

2013 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

	September 9	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
**Mandatory Twig Representation Meeting	**November 11	9:30 am	MAC II Community Education Classroom

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OVERLOOK AUXILIARY 2013 KITCHEN TOUR DISPLAYS SOME OF SUMMIT'S FINEST HOMES

The Overlook Auxiliary is pleased to announce a Kitchen Tour will be held on Thursday, October 24. Generously sponsored by Lois Schneider Realtor and Bouras Properties, all proceeds from the bi-annual tour will directly benefit the Valerie Fund's Valerie Center at Overlook Medical Center. The Valerie Fund is an organization that supports children and families with pediatric cancers and blood disorders. This year's Kitchen Tour will feature seven beautifully appointed homes within the Summit community and hopes to attract a wide variety of visitors by offering a collection of unique home styles and designs.

Kitchen Tour chairs, Melissa Sartorius and Kim Morander are pleased to be working with the Auxiliary to benefit the Valerie Fund. As chairs of Chatham Twig 6, they have had the opportunity to work closely with the Valerie Centers within both Overlook and Morristown Medical Centers for the last several years. The Valerie Fund, which has seven centers at major medical centers in the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania areas, focuses on the comprehensive care of each child and allows children with cancers and blood disorders to be treated close to their homes. The proceeds will go to revitalizing the Valerie Center's long-term care clinic at Overlook Medical Center as well as helping to establish a "Wish Fund" for children diagnosed with pediatric cancers and blood disorders.

Ed Goldstein, father of Valerie Goldstein for whom the fund was created after her courageous battle with pediatric cancer stated, "We are so appreciative of the Overlook Auxiliary for choosing our organization to benefit from the 2013 Kitchen Tour. It is a wonderful opportunity to show our community the incredible people and amazing endeavors associated with the Valerie Fund."

This year's Kitchen Tour focuses on offering a wide variety of houses and kitchen styles within the Summit community. The time and dedication of each homeowner in creating a unique and beautiful space is evident in every kitchen on the tour. One



such homeowner, renowned designer Frank DelleDonne, has spent the last 6 months renovating his stunning Northside English Tudor. Spending time in Europe for work, he has combined his traditional style with even cleaner lines and a European influence to create his vision of where design is heading in the near future. "The Valerie Fund does incredible things for their children and families. I am happy to be contributing to such a worthy cause," Mr. DelleDonne expressed.

Tickets will be available September 1 at Lois Schneider Realtor and Bloom Florist or online at oaux.org. Please contact Melissa Sartorius (melissa.sartorius@gmail.com) or Kim Morander (jkmorander@comcast.net) with any questions or concerns.

Pictured left: *Frank DelleDonne's home in Summit, NJ that will be featured on the 2013 Kitchen Tour.*

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Dear Auxiliary Members,

The Overlook Auxiliary is a wonderful organization of extremely dedicated members who fundraise and volunteer for patient and staff comfort and well-being. It is evident that the Auxiliary's message and mission of voluntarism is getting across to the many levels of the medical center and the community. This is the effort of all the Auxiliary and I'd like to thank the following:

- *VP-reaching out to the Twigs each mandatory meeting to disseminate information
- *The Pulse Editor- diligently crafting an informative and imaginative publication
- *Recording and Corresponding Secretaries- preserving meetings; connecting our membership
- *Treasurer- keeping us financially healthy; advising and dispersing our funds
- *PR and Publicity- spreading the word about the Auxiliary with many imaginative articles
- *Events-creating increased camaraderie with activities such as the recent blood drive
- *Kitchen Tour chairs- organizing a successful event 2 years ago and the upcoming October tour
- *Nominating- recruiting an ongoing stream of excellent leadership for the Auxiliary
- *Bylaws- keeping us accurate and focused
- *Gift Shop Liaison and the Gift Shop & Bloom- financially successful, artistically beautiful, and simply a great place to volunteer.
- *Computer- bringing the Auxiliary to a new level of communications and information access
- *Art-At-Overlook-a continuing program featuring local artists' work benefiting Overlook
- *Coordinator- interfacing phone calls and visitors with friendly assistance
- *The Twigs- a fantastic group of volunteers and the heart and sole of the Auxiliary, having funded many programs at

Overlook such as the Music Program in the lobby, the chaplaincy stipend for Hospice, nursing scholarships, comfort baskets for Palliative Care, a brain video to be produced for educational purposes, an endowment for Camp Clover which is a childhood bereavement camp, a pledge to the Eating Disorders Clinic for very young children and numerous items funded from our unique Wish List.

The beginning of this summer is also the conclusion of my time as Co-President of the Overlook Auxiliary, although not my good bye to this vibrant organization and Board of Directors. Overlook was the impetus for my family's move to New Jersey and the reason we have lived here for over 33 years. It will be the magnet of my ongoing association and voluntarism once we have settled into our new home. I have been gratified to be a part of the leadership and look forward to my continuing role.

Many, many thanks, for the opportunity.

Peggy

peggyschreck@hotmail.net

PS-Elsa and I will be coordinating docents for the October 24 Auxiliary Kitchen Tour benefitting the Valerie Fund. Please welcome our efforts to fill the docent slots when we contact the membership.



And now a quick word from Elsa and Diane...as we look forward to a slower pace over the summer we wanted to wish everyone a happy and restful summer. We look forward to greeting you in September and meeting the challenges of a new year of volunteerism.

Elsa elsabrussell@aol.com

Diane djswett@comcast.net

We're on FACEBOOK. Please like our page "Overlook Auxiliary". This will help promote the Auxiliary and remind the community of our events. It may also help us recruit new members and Twigs!

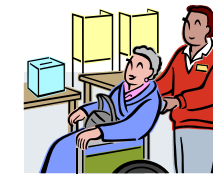
VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS

Bring healing to our patient visitors and staff with the soothing sounds of music! Pianists, vocalists, violinists, harpists and guitarists are all in great demand! Piano music in our atrium lobby creates a healing and welcoming environment! Please volunteer to share your musical talent with us and help to create a calm and healing environment in the



MESSENGER ROOM - WEEKDAY EVENINGS



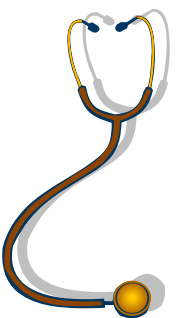
The role of our messenger room volunteers is invaluable throughout the day. Please consider joining us for a weekday evening shift to extend our service 4:30 -7:30 pm, our peak time for patient discharges.

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.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Volunteer positions are available immediately in our Emergency Department at the Summit and the Union campus. Please make a commitment to change the experience of Emergency Department patients through kindness and human contact. Personalized orientation and training will be provided. If you are a retired healthcare professional who is comfortable in a clinical setting, this experience may be perfect for you.



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. 908-522-2841. Sue.thomas@atlantichealth.org
Thank You!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

“May happiness touch your life today as warmly as you have touched the lives of others.”
Rebecca Forsythe

A CELEBRATION OF OUR OVERLOOK MEDICAL CENTER VOLUNTEERS

On April 24, Overlook Administration celebrated our most dedicated volunteers with our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Presentation. Over 200 volunteers enjoyed a cocktail reception, luncheon, awards and a prize raffle which included a flat screen TV. The pictures that follow capture the spirit of the day.



Ed Gaudette is celebrated for over 16,000 hours of volunteer service.



Mildred Plucienik is recognized for over 13,000 hours of volunteer service.



Lloyd Rosevear celebrates over 11,000 hours of volunteer service.



Jody Seymour accepts recognition for over 12,000 hours of volunteer service.



Bob Abelson receives recognition for over 10,000 hours of volunteer service.



Mary Hall is recognized for over 22,000 hours of volunteer service.

“Here’s to our nation’s volunteers: All work and no pay.”
Cat Lane

GOOD NEWS...OUR SPACE IS ALMOST READY!

The Volunteer Services Department is expected to move back to the 5th Floor by the middle of July! The area previously occupied by Medical Records is being renovated to create a comfortable new home for the Volunteer and Auxiliary offices. Thanks so much for your patience! We sincerely appreciate the generous administrative efforts on our behalf for this new visible, accessible and central location.

Overlook welcomes all new volunteers! Making a commitment to help others will surely change your life in the process! If you are interested in becoming an Overlook Medical Center volunteer, please call Gwen Dabney, Administrative Assistant, Volunteer Services to request an application! 908-522-2099 Gwendolyn.dabney@atlantichealth.org

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS - IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY

- Bloom** needs a volunteer to receive and prep deliveries from florist!
- The **Emergency Department** seeks assistance daily at Summit and Union campus!
- The **Gift Shop** is in need of help with register sales and traveling gift cart!
- The **Information Desk** seeks friendly volunteers to welcome guests and offer information/direction.
- Messenger Room Receptionist** is needed to receive calls and dispatch assignments to volunteers on duty.
- Messenger Room Volunteers** are needed daily to run errands throughout the medical center.
- The **Pediatric Activity Center** seeks adult and teen volunteers.

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATES

FALL VENDOR SALE
Thursday, September 26
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig 27

JONES NY COAT SALE
Thursday, November 14
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig 17

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
Thursday, December 5
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig 27

WHAT’S TRENDING AT THE GIFT SHOP & BLOOM?



Express your style in vivid color! Add one of the new Mad About Style scarves to your wardrobe. The scarves are lightweight and will accentuate any outfit with elegance and sophistication – there are so many color choices – you have to have more than one!

Get ready for sandy shores and long summer days with a pair of Charlie Paige sandals. Charlie Paige has

quickly become one of the most talked about new brands since they were introduced in the Fall of 2012; they are stylishly comfortable and available in fun colors. The Gift Shop is featuring an array of seasonally inspired pieces including beachwear and totes, as you head “down the shore”.

Walking through the halls at Overlook, you will notice many women wearing the Noelle Key Largo cardigan! The mesh top is a perfect little cover-up for any outfit, available in a beautiful array of spring and summertime colors. So many were purchased that the buyers had to re-order. Don’t wait, they are selling out quickly!

Introducing Chocolista! Fine artisanal chocolate infused with seasonal, fresh ingredients sourced from local New Jersey growers. Favorites include Minty Lemon- a white creamy chocolate infused with fresh lemons and fresh mint leaves and, Rosemary- a dark chocolate infused with fresh rosemary leaves.

Our buyers will be attending the Fancy Foods Show in New York looking for new food ideas for gift and gourmet baskets. One can be created at a moment’s notice in the Gift Shop.

If you don’t think you have a reason to buy flowers from Bloom, create one! Fresh flowers, directly from Holland, as well as local varieties, fill the case with bursts of color. The floral designer is on-site to create arrangements of seasonal blooms in unique combinations. For your convenience, curbside pick up is offered as well as local delivery for a nominal fee. As always, free delivery to all Atlantic Health System locations and the Summit Medical Group.

For those of you on Facebook, please “like” our page, The Gift Shop & Bloom. New merchandise is posted, so you can be “in the know”. It will also keep you up to date on all the happenings and special events!

The Gift Shop & Bloom is pleased to present the Overlook Auxiliary with a \$50,000 donation for the first half of 2013.

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

908-522-2133 or 908-522-2117

TWIG HAPPENINGS

CH Twig 15

On the first weekend of March Chatham Twig 15 gathered to enjoy “An Evening in Italy” and raise over \$1000 for the Overlook Auxiliary. Guests learned about the Italian wine region, tasted wines from Italy’s diverse offerings and sampled miniature Italian culinary favorites such as Chicken Parmigiana and Cannoli.

Chatham Twig 15 will again gather in June for the annual Spring Party featuring a Tiki theme with Island inspired cocktails and food. Guests will have an opportunity to buy chances to win one of the many themed baskets with all proceeds going to benefit the Overlook Auxiliary.



SU Twig 3



Left to right: *Marianna Hurrell, Brooke Hurrell, Noelle Gray, Cindy Hurley, Kelsey Hurley, Ali Chambeau, KK Newsham, Lambi Newsham, Marilyn Chambeau and Peggy Schreck*

On May 9 the Overlook Auxiliary held the Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting at Canoe Brook Country Club. The highlight of the afternoon was a very spirited fashion show orchestrated by J.McLaughlin of Summit. Many of our very own Auxiliary members were models for the lovely clothing which was also available for purchase.

This year, the committee decided to kick it up a notch and rather than selling tickets for individual items, there was a silent auction. Luncheon attendees were also able to purchase various items from some selected outside vendors.

During the business portion of the meeting, Diane Swett was voted-in as Co-President and Patti Richards as Membership Chairman. The Auxiliary bid a fond farewell to Peggy Schreck who wore the hat of Co-President for three years and to Marilyn Chambeau, who was Vice President and Membership Chairman for several 2-year terms. Flower bouquets of thanks, created by the Gift Shop & Bloom, were presented to both ladies.

The event was enjoyed by all who joined in to celebrate another year of Auxiliary accomplishments. Attendee numbers were down slightly this year. There is so much on the horizon for the Auxiliary to do over the next twelve months. It is the hope of our leadership that many more members will be moved to attend this annual tradition.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig 4

Summit Twig 4 of the Overlook Auxiliary held a fundraiser on May 30 to benefit the new eating disorder clinic designed to help children ages 8 - 12. The festive outdoor event at the home of Liza and Peter Tulloch in Summit was attended by 50 plus people and raised over \$5,000. Connie Williams from the Overlook Foundation spoke about the need for the new clinic and how important it is to catch eating disorders at an early age.

The Overlook Auxiliary is an independent organization made up of women of all ages. We provide much needed hands-on volunteering and creative fundraising for Overlook Medical Center. Auxiliary members work as an individual or as a member of a "Twig." SU Twig 4 is a group of 27 women from Chatham, New Providence and Summit devoted to improving the care and experience of women and children when they visit Overlook Medical Center.

If you are interested in joining a Twig or starting a Twig of your own, please contact the Overlook Auxiliary Business Office at 908-522-2004 or for more information visit www.oaux.org.

SU Twig 5

Atlantic Home Care and Hospice once again will sponsor Camp Clover, its bereavement day camp for children. The camp, which is free of charge and open to children ages 7 through 15 who have experienced the death of a close relative or friend, will take place this year from August 26 through August 30 at Camp Riverbend in Warren, New Jersey. Free lunches, snacks and busing from certain areas is provided.

Camp Clover combines traditional camping activities such as swimming, sports and arts and crafts with opportunities for children to share their experiences of loss in a safe and nurturing setting, guided by trained counselors and bereavement specialists.

“We are looking forward to another wonderful camp week and are so grateful to the Breen family for allowing us to use their beautiful camp and to all of our donors, volunteer counselors and other staff who make this week so special for our campers and for all of us,” said Florence McAlvanah, Manager of Atlantic Hospice.

Please contact Atlantic Home Care and Hospice at 973-379-8444 if you would like more information about the camp, know a potential camper, or would like to volunteer for the camp.



Standing in back, left to right: *Jane Schapker and Liza Tulloch.*
Seated in front, left to right: *Meredith Guida, Connie Williams and Anne St.Clair.*

