

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

News and Notes

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Spring is in the Air

By Jim Goldsmith



Dr. Elio Ippolito, Jim Goldsmith and Eva Marie Dahling

This Spring the hospital grounds in front of the main building and the new Medical Office building were bathed in a plethora of daffodils, unseen in any prior year.



The bulbs were the gift of Dr. Elio Ippolito and were planted by him, Eva Marie Dahling, myself and a few of Dr. Ippolito's gardeners on a wonderful, but cold, day last October. There were 3,800 bulbs in total and Dr. Ippolito is threatening to do the same thing in front of the new Emergency Room this coming Fall. The effect of beautifying the hospital is instantaneous and the flowers are a welcome sight after such a long and cold winter.



So the Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ippolito for his generous long lasting gift to Phelps and we hope to be able to provide more physical help this Fall.

Tom Goldsworthy Auxilian, Volunteer and Former Editor of "News and Notes"

by Jim Reidy



Tom Goldsworthy
Photo courtesy of daughter, Jan

It is with a heavy heart that we report on the passing of Thomas C. Goldsworthy, Jr., a former volunteer, Auxilian and the editor of this News and Notes newsletter from 2000 through 2005.

Tom joined the Auxiliary in 1996 after retiring from his forty-year career as an Agency Manager with State Farm Insurance. Tom was born in September 12, 1931 in Pittsburgh, PA to Sara and Thomas C. Goldsworthy, Sr. He graduated from Penn State University in 1952 and served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954. He married Nancy Kring in 1957. Together they had two children - a son, Tom G. and daughter, Janice.

Tom volunteered his time at the Food Patch Pantry in Millwood and in 1999 became a volunteer at Phelps Memorial Hospital where he worked at the Cherry Door Thrift Shop in Tarrytown until 2007.

In his "career" at Phelps, Tom contributed nearly 2,700 hours - 1,800 hours at the Cherry Door and 900 hours as the editor of this newsletter.

As the current editor of the News and Notes I am proud to follow in Tom's footsteps. Tom took over editing responsibility from the "founding father", Mitch Gresser, and then handed it off to me. At first I was a little intimidated taking on this job. Tom helped me get to know the people on the committee and helped me understand the intent and composition of the publication. The paper has changed some. It's been reformatted a bit, we've added photographs to "spice up" the stories they accompany, yet we've retained the integrity and many of the ideas and ideals that Tom so deeply engrained into his work.

Tom passed away on March 19, 2009 of complications from Parkinson's Disease. He was 77 years old. Tom will surely be missed.

A Little Local History

By Dennis Corcoran

The Quadricentennial of the Hudson River - Part III

When we last left off about the history of the Hudson River, the British had forced the Dutch to surrender New Netherlands in 1664. During the next 100 years, England's New World Empire expanded to now include 13 colonies but a series of disagreements between the mother country and her colonies resulted in the American Revolution. The Hudson River was of strategic importance to both sides because the river was a vital artery for transporting people and supplies between the 13 colonies (now known as states). As a result, the Americans built forts in 1777 to protect the Hudson Highlands including Forts Clinton and Montgomery. Unfortunately, the British destroyed these forts as part of a plan to take over the river but were unable to complete their plan because they were defeated at the battle of Saratoga, the turning point of the War. Subsequently as a result of this victory, the French joined forces with the Americans.



Benedict Arnold

A hero at this battle and a brave leader throughout the war was Major General Benedict Arnold. He was wounded at the battle and later was appointed military commander in Philadelphia. Arnold, however, had become disillusioned with the American cause after being passed over for promotion and reprimanded by Congress for some careless transgressions. He began communicating with the British and, after being given command of the new fortifications that were being built at West Point, planned to turn in all over to them.

Major Arnold's British collaborator was Major John Andre. After meeting with each other in Haverstraw and with everything set to be put in motion, fate took over as the plan was thwarted with Andre's capture in Tarrytown while Arnold escaped. If Arnold had succeeded, the British would have finally had control of the Hudson and many believe they would have won the war.

The river would later help transport French troops on their way to Yorktown, Virginia where they would help the Americans win the last decisive battle of the war. General George Washington would then spend the last year of the war with his troops at the New Windsor cantonment in Newburgh. Later, the Constitution would be ratified by the state of New York in 1788 at a courthouse in Poughkeepsie and George Washington would be sworn in as the first president of the United States in 1789 in New York City.



Maj. John Andre

Note - If you would like to know more about the Andre-Arnold conspiracy, join us for a fun day on Sunday, September 20th as part of "The Ramble" celebration of the Hudson River. We will meet at the Croton ShopRite lot. Tickets are \$15 for the bus and \$25 for a luncheon at "1776 House" where John Andre was held prisoner. Call me at 914-769-8819 for tickets and information.



Rose Marie Parisi

A Message from the President

Rose Marie Parisi, Auxiliary President

As the current President of the Auxiliary, I am looking forward to serving for a second term. The past year has flown by and we have accomplished a great deal. We Auxilians are very proud to be part of Phelps Memorial Hospital Center.

We have achieved our annual goal for financial contributions to Phelps through many Auxiliary-managed functions such as Gift Shop sales, Cherry Door Thrift Shop sales, James House Mansion rentals, bake sales and flower sales. The success of the Phelps Auxiliary impacts the quality of care that patients receive at our Hospital. I applaud each and every Auxiliary volunteer who has helped make Phelps Memorial Hospital Center what it is today – a great hospital for members of our community.

I would like to wish the incoming officers a successful and fulfilling year. The new officers include 1st VP, Marguerite Klein; 2nd VP, Laurie Zimmerman; Secretary, Lynne Hansen; Assistant Secretary, Helen Chanowsky; Treasurer, Mary Kay Olson; and Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Eichorn. Best of luck for the coming year.

A NOTE FROM THE GIFT SHOP

By Iris Hill

The Gift Shop would like to thank the hospital staff and our fellow volunteers for their strong support of the shop during 2008. Even during difficult economic times the gift shop went against the trend and increased the profits compared to the previous year.

As a "thank you" to you, our loyal shoppers, we will be offering a storewide 20% discount on items purchased (excluding candy, gum, greeting cards and sundries) from May 3rd through May 9th. You must present your hospital ID.

Preparing for Next Winter

By Rose Marie Parisi

This year Phelps Memorial Hospital Center Auxiliary has decided to accept new or gently used coats, scarves, hats, gloves and even some heavy sweaters for the less fortunate during these trying times. This is a good time for all of us to think about sharing with those who are struggling.

So if you are planning on treating yourself to something new, please save any of the above items and we will let you know in the fall when and where to drop off your donations.

As always, thank you for your generous support.

GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

Schedule courtesy of Iris Hill

May

Fri	May 1	Books are Fun
Wed	May 6	Lillian Wetzel Jewelry
Fri	May 8	Classy Karat Jewelry
Thurs	May 14	Exile CD's
Fri	May 15	Tupperware
Fri	May 22	A Creative Touch

June

Mon	June 8	Tastefully Simple
Thurs	June 18	Melvia Sportswear
Thurs	June 25	Leather Outlet
Fri	June 26	Angielyn's Scrubs

Welcome to our newest volunteers!!

Courtesy of Pat Makai

Susan Bodansky	.....	Briarcliff Manor	.....	Transport
Rafael Garcia	.....	Sleepy Hollow	.....	Transport
Joshua Vanoli	.....	Ossining	.....	Transport
Suzie Winter	.....	Sleepy Hollow	.....	Info Desk
Penny Perlman	.....	Ossining	.....	Administrative
Theresa Ferrier	.....	Ossining	.....	Gift Shop
Amy Mass	.....	Ossining	.....	Information Desk
Donna Ferrantello	.....	Tarrytown	.....	Patient Rep

Welcome to our Newest Auxilians

Submitted by Nancy Eichorn

Sue Bodansky, Pat Corcoran, Helena Greco
Amy Mass, Joan Perno, Rhoda Stephens
Melanie Tripp, Joshua J. Vanoli
Suzie Winter, Michelle Woerner



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 Jim Reidy through 914-366-3170.

Upcoming Auxiliary Board Meetings

May 20th and Jun 17th at 9:00AM in the Board Room.

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Bake Sale

By Jim Goldsmith

Well, we have good news and bad news on our last bake sale. The good news is that we made over \$800 on baked good alone. Because our resident in charge of crafts is no longer physically able to do it, our bake sales are just that – only baked items. Now don't get me wrong. \$800 is a terrific amount of money to raise in the space of a few hours but we are not getting the support from the Auxiliary members that we need to make this a grand success.



There are approximately 360 members of the Auxiliary and we usually get baked items from only about 20 people. THAT IS LESS THAN 10%, which for a charity fundraiser is awful!

So I am appealing to all the Auxilians out there who receive this newsletter to help us out by baking things for us to sell at the next bake sale and raise money for the hospital. We only have these events four times a year but we never seem to have enough home-baked items. This is not a hard thing to do and I don't find it hard asking you to do it. So please keep June 25th open and make it a point to contribute several items to help out at our next sale.

Thanking you all in advance because our goal is to reach \$1000!

Another Successful Annual Auxiliary Meeting

On April 13th we held our Annual Auxiliary Meeting at The James House Mansion which was well attended by members of the Auxiliary and Volunteer Services. Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cheryl Burke, RN, MS, MBA, WCC was the guest speaker and gave a most interesting presentation about strokes, stroke prevention and the benefits of the Phelps Stroke Clinic. After the presentation of volunteer awards by Keith Safian, President and CEO, the meeting attendees moved to the dining room to enjoy afternoon tea arranged by Eva-Marie Dahling. Thanks to all of you who helped make this meeting interesting and enjoyable.



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Pam's Corner

By Pam Cardozo

First, I'd like to welcome Joanne Sturans, our new Vice President of Human Resources. One of her responsibilities is Volunteer Services and the Auxiliary. Joanne began here at Phelps on April 15, and was previously at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. She has extensive experience in both hospital and private sector corporations and we, the Volunteers and Auxilians, give Joanne our warmest welcome

Spring is here and we are quite happy!! Around the hospital campus you will notice the beautiful daffodils donated by Dr. Ippolito and planted last fall by members of our Auxiliary. This was a lovely gesture by Dr. Ippolito and we thank him for his generosity. We'll continue to enjoy them every year because the deer don't eat them - hooray!



We have seen a lot of potential volunteers who are recently unemployed and who want to donate some of their spare time to Phelps. We are truly grateful for their help but, of course, wish them well in their job-hunting.

We are happy to announce that two of our volunteers, Fran Kelly and Linda Heusser, were recently nominated and awarded the Star Award. This is for those volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty in their volunteer service. Congratulations to Fran and Linda!

We'd like to remind our volunteers of a change in date for the Volunteer Supper. We have rescheduled to Wednesday, June 10 at The James House Mansion, 4-7 pm.

The day is going to be sunny and not too warm with a beautiful breeze. What could be better for a party? Mark your calendars now!



Meet Joyce Moes

By Laura Shemonsky



A very seriously broken ankle brought Joyce Moes to Phelps Memorial in 2002. After a two-week stay as a patient, Joyce, who had recently retired from a 20-year career as a paralegal for Merrill Lynch at the World Financial Center, decided she would like to give back.

Joyce began volunteering at Phelps in 2003 and has worked in various areas of the hospital including the Information Desk, Transport and the Silver Spoons patient feeding program. She can be seen volunteering at the Information Desk on Wednesdays and her wide smile is a comfort to everyone she meets.

When Joyce is not volunteering, she is very busy working toward her BA in Liberal Arts at Fordham University. Joyce has been awarded two scholarships for academic excellence; the 2008-2009 Award for Academic Excellence (ACE) and a Newcombe Scholarship for mature women returning to college. She will graduate next year with a degree in Psychology. She says she would like to continue working in the healthcare field on some level.

In addition to her studies and volunteer work, Joyce is a choir member and song leader at St. Theresa's Church in Briarcliff Manor. Before moving to New York in 1973 Joyce and her husband lived in Japan for a few years where she taught English and flower arrangement at Sugami University.

Working on Wall Street on September 11, 2001 was a pivotal moment in Joyce's life. She fled the horrific scene that day with many other fearful people running for safety, including a pregnant woman. As she and the pregnant woman made their way on foot to Tribeca they comforted each other. Joyce says, "I think we helped each other a lot that day. It's made me feel life is very short and if we can help people, it helps us."

Joyce says that her Silver Spoons work is closest to her heart because it has taught her to have empathy and humor. Although she is a busy lady, Joyce has no plans to leave Phelps. "At all costs I'll remain a volunteer," she says, "because it just gives me so much joy."

The Volunteer Office is very proud to honor Joyce Moes for her accomplishments and her dedication as a volunteer and is grateful for all the hours she has given to Phelps.