



Waupun Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
620 W. Brown Street
Waupun, WI 53963

January 2016

Dear Auxilians:

The Hospital Administration will be hosting our January 18 luncheon in appreciation to us for our volunteerism throughout the year. Please note this meeting is one week earlier so Boots Pomplun may be installed as president. Boots has accepted this position for 2016 and a co-president is being sought to work with her. Please consider this opportunity to work into the position and continue the Auxiliary service to the hospital. Since Boots has accepted the presidency, a treasurer is now needed to fill that vacancy. Again, please consider and contact Boots or any officer to mentor with her to fill this vacancy. The other open positions include Public Policy and Special Events Committee. Hospital Public Relation is offering to help with the newsletter. The Board will assist with training and support through the year. There are other resources available through Hospital Administration for support and guidance with any of the positions.

Our organization agreed to remain the Waupun Memorial Hospital Auxiliary with Partners at the November meeting. Now members need to come forward to support this commitment. Your willingness will make this successful. The alternative will be to dissolve as an Auxiliary.

We had good fund raising events in 2015, raising \$4,136.75. All the commitments have been paid. We are using the \$1,165 LoveLight funds combined with an additional \$1,235 from the treasury to purchase an Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for the Agnesian Wound Care Clinic-Waupun. We are happy to help provide visitors, patients, and staff this additional safety.

WMH Auxiliary Board

JANUARY WMHA LUNCHEON MEETING

The Waupun Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meeting and luncheon will be held on **Monday, January 18** at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. Please call in your reservation no later than January 13, to Shirley Pluim (324-5205). If for some reason you find you cannot attend after the reservation has been made, remember to call to cancel. This can be done on the day of the meeting by calling the Hospital Kitchen 324-5581 as early in the morning as possible. Remember to wear you name tag. *This luncheon will be provided by the hospital in appreciation of our work throughout the year and our fund-raising projects that benefit the hospital.*



STAFF APPRECIATION

Marilyn Belmer will lead the Valentine treats for staff appreciation on February 15. This is an opportunity to thank our staff for their services to our patients. It's a joy to distribute these treats and receive their surprise and gratitude for being remembered. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the January 18 meeting for you to bake treats or help with distribution. Or if you wish, call Marilyn at 346-2325.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have an address or phone number change, please notify Boots Pomplun.

Members . . . 64
 New members 2015 . . . 3
 Discontinued membership . . . 5
 New member 2016 . . .
 Judy DeVries, 439 W. Hawthorne
 Dr., Waupun. PH: 324-5118



2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 25
MARCH 30
APRIL 6
APRIL 25
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 4-6
NOVEMBER 28

WMHA LUNCHEON MEETING
ADVOCACY DAY – MADISON
LAKES DISTRICT - WAUPACA
WMHA LUNCHEON MEETING
WMHA LUNCHEON MEETING
STATE CONVENTION – PAPER VALLEY, APPLETON
WMHA LUNCHEON MEETING

THANK YOU

To Justine Port for her years as president and encouraging our participation and leading us to support our goals to Waupun Memorial Hospital. Justine will continue to be involved as Past President.

To Mary Ehlert for her newsletter service and fund raising participation. Mary is taking some time off.

GIFT SHOP



All Gift Shop proceeds benefit local scholarships.

AUXILIARY PROJECTS

<u>2015 AUXILIARY PROJECTS</u>	
2 - Bariatric Two-Button Folding Walker	\$ 250
3- Bariatric wheelchair (Medical Imaging, 2nd Floor, Emergency Department)	\$ 1362
Wall mounted Stadiometer for Bone Density unit (Women's Health Center)	\$ 85
TV for patient room (IMMS/Ambulatory Infusion Services)	\$ 410
	\$2107

HEALTH EDUCATION

Clarice Koenig,
Health Education Chairperson

Football and Flu season are upon us. Get on the ‘offensive’ to stay well. Avoid getting ‘sacked’ by colds and flu.

Some tips you can use:

1. As advised by your doctor...get the flu shot.
2. Engage a humidifier in your environment. Keep nasal passages and membranes moist.
3. Push fluids to flush toxins from your system.
4. Handwashing done well and sanitizer.
5. Use antibacterial wipes on cell phones.
6. Adequate rest to rejuvenate your body.
7. Breathe out as you move 6-10 feet from coughs and sneezes of others.
8. Disinfect shopping carts, buttons on machines etc on publicly touched areas.
9. Moisturize to avoid cracked or chapped skin that allows bacteria in.
10. Keep hands and fingers off your eyes, nose and mouth avoiding transfer of bacteria and viruses to your system.

Some content from Ministry Health Care brochure...



PUBLIC POLICY

Wisconsin Hospitals Generate \$26 Billion in Economic Activity

Patients traveling to WI for care generate well over \$3 billion in economic activity, support more than 6,400 hospital jobs

Wisconsin hospitals generate \$26 billion annually in economic activity and directly employ more than 107,000 people in communities throughout the state, according to a [new report](#) released December 3 by the University of Wisconsin/UW Extension and the Wisconsin Hospital Association. The report also looks at the impact patients from outside of Wisconsin who receive their health care here have on the state’s economy.

"Hospitals are major economic drivers in their communities and in our state," according to Professor Steve Deller, an economist at the University of Wisconsin/UW-Extension and a co-author of the report. "Wisconsin’s high-quality health care, combined with health care providers who are well-respected for their excellent patient care, are also attracting patients from other states to seek care here. In addition, hospitals and health systems are advancing medical science and technology, and as such, are providing therapies that may not be available in other states."

Over a 12-month period, non-Wisconsin residents had over 545,000 hospital admissions or medical visits here. Residents of Illinois and Minnesota accounted for more than two-thirds of these visits, according to data from the [WHA Information Center](#).

According to the report, the services associated with providing care to out-of-state patients supported more than 6,400 jobs in hospitals alone. Payments to hospitals from out-of-state patients totaled about \$1.0 billion, but when economic multipliers are applied that account for indirect effects, such as the hospital’s purchase of goods and services within the region or in other parts of the state, the total impact to the state’s economy is estimated at \$1.3 billion.

Hospitals comprise about one-third of total health care spending per capita in Wisconsin. This means other health care services, such as physician office visits, prescription drugs, rehabilitation and long-term care, etc., account for about two-thirds of the total health care spend. When estimates for these services and purchases are included, the impact of out-of-state patients on the state’s economy is well over \$3 billion.

Health care is often viewed as being only very local. However, Wisconsin’s national reputation for high-

quality health care and the breadth of specialized services available here are likely among the key factors that attract out-of-state patients.

Community Hospitals Help Drive Local Economic Development

When a new industry or business is considering a relocation or expansion, the quality, accessibility and cost of health care factors into the decision on where they will locate. Baby boomers looking to retire also rank "a good nearby hospital" as an important factor in their decision.

"Wisconsin hospitals and health systems play an important role in our state's economic health," according to WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding. "The hospitals in our state are 'job creators' and they are among the state's largest employers. This study shows that health care is much more to Wisconsin than hospitals, doctors and clinics. The ripple effect of the health care sector in employment numbers and on our state's economy is enormous. Hospitals are not only tied to the physical health of our communities, they are also directly connected to the state's economic health."

Hospitals are Among Largest Employers in Most Communities

Nearly nine out of every ten counties have at least one hospital, and in many communities, particularly in the rural areas of the state, the hospital is one of the largest employers. Deller said for every job created in a hospital, there are an additional 0.878 jobs created in the state. When the multiplier effect is considered, hospitals contribute a total of 201,187 jobs to the Wisconsin economy.

Almost every business and industry located in Wisconsin is affected in some way by the operation of a hospital. The study calculated economic multipliers and estimated that hospitals indirectly account for nearly 115,000 additional jobs statewide because hospitals and their employees purchase goods, services and "bricks and mortar" from other businesses in their communities.

"Wisconsin hospitals represent a significant and growing source of higher-paying employment opportunities in the future," Deller noted. "A hospital also has positions that attract college-educated professionals, which helps avert a 'brain drain' and keeps graduates in our state."

Hospitals and health systems in nearly every area of the state participate in economic development activities through local Chambers of Commerce and on regional boards.

WMH Auxiliary recent activity . . .



Our guest, Rob Servais, has been a director in the health care field for 10 years and has been working in Wound and Hyperbarics for the last two and a half years. Rob lives in Waupun with his wife and four daughters. At our November meeting, Rob told us about the new wound and hyperbaric services

opening at Waupun Memorial Hospital.

We are directing our LoveLight funds of 2015 to the Wound and Hyperbaric Clinic at Waupun. Each year millions of American experience chronic wound. Agnesian Wound Care offers patients access to state-of-the-art outpatient clinical wound care using a variety of clinical treatments, therapies and support services to treat wounds.



Boots & Justine at State Convention.



LAKES Honor Points Winners

