

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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Good-bye to a Wonderful Friend



Faith Khosrowshahi with her husband Ned

It is with great sadness that we report on the loss of a good friend, former Phelps Hospital Board member and major donor to Phelps Hospital. Faith Iman Khosrowshahi, passed away on February 15, 2008. She was the devoted wife to Nasrollah (Ned) Khosrowshahi and loving mother of Susanne and Shahram, Marcene and Ali, Kevin and Markela and Cameron. She also left five grandchildren: Darian, Dariush, Roxanna, Sophia and Samir.

A Great Loss



Mary Louise Bunaes with her husband Bard

With much regret we report on the passing of Mary Louise Bunaes, wife of Bard Bunaes who is the Chairman of the Board of Phelps Memorial Hospital. Ms. Bunaes passed away quietly in her sleep after a long and difficult fight with cancer. Mary was very much involved with Phelps including her chairing of the Champagne Ball.

A memorial service was held in her honor at St. Barnabas Church on North Broadway in Irvington on March 1st.

53rd Annual Auxiliary Meeting and Afternoon Tea

Monday, April 14, 2008

at

The James House Mansion

Meeting starts at 2:00PM

This meeting will include voting for the new officers, a vote for the newly updated Bylaws and afterward, a Tea and Sweets organized by our own Eva Marie Dahling. Wanda Cope Orton, RN, CHPBN, MBA director of the Phelps Hospice will speak at the meeting. Please park at the James House or in the parking garage. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the garage.

Bake and Closeout Craft Sale

March 6th on the ground floor
across from the elevators
(In our usual spot)

Come get your goodies and help out the Auxiliary.
Starts at 8:30AM and ends when
everything is gone!

Call 366-3170 for more info.



President's Message

Jim Goldsmith, Auxiliary President

I can't believe April is almost here. With the coming of that month also comes the Auxiliary Annual Meeting on April 14 at 2 PM. at The James House Mansion. The Annual Meeting is especially important because it is the time to vote for your new Auxiliary Board and other Auxiliary matters that come up.

It is also a time to relax with us, have fun, and partake in tea and sweets organized by Eva Marie Dahling, and from past experience, you know how wonderful that will be.

A lot of people have asked me if I am unhappy at leaving the position of President, and the simple answer is "no". I leave the Auxiliary in great financial shape, with significant increases in The Cherry Door and excellent business at the Gift Shop and The James House Mansion.

We have, at this writing, about 385 members and the support of the entire Phelps Hospital Board.

What we do need, however, is for more of our members to take an active part in the Auxiliary. We need members to volunteer to take positions on the Board to guide the Auxiliary in the future. There are always some comments about how the Auxiliary could be doing something better than it is doing, but no one is willing to accept responsibility for making that comment come to fruition. We welcome change and constructive criticism, but with it must come the responsibility for taking charge.

So in my final comments as your President, I ask you not to be shy, not to stay in the background, but to contact any Board member and ask what you can do help us in the future.

See you at the Auxiliary Annual Meeting on April 14th at The James House Mansion.

A Little Local History

By Dennis Corcoran

Note- If you recall in the last issue we wrote about The Arnold Andre Conspiracy and the fact that Andre was captured not far from where the hospital is today. Well there is another connection and you will see it shortly.



The Half Moon

The sixty-six acre parcel of land which the hospital now occupies was originally inhabited by the Wappinger Confederation of Native Americans. Eventually, an English sea captain, Henry Hudson, sailing for the Dutch East India Company undertook the first recorded voyage up the river that now bears his name in his ship, The Half Moon, in 1609. It should be noted that their will be a big celebration on the 400th anniversary in 2009. Dutch settlers followed Hudson and bought the land from the local Native Americans in 1629. One of these settlers was Frederick Philipse, who built his Upper Mills on what became known as Philipsburg Manor, just south of where Phelps stands today. He went on to become the wealthiest man in America as he took over most of the land in the area and leased it out to tenant farmers while building his industrial empire through the production of lumber and grains. His descendants continued to own it until they made the ill fated decision to back England by becoming Loyalists during the American Revolution and lost everything. New York State took over the land after the war and General Girard Beekman bought the parcel of land that would become North Tarrytown (Today it is Sleepy Hollow.)

Meanwhile, William Phelps, an English farmer, emigrated from England and settled in Connecticut in 1630. His great-great-grandson, Thomas Phelps III served as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War under General Nathaniel Greene. He was so attached to General Greene he named his

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fourth son, Anson Greene Phelps after him in 1781. This is the same General Greene who was in charge of the Court of Inquiry that found John Andre guilty in Tappan where he was executed a few days later in 1780. Our hospital is named after Anson Greene Phelps and there's the connection!



Anson Greene Phelps

Unfortunately, Anson Greene Phelps became an orphan by the age of 12, but overcame it when he was adopted by a minister and became a successful merchant. He married Olivia Egleston and they had seven children. He moved to New York City where he became wealthy by establishing a shipping line and making prudent investments. His three eldest children were all daughters and they married men from prominent families. Elizabeth married Daniel James, Melissa married William Dodge and Caroline married James Stokes. The son-in-law went into partnership with their father-in-law and they helped form the Phelps-Dodge Partnership. This became one of the largest firms in the country as they had major interests in banking, railroads and eventually the automobile business.



William Dodge

The family in the early 1800's in order to escape the heat of New York City, built their first summer home at 66 Beekman Avenue in North Tarrytown. Anson Phelps only son, Anson Phelps Jr. was born in 1818 and he eventually joined the firm and married Jane Gibson. They both loved the country life and in 1848 purchased the sixty-six acres from the Beekman Estate where Phelps Memorial Hospital is now located.

(To be continued...)

(Partially excerpted from the 1995 Champagne Ball Program)

GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

Schedule courtesy of Iris Hill

MARCH 2008

Thurs.	3/6	Exile C.D.'s
Fri.	3/7	D & D Jewelry
Mon.	3/10	Sock Exchange
Thurs.	3/13	Books are Fun
Fri.	3/14	Books are Fun
Thurs.	3/20	Leather Outlet

APRIL 2008

Thurs.	4/3	Candles & Gifts Galore
Fri.	4/11	Tastefully Simple
Fri.	4/18	Active Wear Plus
Thurs.	4/24	Time Plus Watches
Tues.	4/29	Save on Socks
Wed.	4/30	Unique Concept in Jewelry

In Memoriam

GERTRUDE KRUEGER

Gertrude Clancy Krueger, of Cortlandt Manor, formerly of Ossining and Briarcliff Manor, passed away on January 13, 2008. She volunteered at Phelps Memorial Hospital for 14 years. Predeceasing her husband, Harry, she is survived by her son Gordon Krueger, his wife Candice and three loving grandchildren.

PATRICIA (MALLON) O'NEILL

Patricia died at home on January 13th of complications from Parkinson's Disease at the age of 73. She was a volunteer at Phelps Hospital and the Holy Name's Religious Education Program. She is survived by her husband, Hugh, of 51 years and her five children and their spouses. She also has ten grandchildren.

VIRGINIA R. DEANE

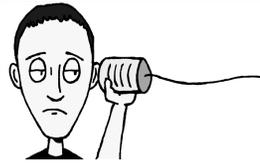
Virginia R. Deane, formerly of Tarrytown and Yonkers died after a short illness on January 9th in Severna Park, Maryland. She was formerly a devoted member of the Transfiguration Seniors and of the Phelps Memorial Volunteers. Virginia is survived by two daughters, Virginia and Barbara and by four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren..

ROBERT NEEDLE

Robert Needle, DDS, husband of Kathe Needle who is a longtime volunteer for Phelps at the Cherry Door Thrift Shop, passed away on February 8th. Our hearts and prayers are with Kathe at this time of grief.

STANLEY J. ROSENTHAL

Stanley Rosenthal, late husband of Janeth who is a long time volunteer in the Phelps Gift Shop, passed away on November 14th after a brief illness. He leaves behind two sons and two daughters as well as six grandchildren. We will keep Janeth and her family in our thoughts and prayers.



Better Living Through (and in spite of) Technology

By Jim Reidy

If you recall in the last issue, I introduced the thought of owning a home computer. Many households have one, some have multiple machines. In 2000, the US Census reported that 51% of the households in the US had access to the internet. It is reasonable to think that those numbers have gone up since, although my (admittedly) brief search did not provide a specific answer.

Certainly part of the reason computer use is up is that it is getting harder and harder to do anything by any other method. People do their banking, shopping, bill paying and a host of other activities on-line. The retail and service institutions have focused much of their attention to improving their web sites and have, in many cases, allowed their mail and phone service to be neglected. That leaves many people, those without internet access or the ability to use it, in a bind. So what is one to do? That is easily asked but often not easily answered.

Using a computer has become easier over the last few years. Many systems are turn-key, meaning you buy it, bring it home, plug it in, and it works. Nothing else to do—unless you want to have internet access. Now you have to choose...

There are three primary home internet access methods used in the US today: Cable internet, DSL (provided by your phone company) and dial-up (also a phone live service). Some satellite companies are offering internet service as well. Which you choose depends largely on what you have now, what would be most cost effective and how fast a connection you need. Dial-up is the oldest technology and tends to be painfully slow. Many of the newest computers do not have the ability to log onto dial-up service. If you have cable TV, then a cable internet service might be right for you. DSL, once a problematic system, now rivals the quality and speed of cable service, often at a better price. If you use satellite TV service or have no wired television signal (still use the antenna on the roof), then DSL is likely your best alternative.

In the next edition we will discuss costs of services and how companies are fine-tuning their web sites.

Upcoming Auxiliary Board Meetings

March 19th and April 16th at 9:00 in the Board Room.

Welcome to the Newest Auxilians

Courtesy of Nancy Eichorn

John D'Emidio, Shivaun, Brandon & Ann Veronica
Dugan, Dino Ippolito, Shaheen Mir,
Elizabeth Seideman, Kurt Trueb
Anne F. Turner, Rose Mary Yannantuono

Welcome to our newest volunteers!!

Courtesy of Pat Makai

Anne Turner – Silver Spoons
Rebecca Reynolds – Silver Spoons/Gift Shop

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Pam's Corner

By Pam Cardozo



HANYS Advocacy Day has taken a new direction this year. They are now inviting the executive leadership from each hospital to come to Albany for scheduled appointments with various legislators. This is instead of hospital staff going to make a presence on the hill. HANYS is taking this new direction because of the changed nature of the Governor's proposed health budget. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made yourselves available for the trip to Albany.

You're gonna be in pictures! Our volunteers will soon be receiving a letter in the mail reminding you that you must wear their uniforms to the Annual Meeting on April 14, at The James House Mansion. We are going to be taking group photographs of those volunteers with 5 or more years of service, so please be sure to join us on April 14 and ready to smile for the camera!



The James House Mansion - Although built in 1851, our mansion has joined the 21st century by having its own website! Please visit www.jameshousemansion.com to view the mansion. Have you ever considered holding your anniversary, birthday party or any celebration in our mansion? Please call us at (914) 366-3178 and we'll be happy to answer your questions.

The Cherry Door Thrift Shop - Are you doing your Spring Cleaning early....or maybe you know someone who is moving or downsizing? The Cherry Door is seeking donations of furniture, lamps, small appliances, house wares, jewelry and gift items, in good condition, to replenish its stock (we do not accept clothing, mattresses or bedding). If you have such items to donate, please call (914) 631-0470 to discuss arrangements. The Cherry Door is open from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.



Do you know someone who would like to volunteer? We are always in need of volunteers in various departments. Please pass along our phone number, (914) 366-3170, to your friends and family, or whomever you think might be interested in supporting our local community hospital. How about you? Maybe you used to volunteer and would like to come back but don't want to make a big-time commitment and that's really OK. How about considering a few hours a week? It would be a tremendous help to us and we know you'll have fun too!

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