

Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Annual Meeting Report for 2015

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President

2015 is a very special year for the Auxiliary. Did you know that this is the 50th anniversary of the forming of the Auxiliary? We were organized even before the hospital was built! More info on that will be given by Karen May a little later.

2015 has also been a very successful year! As most of you know, our Spring Event was changed from an Auction/Bake Sale/Coffee to an Auction/Jewelry Sale/Coffee. That bake sale change was due to an outbreak of flu in LTC. But, that will be a permanent change because of new standards from the Food Inspector. The event was a BIG success! Many thanks to all the people who donated items for the Auction—special thanks to the hospital departments for, once again, coming up with imaginative & beautiful “baskets”. Also want to thank all the customers who purchased the jewelry & bid on the auction items. And an extra-special thank you to Gary Moritz for all his work in helping organize the event!!

Our biggest hospital purchase this year was EMT uniforms. Hopefully none of you have had a reason to have the EMTs come to you, but, if they do, you will notice they look very professional! We are lucky to have such capable & caring EMTs serving this community.

Again, we were happy to provide \$1000.00 scholarships to those planning on entering the medical field. The Shirley Zenor Scholarship Fund provided 2 more \$1000.00 scholarships. Jean Holste will have more info on this later.

A new venture this year was the Cy/Hawk cookie sale. A lot of fun was had decorating the cookies & arguing over which team was going to win. Thank you to all who purchased the cookies. We hope to make this an annual event. Thanks to Gary & the Projects committee for putting this together! Final total was Cy 40 dozen—Hawks 40 ½ dozen!

Our next event will be the Annual Christmas Coffee to be held the 1st Monday in December. Hopefully all of you will plan to attend! 2016 dues are payable by Jan 1, & will be accepted at the coffee.

This has been my sixth year on the board & my second term as president. While I will be going off the board at the end of this year, I will continue to be the “Director of Volunteer Services” (that was on some mail sent to me by the Iowa Hospital Association—sounds important, so decided to use it!) and will also continue to be an active volunteer at Genevieve’s Place. I’ve enjoyed all six years on the board & learned so much that I didn’t know about the Auxiliary & hospital workings.

As with all organizations nowadays, board slots can be difficult to fill. Everyone is busy & aging! The Auxiliary is a very important part of the workings of the hospital. Consider being a board member sometime—you won’t regret it!

Marj Smith
President

Membership

Our total membership for 2015 is 430. There are 339 Annual members and 91 lifetime members. This includes 100% of all hospital employees who have all become Auxiliary members this year.

Our annual dues remain at \$10 with a Lifetime membership of \$150. We continue working on growing membership.

The funds used for scholarships and to purchase needed items for the hospital.

Memberships will be collected at the annual meeting and the Christmas coffee.

Virgina Silbaugh
Chairperson

Cindy Pratico
Membership committee

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

First of all I want to thank all members (Board & general membership) for all the support you've given me to help make my job a pleasant task. And, of course, a special thank you to Gary Moritz for all his help & being so easy to work with again this year.

Again, I do want to issue a very special thank you to all Genevieve's Place volunteers. Special thanks to those who fill in (sometimes at the last minute) as changes need to be made due to a worker's cancellation. I must say, though, that every cancellation I have had has always been for a good reason! As volunteer coordinator, I really am grateful for your willingness to say yes when I call! The staff, visitors, patients, and residents of Springvale really appreciate the friendship & good food we offer them!

As most of you know by now, we can no longer offer home-baked goodies at Gen's unless they come from a registered/inspected kitchen. There are several options in Humboldt—Hy-Vee, Sweetest Things, KELMAR (who already donates once a week & has ever since we opened in 2010), Joker's Wild, Casey's, Ampride, Kum & GO, Subway & others I may have forgotten to mention. Frozen or pre-packaged items are also acceptable. Due to the cost of purchasing treats, I have & will be contacting our former volunteer bakers to either purchase & donate goodies or donate funds to be used for purchasing goodies. If anyone is willing to donate for this purpose, please drop off your cash donation at Genevieve's Place or send to our treasurer—Marlys Johnson, 2130 Penn Ave, Humboldt.

Genevieve's Place is gaining quite a reputation for having nice quality jewelry at a reasonable price! We have quite a few returning customers & new ones who have heard of us each month—some from quite a distance.

****A reminder: flu shot verifications for Genevieve Place volunteer workers are due by December 1. The hospital needs a paper slip verification unless you get your shot from one of the Unity Clinic offices or clinic sessions? If that is the case, please make sure the caregiver takes your name to give to Kim Schipull. Remember—need to have verifications by December 1! I don't want to lose any volunteers due to no verification on file!!!!!!**

****Also....new volunteers are always appreciated. Please give me a call (332-4106) or email tomandmarj@jumpgate.net. You will receive more than you give!!! Help us spread caring!!!**

Again....thanks everyone. I really enjoy working with a great group of ladies & gentleman!

Marj Smith

Vice-President

Genevieve's has been my primary focus this year. An unexpected visit by the Dept. of Inspection and Appeals brought some changes to Genevieve's. Gary Moritz and I met with the inspector, Sarah Kingland on 5/15/15 and the following report was received.

- 1). Genevieve's is now under the policies of HCMH Dietary Dept.
- 2). Gloves must be worn by everyone handling food in Genevieve's.
- 3). Home baked food cannot be served. All food must be prepared by a licensed kitchen or caterer.
- 4). Food Handling training sessions will be mandatory for all volunteers working in Genevieve's. (These sessions were postponed due to emergency in dietary)
- 5). The sink in Genevieve's will be for hand washing only.
- 6). All dirty dishes and utensils will be sent to Dietary daily for cleaning and returned to area next day These new rules have been posted in Genevieve's for all.

Rhonda Vinsand
Vice-President

Scholarship Committee Annual Report

Three \$1000.00 **HCMH Auxiliary Scholarships** were awarded to members of the Class of 2015 who will be pursuing careers in a medical field.

1. William Dunscombe, son of Mary Dunscombe, will attend the University of Iowa with a Pre-medicine / Psychology major.
2. Jordan Edwards, son of Steve and Julie Edwards, will attend Iowa State University, majoring in Pre-medicine and Engineering – to become an Anesthesiologist
3. Natasha Marsh, daughter of Monique Bailey, will attend the University of Iowa with majors in Nursing to Nurse Practitioner to PhD in Nursing.

Two \$1000.00 **Shirley Zenor Scholarships** were also awarded to 2015 graduating seniors.

1. Geoffrey Bruder, son of George and Joyce Bruder, will attend Drake University majoring in Pharmacy.
2. Talon Hoefler, son of Rick and Jennifer Hoefler will attend the University of Iowa pursuing a Pre-medicine / doctor degree.

One **Continuing Education Scholarship** was awarded in the amount of \$1000.00.

This is the first year this scholarship has been awarded. The scholarship was awarded to Leann Nelson, daughter of Roger and Kathie Nelson. Leann has a RN-BSN degree and has been working at Minnesota Children's Hospitals and Clinics. She is currently attending the University of Creighton, Omaha, NE, with on-line classes and quarterly campus visits pursuing a degree in Nurse Practitioner / Doctor. Her career goals are "to integrate advanced and specialize knowledge and skills to a variety of patient populations in rural clinical care setting and management of care within my practice role."

Jean Holste and Ann Jergens