

Partners

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FALL 2021



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A NOTE FROM LINDA FISH

Hello Partners!

I hope you all have been having a great fall and have stayed healthy.

The Northwestern District held its fall meeting virtually on October 14. The meeting was hosted by Spooner and Michael Shafer CEO of Spooner Health extended greetings and comments of appreciation to the group. Amended NW District Bylaws were presented and accepted with no objection by those attending.

The program was presented by Katie Stumph, Occupational Therapist at Spooner Health. Her subject was resilience.

A report from the first Regional Conference held virtually September 20 and 21 was given. This was attended by hospital volunteer groups from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota. It was felt to be very valuable. The 2021 virtual Partners of WHA convention was also reported on. A constant theme seems to be the shortage of new health care workers. There aren't enough people entering the field.

Regarding the 2021 Partners of WHA Convention - everyone was looking forward to meeting in person this year. Unfortunately at the last minute, September 3 to be exact, it was decided for the health and safety of members and our hospitals, we could not meet in person. Terri Donlin, convention chair, and her committee scrambled and on October 5 we began the 2021 Partners of WHA Convention virtually. There were over 150 registered.

The keynote speaker was Darcy Luoma. Her subject was becoming Thoughtfully FitR by following three steps: pause, think, act. She was very well received.

The WAVE (Wisconsin Award for Volunteer Excellence) Awards were presented in four categories: Community Service Projects, In-Service Hospital Volunteer Programs, Fundraising Programs, and Community Outreach and/or Collaboration Programs.

On Wednesday, the morning featured the business meeting and the always popular CEO Panel. This year's subject was the many facets of dealing with COVID and all its problems and headaches. This was followed by the Best of the Best CEO Award. Two workshop sessions were held in the afternoon. The convention closed with an invitation to the 2022 convention.

Carole Huhn and I attended from the comfort of our homes.

Linda



MMC Update

by: Abby Miller

MMC continues to provide all of our great services despite the rise in COVID cases over the past several weeks. While we were seeing many days of full capacity in our inpatient unit and in our ER, our capable staff rose to the occasion and continued providing incredible care. We are so proud of the great work they do every day - even in the midst of COVID and its challenges.

It's been a great several months in our new surgical addition and we're really excited to open our newly-renovated Rehab Services space (in the front of the hospital) in early 2022.

Abby



FEATURES

Lifeline Update

by: Leah Pearson

Summer 2021 was a beautiful summer. We have some changes coming regarding equipment updates for our subscribers, but they'll still have the same great connectivity to Lifeline that they've always had. We'll never stop doing installs and service calls, but recommend self/family installation for those further out in the community. However, we're always available to head into a home when the help is needed.

We have enjoyed seeing our long-standing subscribers' faces again, and meeting face-to-face with the new ones! As fall is creeping in, followed by colder months, we hope you think about your safety and the safety of your loved ones. If you want to know more about our services, please call - we will gladly answer any questions you have. Have a wonderful rest of the fall season!

Leah





UPDATES FROM OUR

GIFT SHOP & THRIFT STORE

by: Kim Metropoulos and Lisa Stephenson



Sadly, our warm days are nearing the end, so we've started getting all of our lighter-weight jackets out, as well as sweaters, fleece, and long-sleeved shirts.

We have a whole lot of very nice clothing that is gently used and many, many name brands!

Witches Night is October 21, so stop in and check out the deals, - we'll have treats as well!

The Gift Shop continues to operate more as a concession stand which is open Monday through Friday, and the shop is seeing a steady increase of business.

Next up: some new purses and jewelry coming soon, as well as Christmas items! Plus, the shop will be selling wine breads for Thanksgiving.

The shop will also continue with pop-up style sales rather than having the full gift shop open during a time when there aren't as many visitors in our facility. We are also updating some of our pricing to reflect inflated food costs.





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for your continued
commitment to our
organization.

We truly appreciate you!

Thanks!



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