

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

News and Notes

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A Sunny Dedication Celebration

On a very sunny September 29th afternoon, a crowd of about 200 people gathered outside of the new Phelps professional building to dedicate the new structure and its appurtenant parking garage. A host of dignitaries gave speeches and made presentations in preparation for the official opening. Among the speech makers was Pleasantville Mayor Bernard Gordon, Sleepy Hollow Mayor Philip Zegarelli, Phelps President & CEO Keith Safian, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, County Executive Andy Spano, and Mount Pleasant Town Supervisor Robert Meehan, pictured below, left to right.



Among the attendees were employees, volunteers, and people from the general public who were all invited after the ribbon cutting to tour the first two floors of the new facility.

Phelps' Emergency Training Center was originally established two decades ago and has provided nearly 30,000 training sessions to emergency first responders throughout Westchester County and beyond. In the new 7,000 square-foot Frank and Lisina Hoch Center for Emergency Education on the second floor, EMTs, firefighters and healthcare providers will have access to the same type of simulation technologies that pilots use to build critical emergency experience.

The new Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department on the ground floor offers outpatients physical and occupational therapy in a spacious, state-of-the-art facility. Exercise equipment is surrounded by a carpeted "track," and there are large private treatment rooms for therapy sessions.

Since the opening, a number of new offices have opened, some transferred from the hospital building and 777, while new professional tenants now occupy some of the space, bringing more capabilities to Phelps already renowned group of professionals and practitioners. Come and see for yourself. You will be amazed and the progress.

2007 Champagne Ball

Once again Trump National hosted the Champagne Ball, the pre-eminent fundraiser for Phelps, and once again all, especially those lucky Auxilians who won the lottery to go to the Ball, had a terrific time.



Auxiliary Table - Left to right - Helen Chanowsky, Irwin (hiding) and Joan Klein, Marypat Hughes, Jim Chalmers, Mary Ann Lawlor, Marguerite Klein, Ilene Kreilshheimer, Muriel Ruchti, Lynne Hansen

With a sound system vastly improved from the year before and an up to date slide show that all could see mixed in with real time video, went smoothly.

Mike Bennett from "Mike and Kasey", WHUD'S morning drive program was the auctioneer and also sat at my table. A man with hundreds of stories, it was a pleasure to sit next to him and just be entertained.

The music had everyone dancing and the honorees, Dr. Kathryn W. Davis and Caryl & William Plunkett kept their acceptance speeches very short.

Lynne Hansen managed to win one of the raffle prizes. As happened last year, it was interesting to note that the fastest moving "live auction" items were ones involved in purchasing equipment benefiting the hospital and were sold out in a matter of seconds, while the other packages, which didn't command higher prices, took a much longer time. Maybe next year the live auction could take a different course and have more hospital items and less "packages".

All Auxilians who didn't attend this year will be eligible to attend next year, so when the lottery is offered, make sure to sign up.



From Left to Right - Mike Bennett from WHUD radio, Honoree Kathryn W. Davis Ph.D. and Honorees Caryl & William Plunkett .

GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

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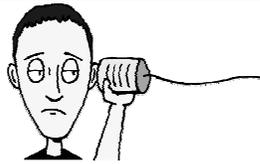
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Fri	11/02	PRA Sterling Jewelry
Mon	11/05	Activewear Plus
Tues	11/06	Sports Memorabilia
Thurs	11/08	Echo Linens
Wed	11/14	Save on Sweats
Thurs	11/15	Applause Fashions
Fri	11/16	Angielny's Uniforms
Mon	11/19	Sock Exchange
Thurs	11/29	Angel's Gold
Fri	11/30	Leather Outlet

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Mon	12/03	PRA Sterling Jewelry
Tues	12/04	Art Event
Thurs	12/06	Melvia Sportswear
Fri	12/07	Classy Karat Jewelry
Thurs	12/13	D & D Jewelry
Thurs	12/14	Save on Socks
Mon	12/17	Alan Paul Men's Accessories
Tues	12/18	Lillian Wetzel Beaded Jewelry
Thurs	12/20	Exile CD's
Fri	12/21	Candles & Games

November Auxiliary Board Meeting

The November board meeting has been rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday, which follows the normally scheduled date. It will be held on the 14th at 9:10AM. Please do not arrive early as the Board Room will be occupied until 9:00AM.



Better Living through

(and in spite of)

Technology

By Jim Reidy

We've all gone to CVS and seen those giant devices that most assume are jokes. We'll folks, no joke here. CVS and other such stores sell a JUMBO TV remote that measures about 5 by 12 inches. Silly, you say? For those who have a hard time with small buttons or can't see those tiny letters, this is just the tool. It can be easily programmed to operate nearly any TV, cable box, or other video device. It works flawlessly. And it only costs \$9.99 (And don't be snookered into paying up to \$25 in other specialty stores for the same remote.) It is also available from Carol Wright Gifts (Item 40513) for the same low \$9.99. Call their sales department at 1-402-464-6116 to order.

Another new device is the **Tec Pal Simple Remote**. It only operates your TV (so it is not applicable if you have a cable box), but it is large and easy to use. It has only six buttons - Volume up and down, Channel up and down, on/off and mute. It is 4 x 9 inches and weighs 1/4 pound and only costs \$14.99 (plus shipping). If you or someone you know has trouble with the remote that came with the set, this may be your answer. Call Senior Shops at 800-894-9549 for details.

Lastly for this issue, Verizon has introduced a new cell phone called the **Coupe** that rivals the Jitterbug I wrote about in the last issue. It is a little more complex than the Jitterbug, but still has a large easy-to-read display, three programmable ICE buttons (**In Case of Emergency**) and large keys to make dialing a snap, and it is from Verizon, a name you know. It is \$49.95 with a two-year agreement and you might be able to upgrade from your existing account. Call Verizon Wireless at (800) 922-0204 for more information.

Craft and Bake Sale Another Success

The Auxiliary held it's Bake and Craft sale on October 18th and once again it was very successful. We had enough cookies, brownies, and cakes to last us throughout the day and a variety of new crafts that Doris and Al Saias contributed to push our total close to \$1100.

We were helped as usual by Sue Acevedo, Diana and Andy Grass, Al Saias, Muriel Ruchti, Marguerite Klein, Betty Albertson (who Chaired the event), Rose Marie Parisi, and Mary Galgano. New to the squad were Jim Reidy and Jack Beck. Please contact me if I have forgotten anyone and I will put an addendum in the next News & Notes.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank some of the medical staff for contributing wonderful things to eat, and also buying items from us. The same can be said for Administration, and it is gratifying to see that more than just the Auxiliary is supplying the food.

When our top price on the table was about \$12 and craft items that averaged \$2, we have to sell a lot to reach the \$1100 mark. So thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this such a success.

Special thanks also to the men who set up the tables and got the chairs for us, and to Celia Cruz for helping us set up with plates, napkins, etc.

Doris Saias, who was not feeling well, missed her first Bake sale in I don't know how many years, and we really missed her presence. Next time, Doris.





President's Message

Jim Goldsmith, Auxiliary President

Two Down One to Go

The official opening of the new Medical Services Building and the 750 car Parking Garage marked the first step in Phelps's grand plan of expanding into the twenty-first century. Next summer the new Emergency Department will open and I promise you it will be spectacular.

It's obvious that no one ever wants to come to an Emergency Room of a hospital, but if you must, Phelps will be the place to go. No detail concerning the patient has been overlooked, and every patient will have his or her own private room. There will be on site x-ray and imaging facilities; a children's area, etc., and you won't have to wait and do paperwork before you get a room. You go to the room first.

That is the future. The present consists of wondrous things in the Medical Services Building. The Dr. Kathryn Davis therapy pool; the greatly expanded out-patient rehabilitation center; the Frank and Lisina Hoch Center for Emergency Education. If you haven't seen these magnificent facilities, it is worth your while to park in the new garage and visit the building.

Congratulations to the winners of the Champagne Ball Lottery: Muriel Ruchti, Helen Chanowsky, Mary Ann Lawlor, Joan and Irwin Klein, Marguerite Klein, Jim Chalmers, Lynne Hansen, Ilene Kreilsheimer, and Marypat Hughes. Look for their photo in this issue.

In Memoriam

Jerry Sobelson - Jerry came to Phelps as a volunteer in 2005. Although he was only here for two years, he made a great impact on all he came into contact with. He began in our Library Service, and then moved to Transport, where he trained new volunteers and soon became the Chairperson. Jerry will be sorely missed by all.

Welcome to our newest volunteers!!

Yachao Zhang - Ossining
Peta-Gaye Woodbine - Briarcliff Manor
Tom Wills - Ossining
Valere Loy - Irvington
Pat Fitzgibbons - Scarborough
Barbara Finn - Ossining

MEMBER DONATIONS! THANK YOU SO MUCH.

We would like to recognize those members, who in 2007, not only renewed their Auxiliary membership, or joined the Auxiliary, but also enclosed something extra to help keep the organization in good financial health. It's through their generosity, combined with our normal fund raising programs, that we are able to provide the basis for our contributions to the hospital. Thanks once again for your help.

Susan Aguado	Elaine & Bruce Davidow	Iris Hill	Rose Marie Parisi
Ruth Baer	Doris Delaney	Nenore Housman	Rhoda Peterson
Muriel Bartell	Mary Delfino	Robert & Mary Ingenito	Phyllis Riffel
RoseMarie Bartzick	Bonnie D'Emidio	Helen Jones	Janeth Rosenthal
Dr. Robert Bauer	Muriel Dochtermann	Frances Kelly	Regina Rubenstein
Jack & Rosalyn Beck	Sean & Martha Dugan	Joan Kent	Keith Safian
Vilma Bergane	Victor & Nancy Eichorn	Barbara Klappowski	Pearl Schwartz
Thelma Borenstein	Nina Engel	Ilene Kreilsheimer	Gabriele Shey-Goldstein
Patricia Brady	Barbara Epstein	Mary Ann Lawlor	Louise Siebel
Winifred Brown	Ruth Fenton	Joan Lederman	Alice Stafford
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Anne Caldara	Ellen Freeman	Ed, Barbara & Brian Mahoney	Valerie Stimpson
Ginger Cass	Harriet Gamper	Linda Martin	Ofelia Ticker
John Ceconi	Sara Geyer	Barbara McGrath	Marie Timmings
Elaine Cooney	Donna & Jim Goldsmith	James McGroddy	Drusilla Van Hengel
David Coulam	Diana & Andrew Grass	Ellen & Bill Melvin	Joyce Weiser
John & Connie Curran	Lynne Hansen	Karen Mendelowitz	Carol Zegarelli
Carol Cusick	Joan Hartney	Wilma Mendelowitz	Bianca Zuccari
Eva-Marie & Gunter Dahling	Susan Hecht	Helen Nelson	
	Norma Herguth	Mary Kay Olson	



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, please contact Jim Reidy at (914) 271-5403.



A "Little" Humor

A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doc! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

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Pam's Corner

By Pam Cardozo



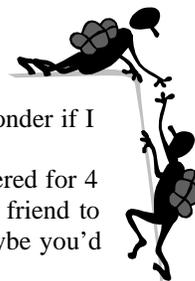
Thank you!

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who came in to cover the temporary desk in the 755 building. Your willingness to pitch in and help with this assignment was very much appreciated. Your guidance in orienting patients and visitors from the garage to the new medical office building or main hospital has been a challenge, but with your help it has gone very smoothly and made many people a lot less anxious. Thank you, thank you!

Have you retired from volunteering but.....

..... have been thinking that maybe you'd like to return, giving a little less time than you did before? I wonder if I could make you an offer you can't refuse?

As the hospital continues to grow, so is our need for volunteers. In the past, you probably volunteered for 4 hours but, since we are in such great need, perhaps you could give us just 2 hours? How about calling a friend to come with you for 2 hours? We really need your help – maybe you'd like to do what you did before; maybe you'd like to try something else? Please give us a call, 366-3170, we can find just the right spot for you!



Star Award given to two Volunteers!



Congratulations to two of our volunteers, Jim Reidy and Jim Edler on being recipients of the Star Award.

Jim Reidy has been a volunteer for the past 3 years and has worn many hats. He is currently volunteering at our Information Desk in the main lobby and is the Editor of News & Notes. Jim is also our photographer-in-chief, having taken photographs at many volunteer events, plus pictures of our student volunteers for inclusion in our new student volunteer brochure. Jim is an invaluable member of our volunteer team and definitely a "Star".

Jim Edler also joined our team about 3 years ago. He volunteers, as well as trains new volunteers, in our Infant Hearing Screening Program and, according to the staff, definitely has a way with the babies! He is patient and gentle and always manages to have the babies respond to him during the screening process. He also conducted sessions for our student volunteers during the summer, which were a big hit, on such topics as verbal and non-verbal communication skills. Jim is also definitely another "Star".

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