

2014 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

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| | September 8 | 9:30 am | Conference Room #4 |
| *Mandatory Twig Representation Meeting | November 10 | 9:30 am | Conference Room #3 |
| | January 12, 2015 | 9:30 am | Conference Room #3 |
| | March 9 | 9:30 am | Conference Room #3 |
| | May 11 | 9:30 am | Conference Room #3 |
| | June 8 | 9:30 am | Conference Room #3 |

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100 YEARS AND COUNTING

As we approach our 100th Anniversary the question arises how well do you know your Auxiliary? An important part of a community is its hospital. Likewise an important extension of a hospital is its Auxiliary made up of community members working to support their hospital.

To this end in 1916 the Women's Auxiliary of Overlook Hospital was created by 16 community minded ladies. During two World Wars, as the Auxiliary grew these ladies held fund raisers, folded bandages, redecorated hospital rooms and sewed linens. The ladies of the Auxiliary were responsible for all the linens in use in the hospital – Mondays were known as “sewing days.”

Major changes to the Auxiliary began under Eloise Walker (1947-1949) with the addition of a Tea Room and Gift Shop. Many of our present Auxiliary members volunteered in the much loved and hugely successful Tea Room. During Gladys Travis's presidency (1949-1952) the Follies were initiated and Jean Hudson founded the Twigs thereby increasing membership in the Auxiliary tenfold.

With help from the Summit Playhouse Group and the Chatham Players the first Follies in 1949 had a cast of 185; it was such a success that the next in 1950 had a cast of 220 people. In three years, 1949-1951 the Follies raised \$38,000 for the hospital. Then followed a series of musicals, Show Boat, Carousel, Hello Dolly and in 1969 How to Succeed in Business.

In 1976 the Auxiliary celebrated the Overlook Hospital Diamond Jubilee with a generous donation towards the opening of the Center for Community Health. Overlook Hospital's guests for this grand event were Princess Grace of Monaco as the Honorary Chairman and Bob Hope adding his blend of warmth and funny stories.

In 1996 at the celebration of 80 years of service, the watch words were *Commitment, Challenge, Compassion, & Camaraderie*: commitment to our hospital, challenge to use our talents constructively, compassion for the ill or injured and camaraderie with people who work with you to lend a hand. Those goals remain the same today as in 1996.

Past endeavors from the Auxiliary include baby photo services, patient television services and a traveling gift cart with magazines and small patient craft projects. *Cooking is our Bag* was the very popular Auxiliary cookbook. It was a compilation of over 500 recipes from Auxiliary members, Overlook staff, celebrities and local restaurants.

Between 1982 & 1990 the Auxiliary raised over two million dollars. In 1990 the Auxiliary pledged \$500,000 to help finance the Child Care Center for employees. Other major fundraising endeavors during this time include the Center for Community Health, renovation of the main floor, a CAT scanner, six kidney dialysis units and two mobile intensive care vehicles to name just a few.

In the recent past, some of the funding from the Auxiliary includes: the Care Givers Center, the Emergency Department, the Neuro-Science Department, the Pediatric Playroom and Health Start. A significant amount of Auxiliary monetary contributions to the hospital are the result of fund raising activity by the Twigs. In 2008 the Auxiliary co-sponsored the Twin Maples Centennial Show House. Special events such as the biennial Kitchen Tour and the Overlook Hustle add some fun to Auxiliary and Twig fund raising activities.

In 1992 in response to a need for organ donors the Donate Life Committee was initiated. It was part of the Auxiliary until 2012 at which time the Twig disbanded and members became part of NJ Sharing Network.

This is just a sneak peek at some of the past activities of the Overlook Auxiliary. There is much more to be said. The Auxiliary strives to live up to its goal of commitment, challenge, compassion and camaraderie so eloquently expressed by Cassandra Romas on the occasion of 80 years of service by the Auxiliary. When all is said and done it is you, our members who make the Auxiliary a viable organization. Looking back and seeing what we have accomplished in our first one hundred years has been an amazing journey. Starting with sixteen ladies the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary has a lot to be proud of. As we move into our second century and a rapidly changing healthcare scene the Auxiliary will be needed more than ever.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hi all,

At long last summer has arrived and with it thoughts of sunny warm days perhaps spent with the latest best seller or at the beach. Behind for some of us are proms, graduation, school sports, etc. activities which make the months of May and June so very hectic. Now begins the summer trek with kids to camp, swim and tennis clubs and of course trips to the Jersey Shore.

Summer also brings a slowing down or a short hiatus from Volunteer activities for some of us. For those of you who could not make the Auxiliary luncheon here are some of the highlights of what you all accomplished.

Twigs collectively raised \$52,000 plus for such projects as Atlantic Hospice/Homecare, Camp Clover, Eating Disorders for ages 8-12, Ovarian Cancer Research and various other items from our Wish List. The 2013 Kitchen Tour of seven lovely homes in Summit raised \$31,319 for the Valerie Center at Overlook Medical Center.

The Auxiliary has pledged \$75,000 over three years, (our signature project through 2015), funded bladder scanners, not glamorous but an item which makes a great deal of difference in patient comfort and infection rates. We continue our support of the Music Program and the Palliative Care Chaplin among other Wish List items.

Moving forward is our Kitchen Tour in October, 2015 and our 100th Anniversary celebration, details which we will keep you informed of as it takes shape.

Diane and I want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer, take time to relax and smell the flowers as they say. We look forward to welcoming you all to another busy year beginning in September. We would also like to ask you to remember the Gift Shop & Bloom when shopping for that special someone or gift. The Gift Shop & Bloom is the main source of revenue for the Auxiliary, without which we could not accomplish as much for Overlook as we do.

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OVERLOOK I.D. BADGES



Due to a change in Atlantic Health policy, unless a person is volunteering in the hospital for a minimum of five (5) hours a week, I.D. badges will no longer be issued unless there is a compelling reason. Every person receiving a badge will be subject to an extensive background check from this

point on at the cost of \$500 per person. The Auxiliary cannot afford this cost nor can we take on the liability and/or responsibility that go with it. As the badges are primarily used for parking, stickers will be available for Twig events that occur on a specific day (i.e. vendor sales, holiday decorating, Holiday Reception, etc.) The parking stickers will be available with Madonna Lee in the Business Office (908-522-2004).

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY!

CLIP PROGRAM - VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS!

We are in search of friendly volunteers who would like to become a part of our new CLIP Volunteer Ambassador Team. Volunteers will visit with patients to offer a free research on health information topics. Training and mentoring will be provided by our Health Science Library professionals.

BEDSIDE COMPANION PROGRAM

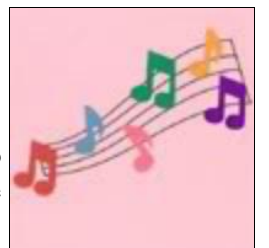
If you are caring and compassionate with a fondness for older adults, this may be the perfect volunteer experience for you! You can touch someone's life just by being there to listen and provide brief companion visits! Training will be provided to prepare you to comfortably perform this volunteer role.

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.

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! But, we hope to bring music to our patient care areas as well. Please volunteer to help us! Music creates a calm and healing environment!



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@atlanticealth.org.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

OVERLOOK MEDICAL CENTER'S MOST DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE AT OUR
2014 ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014 - THE PRIMAVERA REGENCY, STIRLING, NJ

Special congratulations go to our volunteers with over 10,000 hours!

- Mary Hall (23,000)
- Ed Gaudette (16,000)
- Karen Barton (15,000)
- Mildred Plucienik (13,000)
- Jody Seymour (13,000)
- Lloyd Rosevear (11,000)



Thank You!



Overlook always welcomes new volunteers! We have many unique volunteer opportunities...and can match your skills and interests for a fun and meaningful assignment. If you are interested in becoming an Overlook Medical Center volunteer, please call Gwen Dabney to request an application! 908-522-2099 Gwendolyn.dabney@atlantichalth.org

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATES

**FALL
VENDOR SALE**

Friday, September 12
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig 27

**JONES NY
COAT SALE**

Thursday, November 13
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig 27

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Thursday, December 4
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bouras Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig 27

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!

WHAT'S TRENDING AT THE GIFT SHOP & BLOOM?

The Auxiliary has decided to celebrate summer by issuing a 15% Discount Coupon which may be used one-time on your entire purchase at the Gift Shop & Bloom. Come in and browse and you'll be pleased to discover a beautiful array of carefully selected merchandise to choose from. Use this coupon to find a gift or lovely flowers for that special someone, a graduation present or two, hostess gifts for summertime barbecues, or you can just treat YOURSELF to something totally frivolous! Keep in mind that the coupon expires September 1st.

Your purchase is the perfect way to support the Auxiliary and Overlook Medical Center.



**15%
Discount
Coupon**




The Gift Shop & Bloom

Include the Gift Shop & Bloom in your shopping plans this summer! Treat yourself to a gorgeous bouquet of fresh flowers and an accessory to accent your summer wardrobe.

- * Personalized Gift Baskets
- * Custom Floral Arrangements
- * Jewelry and Accessories

All proceeds benefit patient services at Overlook Medical Center

Expiration Date: 09/01/14

Please cut out above coupon on the dotted lines and bring with you to the Gift Shop & Bloom for your discount!

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig 3



On a lovely Friday in May, our Annual Spring Luncheon took place at Baltusrol Golf Club. The day belonged to the entire Overlook Auxiliary with SU Twig #3 handling all the arrangements; booking the site, arranging the menu, handling the responses and seating. They also crafted a lovely program; it is, after all, our Annual Meeting for the election of officers, out time to enjoy the company of members and our time to have a reunion with friends.

What a lovely day! Registration was enhanced with live guitar music, a select number of vendors helped to put a dent in shopping for Mother's Day or other upcoming events. The tables were graced with stunning floral centerpieces from Bloom. A beautifully styled basket raffle with enticing items donated by participating Twigs – included a Panama Jack bike, a fire pit, a bouquet of wines, an iPad Mini and a dazzling arrangement of flowers – contributed a great deal of excitement and brought out the competitor in many of us. Our speaker, Susan Brierly, the Style Editor of *New Jersey Monthly* magazine led us through a riveting and thought-provoking slide show about home decorating trends...and, we elected the slate of officers proposed by our Nominating Committee. A full day of fun indeed.

SU Twig #3 would like to take this opportunity to thank the Twigs that answered our call for donations and contributed to the success of the event. We could not have done it without you!

Finally, we remind you that plans are already underway for next year – our Bylaws require an annual meeting EVERY year. Look for our Save the Date information in the Fall Pulse!



TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig 4

SU Twig #4 chose Camp Clover as the beneficiary of its "Sip & Nibbles in the Garden" fundraiser at one Twig member's lovely home. Camp Clover is a week long summer bereavement camp that helps children and teens deal with the



difficult grieving process with the loss of someone close to them. Donations from SU Twig #4 and its friends will support the children attending the camp as well as many fun events including Family Dinners and Memory Plantings and will also provide therapy tools for the youngest of the campers. Thanks to SU Twig #4, children attending Camp Clover this summer will receive services which make a tremendous difference for them now and in the long term.



OVERLOOK HAPPENINGS

Lights, camera, ACTION...and a Red Carpet. The premier event was to present the film *Your Awesome Brain* in Overlook's Boraus Auditorium. This film was made possible with a generous \$25,000 donation from the Overlook Auxiliary. To complete the red carpet treatment, guests were treated to sandwiches, dessert and a fountain spouting strawberry lemonade. As guests entered the doors for the showing, they were greeted with freshly popped popcorn.

Child stars Samira Bailey, Tim Erday and Charlotte Wesson were excited to watch their hard work on the Big Screen. Awards were presented at the end of the movie premier for Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress and Best Supporting Actor. A special award was given to Kathy Cacicedo, who produced the video. Charlotte Wesson, the daughter of Breene Wesson, a member of the Auxiliary's SU Twig 4 is currently rehearsing for her debut in an off-Broadway production of *A Little Princess*.

Attending on behalf of the Overlook Auxiliary Board were Christina Amundson, Elsa Russell and Anne St.Clair.

