

In Brief

Volunteers Needed For These Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 11

Volunteers are needed to referee a **Blind Volleyball Tournament** at Abare's Outer Limits. In blind volleyball, a tarp is placed over the net so you cannot see when the ball is coming or what the other side is doing! Two shifts of volunteers are needed from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. and from 2 – 6 p.m. Volunteers are also needed from 3 – 6 p.m. for serving food. Proceeds from the event benefit the new House of the Dove and the Wounded Warrior Project. If interested in volunteering or setting up a team to play, please call the Foundation office at 389-4072.

Saturday, June 18

The **Child Care Center** also is looking for three volunteers and two volunteers to help at the Safety Day on Saturday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If interested please call Trina Tiffany at 715.387.9538.

Volunteers Needed in the Hospital

Volunteers Services has openings for adult volunteers in the following areas:

- Home Delivered Meals
- Coffee Cafe
- Family Waiting Room
- House of the Dove
- Direction Desk (New facility)

If you are interested please call Keresa at 715-387.7106



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Board meetings are held
in the Hospital Board Room at 3:30 p.m.

June 4 & 5.....The 23rd CMN television broadcast live from the Hospital Conference Center. Volunteers needed. (see story)

June 14.....Partners Board Meeting

June 30.....Newsletter deadline (send articles to JoAnn at gougeon@charter.net)

July.....No Board Meeting (Happy Summer)

August 9.....Partners Board Meeting

October 4-6.....State Convention

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ON CALL

Marshfield, Wisconsin

Spring-Summer 2011

A Message from Partners' President

Spring has sprung! Or not? It's hard to believe that June is here when our temperatures are sometimes still in the 40s and 50s.

Regardless of our cold spring, I was still looking forward to doing my annual flower planting.

All of us have just had the opportunity to plant extraordinary flowers and benefit Partners while doing so. Once again, our Geranium Sale was a great success. I do hope all had a chance to take advantage of it this year.

This fundraising event was new for Partners last year, and was very successful again this year thanks to your help. As an avid gardener, I can honestly say I have never found a more beautiful, hardy geranium than the ones from this sale. I can't wait to see how my purchases do this year.

A big thank you to the Gift Shop staff for helping with the orders and to all those who helped with the pick-up when the flowers arrived.

Our Spring Membership Meeting was held on March 17, Saint Patrick's Day style! Many in attendance were decked out in various shades of green, and enjoyed the traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. During the meeting, Nancy Hill, treasurer, presented the 2011 proposed budget. A unanimous motion



Roxie Wettreau

was carried to approve the budget. Thank you to those who were able to attend.

Spring is a busy time for several of our Partners committees. The Art Committee attended the 48th Annual Marshfield Art Fair on Mother's Day. It is from this event each year that new pieces are selected to be added to the Partners Art Gallery.

This year again, the Committee selected a beautiful piece of artwork. It will soon be displayed in the Partners Featured Art case near the main elevators on first floor.

The Scholarship Committee also was very busy this spring, reviewing the 123 scholarship applications that were received. Though it wasn't an easy decision, they awarded 43 scholarships at our annual Scholarship Reception and Program held on May 24. I was glad to see that some of you were able to attend the event.

Finally, I'm very proud to be part of organization that has such an incredibly dedicated Board of Directors. The officers and committee chairs alike take an active role to ensure the Partners mission is fulfilled. Thank you for all you do for Partners.

Until next time - Happy Planting!

Roxie



Happy Father's Day

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MSJH Volunteers fulfill Ministry's Promise

April was National Volunteer Month and every day, Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital volunteers like you are working together to fulfill our promise as One Ministry to keep our patients and their families first in everything we do.

I have already had the great pleasure of meeting several of you in your roles and look forward to meeting the rest of you as I shadow each service area in the near future. You are among an elite team of 502 adult and 94 teenage volunteers that provided more than 50,000 hours of service last year alone.

Ultimately, you complete a variety of tasks which allow our health care professionals to focus on patient care and further the mission of Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital.

We could not accomplish this without your support and help in more than 50 departments and units, including Coffee Café, Plant Service, Laughmobile, Pet Therapy, CMN, Nursing Admin. (admission packs), Family and ICU/CCU Waiting Rooms, Clown Service, Pediatric Orientation First Grade Tours, Partners Board of Directors, Home Delivered Meals,



Keresa Kilty - Volunteer Manager

Palliative Care, Neo-Natal Intensive Care, Spiritual Services, Escort Service, Home Projects, Child Care Center, Kiddie Kaboose, Musician, Learning Resource Center, Four Seasons Cafeteria, Outpatient Surgery, Patient Mail Delivery, Surgery (linen packs), Gift Shop, Pharmacy, Cardiac Rehab, Employee Health Office, Volunteer Services, MSJH Children's Hospital Pediatrics Unit, Wellness, Human Resource Services, Marketing, Birth Center, Foundation of Saint Joseph's Hospital, Emergency Department Reception Desk and the Information Desk in the Main Lobby.

Summer is a busy time of year around

the Hospital and recently Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital held its annual volunteer orientation. This summer we will have more than 140 high school students from various communities volunteering.

Please help me in welcoming them to the Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital volunteer team. Please say "hello" to them - and assist and mentor them as they start their new venture with us.

You'll find them volunteering in many areas of the Hospital including the Gift Shop, Child Care Center, Coffee Cart, Pediatrics as well as other areas of the Hospital.

Lastly, I would like to send out a big THANKS to all of you for sharing your time, talent and resources to the Hospital's patients, family members and staff not only during April, but every day.

Each of you is greatly appreciated. The service you provide really makes a huge and incredible difference in the patients' experience.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Keresa

Project Linus: Providing Security Through Blankets

Recently the North Central Wisconsin Project Linus' volunteers donated more than 110 assorted blankets to Ministry Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital. These blankets will be used to provide security to children in need, medical distress or facing trauma.

Since April 2002, more than 5,000 blankets have been donated. There are now more than 175 volunteers called "Blanketeers" that make blankets and drop off at locations for the coordinator to pick

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Accepting the blanket donation on behalf of Ministry Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital was the Child Life Staff: (L-R) Heather Berndt, Heidi Giese, Danielle Brusky, and Maggie Goldbach.



Partners District Spring Meeting Report

This year's Spring District Meeting was held on a very snowy day on Wednesday, April 20 in Antigo, with about 68 members attending. Representing Partners with Saint Joseph's Hospital included Judy Gadke, Margaret Sternweis and Kathy Stone. The meeting was held at the KC Hall in Antigo. The Antigo members, led by Karla Martinsen Auxiliary President, Langlade Hospital were very gracious and hospitable, welcoming every one.

The meeting was called to order, prayer said and Pledge of Allegiance led by our own Judy Gadke. David Schneider, Executive Director of LH, an Aspirus Partner gave the greeting. He was very excited about the new hospital they are building to be completed in 2012. Their current building was built in 1933.

State leader President Mark Schaefer reminded all of us to check out the WHA website at Partnersofwha.org. The State convention this year will be in Eau Claire, Oct 4-6. Partners with Saint Joseph's Hospital volunteered to put a basket together representing our district using the theme of the convention 'Driving for Success.' It will be used as

an auction item at the 2011 Convention. The 2012 Convention will be in Madison and 2013 in Wisconsin Dells.

Ramona Hornischer gave the Secretary and Treasurers report. Community Health Education chair Lisa Pepp reminded us to get all our reports in on time and the health education focus for this year is Diabetes Education. Judy Gadke PPE chair spoke on the importance of advocacy day and encouraged everyone to be a member of HEAT.

Local presidents reports were read. Many projects were presented including a few who used the "tried and true" bake sales as their fund raisers. Lunch was served to include soup and salad. Raffle Drawings were held.


A program was presented by Molly McKay from the Raptor Education Group or REGI a non-profit organization. She brought three raptors with her. The first she spoke about was a red tailed hawk. Did you know: if you stood at one end of a football field with an open book and the hawk was at the opposite end, his eyes are so good that he could pick out letters from a page of that book if of

course the hawk could read.

The next "raptor" she presented to us was a barred owl. He was rescued from the road side after about five days. He had a broken wing that will not enable him to fly. The barred owl has 14 bones in his neck where as mammals have only seven, which enables him to turn his neck 270 degrees. He can fly over snow 18 inches deep and hear a mouse underneath, fly down and catch it.

The last bird she had was an eastern screech owl. He was rescued as a baby and never developed his adult feathers so cannot be released. He was about 6-7" high, but the screech owl is not the smallest owl found in Wisconsin. The saw-whet owl is only about four inches high.

REGI does all it can to rescue and return birds back to the wild. Those that cannot be released remain at the facilities and are well cared for. Many become "foster parents" for other birds that are rescued until they can be released back into the wild. They have special tours during the summer where visitors can come and be introduced to a few of the permanent raptor residents.



WellnessWorks
Saint Joseph's Hospital Employee Wellness Program

"Great Back Fitness"

Monday, June 13 ♦ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital Conference Center

Registration and refreshments will be from 5:30-6 p.m. with the presentation from 6-7 p.m.

Join Dave Smith, Marshfield Clinic physical therapist and back specialist, for a powerful presentation on optimizing your back fitness and health. He personalizes the conditioning process and helps you get the most out of your fitness and sports activities. The presentation covers:

- Conditioning steps for the back and spine
- Specific exercises to strengthen and condition core muscles
- Postural information to improve overall fitness and body alignment
- Simple, powerful moves that increase daily functions and movement potential
- Tips on where to start and how to experience success in fitness activities.

Parking is available in Lot E, directly across from the Conference Center.

The event is free, but pre-registration is encouraged by calling the registration line at 1-888-666-2708.

One Call - One Miracle!

The 23rd annual Children's Miracle Network Hospitals television broadcast will take place on June 4 & 5. This event is an opportunity to celebrate the life of children and recognize those who have so generously contributed throughout the year. The mission of Children's Miracle Network is to improve the health care of children in north central Wisconsin and it takes a team of caring people to accomplish that mission ~ individuals, businesses, organizations, medical staff and volunteers.

For 19 hours we will celebrate the lives that have been touched through the gifts given to Children's Miracle Network. Beginning at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, our miracle children and their families will share their stories



of courage and determination, as well as their gratefulness for the support of Children's Miracle Network.

The televised event will conclude at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 with a turn of the numbers to reveal a grand total of funds raised. Hosts for the televised event will include WAOW TV-9's Melissa Langbehn, Pam Warnke and Bryon Graff.

Staff from Y106.5 will be joining the team on Sunday, sharing special reports about Children's Miracle Network funded projects and programs, accepting donations, sharing miracle stories and reporting live from the activities taking place in the courtyard at the Hospital's Conference Center. Those activities will take place on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and will include a petting zoo, inflatable rides and carnival games.

Please join us or call your pledge at 1.800.428.5000 ~ it just takes one call to make one miracle!

Our Future Volunteers

Nearly 35 teens from various communities attended the annual volunteer orientation held in the conference center at Ministry Saint Joseph's on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The orientation helps new teens ages 14-18 seeking volunteer opportunities, understand the history, mission,



Jane Marquardt, Child Care Center Manager gives the new teen volunteers a sneak peak at opportunities in the Child Care Center during their tour.



Roxie Wetterau, Partners President, talks to the new volunteers about the "volunteer recognition wall", located in the Hospital.

values and expectations of MSJH. In addition to the core foundation other vital information presented included: confidentiality and HIPAA guidelines, infection control, emergency alert codes, dress code and service descriptions, just to name a few. The new teens will begin providing service the first part of June.

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up, sort, label, and distribute. All blankets stay local, unless a disaster arises and blankets are requested by National Project Linus Headquarters. For instance, 300 blankets were sent to Haiti following the Earthquake Disaster in 2010.

Project Linus is a national chapter and is comprised of hundreds of local chapters and thousands of volunteers across the United States.

Each volunteer and local chapter all work together to help achieve the mission which is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Together the Project Linus national chapter has distributed over three million blankets to children in need since its inception in 1995.

Volunteers Honored During February and March

50 Hours of Service:

- **Alexis Bettinger**, freshman at Marshfield High School, volunteers in Pediatrics and Bright Horizons Child Care Center.
- **Emily Gruen**, a senior at Marshfield High School, volunteers at the Bright Horizons Child Care Center (Infant E).
- **Rachel Martin**, junior at Stratford High School, volunteers in the Palliative Care Unit.
- **Emma Steines**, a sophomore at Auburndale High School, volunteers at the Hospital Information Desk.
- **Sydney Freedlund**, a sophomore at Pittsville High School, volunteers at the Child Care Center.
- **Courtney Leterski**, a junior at Stratford High School, volunteers at the Hospital Direction Desk.
- **Stacey Rolak**, a senior at Marshfield High School, volunteers for Home Delivered Meals

100 Hours of Service:

- **Kathryn Hastreiter**, senior at Marshfield High School, volunteers at Bright Horizons Child Care Center and as a Lobby escort.
- **Amanda Merrill**, junior at Marshfield High School, volunteers as a Lobby Escort.
- **Kayla Selz**, sophomore at Columbus Catholic High School, volunteers at Bright Horizons Child Care Center and the Gift Shop.
- **Mollie Duginski**, a senior at Colby High School, volunteers in Pediatrics.
- **Amanda Merrill**, a junior at Marshfield High School, volunteers as a Lobby Escort.

200 Hours of Service:

- **Kari Willfahrt**, junior at Auburndale High School, volunteers in the Gift Shop and Coffee Café.

Welcome New Volunteers!

Please welcome several new individuals who have joined our "volunteer family". If you see them in the halls, please say "hello".

Connie Eichmann
Home Delivered Meals

Barbara Barrett
Spiritual Services

Benita Diers
Patient Mail

Janice Grammer
Home Projects

Janet Grant
Coffee Cafe

Pamela Alt
Spiritual Services

Clarence Hartl
Home Delivered Meals

Mickenzie Hahn
Home Delivered Meals

Jean Kaiser
Spiritual Services

Ray Ohlsen
Special Projects

Pattie Pflugradt
Home Projects

Katherine Rennells
Family Waiting Room

Rebecca Salminen
Home Delivered Meals

Mary Sydow
Spiritual Services

Daniel Wright
Cardiac Rehab

Annie Yao
Home Delivered Meals

Public Policy Report

It was a dark and stormy night...oh no that is how Snoopy starts out his novels! Actually it was a cool and misty morning when the bus pulled away from Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital on April 27 at 6:45 a.m. headed for Advocacy Day in Madison. We knew we had a full day ahead and we were anxious to be on our way.

Our contingency of 20 attendees joined the other 750 plus (a record-breaking crowd) at Monona Terrace and listened intently to Wisconsin Hospital Association senior leaders, keynote speaker Jim Vandehei, the legislative debate, and Governor Scott Walker. Later in the afternoon approximately 450 of those in attendance met with their respective legislators at the Capital.

The message delivered at the Capital was clear; we must keep the Wisconsin Medicaid program funded so it is available as a safety net for those who need it and that can not be done by dramatically cutting hospital reimbursement.

Large and small community hospitals and health systems have seen dramatic increases in the numbers of Medicaid (and Medicare) patients seeking care; necessary care that is reimbursed at a fraction of the cost in our present Medicaid payment budget. We made our stance clear, so we will see where that issue lands in our state budget very soon.

The high point of the day for our group was realized at the luncheon. Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital (MSJH) was awarded the Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) 2011



Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital and Partner's with Saint Joseph's Hospital were well represented, as 20 employees and volunteers attended the event.

Advocacy All-Star Award. This is awarded to one Wisconsin hospital each year for their grassroots advocacy efforts. MSJH had significantly increased its HEAT participation in 2010 and for that I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have been part of this grassroots effort.

As the public policy education chair for Partner's this was a gratifying award for our hospital to receive. Brian Kief, our President and CEO has been actively communicating and working with our state leaders. He also hosted Assembly Rep. Amy Sue Vruwink for a day to work with him and directly see some of the challenges faced by our Hospital and how particular legislation affects us.

A big thank you to Ann Boson, MSJH Foundation and Government Relations Director for her tireless efforts in keeping abreast of the happenings at our state Capital and laying the foundation for of our hospital-based advocacy efforts.

Please read on, (see page 5) as I have included a few articles from "The Valued Voice" a weekly publication of WHA that further describes the Advocacy Day experience!

Enjoy your spring or summer (which ever comes first), and stay in tune to what is going on in our state and federal legislature, and make your voice heard!

Judy

Judy Gadke
Public Policy & Education Chairperson

Partners Members Attend Advocacy Day

Editor's Note: The following two articles were taken from WHA's "The Valued Voice". Because of space restraints I was not able to reprint all the valuable information that was presented to us on Advocacy Day. Therefore I will continue to print additional articles and photos in our summer and fall issues of "Volunteers on Call".

Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital Receives WHA 2011 Advocacy All-Star Award

Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital of Marshfield was presented with the 2011 Advocacy All-Star Award at WHA's Advocacy Day held in Madison this week. In front of 750 hospital peers, President & CEO Brian Kief accepted the award on behalf of the hospital. The award is given out to one hospital that exemplifies dedication to grassroots advocacy.



Brian Kief accepts All-Star Award at Advocacy Day in Madison.

"Ministry Health Care works as one ministry here in Madison and in Washington advocating on issues that are really important to all of us," said Kief in accepting this year's award. "Most importantly I want to thank the team at Ministry who've made advocacy one of the top priorities." In the past year, Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital has hosted

their legislators multiple times, including one "shadow day" opportunity. Shadow days are when elected officials shadow a hospital CEO to see all that it takes to run a hospital in today's health care environment. Kief hosted State Rep. Vruwink. "Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital has elevated their grassroots activity this past year," said Jenny Boese, WHA vice president, external relations & member advocacy, in presenting the award. "From shadow days to increased participation in WHA's grassroots program, they are a model for others to follow."

The hospital significantly increased its participation in WHA's grassroots program, HEAT. They now have 68 HEAT members, 52 of whom were recruited in the past year. In addition the hospital regularly has more than 20 individuals attend Advocacy Day and participate in the afternoon's legislative visits.

"Participating in government affairs activities really does need to be an integral part of the job we do," said Kief in accepting the award. "I know we all are busy, but adding time to build relationships with policymakers who impact our futures is but a fraction of that time. So in that vein I want to commend us all for taking the time to be here today and to build those relationships with our state representatives up at the Capitol."

It's a Small World: Big Things Happening in Little Places Impact USA (Keynote speaker Jim VandeHei)

"We are living in a period of volatility and elasticity where things are moving fast," according to Oshkosh-native Jim VandeHei, who delivered the keynote address at the WHA 2011 Advocacy Day. "For the next ten years, things will just be unsettled."

VandeHei, co-founder and executive editor of Politico in Washington, DC, attributed the lack of stability to the quest for democracy in the Middle East and in other parts of the world combined with the fact that the United States is active in three live wars. When those factors are mixed in with the current political situation in the United States, it fuels instability. "We live in a global economy. When big things happen in little places now, it has ramifications on us. We pay for turmoil in the Middle East at the gas pump," said VandeHei. "The tsunami in Japan has had a real affect on our economy--there is a big spillover effect. Everything is interconnected, and it is inconceivable

that it will change anytime soon." In the United States, politics have taken an interesting, if not frustrating turn, as the country is nearly evenly split into two political camps. When he is asked what direction politics are moving, VandeHei says truthfully, there is no movement. While attempts are made to draw conclusions about where the country is heading after an election, the reality is the country is so deeply divided it makes it nearly impossible to predict the future. The party in power has a tendency to "over reach" and alienate the independent voters that favor less government—and swing elections.

The repeal of health reform has emerged as the litmus test for politicians. VandeHei said in the upcoming Presidential race, he predicts that successful candidates will be those that come out against health reform, which he believes may cause President Obama to consider changes to his current package of health reforms. Politicians

do not like to do things that are politically difficult, but doing nothing is no longer an option, according to VandeHei.

"I don't know anyone who thinks we can do nothing. That is what DC has done for a long time," he said. "Politicians don't do any difficult political things, but there is an emerging consensus that the public wants to see change in these systems."

Politicians that are doing difficult things get noticed. He pointed to what Gov. Scott Walker is doing in Wisconsin, which has made it a "state to watch." Congressman Paul Ryan is another Wisconsinite to watch. "On most days, Paul Ryan is the second most powerful person in the country," according to VandeHei. "He is the mastermind of Medicare and changes to the budget. He talked about this plan a year ago, but no one wanted to touch it. Suddenly, they have rallied around it. He pushed in defiance of everything."