

2015 - 2016 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

	September 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
*Mandatory Twig	—*November 9	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
Representation Meeting	January 11, 2016	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	March 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #3

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PULSE



Commitment, Compassion, Community



Celebrating our 100th Anniversary!

Please join us for

Cocktails, Dining & Music

Thursday, September 10th, 2015
 6:00pm

Canoe Brook Country Club
 1108 Morris Turnpike
 Summit, New Jersey

Questions: Contact Overlook Auxiliary 908-522-2004

The Overlook Auxiliary is a volunteer organization cultivating a compassionate and comforting environment throughout the entire Medical Center community with active volunteering and imaginative fundraising.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS



WELCOME TO SUMMER!!

We hope you are all looking forward to some lazy days. As you head to the beach or the cool of the mountains or just pull up a chair on the deck to settle down with a good book, the Auxiliary Office will continue to set the stage for our upcoming 100th Anniversary and Kitchen Tour.



We hope to see many of you at this year's **July 4th** Celebration. In honor of our 100th year, Mayor Dickson has invited the Auxiliary to "**push the plunger**" to start the fireworks display. The Auxiliary will also be a presence on the Green for community events and at the Farmer's Market.

Other ongoing activities over the summer will be planning for our 100th Anniversary Cocktail Party on **September 10th** at Canoe Brook Country Club. **October 8th** the Auxiliary will host a New Member/Welcome Coffee, open to all and we invite you to bring a friend - we always welcome new members.

Fresh off a very successful Auxiliary Annual Luncheon and Anniversary kick-off, we will be looking for Kitchen Tour volunteers to staff the five (5) homes we have at the moment. The date for the Kitchen Tour is **October 22nd** and it will benefit the Overlook Medical Center 8-12 year old Eating Disorders Program.

These are some of our activities planned for the summer, when the pace will be somewhat slower, yet we will continue to make our presence known throughout the hospital and community.

We look forward to greeting you all again in the fall. In the meantime enjoy some down time over the summer.

Elsa elsab2141@aol.com & Diane djswett@comcast.net



Be part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration Order our Centennial Bracelet



Cost: \$45.00 plus tax (**\$48.15**)
Purchase from the Gift Shop & Bloom
Questions/purchases (Mary 908-522-2133)
Curbside pickup No Charge
Option to ship additional cost: \$4.95
Checks payable to: Gift Shop & Bloom
All major credit cards accepted

Proceeds benefit patient services at Overlook Medical Center

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

THE HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARY (CLIP PROGRAM)

Friendly volunteers are needed to visit patient rooms to offer free informational research on health conditions and treatments. (Training will be provided).



BEDSIDE COMPANION PROGRAM

If you are caring and compassionate with a fondness for older adults, this will be a very rewarding 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 Union campus. Please make a commitment to enhance 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 is ideal for you.

VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS



Your musical talent can bring healing to our patients, visitors and staff! Pianists, vocalists, violinists, harpists and guitarists are all in great demand! Music in our atrium lobby enhances the welcoming environment! Please volunteer to perform at Overlook and enhance our 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@atlantichealth.org.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

“Believe that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Believe that you might be that light for someone else.”
Kobi Yamada

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS ARE A WELCOME BENEFIT THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS

Over the summer, Overlook Medical Center has the benefit of an energetic community of students, our junior volunteers. During their summer break, students in the Summit and neighboring communities come to Overlook to make a difference by dedicating their time energy and spirit for the benefit of Overlook’s patients, visitors and staff.

Many junior volunteers are interested in pursuing health careers after high school and college. Their volunteer role at Overlook allows them to engage in meaningful activities in a clinical setting with opportunities to shadow healthcare professionals over the summer. Most junior volunteers are trained as messengers who run errands between departments in the hospital, deliver supplies to clinical departments and provide wheelchair assistance to our discharged patients. Others participate in the Bedside Companion Program, making bedside visits with our elderly patients for an inter-generational experience that is mutually beneficial.

Our Overlook junior volunteers are awesome and we are truly grateful for their service. We are especially grateful for the many junior volunteers who choose to continue their dedicated service beyond summer and throughout the year...and years to come! They are our future...and we are proud to be part of their journey.

*May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.*
Franciscan Benediction

YOU CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE TO SO MANY!

Volunteer service blends a willingness to give of oneself with meaningful activities.
The result is an incredible sense of fulfillment and appreciation.

We have many unique and specialized volunteer opportunities. We can match your skills and interest to create a meaningful assignment. 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 Volunteer Services to request an application! 908-522-2099

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS – IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE!

- Clerical Volunteers** are needed to collate blank charts, assemble presentation packets and file.
- Gift Shop Volunteers** are needed to help with inventory, register sales and travelling gift cart!
- Information Desk Volunteers** are needed to welcome guests and offer information/direction.
- Messenger Room Volunteers** are needed daily to run errands throughout the medical center.
- Patient Relations Volunteers** are needed to make welcome visits to patients.

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

2015 SAVE THE DATES

FALL VENDOR SALE
Friday, September 11
8 am - 5:00 pm
Bouras Auditorium
Hosted by
SH Twig 27

APOSTLE SHOES SALE
Tuesday, October 6
8 am - 5:00 pm
Bouras Auditorium
Hosted by
SH Twig 27

JONES NY COAT SALE
Monday, November 23
9 am - 5:00 pm
Bouras Auditorium
Hosted by
SH Twig 27

100TH COCKTAIL PARTY
Thursday, September 10
6:00 pm
Canoe Brook Country Club
Contact 908-522-2004

KITCHEN TOUR
Thursday, October 22
Proceeds to Benefit
Eating Disorders Program

WHAT’S TRENDING AT THE GIFT SHOP & BLOOM?



The Gift Shop is in need of **volunteers** for many regular shifts. We **need** volunteers to staff both our 4th and 5th floor locations. Our family of volunteers love working at The Gift Shop & Bloom, as they have fun, they shop, and they meet new friends. Please contact Mary Damiano or Volunteer Services for more information.

The Gift Shop & Bloom offers free delivery to many Atlantic Health System locations, as well as Summit Medical Group. Delivery is available to Summit and neighboring towns for a nominal fee. Curbside pickup is available for gifts and flowers. The Gift Shop & Bloom is **YOUR** Auxiliary gift shop, raising funds to support vital patient services. We thrive on and appreciate your support.

Please visit our website: <http://www.bloomatoverlook.com>

Do you have a question or comment for us? “Like” our Facebook page! Is there something you would like to see us carry in our shops? Let us know! We welcome your feedback.

Gift Shop: 908-522-2133 Bloom: 908-522-2117



Stop in and see what else our toy buyer has ordered!

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SH Twig 27

SH Twig 27 marked the end of the season with their very much anticipated luncheon and celebration. While we were invited to wear our bikinis and take a dip in the pool at the home of member Dorid Lamb, most opted for wide brim straw hats and suntan lotion. Over a delicious lunch we critiqued the past year and discussed what we could do to encourage more participation by Auxiliary members in our vendor sales. So much “womanpower” goes into planning, implementing and realizing a successful vendor sale.



With the start of our new fiscal year in September, we have scheduled a Fall Vendor Sale on **September 11**. We’ve tried a few new and different vendors over the years, some of whom were well received and some not so much. At our Fall Sale we will once again try a new vendor – selling “Scrubs and Such.” Also selling his wares that day will be one of our favorite jewelry designers and friend, D & D International Jewelry Designs. David Shapiro offers a huge selection of gold and sterling silver jewelry and men’s and ladies watches in a wide range of prices to fit everyone’s budget. Please mark your calendars!

As we scattered to the four corners, some to the shore, others to summer in Greece and Ireland and those of us planning just to read a good book, we felt we had accomplished our goals this past year.

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

SPRING LUNCHEON WRAP-UP

Our kick-off 100th Anniversary Luncheon on May 14th at Canoe Brook Country Club was a big success. A video highlighting the Auxiliary’s 100 years had its debut bringing back fond memories to many in attendance.

The guest speaker, Kelly Corrigan was dynamic and very current. At some point we could all see ourselves and our own lives in what she was sharing.

Another highlight was presentation of the first of two Auxiliary awards for service to the Auxiliary and to the community. Mary and Andy Bobeck were honored for their twenty plus years of selling art work through the Auxiliary Art at Overlook Program to benefit Overlook Medical Center.

SU Twig 3 Committee again arranged a perfect event. The lunch was excellent and using the money donated by various Twigs the Basket Raffle items we hoped our tickets would win for us, were great. A big thank you to everyone involved in this huge yearly endeavor.



KITCHEN TOUR UPDATE

On October 22, the Auxiliary will feature five designer Summit homes in our biennial Kitchen Tour. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Overlook Medical Center Eating Disorders Program for 8-12 year old children.

Soon the committee (Elsa Russell, Peggy Schreck and Diane Swett) will be contacting members looking for volunteer docents to staff each home. With all that Auxiliary volunteers already do, please consider going the extra mile and help fill one of the many available slots in a morning or afternoon shift.

Thank you for all you do for the Auxiliary and Overlook Medical Center.

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS



Dear Auxiliary Member:

Thank you for your continued membership in the Overlook Auxiliary enabling us to make a difference within Overlook Medical Center and the community. In 2014 because of your hard work, we successfully funded over \$86,000 to benefit the medical center and tangibly improved the lives of patients and caregivers alike. Your membership allows us to continue on our path of accomplishments as we begin our 100th year!

We encourage you to visit our website, www.oaux.org where you will find a wealth of information including the dates of all Auxiliary Board meetings. Simply click on “Member Login” on the upper right corner of the Home page and input the following: USER ID: twigs and PASSWORD: oha99 (both lower case). Please keep the password and user id confidential, as some of the information in the “Member Login” area is sensitive.

It is time to pay your 2016 Annual Membership Dues. The Executive Board decided that 2016 Annual Membership Dues will remain at \$25. Please pay your 2016 membership dues with this letter to the Overlook Auxiliary, 99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. Dues may also be paid using PayPal through the Auxiliary website. **Unpaid Dues are delinquent after December 1, 2015 and will be assessed a \$20 late fee. After December 15**, delinquent members will be removed from our membership rolls. If you have already paid your dues, please disregard this letter.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Overlook Auxiliary. Please do not hesitate to contact Madonna at 908-522-2004 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Terry Andrews, Treasurer

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**Overlook Auxiliary
2016 Membership Dues
\$25.00**

Dues are now payable.

If not paid by December 1, dues will be delinquent and subject to a \$20 late fee. After December 15, delinquent members will be removed from our membership rolls.

Please tear off and return this bill with your check payable to Overlook Auxiliary.
Mail to: **Overlook Auxiliary, 99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901**

Your minimum dues of \$25.00 will be used to support your membership in the organization. Any additional tax deductible donation made at this time will be directed to any specific area of the medical center that you may designate or to the Auxiliary’s General Fund.

NEW members, please complete ALL information below.
AUXILIARY members, please complete only NEW information below with your name.
Thank you!

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Dues Bills will be mailed late September as an additional reminder to pay your dues before December 1 to avoid a late fee!