





A Monthly Newsletter of the FMH Auxiliary and Volunteer Program 400 West 7th Street Frederick, MD 21701 Volunteer Office: 240-566-3567 - Website: www.fmh.org

# **President's Message**

#### **Joseph Collins**



#### **14 New Members**

Claudia Thorpe Joan Greene Robert Rypka Laura Better Karen Smith Denise Zigler Jacqueline Lamb Michelle Fouche Amy Wheeler Linda Gery Eric Blank David Burton Jane Burton The "Dog Days of Summer" have settled in the beautiful Monocacy Valley with their hot and humid days and nights but don't fret the glorious colors and cool nights of fall will soon visit our fair community. In the meantime enjoy the summer heat and sunshine.

I certainly hope everyone took the opportunity to tour the modern and beautiful James M. Stockman Cancer Institute located at the Rose Hill Campus. This wonderful state-of-the-art facility along with its outstanding medical staff and group of volunteers will provide the best and highest quality of care and support possible to patients and their families.

I am also happy to report that it was another outstanding year (fiscal July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017) of volunteering at FMH. A total of 696 volunteers contributed 79,311.75 hours of service, a significant achievement that clearly demonstrates the continuing spirit, dedication and commitment of the family of volunteers that comprise the FMH Auxiliary.

We had a wonderful Annual Membership Luncheon in June at the beautiful Ceresville Mansion. At that time the following new Auxiliary members were elected to one or two terms – Pat Ray, President Elect; Harriet Brown, First Vice President; Sharon Neale, Financial Secretary and Susie Hill, Secretary.

I want to thank Thomas Kleinhanzl, CEO of Frederick Memorial Hospital and Gerald Winnan, Chairman of the Board of Frederick Memorial Hospital for their kind remarks, Heather Kirby, AVP of Integrated Health Service for her timely presentation and the other hospital officers for taking their time to attend the event. The excellent relationship that exists between the Auxiliary and administration and staff of the hospital is something that makes FMH a unique and outstanding place of healing and compassion.

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Newsletter Committee2017 Issue 06Editor & Co-Chairs: Jan McLoon/Jacob MoseleyCirculation Committee: Jacob Moseley, Beth Callahan, Karen Dotterer, Jean Kessinger, Dorothy Kovatch , Brenda Myers, Hazel Settle

# **President's Letter**

Dear Friends,

I hope you are having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. These longer days are great to spend with family and friends. I truly appreciate that you still make time to volunteer for us during vacation season.

The leadership team and I are all feeling very thankful and excited about the opening of the new, stateof-the-art James M Stockman Cancer Institute on July 31. I hope you were able to stop by the new facility during the FMH Auxiliary tour. I will never forget that together the FMH Auxiliary made the first million dollar pledge to "The Time is Now" fundraising campaign. And together you worked very hard on fundraising and paid off your pledge ahead of schedule. You should take pride every time you drive by the new cancer institute. You helped build a special place that provides coordinated and comprehensive care in a healing environment. Cancer care in Frederick will never be the same again.

We have recently received accreditations and awards in a few of our service lines and hospital departments. Our Bariatric program once again received a Comprehensive Center Accreditation, our Hyperbaric Medicine program was awarded "Accreditation with Distinction" status again, we have received a five year renewal of our Perinatal Level III Referral Center accreditation for our maternity care, our IT team received a Stage 7 Electronic Medical Record Award (the highest level a hospital can achieve) and we were named a "Most Wired" hospital for the sixth consecutive year. I like to keep you informed on these events so you can feel pride in these achievements. In many cases, you are the first person our patients and family members see and interact with. We could not perform this well without your help.

Along with our community partners, we have been focused on the Opioid Crisis that Frederick and many communities across the country are dealing with. Several months ago we established a Substance Use Task Force and one of our areas of focus is community outreach. We have created a section on the FMH website that provides education and resources related to substance use. As you may know, there are many aspects of substance use treatment and rehabilitation that occur outside of the hospital walls and we want to inform patients, family members and community partners about their options. If you know of anyone looking for resources or information, please point them to fmh.org/substance. This crisis is something we are all fighting together as a community.

The senior leadership team and I thank you for your ongoing dedication. Your gifts of time, talent and financial investment are all making a difference in our success and the care we provide to the community.

Best regards,

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Tom Kleinhanzl President & CEO Frederick Regional Health System

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Remember that on September 11, 2017 the FMH Auxiliary will proudly celebrate its 65th Anniversary. The venue will be Dutch's Daughter Restaurant and we hope everyone is making plans to attend this historic event. Until then keep up the wonderful tradition of service to the community through volunteering at FMH.

# **Director's Letter**

#### Sharon Hannaby

I am a cold weather person so I am happy to say that summer is coming to a close. Students will be returning to school but that doesn't mean vacation time is over for the rest of us. Hopefully the long summer days gave you time to relax and do the things that you enjoy.

One of the highlights of the summer for FMH was the opening of the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute. The Auxiliary had their own special afternoon of tours and refreshments that you hopefully were able to enjoy. There has been an increased interest in volunteering at the Center which is great since they are hoping to double their number of volunteers. If you think this might be the place for you or someone you know, please call our office.

Did you know that Health Grades rates our interventional cardiology department (aka Cath Lab) as one of the top 100 in the country? Good to know if you or someone you love requires their services. This great team of staff would love to have volunteers join them in helping our patients and their families. If you are looking to share some time or looking for a new volunteer opportunity, please consider joining this department.

Next month, the Auxiliary will celebrate their 65th Anniversary. You will be hearing more about this as the month moves along. Just think of how many volunteers have served over all of these years! The building has changed, offsite locations have opened, healthcare has changed immensely but what remains the same is the dedication of the volunteers and your mission to serve. FMH would not be where we are today without all of you. Thank you! *Always!* 

## Stethoscope Newsletter

#### Jan McLoon

I am happy to report we have a new co-chair for the newsletter in Jacob Moseley. Jacob is a relatively new volunteer who started in March of this year. He has been volunteering with the Human Resources staff.

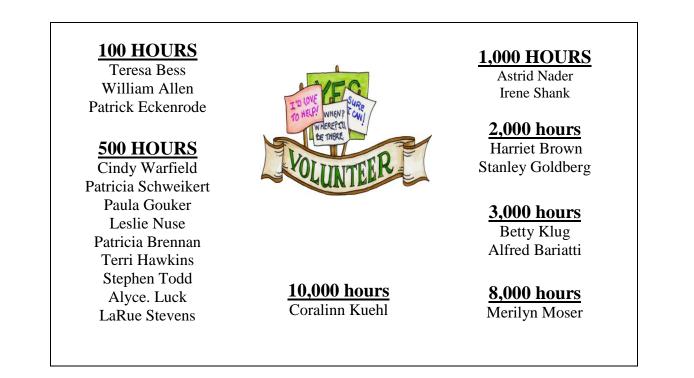
We also have some new ladies to help out on the circulation team. They are Brenda Myers, and Hazel Settle. I want to recognize Beth Callahan, Karen Dotterer, Jean Kessinger, and Dorothy Kovatch for their continued help. Also a "big" thank you goes to Gerry Souders, Audrey Hildbrand and Mary Frances Trout for many years and hours they worked to pull the newsletter together. It was a bigger job when I first got involved with the newsletter, with over 800 copies mailed per month.

## **<u>Gift Shop</u>**

Joann Ramsburg

Summer is here and it is time for the beaches and pools. We have items like cup/phone holders for the sand to fans that plug into your cellphone. We have new items from McCutcheon's, from Crab Salsa and Vidalia Peach Salsa to Cherry Butter and Peach Butter along with preserves and jelly. For the kids in all of us, we have different kinds of Fidget spinners. We also carry baby items from balloons to cards. Stop by to see what is new and what's on sale.

Please welcome our newest volunteer to the Gift Shop, her name is Jackie Lamb, you can catch her either Monday or Wednesday mornings.



# **Volunteer Award Hours**

## **Select Seconds Notes**

#### Pam Schaffert

Please take time this month to check out our sports-themed store window. Also mark your calendar for our **Semi-Annual Bag Sale**, coming up **August 17th and 18th**. Pack as many items as you can in a bag for only \$5.00 (bags are provided). Our store will be closed to the public on August 19th while we clean and restock with fresh merchandise and fall fashions.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE</u>: We are looking for individuals willing to join our substitutes list. Substitutes are called to fill-in when regularly scheduled clerks are unable to report. We are also in urgent need of volunteers to work the Friday morning shift (10am-1pm). If interested in either opportunity, please contact Betty Kreh at 240-285-5393 or Pat Fritz at 301-639-1353.

The R&A Committee is seeking new volunteers to help plan activities for next year. All you need is a willingness to spend an hour or 2 a month. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month (as needed) from 11:00 to approximately noon in the FMH cafeteria. If you are interested in being a part of this important work at FMH, or if you have any appreciation or recruitment activities suggestions, please contact Pat Dickinson at patricia481@comcast.net.

We will be meeting on 8/17 to begin planning next year's activities, which will start with a trip to the Rocky Gap Casino on Wednesday, 10/18. Pricing and other information will be announced soon, and a sign-up sheet will be placed in both the sign-in room at FMA, and in the Select Seconds store in mid to late August. In order to secure the bus, we must have 39 paid-up-front attendees, so please save the date and sign up as soon as the posters are set up.

Congratulations to our June Volunteer of the month, Jacque Janss, working at the Information Desk, and our July winner Amanda Matalenas, who restocks supplies on the nursing units. These 2 volunteers are well deserving of your thanks and appreciation. If you see either of them, tell them Thank You!!

# Hour-by-Hour

Volunteer hours worked for the month of June 2017 were:

- ✤ 79 Juniors worked 632.50 hours
- ✤ 52 College students worked 675.75 hours
- ✤ 329 Seniors worked 5,633.50 hours

Total hours worked in June were 6,941.75



A friendly reminder the 2018 Auxiliary dues payment was payable by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to those who have already paid; of the 422 members who pay yearly, there are 135 people who still owe. Please stop by the Volunteer Office and drop off your payment, or mail to the office (no cash by mail please), attention Sharen Neale.

If you no longer have the return form, Denise has them in the office, or you can attach a note to your payment noting "2018 Dues", along with your name and current contact information. If you are including a dues payment for a spouse, please include their name as well. Any questions or concerns, please contact Denise, Sharon H. or myself. Thanks for your continued support!

#### **Hours Committee**

#### **Sharon Neale**





#### Select Seconds – Betty Kreh

The Select Seconds profit for June was \$15,045.24.

#### Gift Shop – Sharll Hane

Gift Shop profit for June was \$3,261.87.

#### Fundraising – Julane Anderson

Profit for the Uniform Sale held June 20-21 is \$1,801.59.

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### **Adult Sewing**

Due to the increasing needs for WALKER BAGS and ACTIVITY APRONS we are in need of the following materials to complete these projects. We need denim or comparable heavy material for the walker bags. We also need heavy denim and zippers (all sizes and any colors) to complete the activity aprons. All donations greatly appreciated because our goals are to meet the needs of FMH. Contact Elsie Warnock: ecwarnock @comcast.net.

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#### **Appreciation**

We would like to express a special thank-you to the volunteers who helped to train <u>60</u> new junior and college students for the 2017 summer session in a very short period of time! We are so very grateful for your dedication and hours of service and could not have completed the summer schedule without you! So.... many thanks to: Doris Gassaway, Linda Blowitski and Susie Hill for help with training the Information Desk Volunteers; Joyce Weddle, Michelle Heck, Rachel Weiszer and Harriet Brown for training the Wings Volunteers; and Bob Hoffmeister and Darren D'Souza for training our Emergency Room volunteers.

What a great team we have and Kudos to you! Volunteer Coordinators Amy and Bonnie



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Don't forget to sign up to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FMH Auxiliary

Get your reservations in by August 31, 2017.