



VOLUNTEER VOICE

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John Walker
Director, Vol. Svcs

A Note from the Director

This year has gone by quickly. And, it seems hard to believe that we're nearing the holiday season. I want to use this space to update you on how we'll be adding a slight twist to some hospital holiday traditions.

The first tradition that will be new this year relates to how the hospital will provide turkeys for the holidays. Because of space limitations and safety concerns, the hospital has made the decision to provide a voucher that will allow you to pick out your own turkey where you shop. These vouchers will be good just about anywhere *except* places like Sam's and Costco. Another benefit of taking this approach is you can get a ham if that is what you prefer. And, finally, if your family gathers for a different holiday, such as Christmas or Easter, these vouchers are good for six months. The vouchers will be mailed after November 20th.

Another change will be the location and transportation for our Christmas Luncheon. Suzy mentions in her article that we'll be having the luncheon at the Boone Center. We will be able to transport some Volunteers using the hospital shuttles. So, it will be VERY, VERY important to let us know if you will be needing transportation when you sign up to attend this year's Christmas Luncheon.

Finally, on a completely different note, I hope you'll take just a moment to have your voice heard on the quality of life in Lexington. The city of Lexington, AARP, and the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living are conducting a comprehensive survey to ask seniors for input on everything from city parks to healthcare. For your convenience, I've added a link to the survey on the Volunteer website (www.bhlexvolunteers.com), or you can pick up a hard copy at the Lexington Senior Center at Nicholasville Road and Alumni Drive. Surveys may be completed through November 30th.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Thanksgiving, Christmas & a healthy New Year!

Upcoming Events

- *November 20*
Turkey Letter
- *November 30*
Deadline to Submit Quality of Life Survey
- *November 30*
Deadline to Complete Annual Education
- *December 17*
Noon
Christmas Luncheon
Boone Center
- **Rest of Year**
Donate *NEW* XL and XXL sweatpants, sweatshirts, and/or white socks for the hospital's clothing closet.
Drop off in the Volunteer Workroom.



A Note From Suzy Thurman

It is so hard to believe that we are entering the final months of the year. As I look out the window I see that half of the trees in my yard are beautifully dressed in all of their autumn glory, while the other half are already prepared for their long winter's nap. Thanksgiving is soon to be celebrated and Christmas decorations with its colorful lights, decorations, and other signs of the holiday will soon be seen all around town. Where has the time gone?

Thanks to all that attended the fall Auxiliary meeting and voted in the new slate of auxiliary board members. A special treat was hearing from Betty Simms, Oncology Dietician, expressing her thanks to the auxiliary for their services throughout the hospital and especially to those that volunteer in the infusion department. I so appreciate Belinda Corder coming to introduce "Rescue Randy", and explaining what vital part he plays in disaster training. "Rescue Randy" was purchased this year by the Auxiliary through your dues and purchases at the gift shop.

Our next big event will be the Christmas luncheon which will be held at the Boone Center on Wednesday, December 17th. The Boone Center is located on the University of Kentucky campus at the corner of Rose and Columbia. Plans are underway to make this a most festive and fun holiday occasion. Buses will be available to transport anyone wishing for door to door service to the luncheon. More information regarding parking and bus transportation will be forthcoming, in early December. A Calling-Post message will be sent out and invitations will also come to you through the mail, so please remember to RSVP in one form or another. It is crucial that we have an accurate count for this event.

In closing, let me once again say a big "Thank You" to all of you for your continued service to the hospital and I look forward to seeing you around the halls and especially the Boone Center on December 17th.

Until then, take care.

Suzy

Carla's Corner



Happy
Birthday
to...



Carla Conley,
Gift Shop Manager

From Carla's Corner...

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and our thoughts turn to cold temperatures, snow flakes flying and roaring fires with stockings hung by the chimney with care. Our Gift Shop is stocked full of wonderful items to make all of your holiday shopping easy and convenient.

Once again we are offering a grand assortment of ornaments that will provide pleasure and memories for years to come. These tend to sell out quickly so don't delay in making your choices now. We also have a wonderful selection of the popular "STUFFIES" plush animals that are seen on national TV. They are the perfect gift for all of those special little ones on your Christmas list.

Many options in shawls, capes, ponchos, scarves, jewelry and handbags in all the latest colors and styles will delight the most picky of fashionistas and don't forget about our GREAT selection of UK times to tuck under the tree as well. We can help you complete your Christmas gift list and we will be happy to treat you to free gift wrapping as an extra bonus.

Needless to say, there are so many delightful things awaiting you in the Gift Shop to provide that perfect gift for everyone on your list that even Santa shops with us! So, why fight the crowds and parking nightmares at the mall when the elves will even park your car for free when you shop with us? **Every penny of profit is returned to the hospital to help enhance the services and needs of the staff, visitors and patients that come through our doors.**

We love helping you and invite you to visit "Holiday Central" to fulfill Santa's wish list!

November

- 3 Linda Brooks
- 4 Francis Carpenter
- 5 Tamara Green
- 6 Anna Litral
- 6 Rebecca Landry
- 10 Dorothy Tice
- 10 Lois Dixon
- 15 Marlene Nace
- 17 Lisa Perun
- 18 Nora Bethel
- 19 Diane Campbell
- 19 James Scott
- 20 Tom Gold
- 22 Liz Young
- 23 Samantha Grigsby
- 23 Betty Hamilton
- 24 Greg Greer
- 25 Reginald Bethel
- 26 Sharon Fugette
- 27 Cindy Griffin
- 28 Margie Stone
- 29 Dolores Guiler

December

- 1 Carolyn Summers
- 4 Anne Brock
- 6 Sally Chapman
- 6 Janice Davis
- 6 Randy Smith
- 6 David Foye
- 7 Shelly Lane
- 7 Barbara Curnutte
- 7 Ray Lafferty
- 7 Joann Baker
- 10 Laura Thompson
- 10 Sabrina Smith
- 21 Amanda Walker
- 26 Aggie Coyle
- 30 Emma McClure
- 30 Donna Schwartz



Thanks for helping to make the Fall Meeting on October 22nd was a great success!!!

Remember, Annual Education must be completed by November 30th!

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