

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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EDITED by JIM REIDY



President's Message

By Co-President, Mark Frederick

It always seems the end of summer comes too quickly. I hope this writing finds everyone in good health and ready for the start of the fall season. Many thanks to all those who have carried the flag throughout the summer.

Everyone who worked so hard to make our 2nd annual "James House Craft Fair" in June a success must be commended. Even though the weather did not fully cooperate, feedback from the vendors was overwhelmingly positive. The committee and the volunteers all did a wonderful job and I hope you are all looking forward to doing it again next spring!

Sincere thanks go out to Mary Galgano for all her hard work and help over the years. Mary, we will miss you and your leadership. Best wishes to you.

The next Auxiliary Board meeting is September 21st. We have a number of topics to discuss and a few vacant positions to be filled. Please try to attend. If you think you'd like to be a part of the Board and fill one of the open positions, PLEASE COME and let us know.

One of our projects this fall will be to put together a comprehensive e-mail contact list for all Auxiliary members. You can help right now by sending your e-mail address to me at traffimf@aol.com. Please include all your updated contact information.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon. I can always be reached at the above email if you have any comments or suggestions or if you just want to invite me for a round of golf!

Is This Building 701??

By Jim Reidy

How many times have the Information Desk Volunteers been asked by visitors, "Is this 701 N. Broadway?" Well, thanks to the efforts of Dan Blum, Phelps Hospital Sr. VP, everyone will know. New signs have been installed to make it clear.



Buildings 755 and 777 have had numbers since they were built, which was long after the main building, number 701, was erected. Some said that having 701 between 755 and 777 was confusing. Well, now they will not be confused. Thanks, too, to Jim Goldsmith for alerting the Hospital Administration to the problem.

Champagne Ball Lottery

By Jim Goldsmith

As in prior years, the Auxiliary is taking a table of ten for the Champagne Ball to be held at Trump National in Briarcliff on Saturday, October 15th.

You will find a flyer for the Champagne Ball lottery inside your *News and Notes*. Please read the rules carefully, as every year there is always someone who enters who is not eligible, and we have to discard their entry.

So make sure you are eligible, fill out the entry form and if you win, prepare to have a fabulous time dining, dancing, socializing, and maybe have a drink or two. It will all be free!



*** Save a Tree - Go Paperless ***

By Jim Reidy

Five times a year your Auxiliary prepares and mails 350 copies of this Newsletter. At \$0.44 a copy, we spend \$154 per issue in postage alone. Add the price of printing and it becomes costly. If you can or would like to receive your Newsletter in your email, contact me at phelpsaux@optimum.net. You can read the newsletters online, as well, at <http://www.phelpshospital.org/auxiliary>.

Most of us, if not all of us, are familiar with Rye Playland, which is also known as Playland Amusement Park. We went there as kids and/or as adults. We took our kids there and maybe our grandkids as well. I grew up in the Parkchester section of the Bronx. My father wanted to make sure that our mother got away from the stifling heat, so one summer we rented a house a block away from Playland.

Playland is run by the Westchester County government and sits on 280 acres of parkland. It is the only government-run, as well as the only Art Deco, amusement park in the country. It was placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and became a U.S. National Historic Landmark in 1987. Originally, in the early 20th century, the site was developed for recreational purposes along the Long Island Sound. The site included hotels and resorts as well as amusement areas. Local residents however were concerned because of the unsavory crowds that it attracted, and they prevailed. The County addressed the problem by agreeing to sponsor an amusement park at the site in 1927. Construction began right after Labor Day in 1927 with 1,000 construction workers. Eight months later, on May 26, 1928, under the leadership of Frank Darling, the park opened. Darling had previously run Coney Island and managed amusement parks in England and New Zealand. The original Park began with such familiar places as the boardwalk, the ice-skating rink, a swimming pool, two beaches and amusement park rides, some of which are still in use today.



Frank Darling

Two of the rides that date back to the opening are the Grand Carousel and the Derby Racer. The Carousel was built in New Haven, Connecticut in 1915. It features a rare band organ that was built in Italy. The Derby Racer is one of three that are still in existence today. It rotates at 25MPH, three times the speed of a normal carousel.

There are five roller coasters at Playland today but the iconic one is the Dragon Coaster. It opened in 1929 and appears in the Playland logo. It is one of roughly 100 wooden roller coasters in operation today in the United States. The Kiddie Roller Coaster, which opened in 1928, is another classic ride .

The Boardwalk is 1-1/4 miles long and covers 7900 feet of shoreline. One attraction on the Boardwalk is the Playland Museum. An Olympic-size pool is right off the boardwalk. This summer a series of big-band concerts will take place on the boardwalk next to the pool. The Ice-Skating Rink was built in 1929, and today there are two smaller rinks plus a main rink. The New York Rangers Hockey team practiced there for many years before leaving in 2003. Playland had the distinction of displaying the Stanley Cup during the summer after the Rangers won the NHL championship in 1995. Today the rink is home to the Rye High School and the Manhattanville College hockey teams.

Presently there are 50 major rides in the amusement park and there are fees for parking and admission. County Executive Rob Astorino and Westchester County are concerned about the future of Playland because attendance is down and the cost to run Playland is between \$3-5 million dollars a year. The county has solicited and received 11 proposals suggesting a use of the Park in the future, and decision is expected to be reached at the end of 2011.

No matter what happens, if you're like me, you'll always have many happy memories of Rye Playland.

If you read the on-line edition of this newsletter, please take an opportunity to click on the link to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places for Playland Park (above) and then open the links at that page. There are photos and text that further elaborate on Dennis' article and are well worth the visit. Also visit manchesterhistory.net/bellevue/church for more information on Playland Park. - ed.

108 Stores with Seniors Discounts

If you use a computer, or can have someone do this for you, go to www.bradsdeals.com/blog/2011/06/28/stores-with-senior-discounts for some fabulous senior discounts. The Brad's Deals web site presents a host of savings for everyone, young and old. If you are reading this on-line just click on the underlined link above to start saving.

◆◆◆ Dates to Remember ◆◆◆

24th Annual Champagne Ball - Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011
 Trump National Golf Club - RSVP by Monday, Oct. 3
 RSVP: Ruth Burton, Dev. Off., 366-3115; rburton@pmhc.us

Auxiliary Bake Sale - Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011. At our usual place outside the cafeteria. 8:30 AM until sold out!

Welcome to our Newest Volunteers

by Fran Kelly

Kim Baskerville	Pleasantville	Information Desk
Mary Ann Briggs	Pleasantville	Administrative
Chutney Burrowes	White Plains	Trans/Admin
Sarah Feliciano	Ossining	Administrative
Samantha Jimenez	Sleepy Hollow	Administrative
Faye-Ellen Lane	Hartsdale	Case Mgmt/Admin
Yolanda Lee	Ossining	Silver Spoons
Kathie Longo	Tarrytown	Gift Shop
Lisa Mitsos	Dobbs Ferry	PT/OT
Rachelle Monaco	Ossining	Gift Shop/Admin
Daisy Paul	Yonkers	Library
Wesley Rogers	Katonah	Transport
Nancy Rodriguez	Tarrytown	Human Res./Admin
Margaret Rubick	Sleepy Hollow	Patient Rep.
Alan Sanseverino	Dobbs Ferry	Transport
Maria Savino	Pleasantville	Admin/ Silver Spoons
Kathryn Scherf	Sparkill	PT/OT
Seamchou Seng	Tarrytown	PT/OT
Susan Thames	Putnam Valley	Silver Spoons
Denise Ulloa	Yonkers	PT/OT
Venuka Wickramaarachchi	Ossining	Admin
Christina Yates	Bronx	PT/OT

In Memoriam

JEAN FARRELL

Jean Farrell 94, of Briarcliff Manor, NY, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones, on June 25, 2011, after a brief illness. Jean had been a volunteer at Phelps.



We are looking for YOU..

The Newsletter Committee is always looking for people to help out by writing articles and bringing in fresh ideas. If you'd like to become a member or submit items for publication please contact me, Jim Reidy, at phelpsaux@optonline.net.

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Please call the Volunteer Office at (914) 366-3170.

GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

Schedule courtesy of Iris Hill

SEPTEMBER

Wed	09/07	Katya Jewelry
Thurs	09/08	Save on Socks
Wed	09/14	The Sunglasses Guy
Thurs	09/15	D & D Jewelry
Fri	09/16	Full Of Sheets
Wed	09/21	Tupperware
Fri	09/23	Active Wear Plus

OCTOBER

Wed	10/05	Silver Dreams Jewelry
Thurs	10/06	Your Nutz
Thurs	10/13	Books are Fun
Fri	10/14	Books are Fun
Mon	10/17	Angielyn's Scrubs
Tues	10/18	Jenny Ng
Thurs	10/20	Unique Concept in Jewelry
Thurs	10/27	As Seen on T.V.

Welcome to our Newest Auxilians

Submitted by Nancy Eichorn

Mary Ann Briggs, Kevin G. McKenzie, Rachelle Monaco
 Daisy Paul, Maria Savino, Charles Scatamacchia

Please join us at the 24th Annual Champagne Ball

Contributed by Ruth Burton

Please join us at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Champagne Ball on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Trump National Golf Club. Phelps' signature fundraising event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a sit-down dinner, live band, live auction and opportunities to participate in Fund-a-Cause.

The Ball Co-Chairs, Donna and Jim Goldsmith, Ossining, and Pam and Dr. Paul Terracciano, Briarcliff Manor, and their Committee have been hard at work planning a wonderful evening. This year's Fund-a-Cause beneficiary will be the NYMC Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program. The cocktail hour will feature the famous seafood bar! Funds raised from the Champagne Ball are dedicated to purchasing valuable equipment for the hospital to allow us to provide the best care for our patients.

For more information, please contact Ruth Burton in the Development Office; 914-366-3115; rburton@pmhc.us

Upcoming Auxiliary Board Meetings

Sept. 21 and Oct. 19 - All meetings will be held in the Board Room and will start at 9:00 AM unless otherwise posted.

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Pam's Corner

by Pam Cardozo

Thank-You to Our Junior Volunteers

This year we welcomed 32 student volunteers representing 17 area high schools and two colleges. In addition to the general orientation, four Enrichments Seminars were offered to our student volunteers over the summer:

- Effective Communications, given by volunteer Jim Edler
- Money Management Tips for Teens were given by a Morgan Stanley SmithBarney vice president under the auspices of the Junior League of Westchester
- Careers in Medicine, given by Dr. Shantie Harkisoon, Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program Director
- Essay Writing for High School Juniors were given by Sarah Feliciano, a SUNY-Binghamton student and Phelps volunteer.

We would be remiss if we did not note the achievements of the 17 student volunteers from the Class of 2011 who are moving on to college and the work world. While all our graduates are outstanding, particular mention is due to one who graduated as Ossining High School Class Valedictorian and another Sleepy Hollow High School senior who was awarded a scholarship based on an essay he wrote about his meaningful experience as a Phelps student volunteer throughout his high school years.

Welcome Back to Our Senior Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to our senior volunteers who served as teachers and mentors to our new student volunteers and got them off to an excellent start. And a very warm "welcome back" to our stalwart senior volunteers after what we hope was a pleasant and restful summer.

New York Life Book Bin

Thanks once again to **New York Life** employees for donating more children's books to the bin located in the Pediatric section of our Emergency Department. Our youngest patients appreciate having these books, which serve as a pleasant diversion for them and their siblings during their visit to the ED.

Impact of the Economy on Volunteering

Due to the current economic climate, we have been blessed with a number of new volunteers who are adapting their special skill sets for the benefit of hospital departments including Accounting, Cardiovascular, Case Management, Information Technology, Human Resources, Medical Staff Affairs, Mental Health, Patient Accounting, Robins Nest, and the new Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program. We are pleased to welcome these new volunteers and to expand the scope of our volunteer services for the hospital.