospital alongside a patient or visitor. These dogs serve in different roles and have separate guidelines. Here are some important differences to be aware of in the hospital and in general.

- Pet therapy dogs make rounds with volunteer pet therapists providing comforting visits to hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. Our dogs wear an official RSFH ID badge.
- Service animals serve as assistants to individuals with disabilities (mobility, sight, hearing and other physical and/or psychiatric issues). They often wear an identifying vest but are not required to. We do **not** pet or distract a service animal from its assigned work. Although often used, a leash is not required.

Guidelines for all animals in RSFH facilities are included in our Infection Prevention policy. Feel free to ask your volunteer coordinator any questions.

## Hands-Only CPR

Thanks to Tara Tsehlena, Community Coordinator, for offering pop-up drop in training sessions for Hands-Only CPR with forty-on participants. The steps are quick and easy to learn and may save a life. If you missed the session you may go to: [heart.org/handsonlycpr](http://heart.org/handsonlycpr).

## Hands-Only CPR Volunteer Training Sessions



## Dates To Remember

### Komen Race for the Cure

9/22/18 - North Charleston Riverfront Park  
Contact Nancy Ashcraft at: nancy.ashcraft@rsfh.com  
WA Cancer Center to join the RSFH team

### Lowcountry Heart Walk

9/29/18 - North Charleston Riverfront Park  
To register or participate on a RSFH team contact:  
Bob Hosler, RSFH Director, Heart & Vascular  
843-509-1952 or Bob.Hosler@rsfh.com

## Getting to Know You - MPH



A familiar face at Mount Pleasant Hospital, Richard Neapolitan started volunteering with Roper Hospital in 1995 and later joined Mount Pleasant Hospital.

Richard was born in Huntingdon, PA and grew up in New Jersey. He enlisted in the Navy in 1946 and served for thirty years. He was an NSA cryptologist, which is the study of codes, or the art of writing and breaking codes, until retiring in 1976.

Serving in the Quality department at Roper Hospital, Richard met teammate Deb in 2001 and married her! They have been married twelve years. He has two children, three stepchildren and between the couple they have nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Richard volunteers on Mondays in the Surgical Waiting Room and on Wednesday at the Lobby Desk. He is still solving codes, and has rallied a group to join him in the daily "JUMBLE". He has a quick wit, always has a joke to tell and is well known for reciting limericks.

Richard's favorite part of volunteering is meeting and helping people, and volunteering keeps him out of trouble and Deb's hair! Richard is pictured above with four generations; daughter Linda, granddaughter Jennifer and two great granddaughters - Lily and Charlotte who were born at 25 weeks barely weighing 1.5 pounds. They are now 16 months old.

## Getting To Know You - BSSF

Wilma Dibrell was born in Wilmington, NC and grew up in the Kennedy Baptist Children's Home in Kinston, NC. She moved to Charleston in 1973 for job opportunities. She spent twenty-five years in human resources with J W Aluminum in Goose Creek and finished her working career with nine years in local podiatry offices.



Wilma has a married daughter and two grandchildren. Having spent her own childhood in a Children's Home, nothing is more important to her than her family.

Wilma has a strong group of friends who enjoy dining out, movies, mani-pedis and shagging events. She loves walking, gardening and most of all time with family and grandchildren. She joined the volunteer department in May and serves in the OR Waiting Room and as an escort for the Imaging Department walking patients back for their procedures. She says at the end of the day, nothing feels more satisfying than knowing that she helped a patient or staff member and made a difference.

## Getting to Know You- RH

Brooke Cole joined the Roper Rehab team in June of 2017. She has been a great help and teammates love having her around. Brooke shares that many of the patients on the unit are unable to have a loved one with them all the time and she enjoys visiting and lifting their spirits. She decorates the hall calendar each month with fun facts, plays board games with patients and offers extra support on outings to the store or ice cream shop.



Brooke attends the College of Charleston working towards her Bachelor of Science degree and is aiming for medical school. She recently transferred into the SCRUBS mentoring program but hopes to continue to volunteer in our Rehab Hospital. She plays basketball, guitar, loves to decorate cakes, spending time with friends and loves any music by Taylor Swift.

## Party at the Point!

Volunteers joined the festivities as RSFH celebrated completion of our Joint Commission survey!



## Volunteer News:

- High five and congratulations to all on our successful Joint Commission survey completion. The team of surveyors spoke highly of our friendly teammates and the quality of care at RSFH facilities. Thank you for what you do everyday to keep our hospital safe for our patients and visitors.

### Roper Hospital:

- Congratulations to Harry and Ann Douty on their 50th wedding anniversary. Harry works with Lifeline installing medical at home alert devices while Ann rounds on in-patients at Roper Hospital offering a visit and support.
- Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Nancy Craig as they celebrate fifty-three years!
- The new stroke unit on 3 Petit will open soon. Updated phone numbers are already in our Info Desk reference material.
- Thanks to David Wellborn as he joins the RSFH Patient Advisory Committee.
- Congrats to Lynne Steele on the birth of her granddaughter, Mandolyn Reign.



- Roper Hospital volunteers are invited to contribute to support the Teachers Supply Closet. Many children don't bring their supplies leaving teachers to pay for items themselves. Drop off supplies in the Roper Volunteer Office until 9/21 when Lynne Steele will deliver to the closet. Items needed: scissors, glue sticks, copy paper, crayons (24 pack), composition notebooks, colored pencils, pink erasers, washable markers, Kleenex, hand sanitizer and #2 pencils.
- Bonnie Collins brought in floral arrangements from East Cooper Episcopal Church that were divided into seven lovely arrangements for patients.
- Congratulations to Sue Bennett as she accepts the position of Chief Nursing Officer for Roper Hospital.

### Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital:

- Volunteers gathered to say farewell to Annette Sweeney. Annette started working with St. Francis Hospital as a volunteer pet therapist and then for years was employed at the Outpatient Desk assisting with coordinating the peri-op volunteer team.

- Welcome Lou Taylor back to the Information Desk.
- We are delighted to welcome former patient representative Rebecca Buffum back in a part time role to assist Joan Perry with some tasks and serve as point person for Information Desk volunteers.
- Mass will be held regularly in the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital chapel on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. with Father Don Bosco.
- Sarah Edwards was selected from all the nominations as a quarterly winner of an Acts of Kindness award. Sarah was recognized at the St. Francis manager's meeting and received a certificate and gift basket.
- Our sympathy to family and friends of former SCRUBS camper and student volunteer Lindsey Thompson.

### Mount Pleasant Hospital:

- Many have asked about former volunteer Art Colbert. Art enjoyed a visit from Molly in August and it made his day. He is doing well at Sommerby and would love visitors.
- An automatic door button has been added to the MOB Lab door. Thanks to all of you who gave valuable feedback regarding patient ease of access and safety.
- Plan to attend the next MPH volunteer social in September at the Charleston Sports Pub. Details and sign up sheet are available in the volunteer lounge.



### Students say Thanks:

The art of writing thank you cards is not lost! We enjoyed these excerpts from recent cards from students:

*"I can't think of the words to describe how much I appreciate the experience of the last two weeks. I've seen and learned so much and discovered a new confidence that medicine is indeed my passion and calling." Jamie*

*"The SCRUBS program has been an invigorating experience that has reaffirmed my decision to pursue a career in healthcare. Thank you for sacrificing your time to all of us students. I genuinely appreciate it!" Erica*

*"From the SCRUBS program to volunteering, I thank you greatly. I've been exposed to many different things and met a lot of great people. I will continue to pursue my healthcare mindset!" Sydney*

### Pictured below left to right:

SCRUBS student Jamie Philips enjoyed shadowing her aunt Dr. Allison Dillon and Dr. John Walker in the Fetal Maternal High Risk Clinic during her time with us. Volunteers bid farewell to Annette Sweeney. Harry & Ann Douty celebrated their anniversary and Bonnie Collins spread cheer with floral bouquets.



## Happy Birthday!

9/02 Marlene Williamon  
9/05 Ashley Layne, Hunter Musi, Lou Taylor  
9/06 James Merryman, Lee Moultrie, Ashlyn Wells  
9/07 Carol Blackwell, Bob Mason  
9/08 Betty Sikes  
9/09 Richard Neapolitan  
9/12 Lisa Beauford, Rosemary Greenwood  
9/14 Griff Hagan, Wilhelmenia Lewis, Tiffany Mobley  
9/17 Ronald Bell, Maureen Minaudo  
9/20 Richard Nadol  
9/22 Emilia Ballou, Thomas Wojslawowicz  
9/23 Marzieh Towle  
9/24 Amy Funcik, Sandra Narcisso  
Heather Olson, Judith Purches  
9/27 Ethan Melton, Darrell Verdeck  
9/29 Karen Cellars, Barbara Portner

## RH PACU Sends Thanks!

The staff in the Post Op Recovery Unit at Roper Hospital sent a thank you picture in gratitude after the volunteers funded a blanket warmer. We can all agree - a toasty warm blanket is so appreciated after surgery.



Happy Grandparents Day!

September 9th

## Welcome New Volunteers:

**Roper Hospital:** Welcome Frances Small, Emily Ramsayer, Avery Callaway, Briana Taormina, Andrew Dickson, Alissa Mingo, Kaylee Hooker and Alexandra Brown to the SCRUBS mentoring program; Lily Lassiter to play the piano in our main lobby; Samara Grimes, Scott Abrams, Orri Weissman to Clinical Research; Andrew Pampu to 6 Petit and Luluh Devine to the Petit Information desk.

**Bon Secours St. Francis:** Welcome Madison Davis, Avril Domke, Kevin Alimaghan, Jamie Philips, Colton Huber and Kyleigh Peterson and Lara Amarante to the SCRUBS Mentoring program, Al Palmer to the West Admin Desk; Bob Nadobny to the OR Waiting Room and Zoie Kelly as a Public Health intern in the Ryan White program.

## RSFH Volunteer Opportunities:

**Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital:** Joan Perry is looking for Information Desk help for Saturday afternoon and for a short shift on Monday at 4 p.m. Good customer service and minimal computer skills needed.

**Roper Hospital:** Lynne Steele welcomes volunteers interested in serving in our Outpatient area escorting patients, Pastoral Care receptionist, Information Desk Thursday mornings.

**Mount Pleasant Hospital:** The ICU team is looking for volunteers to help answer the phones and assist patients' families in the evenings and on weekends. Contact Laurie Glass for more information.

## RSF Volunteer Contact Information:

**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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**Lowcountry Senior Center:** Kimberly Palmer: 843-990-5555



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