

PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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Bruce Davidow, Sr. VP & COO Resigns

Contributed by Jim Goldsmith

The Auxiliary has lost a true friend in Bruce Davidow, former Senior Vice President and COO of Phelps. Mr. Davidow resigned his positions at the hospital suddenly last month.

With his wife, Elaine, he was always a contributor and buyer at our bake sales, and while the rest of us brought in the mundane staples such as cookies or brownies, they contributed out-of-the-ordinary things that sold in minutes.

Mr. Davidow was regularly featured speaker at the Auxiliary Board meetings when Mr. Safian was unable to attend. He had a plethora of information that he readily shared with us about the hospital and answered all questions that were put to him.

There were several hospital moves he was working on before he resigned, but the last tangible item he concluded was our new sign on Rt. 9, which is a far more visible symbol of Phelps than our previous sign.

We wish him and his family well and all good things in the future.

23rd Annual Champagne Ball Another Successful Event

by Ruth Burton, Development Officer



The Phelps Twenty-Third Annual Champagne Ball was held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor. Under the leadership of Co-Chairs Pam and Dr. Paul Terracciano, Briarcliff Manor, and Donna and Jim Goldsmith, Ossining, and their Committee members, this special evening was one of great success.



Pam Terracciano and Donna Goldsmith open the Ball

The Pain Clinic, directed by Dr. Richard Peress, was the beneficiary of \$60,000 raised at the Fund-A-Cause portion of the event. Kevin Hunt, a grateful patient, presented a moving first-hand account of his positive experience at Phelps' Emergency Department. Initial estimates reveal that the Twenty-Third Annual Champagne Ball raised more than \$410,000. Last year's Champagne Ball raised \$401,000.

Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to everyone who supported this year's Champagne Ball, Phelps' signature fundraising event.

Upcoming Auxiliary Events Mark Your Calendars!!

Thursday, December 2nd - Bake Sale. More details will be made available under separate cover.

Annual Coat Drive - Watch your mailbox for more information in the near future.

Sunday, December 5th, 4:30PM - The Phelps Hospice Tree of Lights Ceremony in the cafeteria.

Thursday, December 9th - Auxiliary Holiday Party - at the James House Mansion. See the flyer inside this issue.

A Little Local History

by Dennis Corcoran

The Quadricentennial of the Hudson River - Part X

Television commentator, Marya Mannes said in a statement, "Conservation is not a matter of loving nature. It is a matter of saving man." She said this while reporting on the effort by Con Edison to build a Hydroelectric plant on Storm King Mountain in Cornwall on the western side of the Hudson River. The effort to build it began in 1962 and it would take seventeen years before the matter was resolved. During those years it appeared to be a done deal but as author Frances Dunwell states, "Individuals moved by an inner passion have made the difference between one future and another." A grassroots movement was begun to preserve the Hudson and its scenic beauty. People like Robert H. Boyle, the leader of the Riverkeeper Group, pointed out Con Ed's power plant at Indian Point was destroying fish such as the striped bass. He said that the fish were being sucked into the plant from the river and the same thing would happen with the Storm King facility.

Storm King Mountain was the place where the Hudson River School of artists had used to depict the beauty of the Highlands. The *New York Times*, in an editorial, commented, "This proposed power plant would desecrate an area that is part of the natural and historical heritage of our country." Finally, in 1980, a compromise was worked out with Con Ed agreeing not to build the plant and to work with the state power authority to reduce the fish kills while not having to build expensive cooling towers. This was hailed as "The Peace Treaty on the Hudson." The decision helped to inspire a national movement for conserving waterways.

Folksinger Pete Seeger, along with a group of friends, financed the building of a replica of a Hudson River sloop called the Clearwater. It was launched in 1969 with the intent to educate people, especially children, about the river and would be a symbol of preserving the river. Today governments, at the local, state and national levels, have created legislature to clean up our rivers. One example of this effort was the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) forcing the General Electric Company to conduct a cleanup project at its plant on the Hudson River to stop polluting the river with PCBs, a carcinogenic toxin that has destroyed thousands of fish. Many municipalities have created parks and walkways where there was once abandoned industrial sites. Some examples are Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey, Scenic Hudson Park in Irvington New York and Hudson River Park on Manhattan's West Side.

Finally, for over ten years now an organization called "The Ramble" celebrates the Hudson River every September with historical and environmental activities from Albany to New York City. Recently, I was part of a walk along the aqueduct that began in Dobbs Ferry and ended in Tarrytown. A new walkway along the Hudson was part of the last mile that began at Lyndhurst and ended near the Tappan Zee Bridge. The General Foods Corporation helped to finance it.

This is our last article celebrating the Hudson River Quadricentennial. In future issues we intend to write about local places right here in Westchester County. (*Note: The underlined words and phrases in this article are hyperlinks. Clicking on them while viewing the on-line version of this newsletter will direct the reader to further information about that item - ed.*)

23rd Annual Champagne Ball

By Jim Goldsmith

The 23rd Annual Champagne Ball benefitting Phelps Memorial Hospital Center was once again held at Trump Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor. If you missed it, you missed a great evening.

Co-hosted by Pam Terracciano and the Auxiliary's own Donna Goldsmith, the evening started with drinks and hors d'oeuvres and ended up in the ballroom for dinner, dancing, and a terrific live auction to supplement the ongoing silent auction.

Short speeches by the co-hosts, by David Coulam, Board Chairman and Auxilian, by Keith Safian, Hospital President, CEO and Auxilian, by Dr. Elio Ippolito, President of the Medical Staff and Auxilian and by Dr. Richard Peress preceded the live auction, which included trips to Paris, hot air balloon rides, Formula One racing lessons, VIP invitation to next year's fashion week, and many others. And, as usual, the last items of the auction which were direct gifts to fund the new Pain Center which brought in the most bids and, naturally, the most money.

Winners of this year's lottery for free tickets to the ball were (pictured above - from left to right) Irwin Savad, Annette Kinoy, Cynthia and Mel Chesner, Irv Klein and Joan Rink-Klein (standing), Bob and Anne Obuck, Past President and current 1st V.P. Rose Marie Parisi and Muriel Ruchti.

The band was terrific and the dance floor was constantly filled with happy dancers whether the music was a slow foxtrot, a bit of rock and roll or a Latin samba.

Don't miss out. Make plans to attend the 24th Annual Champagne Ball next year!



DONATIONS!

Submitted by Nancy Eichorn

We would like to recognize those members who, in 2010, 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.

Marie Abramson	Bruce and Elaine Davidow	Mary Jean Keenan	Jim Reidy and Pat Jehle
Susan Aguado	Bonnie D'Emidio	Frances Kelly	Joan Rodenberger
Robert and Betty Albertson	Mary Delfino	Joan Kent	Janeth Rosenthal
Rose Antonini	Gerda Destasio	Marguerite Klein	Regina Rubenstein
Ruth Baer	Victor and Nancy Eichorn	Ilene Kreilsheimer	Muriel Ruchti
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Lucy and David Coulam	Robert and Mary Ingenito	Rose Marie Parisi	Dr. Franklin and
John and Connie Curran	Helen Jones	Janet Postel	Laurie Zimmerman
Carol Cusick			

In Memoriam

LILLIAN A. MURPHY

Lillian passed away in her 94th year, after a brief illness, on September 20th. She volunteered for some 38 years as an original member of the Phelps Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She is survived by her son, William A. Murphy III, by three grandchildren as well as several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Welcome to our Newest Volunteers

by Pam Cardozo

Thelma Borenstein	Tarrytown	Cherry Door/Info Desk
Maria Cuomo	Yonkers	Phys Therapy
Theresa May	Ossining	Info Desk
Janki Patel	Tarrytown	Phys Therapy
Susan Pearsall	Pleasantville	Atrium
Susan Peckelis	Verplank	Info Desk/Atrium
Deborah Tocco	Croton-On-Hudson	Info Desk

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Please call the Volunteer Office at (914) 366-3170.

GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

Schedule courtesy of Iris Hill

November:

Fri.	11/5	A Creative Touch
Fri.	11/12	Classy Karat Jewelry
Wed.	11/17	Tupperware
Thurs.	11/18	Full of Sheets
Fri.	11/19	Active Wear Plus
Mon.	11/22	Leather Outlet

December:

Thurs.	12/2	Second Story Interiors
Fri.	12/3	Lillian Wetzel Jewelry
Mon.	12/6	Silver Dreams Jewelry
Thurs.	12/9	Save on Socks
Fri.	12/10	Classy Karat Jewelry
Mon.	12/13	The Glove Lady
Wed.	12/15	As Seen on T.V.
Thurs.	12/16	Jenny NG Jewelry Designs
Fri.	12/17	D & D Jewelry
Thurs.	12/23	Melvia Sportswear

Welcome to our Newest Auxilians

Submitted by Nancy Eichorn

Eleanor Brome, Adila Goldman
Tom Trotta, Jacqueline Wilke

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Pam's Corner

by Pam Cardozo

DON'T GET THE FLU – GET THE FLU SHOT!

Flu shots are available in the Employee Health office for anyone is actively volunteering. Call Donna 366-3160 for an appointment. Shots are available on the following days and times :

Mondays	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Tuesdays	2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesdays	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Thursdays	11:00 AM -- 2:00 PM
Fridays	7:00AM – 9:00 AM

Please be sure to take advantage of this **FREE** service which is available only for **ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS**.
And remember, hand washing is the single most important factor in preventing spread of germs!!

JOINT COMMISSION IS COMING!

It's time to brush up on your codes. Please stop by the Volunteer Office to pick up the "Flash Bulletin" with all the information you will need regarding Hospital codes and response. Thanks to all volunteers who have responded so well to our request to bring their files up to date with quizzes, competencies, and annual health assessments.

NEW ID BADGES

The new Phelps volunteer ID badge shows the volunteer's face on both the front and back. If you do not yet have a new ID badge please stop by the Human Resources office, located in Suite 208 of the 777 Building, and have a new photo taken.

VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN KENDAL HEALTH FAIR

On October 7th several volunteers and Auxilians participated in the annual Kendal Senior Health Fair. Thanks to Anna Mae O'Leary and Shirley Lobenthal for managing the Volunteer table and to Jim Goldsmith and Betty Albertson for taking care of the Auxiliary table. The fair was well attended by Kendal residents as well as almost 100 local citizens.

COMFORT SHAWL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GET RAVE REVIEWS

Over 150 knitters responded to our request for Comfort Shawls, so many that we currently have an abundant supply and will not need any more until after the New Year. Recently, we received a phone call from a grateful daughter thanking us for the lovely gift which provided so much comfort to her mother while she was a Phelps patient. We frequently receive thank-you cards from patients after they return home telling us how much they are continuing to enjoy the shawls at home.

Upcoming Auxiliary Board Meetings

Nov. 17th and Dec 15th. All meetings will be held in the Auditorium and will start at 9:00AM unless otherwise posted.



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, through 914-366-3170.