

30 YEARS OF LIGHTS OF LOVE

2017 was the 30th year of the Lights of Love campaign. I am sure Mrs. Joyce Wiese, Mrs. Hattie Jome and Mrs. Lorraine Evanston didn't



think their first Lights of Love event would be going strong 30 years later. This past year with your help, we raised \$1,850 for our scholarship fund. Hope McIntyre asked if she could put the names on the birds for the tree. We thank you Hope for your time and the wonderful job you did. At the tree lighting Jean Melby read a Christmas poem and Mary Bierstaker led us in some Christmas carols. The luncheon that followed was a great time for visiting and enjoying the great food ThedaCare provided, the kitchen staff prepared and served. I certainly enjoyed seeing everyone.

by Lois Kreeger, President

Prescription to Read Update

Prescription to Read is still going strong. We have had very positive feedback from the Clinic staff and the Physicians. One stated that the children have come to look forward to the books and are disappointed if they run out. As a consequence, Andrea, Ellen (from Dragonwings Bookstore) and I get together every 3 months to count the books in the Clinic and determine which titles are needed so they are always available. I want to thank our Volunteer group for continuing to sponsor this worthwhile project.



Nothing new on the Membership side, however, we desperately need to bring in younger Volunteers, since we are all getting older.

by Alice Dombrowski, Membership Chair and Prescription to Read Coordinator

Tuesday Morning Stitchers

Smiles of satisfaction for a day full of laughs and good conversation. These ladies worked very hard to have the November 18, 2017 bazaar be a huge success. Their hard work brought in \$2,110.75 to our scholarship fund.



Thanks again to these wonderful ladies” Shari Cerne, Gladys Petersen, Martha Minehart, Mary Abrahamson, Lois Kragh, MaryAnn Rasmussen, Char Heger, Lorraine Kester, Clydene Stedman-Rohloff and Mardelle Johnson. (Some ladies not pictured)

Meet Our Members and Why They Volunteer

The Board of Directors wanted to get some articles celebrating our Volunteers. After thinking about our many volunteers each with such great stories I decided to ask Ken Porrey.

I sat down with Ken to discuss this topic reminding him that he started in 2011. Ken's reply was he has been connected to the hospital since it got started. In fact he was present at the ground breaking in 1954 when they did the refund-raising for the hospital. But not only that, Ken was an electrician and worked on the first hospital helping with installing the wiring. After a lifetime of working, raising a family and being part of the Waupaca community he decided to return to the hospital as a volunteer.

Now getting back to the original question, why did he volunteer at the hospital? Well, besides his previous involvement, he enjoys people and thought he could help patients and visitors in the lobby/escort program. He understands that some people know exactly where they are going and how to get there. Then there are others that appreciate him helping with a wheelchair or directions to the area they need to go. Simple questions are answered and Ken can see the relief patients feel when someone cares enough to do some small things that help them. Usually Ken finds patients and visitors so appreciative to get their questions answered or taxi called. That's what keeps Ken coming back, the satisfaction of helping patients and visitors. I conclude this article with how lucky is the hospital is that he has chosen it to volunteer at.



by Andrea Crane, Volunteer Coordinator

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President's Report



Happy Spring!! I am so glad this time of year is back again. The smell of the hyacinths, daffodils and budding trees and bushes bring a smile to my face. Winter is not my favorite time. The snow is pretty for the first snowfall and then after that it doesn't look so nice.

We had a great 2017. Be sure to read all the articles in this newsletter to find out how 2017 turned out and how 2018 will look. Thank you all for your time and contributions to our fundraisers and projects. Without you we would not be

able to accomplish our goals.

2018 will bring a new project for us to do and 1 new fund raiser. The project is "Be Safe, Be Smart, Put a lid on it." This is a bike safety event May 12 th from 1-3 pm at the Waupaca Learning Center parking lot. We will be giving free helmets to children ages 4-12. There will be bike stations, bike safety checks, and bike registration. We will be seeking volunteers to help with this event. The fundraiser will be cookie sales at Fall-O-Rama in South Park.

In an effort to make things easier for you we are setting the dates for our spring and fall luncheons. The spring

luncheon will always be the first Tuesday in May. This year it will be May 1st. The fall luncheon will always be the third Tuesday in October. This year it will be October 16th. Mark your calendars for these luncheons.

See you soon,
Lois Kreeger
President



Bike Safety Event

New Project for Us!!

May 12, 2018 will be a Community Bike Safety Event we will be sponsoring and organizing. The event will take place at Waupaca Learning Center Parking Lot on Saturday, May 12 from 1-3pm. We will be giving away free helmets to children aged 4-12. This event is open to the public and all children are welcome. We encourage parents to join in the fun as well.



There will be 4 bike safety stations as well as bike checks by Adventure Outfitters, bike registrations by our city police and a drawing for a gift certificate to Adventure Outfitters. We will be needing many volunteers for this event and hope you will be one of the volunteers we need. You may have already received a phone call to help us. If you haven't been contacted and would like to volunteer please call

Lois at: 715-316-1521 or e-mail at: tme2think@hotmail.com. See you there!! *by Lois Kreeger, President*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 1	SPRING LUNCHEON - SIMPSON'S	AUG 17-18	TRIATHLON
MAY 5	FUN RUN - THEME: "DR. DAN'S DASH"	SEPT 15	FALL-O-RAMA COOKIE SALE - SOUTH PARK
MAY 12	BIKE SAFETY - WAUPACA LEARNING CENTER PARKING LOT	OCT 16	FALL LUNCHEON - SIMPSON'S
MAY 18	GERANIUM SALE - OLD RIVERSIDE SCHOOL, 950 PARK AVE.	NOV 16-17	FALL HANDMADE SALE - 8 AM TO 4 PM
JUNE 9	BRAT FRY - WAUPACA PIGGLY WIGGLY, 10 AM TO 2 PM		

V-TMC-W Fall Luncheon October at 16, 2018 Noon Simpson's Restaurant

Drug Court Now Open

Program Aims to Rehab Addicts

by Robert Cloud - Waupaca County Post February 7, 2018

Waupaca County Drug Court is not a get-out-of-jail-free card. The five-phase program takes at least 14 months to complete and offenders must commit to a rigorous schedule and extensive monitoring.

In the first phase of the program, participants are randomly tested for drugs up to four times each week, meet with group counseling sessions every day, meet with the drug court coordinator two times a week, meet with their probation officer once per week, work with a recovery coach weekly and go before a judge for a progress evaluation once every week. Drug court began working with its first offenders in November 2017. Currently, there are five active participants in the program.

submitted by Mardelle, Johnson, Health Education Officer

Judge Clussman to Speak at Volunteers of ThedaCare Spring Luncheon

Waupaca County Circuit Court Judge Vicki Clussman has accepted our invitation to speak at the Spring Luncheon on May 1st at Simpsons. Judge Clussman received her law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in 1985. She previously served the county as Assistant District Attorney (from 1987-2014) and began her term as Circuit Court Judge in 2014 for a term of six years. One of her responsibilities is the Drug Court which began operating in Waupaca in November 2017. Judge Clussman will be speaking at our luncheon about Drug Court; what is it, how it works, etc. With the opioid epidemic as a focus of our Health Education agenda this year, this topic should be interesting as well as timely.

by Mardelle, Johnson, Health Education Officer

News From the Volunteer Desk

A new state-of-the-art PET/CT scanner was installed early 2018 at ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center.

It is currently improving patient diagnostics, helping to catch malignant tumors earlier, because of the fully digital capabilities. It improves scanning speed which is important for the patients comfort as scans can be shorter. It also reduces the amount of radiation needed to make an accurate diagnosis. The equipment is more sensitive and allows physicians to not only see the tumors with less radiation, but it also allows them to see smaller tumors, giving the ability to diagnose cancers earlier. This new PET/CT scanner is the only one like it in the nation. They had been working on bringing this scanner into the system for the past two years. Early diagnosis can help physicians deliver the right treatment at the right time improving the emotional health of patients during a challenging time.

There are always new and exciting things happening in the ThedaCare system. If you have some time to share volunteering at ThedaCare Waupaca, please call Andi Crane at 715.258.1065

by Andi Crane, Volunteer Coordinator

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LOOKING AHEAD

Cookie Sale at Fall O Rama

We will be selling cookies at Waupaca September Fall O Rama. The proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. We will be looking for volunteers. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to help us out. We will be making phone calls for volunteers as the time gets closer. Thank you all for being available.

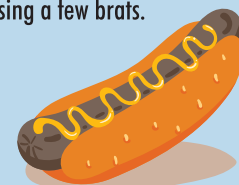
4th Annual Brat Fry

COMING UP

June 9th is the date for our 4th year of doing a brat fry to raise funds for scholarships. It will be held at Waupaca Piggly Wiggly. The time will be from 10 am - 2 pm.

We are always looking for volunteers to help. If you would volunteer 1 (one) hour of your time we would truly appreciate it. Please call Lois at: 715-316-1521 or e-mail me at: tme2think@hotmail.com

If you can't volunteer would you please consider supporting the scholarship fund by purchasing a few brats.



Geranium Sale

Please mark your calendars for May 18th as once again we will be holding our geranium, perennial and bake sale. In addition to the geraniums there will be beautiful hanging baskets furnished by King Berry. If you have perennials that need thinning this spring this would be a good way to dispose of them.



We will be packing orders on Thursday, May 17th afternoon and will need five or six ladies for a couple of hours. Also will need some help from 8 am to 12:30 pm to help carry out orders.

For your convenience an order form has been included with the newsletter. If you are not in a position to plant flowers any more or donate to the bake sale a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

I will have a sign up sheet at the luncheon on May 1st with more information as to the time on Thursday for packing orders.

With your support we can make this fundraiser another successful one.

by Joyce Buelow, Geranium Sale Chairman

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Naoma Andersen

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"The 32nd Fun Run"

ThedaCare and Health and Fitness Headquarters will again host it's annual Fun Run on May 5, 2018. Our goal is to promote a fun and healthy activity that families and friends can do together. The Fun Run has become a community event that many look forward to.

This year the ThedaCare Fun Run Theme is "Dr. Dan's Dash" to promote the "Be the Match" organization and their national bone marrow registry in support of Dr. Dan Sutton, a ThedaCare family physician in Waupaca, who has in the past been a participant and winner of the Fun Run. In June 2016, he was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). Thanks to an anonymous bone marrow donor found through the national registry, Dan has a chance for a cure for his AML.

We invite all to come and make this the biggest Fun Run in 32 years.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Spring Luncheon Registration 2018

Please respond by one of these 3 options by April 25, 2018

Please FILL OUT AND RETURN this form to Alice Dombrowski, N2479 Mary Street, Waupaca, WI 54981

OR

CALL Alice Dombrowski, 715-258-7498 if you plan to attend (leave a message if no answer)

OR

You may also EMAIL me at: alice1941@charter.net

Name(s) _____

I/We plan to attend the luncheon

Yes _____

Luncheon Information

When: May 1, 2018 at 12 noon

Where: Simpson's in Waupaca

Cost: \$15.00 (pay at luncheon)

Menu choices: *Order from waitress*

Chicken Pecan Salad

Broiled Haddock with mashed potatoes, vegetable and side salad

Chicken Cordon Bleu with mashed potatoes, vegetable and side salad

Coffee and Dessert

Speaker: The Honorable Vicki L. Clussman, will speak about Drug Court

Honored Guests: Ellen Davis

Thank you,

Alice Dombrowski

Membership Chair

