

2016 - 2017 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

September 12	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
<u>Mandatory Twig Representation Meeting:</u>		
November 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
January 9, 2017	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
March 13	9:30 am	Conference Room #3

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DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT YOUR AUXILIARY IS DOING?

Much of the money generated by your Auxiliary's major fundraiser, the Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom, is used to fund many higher priced "Wish List" item requests made by various departments throughout Overlook Medical Center. The most recent Auxiliary Board of Trustees approved pledge was for a generous \$100,000 to be paid over multiple years as part of a Reeves challenge grant for the Emergency Department.

In addition, your Auxiliary funds the Overlook Music Program comprised of several very talented pianists and the occasional harpist and guitarist which one hears when entering the Main Lobby. For the past three years, your Auxiliary has also been providing funding for a vital dedicated Chaplain in Palliative Care.

Another resource which your Auxiliary provides to Palliative Care are "Comfort Baskets" given to patients and their families. Each basket is personalized to the patient or a family member. Though each basket is customized, items might include: stationary, a reading book or coloring book, an aroma wand, massage cream, a comb or brush, a trinket, a handmade lap blanket created with love by an Overlook volunteer and certainly - chocolates or a snack.

The Auxiliary also oversees space graciously loaned to us by Overlook Medical Center in the Administrative Hallway for our "Art at Overlook" Gallery. This space is used to display the artwork of local artists with most pieces available for sale. This is yet another means of fundraising by your Auxiliary as 20% of all sales generated through art is used for continued Cancer Care. Take a stroll down the hallway gallery when you are in the medical center and enjoy all of the works of Art. There's no doubt, at some point, there will be an Art Show that catches your eye and a piece of art that you cannot resist!

Your Auxiliary will have a new website designed and implemented over the summer...fingers crossed, the 100th Anniversary Memory Book is near completion, another Auxiliary New Member Coffee is slated for the fall, we are beginning to make plans for the 2017 Kitchen Tour, Twigs are busy formulating fundraising events, and five Vendors Sales are scheduled through the end of this year...and we are just getting started...



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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 OUR PRESIDENTS



Summer has finally arrived with its year end board meetings, luncheons and dinners. The time between Memorial Day and the 4th of July seems to fly by as we look forward to time spent on the beach with the latest novel, travel to favorite vacation spots or perhaps sleeping a bit later and enjoying a slower pace.

Our Auxiliary Luncheon and Annual Meeting were special indeed with Broadway entertainment to honor our 100th Anniversary. Ron Sharpe and Barbra Russell of *Married to Broadway* a husband and wife team



who met on the stage of Les Miserables while playing the lead roles, entertained with friends to bring us a medley of Broadway hits. They were the highlight of the luncheon.

Kitchen Tour Chairs, Christina Gouilding and Laura Bojanowki received the Auxiliary Community Award and were honored along with committee members Meredith Guida, Erika Melchiorre, Anne St.Clair, Stacey Supran and Peggy Schreck. The proceeds of \$31,934.91 benefitted the Eating Disorders Program for ages 8 to 12.

Volunteers as usual had a busy year. A few of the fund raising endeavors included a sold out performance of Godspell at the Summit Playhouse sponsored by NP Twig 10 with proceeds going to Camp Clover, a very successful blood drive also by NP Twig 10, several vendor sales by SH Twig 27, fund raising for Palliative Care and more.

The Auxiliary has pledged \$100,000 over several years for the Emergency Fund Challenge Grant and continues its support of the Music program, the Palliative Care Chaplin's salary and Nursing Scholarships amongst other areas of hospital needs.

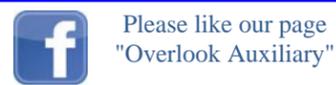
As we say a fond good bye to Diane as our Co-President, she is not straying far as she will take on the responsibilities of Recording Secretary replacing Peggy Schreck. We also bid a sad farewell to Jeanette Smith our Publicity Co-Chair as she moves to California, we wish her well in her new volunteer experiences. We welcome Anne St.Clair to the Auxiliary Board as Co-President and Kassandra Romas as Events Co-Chairman.

We want to take this time to thank Amanda Ford for all the hard work she has done with respect to organizing the Oncology Tea. Patients and visitors alike enjoy the coffee and tea (for the summer month's lemonade and iced tea) the first and third Thursdays of the month thanks to her efforts. Starting now, Diane and I will take over from Amanda, please see the blurb containing information about the tea.

These are but a few things accomplished so far. Our celebration of the 100th continues through the end of the year. Look for more news of events planned to honor Auxilians past and present for their wonderful contributions to Overlook Medical Center.

We wish you a pleasant and restful summer and look forward to a busy fall. Happy Summer to All!!

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ONCOLOGY TEAS

If you are able to volunteer time to help host Auxiliary Oncology Teas the first and third Thursday of any month, in the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, please contact Elsa Russell (908-347-4110). Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts most months. We are happy to say that we will be serving iced-tea and lemonade in July and August to accommodate the warm weather. Thank you!



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VOLUNTEER SERVICES

CHOOSE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE

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 interested in becoming an Overlook Medical Center volunteer, call Volunteer Services (908-522-2099) to request an application!

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!

2016 OVERLOOK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES

On Tuesday, May 26, 2016, our own Mary Hall was awarded the prestigious Overlook Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Services by the Overlook Foundation.

Mary, and her husband Bob, attended this awards dinner at Baltusrol Golf Club. The audience of family and friends from the Overlook community erupted with cheers, applause and a spontaneous standing ovation in her honor, when Mary accepted her award.

This honor is well-deserved. Mary's service to Overlook spans 23 years and over 26,000 volunteer hours in the Messenger Room, Information Desk, Ambulatory Surgery and the Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom.

Congratulations Mary!



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEER DEDICATION



On April 15, 2016, one hundred and fifty of our most dedicated volunteers were recognized and celebrated at Overlook's Annual Volunteer Luncheon at the Primavera Regency in Stirling, NJ. A cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception preceded the luncheon and awards presentation. Alan Lieber, Overlook Medical Center president, expressed congratulations and sincere appreciation for their dedicated volunteer service to Overlook. The celebration concluded with a lively raffle with generous prizes for our most lucky participants.

We look forward to celebrating again next year. All active Overlook volunteers who contribute 250 or more annual hours of volunteer service are invited to attend this annual special event.



AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP & BLOOM



Several years ago, a nurse from Eldercare asked if the Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom would carry SuperEar, a Sonic Technology product. Since then, over one hundred SuperEars have been sold annually to patients and visitors. Often, a representative from one of the floors will purchase a SuperEar for a department. The SuperEar is a personal, handheld sound amplifier, initially marketed to bird watchers and other naturalists, and the healthcare industry. Later, additional niche markets opened up, including spy and surveillance stores. The bulk of sales were flowing from the healthcare industry, including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and assisted care facilities. The Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom is now offering the new and improved SuperEar5000! In addition to stereo headphones, this model includes discreet earbuds. The SuperEar is ideal for watching TV, improved hearing at meetings or worship services, or for gaining more enjoyment from simple conversations. It boosts hearing by 50+ decibels! If you or someone you know could benefit from improved hearing, please visit The Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom to purchase your SuperEar.

Employees and visitors have often requested Overlook Medical Center logo merchandise. The Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom 2, located on the fourth floor adjacent to the Summit Restaurant now carries select OMC logo items! From caps to fleece - Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom 2 is your source.

The buyers are purchasing lots of new merchandise for the fall/winter season - but don't forget to stop in and see what is already available for summer. Cute dresses, summer wraps, and scarves are ready to head to the beach with you. The Baked Beads earrings are very popular and will accent any summer fashion.

Summer's freshest flowers are available and a professional designer is on-site to create distinctive arrangements using seasonal blooms in unique combinations. You can make a purchase over the phone and discuss your floral desires. The Auxiliary 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 Auxiliary Gift Shop & Bloom is YOUR Overlook Auxiliary gift shop, raising funds to support vital patient services. We thrive on and appreciate your support.

908-522-2133 or 908-522-2117

On May 19th Auxiliary members and guests were serenaded and charmed by the musical group Married to Broadway whose lead performers are married couple Ron Sharpe and Barbra Russell. The hour long show included both solo and group performances with a mix of genres. A standing ovation made it apparent this cast of very talented vocalists were the hit of the luncheon. As you can see in the photos right, SH Twig 27 members Dorid Lamb and Elsa Russell were both serenaded by Ron Sharpe himself. Both Dorid and Elsa were charming participants and Dorid was quite animated and even knew all the words of the song "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" from Jersey Boys.



The ever popular Basket Raffle was fun for all who participated. Anticipation of a big win grew as each person circled the table and dropped the "winning" ticket into the awaiting bag of each prize. Kudos to all SU Twig 3 members who shopped, set up each basket and implemented such a great event.

The afternoon was especially enjoyable this year for what we lacked in numbers we made up in enthusiasm and entertainment. Kudos to all!!



TWIG HAPPENINGS

NP Twig 2

Excerpts from letter of thanks, Maria Velazquez-Knight LSW MSW, Healthstart Clinic:



Dear Sharon and members of NP Twig 2,

How can we thank you for all you have done for our families in the Overlook Medical Center Healthstart clinic this year? Your organization and its members gave us the opportunity to provide food to some of the neediest families...for Thanksgiving. Please thank each and every volunteer who put in the time to purchase the food, arrange the baskets and personally deliver them to our clinic.

This year...we were able to deliver a basket of food to a single mom and her three children who recently became homeless... She was moved to tears when we delivered the basket and wanted to personally thank your organization for helping her during this difficult period...

We also want to thank you for the Christmas gifts as for many of our children it may be the only gift they receive during the holiday....

Again, thank you for all you do for the community, it doesn't go unnoticed....

SH Twig 27

Three sales scheduled through October are listed below. Please mark your calendars and drop in on one of our sales. There is always a special treasure to be found and proceeds from all of your purchases go a very long way for Overlook Medical Center.

SUMMER SALE
TJ's Boutique & Shoes
Loren's Reading Room (new)
Waterline By Design (new)
Tuesday, July 26
8 am - 3 pm
Bouras Auditorium

FALL SALE
*VENDORS TO BE ANNOUNCED
Tuesday, September 27
8 am - 5:00 pm
Bouras Auditorium

TJ'S BOUTIQUE & SHOES
Tuesday, October 4
8 am - 5 pm
Bouras Auditorium

SU Twig 5

The Friends of Hospice, Summit Twig 5, is pleased to announce the Sixth Annual Camp Clover, a bereavement day camp for children and teens, ages 7 to 15. Camp Clover runs from August 16 to 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Camp Riverbend in Warren, N.J.

It is designed to be a safe place where children who have lost loved ones are encouraged to talk openly about their thoughts, feelings and fears. There is no charge to attend the camp and busing is free from certain locations.

For more information or to enroll a child, call 973-379-8444.

SAFE THE DATE
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
SUNDAY BRUNCH CRUISE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
NOON - 2 P.M.
\$80 PER PERSON
COMPLIMENTARY BUSING
FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CALL 973-379-8444

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 2015 because of your hard work, we successfully funded over \$85,000 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 finish our first 100 years!

We encourage you to visit our website, www.oaux.org where you will find a wealth of information about our organization. Member specific information can be found at www.oaux.org/member.html including dates of all Auxiliary Board meetings.

It is time to pay your 2017 Annual Membership Dues of \$35. Please pay your 2017 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 by selecting the "Pay 2017 Dues" under the Actions section on the Member tab of the Auxiliary website. Unpaid Dues are delinquent after December 1, 2016 and will be assessed a \$20 late fee. 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 the Auxiliary Office at 908-522-2004 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Terry Andrews, Treasurer

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Your minimum dues of \$35.00 will be used to support your membership in the organization. *Please consider an additional donation if you are able. 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.

Overlook Auxiliary
2017 Membership Dues \$35.00

*or [] \$50 [] \$75 [] \$100 [] \$_____

Designation: _____

Dues are now payable. If not paid by December 1, dues will be delinquent and subject to a \$20 late fee.

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

NEW members, please complete ALL information below.
EXISTING members, please update only NEW information below with your name.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Thank you!