

# PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

## News and Notes

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### Auxiliary President's Message

By Mark Frederich



It was great to see so many of you at the Annual Meeting in April. Those who were there were treated to two very interesting presentations. Sue Reilly spoke about infant hearing testing in general, and the Phelps program in particular. The presentation, entitled "Hearing Starts at Birth," was well received and generated much discussion. Kerry Pisano gave a very informative presentation on the direction Phelps will be taking in the upcoming years. It was an eye-opener. And hey, the coffee and pastries weren't too bad, either!

Once again thanks to the outgoing Board members, Rose Marie Parisi, Jack Beck and Laurie Zimmerman for all their hard work and dedication. There isn't enough space here to properly thank outgoing President Jim Goldsmith. He was a special Honoree this year at the Meeting.

The March bake sale netted \$660. Thanks to all the bakers and everyone who worked that day. Thanks also to all who supported us with their purchases. The next bake sale will be held on June 28th in our usual place by the cafeteria. Also in June, the Auxiliary will be hosting its Third Annual "James House Craft Fair." The date is June 9th and the Fair is shaping up to be our best yet. We have a full slate of vendors. This year the Fair will also feature live music, door prizes, a fifty-fifty raffle and a silent auction. Make sure to mark the date on your calendars.

Here's hoping that everyone has a safe, healthy and fun summer.

### \*\*\* Go Green - Go Paperless \*\*\*

By Jim Reidy

Five times a year your Auxiliary prepares and mails 300 copies of this Newsletter. At \$0.45 a copy, we spend \$135 per issue in postage alone. Add the price of printing and it becomes costly. If you can or would like to receive your Newsletter via email, contact me at:

[phelpsaux@optimum.net](mailto:phelpsaux@optimum.net).

You can read this and past newsletters online, as well, at:

<http://www.phelpshospital.org/auxiliary>.

### Spring Bake Sale Another Success

By Jim Goldsmith

On March 29, the Auxiliary held its first Bake Sale of 2012, and although we ended up competing with the ice cream giveaway to celebrate "Doctors' Day," we managed to hold our own and bank more than \$600.



Mark Frederich's daughter, Catalina, again showed her versatility and ingenuity with delicious Easter chick cupcakes in assorted colors (see photo). One buyer said, "I'll take one of each color." The brownies sold out very quickly. Next time, more brownie bakers - please!

We were ably assisted in selling by Rose Marie Parisi (this was her last bake sale project, as she is retiring from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position), current co-presidents Mark Frederich and Jim Goldsmith, as well as Louise Raybin, Marguerite Klein, Helen Chanowski and Jim Chalmers. Many thanks to those who worked so hard and to the bakers whose skill allowed us to contribute over \$600 to the Auxiliary.



It will be very interesting to see what Catalina will dream up next for us!

## *A Little Local History*

by Dennis Corcoran

## *Historic Hudson Valley - Sunnyside*

*Note that some photos and underlined words in this paper are links to more info in the electronic version of this issue.*



Historic Hudson Valley is a not-for-profit educational and historic preservation organization headquartered in Tarrytown. Its mission is to celebrate the region's history, architecture and landscape surroundings. It was formally founded in 1951 as Sleepy Hollow Restorations by John D. Rockefeller Jr., who was interested in preserving places of historic importance, such as Colonial Williamsburg. Rockefeller's first local purchase was Sunnyside, the home of Washington Irving, the celebrated author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle." It was purchased from the descendants of Irving in 1945, opened to the public in 1947 and was the flagship site of the Sleepy Hollow Restorations in 1951.

In 1835, Irving purchased the old Ecker Farmhouse, which was right next to the property of his nephew, Oscar Irving, on West Sunnyside Lane in the village of Tarrytown. The village next to Tarrytown, at the time known as Dearman, was renamed Irvington in 1854. Washington Irving loved the location as the house overlooked the Hudson River. With the help of landscape painter, George Harvey, he designed the grounds and remodeled and enlarged the home. He created a small Dutch styled mansion that reflected his romantic views of art, nature and history. The lifelong bachelor lived in the house until he died in 1859. It is of note that Washington Irving is buried in the cemetery at the Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow.

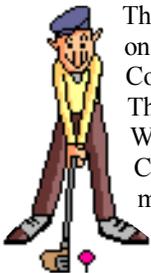


Washington Irving

Today, a visitor to the 10-acre Sunnyside is greeted by costumed guides and taken on a 45-minute tour of the grounds and mansion. Many of the furnishings are from the original home, including the desk in his study where Irving did most of his writing. The home was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1962. There are special events that are held throughout the year, including the Legend Celebration on weekends in October, when Sunnyside celebrates Irving's renowned stories with various activities for children. Also, on each Fourth of July, Sunnyside steps back in time to Independence Day, 1851. Events on that day include period music and traditional country dancing as well as a costumed game of "Town Ball," the precursor to modern baseball. As an author on the sport and an avid fan, these games are of particular interest to me. Sunnyside is open on a daily basis from April through October and then on weekends in November and December.

## **9th Annual Phelps Classic**

*Contributed by Ruth Burton*



The 9th Annual Phelps Classic will take place on Monday, June 11, 2012 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club.

The Golf Committee, under the leadership of William and Ellen Melvin and John and Connie Curran, is working hard to organize a memorable day of golf, lunch, evening cocktails and a buffet dinner, highlighted by prizes and contests. Funds raised from

the event will support facility improvements to enhance patient comfort.

Sponsorships are still available. The fee for individual golfers is \$800. The deadline to sign up is May 25th.

For further information, please contact Ruth Burton; Development Office; 914-366-3115; [rburton@pmhc.us](mailto:rburton@pmhc.us) or on-line at [www.phelpshospital.org](http://www.phelpshospital.org).



## **Please join us at the 25th Anniversary Champagne Ball**

*Contributed by Ruth Burton*

Please join us at the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Champagne Ball on Saturday, November 10, 2012 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 and opportunities to participate in Fund-a-Cause.

The Ball co-chairs, Donna and Jim Goldsmith, of Ossining, and Pam and Dr. Paul Terracciano, of Briarcliff Manor, and their Committee have been hard at work planning a wonderful evening. 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](mailto:rburton@pmhc.us), or on-line at [www.phelpshospital.org](http://www.phelpshospital.org).

## Thank You All for Your Support

*Submitted by Rose Marie Parisi*

During the past four years of holding office in the Auxiliary of a most prestigious community hospital, Phelps (because Phelps HELPS), I feel compelled to say, from the bottom of my heart, "I have gained so much, I have learned so much, and I truly and deeply thank you all."

The Auxiliary board, as a whole, is active and on top of all the decisions to be made, such as directing funds for the purchase of extra-large wheel chairs, an updated digital mammography machine, a blood unit centrifuge, support for Hospice programs and donations for the new Emergency Department. I am proud to see our plaque on the wall when entering the ER.

To make all of this possible, the Auxiliary raises money from bake sales, the Cherry Door on Main St. in Tarrytown, donations and dues, our craft fairs, the James House and the Gift Shop. These are all vital to the Hospital's ability to provide the very best health care for all who enter its doors, whether in building 701, 755 or 777.

Thank you and God bless you. Please keep up the good work, Auxilians.

Sincerely,  
Rose Marie Parisi

## GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

*Schedule courtesy of Iris Hill*

### MAY

WED 05/09 UNIQUE CONCEPT IN JEWELRY  
 FRI 05/11 CLASSY KARAT  
 TUE 05/15 SOCK EXCHANGE  
 THU 05/24 MAKE A BRACELET  
 FRI 05/25 A CREATIVE TOUCH  
 TUE 05/29 AS SEEN ON TV  
 THU 05/31 FULL OF SHEETS

### JUNE

THU 06/07 SILVER DREAMS JEWELRY  
 FRI 06/08 ANGIELYN SCRUBS  
 MON 06/11 LEATHER OUTLET  
 WED 06/20 SECOND STORY  
 THU 06/21 JUST FOR KIDS  
 FRI 06/22 YOUR NUTZ  
 FRI 06/29 THE SUNGLASS GUY

### Upcoming Auxiliary Board Meetings

May 16 and June 20 - All meetings will be held in the Board Room and will start at 9:00 AM unless otherwise posted.

### \*\*\* Dates To Remember \*\*\*

May 21 ..... Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon  
 June 9 ..... 3rd Annual Craft Fair at the James House  
 June 11 ..... 9th Annual Phelps Classic (sign up)  
 June 28 ..... Bake Sale (MORE BROWNIES!!)  
 November 10 .... 25th Anniversary Champagne Ball

### Welcome to our Newest Auxilians

*Submitted by Nancy Eichorn*

Lisa Koch Capobianco, Barbara Ceconi, Bill Florian  
 Muriel Hahn, Robert Lane, Constanza Melo  
 Mary Beth Merryman, Kerry Pisano  
 Theresa Schifilliti, Mary Stanton

## In Memoriam

### GAETANA RAUSA "TANA" FORLIANO

"Tana", 94, died peacefully on March 4, 2012. She was married to Barney Forliano for 20 years. Tana spent much of her time as a cytologist and volunteer at Phelps Memorial. Tana is survived by her nieces, Andrea and Tamara Rausa, her cousins, Eugene and Eleanor Castellana, and her sisters-in-law, Mildred and Maria Lucia Rausa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Barney Forliano, and brothers, Salvatore and Eugene Rausa.

### Welcome to our Newest Volunteers

*by Fran Kelly*

Dana Dago-Clark	Croton-on-Hudson	PT
Paul Dong	Yorktown	PT
Carol Faje	Irvington	Eucharistic Minister
William Florian	Ossining	Administrative
Lois Jungman	Croton-on-Hudson	Transport
Constanza Melo	Croton-on-Hudson	Info Desk
Jill Muller	Irvington	CARE Desk
Lucille Naughton	Ossining	Euch Minstr/Ptnt Rep
Maria Pacheco	Pleasantville	Information Desk
Joan Penner	Irvington	Information Desk
Brenda Schonhaut	Tarrytown	Trans/Info Desk
David Wood	Hastings-on-Hudson	Transport

### 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](mailto:phelpsaux@optonline.net).

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## *Pam's Corner*

*by Pam Cardozo*

### **Two Volunteers Honored with 2012 Phelps Star Awards**

I am delighted that two of our volunteers, **Burt Koyner** and **Nancy Quinn**, are the recipients of the prestigious Phelps Hospital Star Award, given to employees and volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding service.

Since joining Transport Services in 2009, **Burt Koyner** has spent over 1,400 hours happily transporting patients around the Hospital and running errands to many departments. He often begins his day at 7:00 a.m. and usually stays until Transport closes at 4:00 pm. – a long day of volunteering. We have many wonderful Transport volunteers, but Burt is special. He takes his “job” of transporting patients very seriously and uses his gentle humor to put patients at ease. You can always hear Burt telling patients and visitors what a wonderful and friendly hospital this is. Burt takes patient satisfaction personally -- every patient, every interaction.

**Nancy Quinn** has been volunteering at the Cherry Door Thrift Shop in Tarrytown for 21 years, amassing over 4,500 volunteer hours. Fortunately for us, Nancy lives around the corner from the Cherry Door, so she is the one we call on to let the repair people in when the heat is off or the air conditioning is on the fritz. She seems to know everyone in the village and has that uncanny ability to remember their special likes. Nancy enjoys receiving new donations, making them sparkle, and placing them in the best possible spot to attract customer attention. As the community “Ambassador” and stalwart member of the Cherry Door volunteer team, Nancy makes everyone feel welcome.

### **Farewell to Our High School Seniors – Welcome to Our New Student Volunteers**

Congratulations and best wishes to our wonderful high school seniors who will soon be graduating and moving on to higher education and careers. They have added immeasurably to our volunteer program, and we will miss seeing them around the hospital. At the same time, we will soon welcome our 2012 class of high school and college students. They will be coming on board for training in late June/early July, giving our Senior Transport volunteers a much-deserved rest during the summer.

## ***PHELPS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY'S 3RD ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR***

**Saturday, June 9, 2012, Rain or Shine! 10 am - 4 pm at The James House Mansion  
on the grounds of Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, 701 No. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY**

**Free Admission & Free Parking**

**Refreshments - Live Music - Door Prizes - Silent Auction - James House Tours**

**Volunteers are needed. Please call 366-3170 to sign up.**

**All-day or half-day. All help is welcome.**