2018 - 2019 Auxiliary Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

*September 10
  9:00 am
  Conference Room #3

November 12
  9:00 am
  Conference Room #3

January 14, 2019
  9:00 am
  Conference Room #3

*Mandatory Twig Representation Meeting

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2017 Auxiliary Funding
$94,500.00

Atlantic Hospice Complementary Therapy
Chapel Renovation
Emergency Department
Nursing Scholarships

2017 Twig Funding
$29,372

CH 6 $44 Auxiliary General Fund

CH 15 $1,500 Sponsor (3) children at Camp Clover
  500 No-Sew Blankets for Oncology
  100 (4) $25 gift cards for Healthstart

NP 10 $1,000 Valerie Fund Snacks & Parties
  500 Sponsor (1) child at Camp Clover
  240 (12) $20 gift cards for Healthstart

SU 2 $7,259 Auxiliary General Fund

SU 3 $3,500 Sponsor (7) children at Camp Clover

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1,374 Neuroscience Seizure Pads (6 sets)
250 Ambulatory “Tune Buds” (10 sets)
110 (2) Scales for Diabetes Center

SU 5 $3,800 Atlantic Hospice Homecare

SU 19 $5,020 Union Imaging Blanket Warmer
2,000 Outpatient Oncology Women Cancer
Patient Retreats
1,000 Sponsor (2) children at Camp Clover

SU 21 $275 Auxiliary General Fund

SU 22 $900 Palliative Care
Dear Auxiliary Members –

This issue of the Pulse is dedicated to Elsa Russell, who passed away in June. Elsa was an indefatigable volunteer for the Overlook Auxiliary. As a member of Short Hills Twig 27, Elsa spearheaded multiple vendor events annually at Overlook raising significant funds for her Twig to deploy over the years for the greater good of the Overlook community. In addition, Elsa served for over a decade as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Auxiliary, contributing in multiple capacities including seven years leading the Auxiliary as Co-President and a decade as editor of the Pulse. Even after passing, Elsa’s passion for the nursing scholarships that the Auxiliary grants each year has fueled contributions to provide special nursing scholarships in her memory. We will miss Elsa very much.

We end the year as we started it – with boundless gratitude for our membership. We have accomplished a great deal this year together – from the incredibly successful Kitchen Tour benefiting Atlantic Hospice to energizing membership and publicity. We have a new website that allows for volunteer signups, and crisper communications for our members. In addition, we are thrilled to announce that the Junior Twig, a long-standing dream of the Board, is now a reality with a group of 19 founding members, who will be led by Cheryl Darmanin as Junior Twig Liaison. We look forward to the energy that they will bring to the Auxiliary.

We are grateful for a passionate Board, especially outgoing members Terry Andrews, Amanda Ford and Diane Swett – all of whom imbued our Board with continuity and the best spirit of volunteerism. We are grateful also for our dynamic Nominations Committee, who identified a great group of members to fill needed roles including Anne St.Clair (Nominations Chair), Liza Tulloch (Co-President), Laura Bojanowski (Co-Vice President), Cindy Curley (Treasurer), Nancy Kuhn (Recording Secretary), Madonna Lee (Corresponding Secretary), Stacy Beckett (Events Co-Chair), Virginia Liberato (Publicity), and Cheryl Darmanin (Junior Twig Liaison). We welcome the newly elected Board members, and those who shifted roles within the Board to contribute their energy and expertise as we continue to grow our membership and strengthen our purpose. We are incredibly grateful for all members of the Board who help us lead the Auxiliary forward with commitment to our mission and to the joy of being volunteers.

Our next Board meeting will take place on September 10, beginning at 9am – this is a mandatory meeting for Twig Chairs but all Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. Please mark your calendars.

With our heartfelt gratitude,

Christina Amundson and Anne St. Clair, Co-Presidents
Spring was a busy time at the Gift Shop & Bloom! Apparel flew off the hangers – cute dresses by Yak & Yeti were super popular. Stop in and see what is available for summer. Cute dresses, summer wraps, and cover-ups are ready for the beach. Summer jewelry has arrived – cute, fun and colorful accents for all your summer parties and barbecues.

Our buyers have just returned from the Accessories show in New York and have placed orders for fall/winter/holiday merchandise. Many wraps, including faux fur trimmed wraps, hats, and gloves, are on the way. New handbags and tote bags for Autumn! Cozy slippers for Winter! And of course, elegant jewelry for your holiday celebrations.

In May, Cindy Curley (assistant manager) and Laura McDowell (floral designer) spent an afternoon at Celgene, promoting the Gift Shop & Bloom. Celgene was hosting a one-year celebration for the J Conference Center, a state of the art facility for meetings and other events. There were elegant food stations and passed hors d’oeuvres and desserts served to all who attended. Cindy and Laura brought several floral arrangements and a gift basket to show the different items available. They spoke with many Celgene employees, who were excited to learn of complimentary delivery to their locations. Celgene has already been ordering floral arrangements for many of their functions for the past year. May also brought an exciting "pop-up" shop at Baltusrol Golf Club during the Spring Luncheon and gave us another opportunity to show Auxiliary members and guests a glimpse of what we do at the Gift Shop & Bloom.

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 Gift Shop & Bloom offers free delivery to many Atlantic Health System locations, as well as Summit and neighboring towns. Curbside pickup is always available for gifts and flowers.

In May, we provided floral centerpieces for the Clinical Excellence Awards at the Primavera Regency, the Auxiliary Annual Spring Luncheon at Baltusrol, the Stroke Symposium at the Westin Governor Morris, Healing the Children at Canoe Brook, and the EMS Awards dinner at the Grand Summit Hotel! Please call the Gift Shop & Bloom for your next event!

The Gift Shop & Bloom is YOUR gift shop, the Auxiliary’s primary vehicle for raising funds to support vital patient services. We thrive on and appreciate your support and we’re always looking for volunteers.

The Gift Shop & Bloom would like clean baskets donated. Many orders for gift baskets are placed throughout the year, more so at the holidays. Also needed: clean vases for floral arrangements.

Thank you!

Gift Shop: 908-522-2133
Bloom: 908-522-2117
New Providence Twig 10 came up with a creative way to collect donations in April - A Hi/Low Wine Tasting Event! Hosted by Co-Chair of NP Twig 10, Karen Canniffe, each member and guest brought 2 bottles of wine of the same color. One bottle was a lower priced version ($15-$20) and one bottle was a higher end version ($25-$50). The bottles were hidden in bags and set up in groups. Each guest had the opportunity to taste each bottle and determine which was the cheap bottle and which was the expensive bottle. The big Winners were Carmen Toniello from New Providence (Brother of NP Twig 10 member, Virginia Liberato) and John Liberato from Summit (Virginia’s husband). The worst palate winner went to Dan Sapir from Berkeley Heights. Everyone not only had a wonderful time, they also got the chance to meet new people and potential new members. The Twig was able to raise $480 from the event.

SUMMER CAMP...BACK TO SCHOOL...GET YOUR LABELS SO STUFF WON’T GET LOST!

NP Twig 10 is holding an open-ended fundraiser. 20% of all sales will go to the Overlook Auxiliary. Great gifts for kids and grandkids - spread the word - you don't have to be a member of the Auxiliary to purchase!! MABEL’S LABELS makes fun, personalized labels for everything from clothes to lunch boxes to sports gear & more. Waterproof - Laundry, Dishwasher & Microwave safe - Peel & Stick - 100% satisfaction guaranteed. campages.mabelslabels.com

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We’re still smiling! Celebrated on a sunny, May 10 at Buhlauer Golf Club with fun vendors (including a pop-up shop from the Auxiliary’s Gift Shop & Bloom) and a fun, well-curated raffle, the Spring Luncheon featured a fashion show showcasing beautiful clothes from W by Worth with a guest commentator, Melissa Guarino, Summit’s own fashion blogger. Special thanks to Amy Coffee for selecting the clothes and to the following vendors who contributed to the event: Champagne Provencal, Happy Sprout, Stop & Shop, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, and Bouquet Flowers. Special thanks also to Madison Hospital Auxiliary who set the stage美丽的舞台。After a brief business meeting when we elected new Board members, Alan Lieber, President of Overlook Medical Center shared news of the many new initiatives. Always a great time for reunions, the Spring Luncheon was a showcase for today’s women in healthcare and the Extended Care Pavilion in West Orange, honoring the following:

Dr. Brenda Matti-Oreco is one of the Atlantic Hospice Medical Directors, the Director of the Nancy and Skippy Weinstein Inpatient & Palliative Care Unit at Morristown Medical Center as well as the Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine & Palliative Medicine at Morristown Medical Center. Her expertise and compassion with patients and families at the end of life has educated and empowered the staff to advocate for the needs of their patients. She is an inspiration to all the staff, both in hospice and Morristown Medical Center.

Kathy Pierce, a hospice nurse with Atlantic since 1991, is the finest example of what a hospice nurse should be. She is always an advocate for her patients giving them support and care for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs as she guides them in making every day count. Kathy is also an extraordinary mentor to new hospice nurses and seasoned nurses look to her for support and guidance. She is professional, knowledgeable, positive and has a great sense of humor. Kathy is a true asset to the Atlantic Hospice team.

The Community Award is presented to the Redwoods Restaurant in Chester, which is co-owned by John O’Leary. John and his siblings have provided a sumptuous hot meal for all the campers and families at Family Night at Camp Clover for the past five years. Their generosity is much appreciated as they honor the memory of their mother Marge O’Leary in offering this gift.

Junior Twig

Welcome the New Junior Twig! We are happy to announce that our inaugural group of students for the New Junior Twig are in place and ready to get started. The Co-Chairs of the Junior Twig, Cheryl Darmanin and Heather Flanagan are helping to develop the next generation of Twig Members. They are working with the founding 19 members all summer to develop their mission, fundraiser and service project goals for the rest of 2018 and 2019. We will have more exciting news coming from this Twig in the near future.

The Founding Members

- Alysia Aguilera
- Saya Goorha
- Hope Amend
- Liam Henderson
- Brooke Beckett
- Anna Munoz
- Karthik Bhavaraju
- Maggie Murray
- Marisa Billings
- Kavi Ramachandran
- Rachel Bowman
- Stephanie Schramm
- Arianna Chavez
- Jacqueline Schroeder
- Alexia Cubert
- Ashly Sorto
- Hannah Flanagan
- Krupta Sourirajan
- Matthew Fridel
- Nancy Tosiello
- Diane Swett
- Mary Pat Sullivan
- Michele Cameron
- Diane Colonello
- Christine Cartisser
- Jeanne Lawler
- Melissa Guarino
- Kristi Taylor
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