

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

News and Notes

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Master Plan Construction Begins

By Bruce Davidow, FACHE, Sr. VP and COO
Phelps Memorial Hospital Center

Our Master Plan construction project is well underway. We have built a new 85 spot permanent parking lot by our Route 117 entrance. The temporary Robin's Nest 150 spot parking area is being utilized daily by our hospital staff. Our Security Department is using our two newly purchased shuttle buses to transport staff from the Robin's Nest parking area to the hospital's main entrance.

Building 9, which is located on the hill by the hospital's main entrance, has been renovated and is being used for the Engineering Department's management staff and outside construction companies.

Under the hospital's main roadway we have installed the new water lines for the new Medical Services Building which is now being constructed adjacent to our nursing entrance by Route 117. This new five-story, 100,000 square foot building will be connected to the hospital and will contain a state-of-the-art outpatient rehabilitation center with pool, an emergency training center for paramedics and EMTs, an expanded Speech, Hearing, Swallow and Voice Institute, an expanded Wound Center and numerous physician offices.

We are also adding a five-story, 750 parking spot garage to our campus adjacent to the new Medical Services Building. This garage is being built in Pennsylvania and will be delivered to our campus in the fall of 2006. We expect it to be operational in early 2007.

In addition, we are adding a new 20,000 square foot Emergency Department (ED) by our current West Wing entrance. The excavation for the new Emergency Department will start in March. The new ED will contain 30 private patient treatment rooms. It will provide space for decontamination facilities for patients affected by biological, chemical or radiation agents. Discrete areas will be built for Pediatrics, Psychiatry, ENT, Orthopedics, Observation Space, Dental, OB/GYN, Infectious Disease, Medical/Surgical patients, as well as two nursing stations and ample support space. In addition, we will add a CT scanner to the new ED, along with a digital diagnostic Radiology Room. We expect the new ED will be open by the middle of 2008.

At the same time as we are building our new Emergency Department, we are also expanding our inpatient Psychiatric and Behavioral Rehabilitation Units.

The rear courtyard of the hospital has been expanded and improved also. We have eliminated the unsightly refuse containers, demolished our old incinerator enclosure and added two state of the art compactors for refuse and paper. We have also prepared the area for our future emergency generator system.

Champagne Ball 2006

Just a reminder that the Auxiliary will be again conducting a lottery for tickets to this year's Champagne Ball. More information about the lottery will be posted in the August/September edition of the News and Notes.

This year's dinner dance will be held on October 21, 2006 at the **Trump National Golf Club**. For tickets please contact Steve Cunningham at 914-366-3104 or email him at scunningham@pmhc.us.



Cherry Door Thrift Shop

Phelps Memorial Hospital is seeking an energetic volunteer to co-chair its "Cherry Door Thrift Shop" on Main Street in Tarrytown. The shop sells small appliances, house wares, furniture, jewelry and gift items, with proceeds benefiting the Hospital. Many loyal volunteers staff the shop Tuesday through Saturday. We need someone with merchandising skills to interface with potential donors who have items for sale. If you have an eye for merchandise, enjoy working with people and perhaps have previous sales/marketing experience, this could be a fun and rewarding opportunity for you. Please call Pam Cardozo, Director of Volunteers, at 914-366-3170.

In Memoriam

JODY K. GORALSKI

Jody Goralski, of Elmsford, passed away on January 30, 2006. Jody provided over 10 years of volunteer work at Phelps Memorial Hospital at the information desk, welcoming and assisting visitors as they entered. Jody also served on the Auxiliary Board of Directors in the capacities of Secretary and Assistant Secretary and as an Area Chairperson for Elmsford.

WALLACE "ROY" BROWN

Wallace L. "Roy" Brown, of Tarrytown, passed on January 23, 2006. Roy volunteered in the Emergency Department at Phelps for over 10 years.

MARY A. KISELAK

Mary Kiselak, of Sleepy Hollow, died on January 28, 2006. Mary worked for 21 years at Phelps Memorial Hospital as the Employee Health Nurse. She also worked as a volunteer for the Human Resource Department of Phelps Hospital as recently as May, 2005.

"Those from whom I receive the greatest consolation and encouragement are those whom I know to be dwelling in paradise."

-St. Teresa of Avila

Gift Shop Lobby Vendors for March & April

Wed.	3/1	As Seen on T.V.
Thurs	3/9	Exile CD's
Fri	3/10	D & D Jewelry
Thurs	3/16	Books are Fun
Fri	3/17	Books are Fun
Mon	3/20	Sock Exchange
Thurs	3/23	Leather Outlet
Wed	3/29	Candles and Games
Wed	4/5	Save on Socks
Thurs	4/20	Art Event
Fri	4/21	L. Wetzel Beaded Jewelry

A New Look for The Cherry Door

By Jim Goldsmith



The Cherry Door has a new look! The front room has been repainted and the walls repaired and the place is looking sharp! Thanks to a wonderful donation made anonymously to Donna Goldsmith to have The Cherry Door painted, the outcome is remarkable.

The work took one full day, with Donna coming in on a Sunday to move all the small objects to the back room in preparation for the painter's arrival the next day. When the work was completed, two or three of the Cherry Door regular volunteers helped Donna move everything back and set up the main room.

If you have seen the old Cherry Door you owe it to yourself to view the new one. If you have never been to the Cherry Door, there is no time like the present to make that first visit. The Cherry Door is located at 36 Main Street, Tarrytown, NY.

The Cherry Door can always use new volunteers, and Donna would love to meet you and explain the job requirements. For more information, call The Cherry Door at (914) 631-0470.

Nominations for Auxiliary Board 2006-2007



Co-Presidents Jim Goldsmith & Ruth Balli
 Co-1st VPs Betty Albertson & Joyce Weiser
 2nd Vice President Mary Galgano
 Secretary Ann Obuck
 Asst. Secretary Joyce Moes
 Treasurer Mary Kay Olson
 Asst. Treasurer Nancy Eichorn

Nominating Committee

Martha Dugan
 Jim Chalmers
 Marguerite Klein



A Living Will Is Important To Relationships

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



As always, we will be celebrating National Volunteer Week, April 23-29, with refreshments and a new volunteer pin as a "thank you" to all of you who continually volunteer your much appreciated time and caring.



Lisa Fambro—Star Award Recipient

A Tribute to Lisa Fambro A Remarkable Star Award Recipient

By Joyce Moes

For many years I have been an opera lover so when I was asked to do a profile on Liselotte (Lisa) Fambro, a Star Award Volunteer, I was thrilled to learn that her daughter Ilona was an opera singer and teacher in Germany. In fact, Ilona is singing currently in a Verdi Opera called Nabuko in the opera house in Augsburg, Germany. Therefore, I knew Lisa had quite an interesting story to tell about herself as well!

Lisa was born near the Polish border between Austria and Germany in a city named Hindenburg, Germany. Her father was a Russian prisoner of war for four and a half years leaving her mother, herself and her sister to fend for themselves. You can understand the responsibility Lisa had to assume, being the eldest child. The family had to move from place to place never knowing where the father was or even if he were alive. It was through postcards submitted each month to the Government describing her missing father that he was located.

In 1956 Lisa came to the U.S. to be married. She had met an American Serviceman just after the war and they had decided to marry in the U.S. They settled in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn and her husband worked at Long Island University College. But, unfortunately, he became ill and for 10-1/2 years she cared for her husband while working full time at Nynex. Finally, Lisa and her daughter moved to Ossining where her husband was moved to a nursing home so that she could be close to him.

Throughout Lisa's life she has always exhibited responsibility, care and commitment for her family. This commitment came full circle when she returned to Germany to care for her mother.

However, when Lisa returned in 1990, she always wanted to volunteer. In spite of the loss of her husband and mother, she has had a good life. Her daughter was a successful musician, living and married in Germany and Lisa was retired. It was time for her to volunteer.

During the interview Lisa said that she never regretted the hardships in her life but rather through them she learned to have compassion for the people who come into the hospital. I asked Lisa what is your most important duty at the front desk? She thought for a moment and with her lilting voice she replied, "Working at the front desk is truly challenging. Sometimes people are upset and unhappy but I always smile and try to be patient and helpful. I understand what they must be going through."

Thank you, Lisa. You are a bright star in our galaxy of Volunteers.

Welcome New Auxiliary Members

Submitted by Nancy Eichorn

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| Robert Albertson | Bard Bunaes |
| Dr. Elio and Elisabetta Ippolito | Dolly Manfredi |
| Dr. Saleem Mir | Ellen Melvin |
| Rose Marie Stanton | Rudolph Vonderheide |
| Raphael Wong | Dr. Franklin Zimmerman |

Welcome to the Newest Volunteers

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| Pat Lane..... | Tarrytown |
| Nancy Leddy | Tarrytown |
| Kathy Ghalebi..... | Ossining |
| Doris Krumlauf..... | Sleepy Hollow |
| John Song | Tarrytown |

The Thursday Club Dinner Dance

The Thursday Club, a philanthropic group of 39 women from the Hudson River villages interested in community service, has selected Phelps Memorial Hospital Center as the beneficiary of its annual auction and dinner dance to be held the evening of Saturday, May 20th, at Ardsley Country Club. The Thursday Club's annual event will feature live and silent auctions of many fine items as well as tickets to various entertainment and sporting events.

The dinner dance is being co-chaired by Mary Morrisett and Geraldine Gilmartin, both of Irvington. The proceeds of this year's benefit will be earmarked for the Family Waiting Pediatric Area in Phelps' New Emergency Department. The Family Waiting Pediatric Area will be a place for families and children to wait while loved ones receive treatment.

Auction prize donations are needed, and all community members are welcome to purchase event tickets. For further information, please contact Thursday Club Public Relations Chair Lynn Sobel at 693-1117.

3RD ANNUAL PHELPS GOLF CLASSIC

Save the Date!
Monday, May 15, 2006

Sleepy Hollow
Country Club

EVENT CHAIR
William O. Melvin, Jr.
Limited to 120 golfers

For further information,
contact Steve Cunningham
914-366-3104 or
scunningham@pmhc.us

Annual Volunteer Dinner



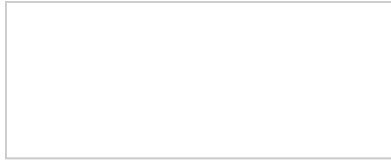
Save the date

Wednesday, June 28, for our annual volunteer supper at the James House, 4:00-7:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Volunteer Office on June 1st, or you may call 366-3170.

Bake and Craft Sale...

Will be held on Thursday, March 30th. Once again we will need bakers and helpers (sign up in the Volunteer Office or call Pat at 366-3170).





MAIL FIRST CLASS

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
SLEEPY HOLLOW, NY 10591

Record Fundraising Year

We are delighted to report that 2005 was the strongest fund raising year ever for Phelps. Gifts totaled \$4,936,376, which is 13% more than the previous record set last year. The total includes all new funds raised for annual, capital, and specific purposes. The increase reflects the gathering momentum of Phelps' Building on a Half-Century of Healthcare Campaign.

In September, Phelps received notification that the prestigious Kresge Foundation approved a Challenge Grant of \$800,000 toward construction of Phelps' New Emergency Department. The Challenge Grant will be awarded to Phelps if we raise the balance of \$1,541,122 by December 31, 2006. As you may have read in the local news last December, an anonymous donor presented Phelps with our first-ever \$1 million donation check, closing out our most successful year with the largest single donation in Phelps' history.

Annual Auxiliary Meeting Notice
The 2006 Phelps Auxiliary Annual Meeting will be held on April 10, 2006 at 2:00PM in the Auditorium. Please do your best to be there.

HANYS Advocacy Day

**HOSPITAL ADVOCACY DAY,
ALBANY, WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8**

Why is Advocacy Day Important?

- We need you to participate because a big turnout sends a powerful message to state lawmakers that we need to eliminate health care cuts and invest in our health care system.
- If there is a small turnout, lawmakers will conclude that the budget cuts are not a problem and it will be easier for health care cuts to "slip through."
- With many competing budget priorities, we must be diligent in conveying our message that we need investment and support from our leaders, not hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts.

The bus leaves from the front door of the hospital at 8:00 am and will be back by 3:00 pm. Please sign up in the Volunteer Office, or call us at 366-3170, to let us know you are coming.

There is power in numbers!



The 2006 Barclays Classic, part of the PGA Tour, is being held from June 5th-11th at the West Course of Westchester Country Club. This

is one of the year's most prestigious golf events, and this year's purse is one of the largest ever for the Classic.

Jim Goldsmith is organizing Phelps' participation in the Barclays Classic "Giving through Golf" Charity Team Competition. Phelps' participation in the event guarantees a grant of \$5,000 to Phelps, and an additional \$37,500 in proceeds is available to Phelps if our volunteers sell approximately 1,400 tickets to the event. Our success this year also impacts on Phelps being invited to participate in the competition next year.

If you, your company or community group members are interested in joining the Phelps Barclays Classic "Giving through Golf" Charity Team, supporting our effort or purchasing \$35 tickets to the Barclays Classic, please contact Jim Goldsmith at (914) 762-0568 or jaalgo@att.net. Tickets will be sold outside the Phelps cafeteria this winter and spring. Please show your support of Phelps by supporting our 2006 Barclays Classic "Giving through Golf" Charity Team. Thank you.

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