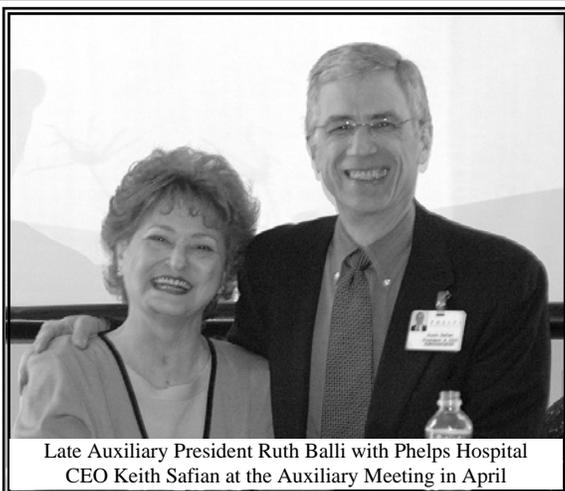


PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

News and Notes

May - June 2006

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Late Auxiliary President Ruth Balli with Phelps Hospital CEO Keith Safian at the Auxiliary Meeting in April

Good Bye to a Good Friend Ruth Balli, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary and Phelps Memorial Hospital lost a true friend and tireless worker with the passing of Ruth Balli. Ruth had served as President of the Auxiliary on three different occasions and was currently the Co President of the Auxiliary at her passing. At one point she also served as 1st Vice President and could be seen at all the Bake Sales not only as a seller, but also as a baker of delicious brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

Ruth's contributions to the Auxiliary and the hospital were too numerous to detail, but she attended the Phelps Board meetings and was also on the M&E Committee of the hospital. She also initiated the Heads Up program which, in effect, had children put medical information about themselves in their bicycle helmets.

Ruth served as Co-chair of the Information Desk from 1995-1998, and worked as a Patient Rep and also in the Gift Shop. She was a strong and forward-thinking leader, a people person, a visionary for the Auxiliary and the Hospital. Ruth will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

There will be a Memorial Service at the James House in the future. A date has not been set as yet, but you will be advised by a separate mailing.

Auxiliary Bake Sale

On March 30, the Auxiliary held another Bake & Craft sale in the cafeteria lobby. With Doris and Al Saias providing the craft part and about twenty Auxilians and volunteers providing the cake (read into that cookies and brownies, etc.), we had a successful event. We raised just under \$900, which for a non-holiday bake sale was quite good.

The usual cast of characters helped out with a few new wrinkles: Jim Chalmers decided to play "Where's Waldo" and none of us were able to find him; Andy Grass heard about Al Saias'

pro prowess with the cash box, so he came and helped for the day, never leaving Al's side. Meanwhile Diana Grass and Doris Saias were seen leafing through the Tiffany catalogue at the behest of their husbands. Makes one wonder...Muriel Ruchti, Helen Chanowsky, and Sue Acevedo kept eating all the "seconds" they just happened to create, while Joan Kent was seen licking her fingers after wiping them on the cutting knife; and Marguerite Klein and Joan Lederman kept sneaking pieces when they thought no one was looking.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2006-2007 AUXILIARY BOARD

Co-Presidents Jim Goldsmith & Ruth Balli
 Co-1st VPs Betty Albertson & Joyce Weiser
 2nd Vice President Mary Galgano
 Secretary Anne Obuck
 Asst. Secretary Joyce Moes
 Treasurer Mary Kay Olson
 Asst. Treasurer Nancy Eichorn

Nominating Committee

Martha Dugan, Jim Chalmers
 Marguerite Klein, Al Waters
 Helen Chanowski
 Doris Saias and Al Saias

GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALES

May, 2006

Thurs	5/4	Mort Greene Sportswear
Fri	5/5	PRA Sterling Silver Jewelry
Wed	5/10	Classy Karat Jewelry
Fri	5/12	Save on Sweats
Wed	5/17	Sports Memorabilia
Thurs	5/18	Pampered Chef
Fri	5/19	Exile CD's

June, 2006

Thurs	6/1	L. Wetzel Beaded Jewelry
Fri	6/2	Melvia Sportswear
Mon	6/5	Time Plus Watches
Tues	6/6	As Seen on T.V.
Wed	6/7	Rainbow Enterprises Engravables
Thurs	6/8	Games & Candles
Thurs	6/15	Leather Outlet
Fri	6/16	Exile CD's
Thurs	6/22	Atrium Books
Fri	6/23	Atrium Books
Thurs	6/29	Angielyn's Scrubs

(no vendors scheduled for July)

August, 2006

Fri	8/4	Classy Karat Jewelry
Fri	8/18	Exile CD's
Tues	8/22	Save on Socks
Wed	8/23	Atrium Books
Thurs	8/24	Atrium Books

Welcome to the Newest Volunteers

Mary Santella - Croton on Hudson
 Benny Santella - Croton on Hudson
 Pat Mauro - Thornwood
 Pat Belford - Sleepy Hollow
 Lois Kirby - Sleepy Hollow

51st Annual Auxiliary Meeting

On a sunny, gorgeous April 10th afternoon, the Auxiliary held their 51st annual meeting and tea at the James House. The affair was arranged by Eva Marie Dahling, so you know there were flowers, excellent settings, and delicious food.

Jim Goldsmith, the 1st Vice President, presided over the meeting in place of the quickly recuperating President, Ruth Balli, who was in attendance, appearing very much on her way to recovery. Her sudden passing was a shock to us all.

After his opening remarks, Jim turned the meeting over to Mary Kay Olson who read the minutes of last year's meeting, which were subsequently approved. Jim then presented the slate of candidates for the 2006 - 2007 year, including two nominees for the Nominating Committee nominated from the floor, and once again the slate was approved.

Pan Cardozo, the Director of Volunteers then made a short speech and she and Pat Makai assisted Mr. Keith Safian, the President and CEO of Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in handing out the service awards for hours volunteered at Phelps. Mr. Safian greeted the ladies with a kiss and the men with a handshake, while Jim Reidy snapped photos.

Barbara Allar, Vice President of Strategy and Development was the guest speaker and talked about specific fund raising at Phelps and the prospect of remembering Phelps in a will, or legacy type of instrument, while mentioning that the Auxiliary has been Phelps' biggest donor as far as number of gifts and value of overall gifts.

Before adjourning the meeting, Jim mentioned the wonderful job Donna Goldsmith did with the Cherry Door in her two years of being Chair. All previous monetary records were broken, the Cherry Door was painted, and an awning was constructed to make it equal to all the other shops on Main Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM. And wonderful tea and refreshments followed.

3RD ANNUAL PHELPS GOLF CLASSIC

Save the Date!
Monday, May 15, 2006

Sleepy Hollow
Country Club

EVENT CHAIR
William O. Melvin, Jr.
Limited to 120 golfers

For further information,
contact Steve Cunningham
914-366-3104 or
scunningham@pmhc.us

Annual Volunteer Dinner



Save the date

Wednesday, June 28, for
our annual volunteer
supper at the James House,
4:00-7:00 pm. There will
be a sign-up sheet in the
Volunteer Office on June
1st, or you may call 366-
3170.

Meet the Newest Board Members

By Jim Goldsmith



Anne Obuck

Anne Obuck has joined the Auxiliary Board as our new Secretary.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Anne attended both elementary school and high school in Brooklyn. Marymount in Manhattan was her college of choice, and she graduated with degrees in English and Communication Arts.

She worked fifteen years in Manhattan as a Book Production Manager for several publishers.

In 1972 she married Robert Obuck and they moved to Westchester the following year. Anne took the next ten years off to raise her children, Christopher, now a web site manager for a financial institution and Suzanne, the manager of an art gallery in New York. Anne then spent the next fifteen years in her former job capacity for a firm in Hawthorne, NY.

Anne joined the volunteer corps at Phelps in 2002 and is present in many areas including Silver Spoons, Patient Representative, and a Chaplain.

We welcome Anne to the Board where we know she will bring experience and new ideas.

Betty Albertson

Our new Co 1st Vice President comes to us from Kendal via Long Island, with a lot of stops in between. Betty was born in Providence, RI, but moved to Long Island at age five and went to school there. She graduated from Hofstra with a major in psychology and elementary education, but not before meeting her husband, Robert, there and marrying him when he graduated, but with still a year to go for her degree, which she earned the next year.

They lived in Long Island where Betty taught school, before moving to New Jersey, where she became a substitute teacher until the birth of her children, Kim and Jill. Kim is now President of Bank of America in Houston, while Jill devotes herself to a lot of volunteer charity work.

When the children were small, Betty & Bob moved to the Virgin Islands where Bob worked in real estate, however, when they realized their children were not going to get a good education, they moved back to Locust Valley, Long Island four years later and remained there the next thirty-eight years.

Now Westchester residents, Betty and Bob moved to Kendal in June, 2005, because it offered them the life-style they were looking for and it allows Bob to still remain in the Investment business part time. Betty volunteers in the Pre Natal Clinic and brings a wealth of volunteer experience to the Auxiliary.



In Memoriam

RUTH BALLI

Ruth, on April 14, 2006, died in her sleep. She was president of the Auxiliary Volunteers at Phelps Memorial Hospital and volunteered in many capacities. She will be sorely missed by all.

CECILIA MAHONEY

Cecilia, a resident of Pleasantville for over 50 years, died April 1, 2006. She graduated from Greenville Hospital in Jersey City, NJ as a Registered Nurse. For over 25 years Cecilia helped people as a home health aid for the Visiting Nurses Services of Westchester. Cecilia was avid about gardening and cooking.

MARY HALPIN

Mary Halpin passed away on January 5th. She worked for American Airlines and the old NY Central Railroad. She was active in Scouts, Hi-Y, CYO, and the PTA and was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Tarrytown Boat Club.

MARILYN ROSENBLATT BREGMAN

Marilyn died on February 28, 2006. Marilyn was the owner of The Book Inn in Tarrytown, and owned Ross Hardware in North Tarrytown with her husband, Gerry. She was an active member of Temple Beth Abraham and Hadassah.

Champagne Ball

Don't forget the Auxiliary will buy a table at this year's Champagne Ball to be held at Trump National CC on October 21st. Lottery chances for the Ball will be in the September/October issue of News and Notes.



Remember you must be a member of the Auxiliary in good standing to enter, and if with a spouse, friend, or significant other, they too must be members in good standing.



Pictures from the Auxiliary Meeting and Tea ...

Are available for your review and purchase at <http://auxiliary.shutterfly.com>. Please note this is a work in process. If you note any errors in the names or titles, please write me at phelpsed@optonline.net. - Jim Reidy



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Pam's Corner by Pam Cardozo, Director of Volunteering

New Volunteer Website

Not yet, but soon..... if you go to Phelpshospital.org, you will notice a new website with easy access to a section on Volunteers. This will include a description of volunteer services, a letter to prospective volunteers and an on-line application. This is another step into the 21st century!

Signing in on a Touch-Screen

Beginning on January 1, 2006, all our volunteers put away their pencils and papers which have been replaced by a new touch-screen computer for signing in and recording volunteer hours worked. Now, with the touch of a button, we know how many hours each volunteer has worked in a given month, and in which area they volunteered. We are no longer using our fingers or even a calculator. Although a challenge a first, just about everyone is now becoming computer efficient and enjoying the new system.....kudos to everyone!

Newborn Hearing

For the past year-and-a-half Volunteer Services, in conjunction with Sue Reilly, MS, CCC-A, the hospital audiologist, has offered the opportunity for volunteers to be trained to test the hearing of newborns. There are approximately 1200 births at Phelps Hospital every year, and each baby's hearing is tested within 24 hours of birth. The testing is automated and takes only a few minutes. Babies who do not pass the screening are referred for further testing. If there is a hearing loss, babies as young as only a few months can benefit from wearing hearing aids.

The program has been a big help to the nurses who used to be responsible for all the testing. It has also provided a rewarding volunteer experience to those who have been trained. The volunteers love the nursery, they love the babies and they love the opportunity to provide a vital service to the hospital.

Cherry Door Annual Luncheon

On March 30th, with nearly everyone in attendance, we had our annual Cherry Door luncheon at the Main Street Café in Tarrytown. It was a beautiful day, lunch was delicious. We'd like to extend kudos to Donna Goldsmith, who has chaired the Cherry Door for the past two years, for a job well done.

HANYS

On March 8, 14 people represented Phelps Hospital at the Advocacy Day event in Albany. The vans were loaded with food, water and enthusiasm! Pictures were taken and the report was that everyone enjoyed a worthwhile day in Albany. Thanks to everyone who participated in this meaningful event.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week was April 23-29. We celebrated with new volunteer pins which were handed out by Mr. Safian and Pam Cardozo, with warm words of gratitude for all the hours volunteered at the Hospital. Continental breakfast and afternoon refreshments were served to all our volunteers throughout the week.

Informal Brunch Get-togethers

Once a month our volunteers and friends meet for brunch at a local restaurant. This is an informal gathering and an opportunity to get to know each other and enjoy the camaraderie. Each month a local restaurant is voted upon and selected. This is a little different from the previously held Meet & Eat dinners, in that the get-togethers are during the day and perfect for those who don't enjoy night driving. Everyone is welcome, and if you are interested in joining the group please contact either Lisa Fambro at (914)762-1043 or Sally Stern at (914)328-4222....we'd love to have you join us! Part of volunteering is about meeting new friends.

Welcome New Auxiliary Members

Submitted by Nancy Eichorn

*Lois C. Kirby Doris Krumlauf
Patricia Lane Ursula Marrero
Lindea O. Whalen*

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