

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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Annual Auxiliary Meeting Held to Announce New Board Members

By Jim Goldsmith

On a brilliant sunny, but cool April 14, 2008, the Phelps Auxiliary held their annual meeting at the James House. It was attended by over 60 Auxilians.



New President Rose Marie Parisi addresses the Auxiliary membership

Outgoing president, Jim Goldsmith, called the meeting to order about 2 PM., and the minutes from last years meeting was approved with two corrections.

Pam Cardozo spoke next thanking all the volunteers for their effort and asking everyone to help in the recruitment of new volunteers for Phelps.

Marguerite Klein next read off the slate of officers for the Auxiliary Board for the 2008-2009 year which was unanimously approved. The new officers are: President, Rose Marie Parisi; 1st Vice President, Betty Albertson; 2nd Vice President, Mary Galgano; Secretary, Lynne Hansen; Assistant Secretary, Helen Chanowsky; Treasurer, Mary Kay Olson; Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Eichorn; Nominating Committee Chair, Sylvia Krell

At this point on the agenda, according to the By-Laws, two people from the floor should have been nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee. However, the outgoing President

failed to remember this, although it was done later in the meeting. Mary Anne Lawlor, as well as Al and Doris Saias, were nominated and elected.

The new and updated By-Laws were passed and next on the agenda was our guest speaker, Wanda Cope Orton, Director of Phelps Hospice.

Ms. Orton spoke for about 20-25 minutes on Hospice in general, Phelps Hospice in particular, and also mentioned that Phelps Hospice does not stop at the patient's passing, but goes on with bereavement classes and comfort for the next year. A question and answer session followed.

Mr. Safian handed out the volunteer service awards and then Jim Goldsmith turned the meeting over to the new Auxiliary president, Rose Marie Parisi.

Rose Marie accepted the challenge of being President and assured all that the Auxiliary would continue to do well. She then adjourned the meeting and everyone had tea, coffee, sweets and, of course, Eva Marie Dahling's wonderful tea sandwiches.



A group photo of active volunteers who have served 16 to 20 years. (Front left to right) Marge Borelli, Marie Abramson, Marion Cowles, Sophie Janos, Nancy Quinn, Midge Hatzman. (Rear left to right) Lindea Whalen, Barbara Epstein, Bob Reibel, Joan Walsh, Ofelia Ticker

On March 6th, the Auxiliary held another successful bake and craft sale. Although we didn't raise as much money as last time, we were able to sell a lot of hand knitted blankets, caps, and baby outfits along with the usual assortment of cookies, brownies and cakes.

The usual cast of helpers were there including Betty Albertson, who headed up the sale, Marge Borelli, Muriel Ruchti, Helen Chanowsky, Rose Marie Parisi, Sylvia Krell, Marguerite Klein, Al Saias, and Jim Goldsmith. Special thanks also go to Celia Mendez who not only helped in setting up the sale, but also contributed some items for the bake sale.

It is obvious that brownies, in any shape or form are the leading seller, along with cookies from Vie de France. All items containing nuts were properly labeled and the hospital staff really contributed to the success of the sale.



President's Message

Rose Mary Parisi, Auxiliary President

Let me begin by thanking all of you for your support as your new Auxiliary President. I welcome this opportunity and look forward to providing the best job possible for Phelps Memorial Hospital. I majored in Sociology at Suffern Community College. I have lived in Ossining since 1974 where I raised my two daughters. I am now the grandmother to Aidan 6, and Dana 22. I am currently involved with the Elks in Ossining and the Eastern Star, a division of the Masons in Pleasantville. I began volunteering at Phelps in 1996 at the "Cherry Door" on Main Street in Tarrytown. I took a leave of absence in 1999 and returned last year. It was the best decision for me.

This is truly a great place to work. I cordially invite you to stop by to visit. We are open Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is an exciting year for Phelps with all the new changes the Hospital has encountered. This fall Phelps is scheduled to open a new state of the art Emergency Department. Please support the Auxiliary by becoming members, volunteering at your Phelps Memorial Hospital and if possible contributing with donations.

A Message from your Past President

By Jim Goldsmith

I am very proud to have served the past three years (one as co-president with Ruth Balli) and look forward to new leadership. I will still be a part of the Auxiliary and Phelps Memorial Hospital, just not wearing one of my former hats.

I leave the Auxiliary in very good shape, both physically and financially. Due to the efforts of the Cherry Door, the Gift Shop and The James House Mansion, we have contributed over \$100,000 each year to the hospital. We have also raised our contribution to Phelps Hospice to \$10,000 this year, a practice that I hope will continue in future years.

The new Emergency Department is scheduled to open during the latter part of this year, which will give Phelps a state-of-the-Art department, unequalled in the Westchester area. Your Auxiliary played a significant part in the funding of the new ED.

I wish the new President, Rose Marie Parisi, the best as she takes over the head of the Auxiliary and will, of course, be ready to help and assist her if needed. I am sure she will do well and keep the Auxiliary on a steady course of progress.

In closing, I will again ask you, the many Auxilians who have not volunteered to serve on the Board, to rethink your status and help us to move forward in the coming years. There are still several jobs open that take very little time. If you want to learn more about Phelps from an insider's viewpoint, this is a terrific opportunity for you to do so.

You can call me at home, (914)762-0568, for more information. As they say in those ads, there is no obligation. I hope I hear from you.

Thanks to the Board and all who have helped me these past few years.



A Little Local History

By Dennis Corcoran

History of the Phelps Memorial Hospital Center- Part II

If you recall from where we left off previously, Anson Phelps Jr., the only son of Anson Green Phelps Sr., had married Jane Gibson and they had purchased sixty-six acres from the Beekman Estate in 1848 in order to build a summer home. This is the property where the hospital is located today and where the Phelps family decided to build a twenty-two room Victorian Gothic stone building in 1851 and call it the Manor House. The architect was John Butler Snook, the man who had designed Grand Central Station.

Two years later Anson Phelps Sr. died. He was a multimillionaire who had given over \$500,000 to charities, so his son decided to rename his summer estate "Phelps Place". Anson Junior had other memorials renamed in his father's honor, including Phelps Memorial Hospital in Ansonia, Connecticut and the Ansonia Hotel in New York City.

Unfortunately, Anson Jr. died only six years later in 1859 from smallpox. His widow, Jane, then lived in the home with her sister Helen, who was a spinster. Jane died some 50 years after her husband in 1909. Since Jane and Anson Jr. had no children the land and estate were bequeathed to her sister who died in 1918. Helen then left Phelps Place to the Presbyterian Mission Board, much to the surprise of the Phelps family in-laws. This then could have been the end of Phelps Place and, in turn, there would be no Phelps Hospital today. However, our story doesn't end, thanks to Anson Greene Phelps Sr.'s great grandson, Arthur Curtis James.

If you recall from Part I, Daniel James had married Anson Sr.'s oldest daughter and had become partners with his father-in-law and his two brothers-in-law to form the Phelps-Dodge Partnership. They had become very successful with many diversified business interests, including railroads. Daniel James' son, Daniel Willis James, had focused the family's interest in railroads and his son, Arthur Curtis James, had expanded that interest on railroads. The Phelps-Dodge Partnership had incorporated in 1908 and had created a railroad empire which included ownership in one-seventh of the nation's railroads. Thus, with the railroads, plus copper, silver and gold mine holdings, and 26 million dollars that he had inherited from his father, Arthur Curtis James had become one of the wealthiest men in America. Yet he wasn't known to the public because he shunned publicity, with his name and picture rarely in the newspaper. During his lifetime he had given millions to charity, but all gifts carried the caveat

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GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

Schedule courtesy of Iris Hill

MAY 2008

Thurs.	05/01	Tupperware
Fri.	05/02	Exile CD's
Tues.	05/06	Silver Dreams Jewelry
Wed.	05/07	Angels Gold Jewelry
Thurs.	05/08	A Creative Touch
Fri.	05/09	Classy Karat Jewelry
Tues.	05/20	Sports Memorabilia

JUNE 2008

Mon.	06/02	Candles and Games
Tues.	06/03	Millie's Pad
Thurs.	06/05	Scholastic Books
Fri.	06/06	Scholastic Books
Wed.	06/11	Alan Paul Clothing
Thurs.	06/12	Exile CD's
Fri.	06/13	Angielyn's Scrubs
Mon.	06/16	Melvia Sportswear
Thurs.	06/26	Leather Outlet

Welcome to the Newest Auxilians

Courtesy of Nancy Eichorn

Nancy Goldsworthy and Janet M. Pollack

In Memoriam

STELLA M. KIRBY

Stella M. Kirby, a long time Montrose resident, died on March 13, 2008 at Bethel Nursing Center. Stella was a volunteer at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center.

SR. ANTONIA MARIA GUERRIERI

Sr Antonia Marie died peacefully at the Maryknoll Residential Care unit at Maryknoll, Ossining, on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. She was 100 years of age and had been a Maryknoll Sister for 63 years.

JEANNE MCLOUGHLIN

Jeanne McLoughlin, a Briarcliff Manor resident, died on February 28th at the age of 83. She was the widow of Robert McLoughlin. Jeanne did volunteer work at Phelps, among her other local and social activities.

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that publicity of the gifts meant immediate cancellation. He was concerned when Phelps Place had passed out of the family hands, so he set about reacquiring it and did so when he bought it back from the Presbyterian Mission Board in 1921.

(To be continued)

Note- Partially excerpted from the article, *Phelps Place: A Historical Overview*, written by Richard Gerber and James Hoe as part of the 1995 Champagne Ball Program.

Has Anyone Seen our Missing Volunteers??

The Phelps Auxiliary Annual Report distributed at the Annual Meeting on April 14th failed to include the names of some of our very hard-working and deserving volunteers, many of whom are also members of the Auxiliary. The error was the result of an editing feature of the software used to produce the list of names. A detailed review of the publication in its electronic form revealed that the names were in fact in the document but hidden from view.

We are very sorry for the omission and wish now to acknowledge the dedication of these wonderful people to the cause of Phelps Memorial Hospital.

The following names were omitted from the report:

2300 Hours

Mel Kreisler

500 Hours

Cynthia Chesner, Richard Cross, Greylin Cruz
Maureen DiCapua, Alice Dunckley, Josephine Ferlazzo
Susan Goldfrank, Lois Kirby, Andrea Randrup
Louise Raybin, Bernard Tadifa, Marie Vacca
Rose Mary Yannantuono

300 Hours

Phyllis Weaver, Raphael Wong, Laura Zimmerman

100 Hours

Rhoda Stephens, John Tedesco, Chloe Von Ancken
Tom Wills, Peta-Gaye Woodbine, Violet Zelyez

Upcoming Auxiliary Board Meetings

May 21st and June 18th at 9:00 in the Board Room.

Welcome to our newest volunteers!!

Courtesy of Pat Makai

Rob Makai in Silver Spoons
Mariam Meghdari in Transport

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Pam's Corner

By Pam Cardozo



Volunteer Appreciation Certificates

Thanks to all of you who turned up to have your picture taken at the Annual Auxiliary Meeting on April 14th at The James House Mansion. We are having the photographs printed and will post them outside the Volunteer Office.

If you didn't get your Volunteer Appreciation Certificate, please stop by the Volunteer Office – we have it waiting for you!

The James House Mansion has had a facelift

Many of the attendees at the annual Auxiliary meeting commented on how beautiful the mansion looks after the recent painting. The first and second floors were painted and it really does look fresh and welcoming. Maybe this is the right time for you to consider using the mansion for your next celebration.

Please visit our website at www.jameshousemansion.com and if you have any questions, please call us at (914)366-3178 and we'll be happy to help.

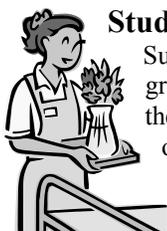


The Cherry Door

Are you in the midst of spring cleaning? Maybe you know someone who is moving or downsizing. The Cherry Door is seeking donations of furniture, lamps, small appliances, housewares, jewelry and gift items, in good condition to replenish the stock (we do not accept clothing, mattresses or bedding.) If you have items to donate, please call (914) 631-0470 to discuss arrangements. The Cherry Door is open from 11:00am - 4:00pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, 2008

We will be celebrating National Volunteer Week, April 27 - May 3. Look for our colorful Volunteer posters around the Hospital, bringing to everyone's attention the celebration of our volunteers who are such an important part of the Hospital's fabric. During this week, I will be accompanying Mr. Safian to our various service areas, handing out our new 2008 volunteer pins, with a big thank you for all that you do! Refreshments will be available for all our volunteers, Monday through Friday, in the Volunteer and Transport Offices.



Student Volunteers

Summer is fast approaching and we are preparing for our student volunteer program. If you have a child or grandchild between 14-18 years old whom you think might like the experience of hospital volunteering, please have them call us at (914)366-3170 so we can give them the details. We look forward to having the students on board so our senior volunteers can take a well-earned break during the summer.