

2016 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

January 11, 2016	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
March 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
May 9	9:30 am	Conference Room #3
June 13	9:30 am	Conference Room #3

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OVERLOOK AUXILIARY CELEBRATING

100 YEARS



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



Happy New Year to All and a Happy Birthday to the Auxiliary!

During this year we will become officially 100 years old. We should raise a glass to ourselves as we look pretty good for 100 years young. The holidays are now behind us and we go forward with new work and new ideas for fund raising and thoughts of how to make the Auxiliary relevant in the next 100 years.

While this has been a very mild winter thoughts of spring will begin to emerge as the Gift Shop restocks with spring merchandise. SU Twig 3 is busy setting the stage for our annual luncheon in May and several Twigs will be having fund raisers. After a successful New Member Tea/Coffee was held in October at the home of Amanda Ford, plans are afoot to have another, this time Jeanette Smith has kindly offered to host it. Details on this and other events planned for 2016 will slowly emerge as time and dates are set.

In the meantime, we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope all your plans and dreams come true. The Proclamation given to the Auxiliary at our 100th Anniversary Cocktail Party by Summit Mayor Dickson is now on display in the Showcase of the Main Lobby of Overlook Medical Center. Please stop to see and read this honor bestowed upon our organization the next time you are volunteering in the hospital. Here's to us and another 100 years!

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



ONCOLOGY TEAS

Volunteers are needed to help host coffee and tea twice a month in the Carol G. Simon Center. Shifts are 2-hours on the first and third Thursday of each month. If interested, please contact Amanda Ford for more information at fordclan@verizon.net. Thank you!

2016 DUES

The Auxiliary would like to thank the following members for the "extra" donation included in their dues:

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| Theresa Bernaz | Christina Goulding | Leigh Rosoff |
| Nancy Burrows | Mary Joan Herr | Kitty Simpson |
| Barbara Cox-Sachs | Carol Kanner | |
| Bobbie Gilmour | Ayten Mayer | |

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) or Sue.thomas@atlanticealth.org.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES



"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."

Erma Bombeck

EXPANDED EVENING HOURS FOR OUR VOLUNTEER MESSENGERS

Through the generous support of our Adult volunteer leaders, and our team of Juniors who volunteer after school, we have been able to provide expanded evening assistance for our patients and staff at Overlook. Our Volunteer Messenger Room is now open from 8am-8pm on weekdays and 11am-3pm on Saturday and Sunday to provide meaningful support to the patient experience at Overlook.

We are truly grateful for all that they do ... every day of the week!

"Each of us can look back upon someone who made a difference in our lives, often a teacher or a volunteer whose wisdom or simple acts of caring made an impression. In all likelihood, it was someone who sought no recognition for their deed other than the joy of knowing that, by their hand, another's life had been made better."

Stephen M. Wolf

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

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

IT WAS A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HANUKKAH AT OVERLOOK



Christmas trees decorated by Auxiliary members of SU Twig 21 and SU Twig 3.
 Left to right: Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, Same Day Surgery, and Oncology Family Waiting Room.



SUMMIT TWIG 21 would like to thank everyone who made The Annual Auxiliary Holiday Open House a Great Success! The generous donations from our membership of baked goods and various other treats were bountiful and much appreciated by all of our wonderful employees. This year we were able to distribute many more trays to the areas of the hospital where certain positions make it impossible for the employees to leave their station to attend the reception. Additionally, we also were able to make up trays for the late shift in some areas so that they too would benefit from our holiday cheer as well. And we thank the staff at Donna's Cafe for their assistance with beverages, the Environmental Staff who helped organize the room and tidy up after the event, and of course, the leadership of our Auxiliary and our Coordinator, Madonna, for their tireless management of the "behind-the-scenes" activity and support that make the day as special as it is for our Hospital employees and volunteers.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig 5

LIGHTS OF LOVE One of the most visible symbols of the true meaning of the season is the Atlantic **Home Care and Hospice** "Lights of Love Tree". Each light on the tree represents a gift of love. The "Lights of Love" remembrance provides an opportunity to honor or remember loved ones.

The tax-deductible contribution is used to support the hospice patient services fund and Camp Clover. An acknowledgement card is sent to announce the gift and a wooden ornament is placed on the tree with the loved one's name. The lighted tree was on display during the month of December at 465 South Street, Suite 100, in Morristown.



SH Twig 27



On the first Friday in December, SH Twig 27 hosted its annual Holiday Boutique. The hospital had been beautifully decorated the day before so it lent a special holiday feeling to the Boutique. A highlight of the sale was the opportunity for customers to purchase a ticket for a drawing to win a beautiful baby hat and matching sweater which had been hand knitted by SH Twig 27 member Cassandra Romas. Atlantic Health employee, Stacey Phillips of Clinical Engineering was the lucky winner. This was the sixth vendor sale in 2015 and in total SH Twig 27 raised over \$6000 during the year. Two of the most popular vendors were Apostle Shoes and the "inherited" Jones NY Coat Sale from SH Twig 17. Some fond reminiscing occurred during the Holiday Boutique thinking back to the very first Holiday fund raiser.

This year SH Twig 27 will celebrate almost 40 years of fund

raising. In the beginning they combined their efforts with SH Twig 17 and sponsored two ballets showcasing Suzanne Farrell and Peter Martins. This was followed by a very successful Silent Auction. When the two Twigs went their separate ways SH Twig 27 continued its fund raising efforts.

The first Christmas sale was accomplished on the veranda of the home of Cathy Stanzione and involved the making and decorating of small trees and ornaments. For a time all the holiday decorations were handmade by the members. From the veranda we now go to the Javits Center, where the ladies of SH Twig 27 spend time shopping for different and interesting items to sell at the Holiday Boutique. In addition, fundraising was done with several brass sales and a night at the Summit Playhouse.

In the near past our Twig has supported Camp Clover, Hospice/Homecare, Ovarian Cancer Research and currently the Eating Disorders Program for 8-12 years old. SH Twig 27 has funded numerous and much needed equipment over the years including wheel chairs, a geriatric recliner, seizure pads, and a bladder scanner. Though perhaps not very glamorous, these items are all very necessary for the comfort and wellbeing of patients at Overlook Medical Center.

As the saying "often" goes, "time waits for no woman" and 2016 will be a busy one for our ladies.

AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

Overlook Auxiliary NP Twig #10

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 25, 2016
New Providence Public Library

377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please call 908-665-5960

Must be minimum of 110 lbs.
Between ages of 17-76



2016 SAVE THE DATES

**APOSTLE SHOES
BLOWOUT SALE**

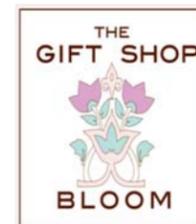
Tuesday, February 2
8 am - 5:00 pm
Bouras Auditorium

**APOSTLE SHOES
SPRING SALE**

Monday, April 25
8 am - 4:30 pm
Bouras Auditorium

SPRING VENDOR SALE

Wednesday, May 18
8 am - 5:00 pm
Bouras Auditorium



The **Gift Shop & Bloom** introduces Kathy Zerweck, our volunteer card buyer!

Customers appreciate Kathy's selection and many buy several cards at a time and some even make a special trip to The **Gift Shop & Bloom** just to purchase cards. "I try to keep them at a good price point and have a good selection", said Kathy. Cards range in price from just 45 cents to \$4.99, most are priced well under three dollars.

Kathy, a Summit resident, has been volunteering since she was a young girl. She volunteered as a Candy

Striper and later, at the age of 16, took a paying job at the "snack bar". She has been the card buyer for The **Gift Shop & Bloom** for over ten years, after being recruited by her friend and former manager, Carolyn Penwell. "I love cards!" said Kathy, "I think they are funny. I love cards and dogs." Notably, several cards in the selection also have dogs on them! Kathy also volunteers for a local dog rescue.

Please support your Overlook Auxiliary by purchasing your cards, gifts and flowers at The **Gift Shop & Bloom**. Visit our Facebook page and website www.bloomatoverlook.com. All proceeds benefit patient services at Overlook Medical Center.