2012-2013 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

- Mandatory Twig Representation — November 12 9:30 am  MAC II Community Education Classroom
- January 14, 2013  9:30 am  Conference Room #2
- March 11  9:30 am  Conference Room #3
- May 13  9:30 am  Conference Room #4
- June 10  9:30 am  Conference Room #2

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Your Help Is Requested

Holiday Staff & Volunteer Open House
Friday, December 7, 2012
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of the Twigs who have helped us in past years to make this such a popular and successful event. We are asking once again for your help in supplying cookies and treats for the annual HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE for more than 250 guests in Bouras Auditorium. This annual party is sponsored by the Overlook Auxiliary to honor and thank all of our Overlook staff and volunteers.

Twigs are asked to provide as many dozens of homemade cookies/bars/treats as possible. Your participation in this event is vital so that we do not run out of treats for our guests. We also welcome and encourage baked goods from all General Auxiliary members.

Please package your goodies in disposable containers, label with your Twig town and number or for General Auxiliary members label with your name and phone number. All treats should be delivered to the 8th Floor Auxiliary Co-Presidents’ Office on THURSDAY, December 6th, between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. SU Twig #21 members host this event and they arrange the festive serving platters on the day of the party.

It is your HOME-MADE treats which the staff anticipates and enjoys so much. THANK YOU to all who make this event such a success. Please stop by on December 7th and join us in the Holiday Festivity.
Dear Auxiliary Members,

A warm welcome back to everyone, we hope some of you got to read that novel you were always going to read when you had the time. After a few months of rest and relaxation it is time to “hit the road again” as the saying goes.

Your Board of Trustees had their first meeting of the year on September 10th. We were introduced to the new Palliative Care Chaplain and enjoyed a very informative and lively fifteen minute introduction. We also welcomed on board our new Kitchen Tour Co-Chairs, Kim Morander and Melissa Sartorius. The tour is planned for October 2013, with a specific date yet to be selected. Meredith Guida and Anne St.Clair, Events Co-Chairs are busy planning events for the coming year. Not to be left out, our Gift Shop & Bloom Liaison, Dorothy Butler, presented the Board with a generous check…thank you to all who contributed to such a pleasant surprise.

If you are wondering what to do with your evening on September 29th, Clelia Biamonti and the Overlook Foundation invite you to “Perfect Pairings” to share in an evening with Patti LuPone and Mandy Patinkin to benefit Ovarian Cancer Research. In October of 2011 the Auxiliary began the quest to raise money with a Kitchen Tour for this very important cause. Overlook Medical Center has partnered with MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston for this study and the goal is to raise a total of $500,000. The Foundation will now take this cause to new heights with lots of good food, a silent auction, great entertainment and more at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. It will be a fun evening for all!

As we look ahead to the coming holidays and the colder weather, we are still enjoying some lovely warm days. Children have returned to school and the pace quickens in our daily lives as we take them here and there. In between we spend time volunteering in many different ways for the hospital that means so much to all of us. Without your support Overlook Medical Center would not be at the forefront of medicine today and garner so many accolades.

Thank you one and all for all you do for the Auxiliary and the patients who benefit from your kindness and hard work.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX

2013 DUES BILLS will be mailed in early October.
It is never too soon to mail your check in to support your Auxiliary and avoid a late fee.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

If you enjoy a fast-paced environment and the opportunity to meet and make a difference to lots of people every day, consider joining our ED volunteer team. After on-unit training, you will have the opportunity to help reduce the stress level of our patients and families who are experiencing an unexpected injury or illness. Opportunities are available at both the Summit and Union campus.

VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS

Pianists, vocalists, violinists, harpists and guitarists are invited to volunteer to perform at Overlook. The soothing sound of music helps to enhance our healing environment. Please consider joining our talented team of musicians who fill our atrium lobby with the welcoming and relaxing sound of music every day! Share your musical talent and change the patient experience.

MESSENGER ROOM - EXPANDED HOURS

We would like to expand the operation of our messenger room into the evening. Please consider leading or joining an evening shift on weekdays from 4:30-7:30pm. Evening volunteer assistance with errands and patient discharges will improve the experience and care of our patients.

BEDSIDE COMPANION PROGRAM

If you are caring and compassionate with a fondness for older adults, this may be the perfect volunteer experience for you! You can touch someone’s life just by being there to listen and provide brief companion visits! Training will be provided to prepare you to comfortably perform this volunteer role.

Overlook welcomes new volunteers! If you would like to change the experience of our patients through a kind word, human touch or a gentle reassuring smile…we’re looking for you! Make a commitment to help others and it will change your life in the process!

To become an Overlook Medical Center volunteer, please contact Gwen Dabney, Administrative Assistant, Volunteer Services, 908-522-2099 or Gwendolyn.dabney@atlantichealth.org, to request an application.

If you are interested in learning more about any of our volunteer opportunities, please contact Sue Thomas, Manager of the Patient Experience and Volunteer Services at 908-522-2841 or Sue.thomas@atlantichealth.org. Thank you!
**Volunteer Services**

“Every day thousands of unsung heroes bring caring and compassion to millions.
Their names are never featured in the headlines, but our world would be a much darker place without them.”

Charles Devlin

A Special Message…

We are so fortunate at Overlook to have a talented team of volunteers who care so much about one another and their mission to serve the needs of our patients. They bring the “Healing Culture” alive through their willingness to help every patient...every day!

Pictured with Overlook’s Chief Nursing Officer Mary Pat Sullivan, are a few familiar volunteer faces who were honored at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

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**Volunteer Openings - Immediate Availability**

The Gift Shop is in need of help with sales and data entry!

Traveling Gift Cart needs a cheerful volunteer to treat patients to a bedside visit and an opportunity to purchase magazines, toiletries and sundries.

The Emergency Department seeks assistance days, evenings and weekends!

The Information Desk seeks friendly volunteers to welcome guests and offer information/direction. Good telephone and basic computer skills necessary!

Assistant Lobby Greeter needed to provide wheelchair transport for guests!

Messenger Room Receptionist is needed to receive calls and make assignments.

Messenger Room Volunteers are needed daily to run errands throughout the hospital. Most urgent need: Monday afternoons...and weekday evenings!

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**Auxiliary Happenings**

**Save the Dates**

**Jones NY Coat Sale**

Monday, November 12
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium
Hosted by SH Twig #17

**Holiday Boutique**

Tuesday, December 4
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium
Hosted by SH Twig #27

**Holiday Cookie Reception**

Friday, December 7
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium
Hosted by SU Twig #21

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**Gift Shop & Bloom Corner**

For cooler temperatures, the Gift Shop introduces Janska, a line of Clothing That Comforts. Janska offers sumptuous fabrics, clean designs, easy fit, and energizing colors. Select “Annie’s Wrap”, a fleece wrap dressy enough for an evening out yet casual enough for the grocery store. The Gift Shop also carries Janska’s Moxie and Spitfire jackets, which are both wind and water resistant.

Jewel tones are hot for autumn. The Gift Shop has fun, stylish, and affordable jewelry, scarves, and handbags to accent every outfit. Jewel tones are also on display in Bloom. Dahlias, sunflowers, and kale are now available. The tulip season will be upon us soon, just in time for Thanksgiving. Seasonal blooms in unusual color combinations are a Bloom staple. In addition to the Bloom Signature Carafe, the Garden Mini has been introduced as an option for the budget conscious. As always, custom floral designs are a standard.

Avanti, a new card line in the Gift Shop is entertaining customers with clever quips and funny photos of adorable animals and babies. Staff reports hearing giggles from the greeting card section.

Don’t head to the mall. The Gift Shop carries many of the baby clothing lines found in the larger department stores, at a more reasonable price. Widgeon has a line of super soft classic baby clothes, perfect for snuggly infants. Adorable fleece jackets are already hot sellers!

We are all excited about the array of Christmas merchandise that has been arriving! The ever-popular ornaments in shapes of shoes, handbags, hi-top sneakers, iphones and laptops and many decorations....the list goes on forever. There truly is something for everyone on your gift list. The elves will be decorating our trees on November 6, Election Night. We anticipate the trees to be bare long before Christmas arrives, so what are you waiting for?

For your table arrangements, Bloom has winter greenery, berries, and beautiful florals in tones of red, burgundy, and ivory to create the perfect accent. Please place your order early to ensure product availability. Curbside pickup and delivery to neighboring towns is available, as well as complimentary delivery within Atlantic Health System locations and Summit Medical Group.

The Gift Shop & Bloom, distinctive gifts and flowers for all occasions.

908-522-2133 or 908-522-2117

All proceeds benefit patient services.

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**Pulse**

Fall 2012
The sun was shining brightly as 48 campers arrived on Monday, August 20th at Camp Clover, a free, week-long bereavement day camp for children and teens, sponsored by Atlantic Home Care and Hospice. This year, thanks to the generosity of the owners, Marianne and Harold Breene and family, the campers enjoyed Camp Riverbend in Warren, NJ. The children came with nervous anticipation and sadness, having lost someone close to them but Camp Clover was again able to focus on helping these children (ages 7-15) deal with their grief. Traditional summer camp activities such as swimming, sports and arts and crafts were combined with activities and projects designed to assist children in their grieving process. These children experienced a supportive environment where they could express their feelings and share their stories knowing they would not be judged. With the help of trained staff, counselors and volunteers, campers were encouraged to participate in activities that helped develop healthy coping skills and increase their confidence and self-esteem. Surrounded by other children dealing with loss, they made new friends and began to see that they were not alone.

A highlight of the week was a visit from Jan Gunnar Solli, a soccer player from the New York Red Bulls, who shared his story of loss with the children while encouraging them to follow their dreams.

Camp Clover’s second season was made possible through the fundraising efforts of SU Twig #5 and the generosity of the Overlook Auxiliary who has established a camp endowment.

Anyone interested in learning more about Camp Clover or making a donation to support ongoing camps, please call Atlantic Hospice at 973-379-8440.

On September 9, Chatham Twig #15 and the Chatham Highlands bid farewell to a great summer and said hello to the 2012-2013 school year with their annual block party. With close to 200 attendees, neighbors and friends enjoyed the beautiful weather, music and a host of activities designed especially for the younger children. The highlight of the Block Party is always a visit from Chatham Township’s volunteer firemen – where children are able to sit in the fire truck and use the fire hose!

Other recent fundraising events for CH Twig #15 were the Annual Wine Tasting, which featured wine from around the United States and the Spring Party which is held in early June. We are also planning an Oktoberfest for the first time this year!

To date, CH Twig #15 has donated over $4,500 in items from the Auxiliary Wish List, dozens of cookies and 2 dozen no-sew blankets with more to come!

Below are photos of some of the children at our block party enjoying the fire truck and experiencing the strength of a blasting fire hose.