

Volunteer News and Views

McPherson Hospital, Inc.

February 2012

From the President, Pat Bruce

UNITY ON THE BUS

Have you noticed the classy black mugs showing up everywhere in the hospital? Have you noticed what is on the mug? "**WE ARE I**" I love my mug and use it every day, whether I'm volunteering or just running errands. I particularly like the stainless steel interior - it keeps my coffee hot! But better than that, I like the message it sends. It is simple and powerful. When I see someone using one, the word that comes to mind is unity.

Unity is the glue that holds an organization together. How does bringing people together happen? The miracle happens when the bus passengers care more about the vision, purpose, and health of our organization than they do about their own personal agendas. It happens when we realize that "**WE ARE I**"! It happens when each person can clearly see how their contribution benefits the organization. It is the well oiled engine that enables the bus to move forward cruising towards our destination. The magic is starting to happen and changes are being made. Keep reading, and you will see what I mean.

We have established our Mission Statement - *To provide compassionate support and assistance to patients, family members and hospital staff.* This is the most important guideline. It keeps us going down the right road. Besides the finance committee, new committees have been formed to oversee fundraising, advertising and recruitment. This has happened because volunteers have been willing to hop on the bus and get more involved. A plan is in place to actively recruit new members. We have changed our name from McPherson Hospital Auxiliary to McPherson Hospital Volunteers. Since both women and men volunteer, the Board voted to update our name. It seemed appropriate to make the change. We hope you agree!

The concept that "**WE ARE I**" goes far beyond the volunteers. We play a part in the "bigger picture" of our hospital's future. We want to be a positive force as the hospital moves forward. We want to support and work with the Hospital Board, the Healthcare Foundation Board and the MACCO Board to make our hospital the best it can be! Wouldn't it be fun if everyone had a mug?

Unity is the key! It is the difference between being an average organization and a great organization. **WE ARE I!** I can't wait to see you with your mug!

**HOP ON THE BUS
RELAX, HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE RIDE**

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TO OUR MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 – **Roberta Leiker**, Lifetime Member
- 3 – **Alison Vo**, Active Volunteer in Pharmacy
- 9 – **Della Spann**, Active Volunteer in Hess Fitness Center
- 9 – **Nancy Wakefield**, Active Volunteer in Pride Park
- 11 – **Norma Tucker**, Lifetime Member
- 12 – **Helen Gerard**, Active Volunteer, Sewing Group, Special Events
- 12 – **Lucille Thompson**, Sustaining Member
- 15 – **Donna Ross**, Active Volunteer with Annex Information Desk, Book Cart, Lab Waiting Area, Special Events
- 21 – **Doris Carlson**, Lifetime Member
- 21 – **Lynna Kaloupek**, Active Volunteer at Annex Information Desk
- 21 – **Virginia Kenney**, Active Volunteer at Lobby Information Desk, Special Events
- 21 – **Janice Stewart**, Active Volunteer in Lab Waiting Area
- 22 – **Mary Wirth**, Active Volunteer at E.R. Information Desk, Lobby Information Desk, Surgery Hostess Desk, Special Events
- 24 – **Marion Anderson**, Active Volunteer with Home Workshop & Lobby Information Desk
- 27 – **Kay Billhimer**, Active Volunteer in Radiology
- 28 – **Doris Morse**, Active Volunteer at Surgery Hostess Desk

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News from your Director of Volunteers

Save the Date!

Notice to ALL ACTIVE Volunteers - - we will be having a training session to review Volunteer Services Policies and Procedures. It is very important that all active volunteers attend the session.

Date: **Tuesday, February 28th**

Time: **8:30 am**

Location: **McPherson Hospital, Hess Center, 2nd Floor Annex**

Essential Valentine

On Valentine's Day we think about
 Those matchless people who
 Give extra meaning to our lives--
 The very special few.
 Without them, skies would turn to gray;
 Things wouldn't be the same;
 Life wouldn't be as colorful;
 It would be a duller game.
 And when I contemplate that group--
 Friends and family who are mine,
 I appreciate and treasure you;
 You're essential, Valentine!

By Joanna Fuchs



**Nancy Janssen
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2011 Was another busy year!

Because of our committed team of volunteers, the following things were accomplished this past year. None of it would have been possible without each one of you. Thank you for your many contributions ~ you deserve to have your horn tooted! *Sincerely, Lori Koehn*

Received HAK **Gold Award of Excellence**.

Contributed **24,803 hours of service** and **43,994 assists** to patients, family members and hospital staff.

Recruited **14 new members** into Volunteer Services Membership.

Held **6 Fund Raising Events** (Book Fair, Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale; Jewelry Sales, Mini Main Street, Quilt Sale).

Awarded **14 \$1,000 Hess Scholarships**.

Involved in **10 Service Projects** (Blood Mobiles; Flu Clinics; Corporate Health Screenings; Christmas Luncheon; 1st Baby of the Year; Float in All School's Day Parade; Hospital Week; Bead for Life; BIG Event Student Community Service Project Day; WCCC Pink Pajama Party).

Sewing Group completed many, many wonderful projects (list included in last month's newsletter).

2 Gift Shop Open Houses.

East Annex Information Desk staffed by volunteers.

Volunteer Training Session.

Hosted **Chamber Coffee**.

Updated Volunteer Services **Membership Directory**.

Updated Volunteer Services **Brochure**.

Monthly Volunteer **Newsletter** on Hospital Website.

Today for Tomorrow Legacy Group Inductees: 1 couple.

6 Members attended the HAK **District #4 Meeting** in Wichita.

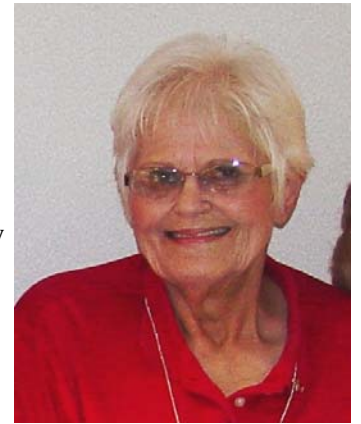
5 Members attended the HAK **State Convention** in Wichita.

Men's Meet & Greet.

Monthly Auxiliary Board Meetings.

Quarterly Luncheons/Meetings.

Let's Get Acquainted With: *Betty Buhrman*



Betty has volunteered for many years and many places at the hospital. I'm sure from Betty helping at the Lab Waiting Room, Gift Shop, Surgical Waiting Room or the Sewing Room, you have seen her. She started volunteering because a friend shared with her about being a volunteer at the hospital. This is a great reminder to all the volunteers that we can share with others about the fun and fulfillment we have found in being a hospital volunteer.

Many of you may know Betty because she was a business owner. She was a hair stylist for 50 years. She owned Magic Mirror Hair Salon. Her daughters now own the salon, but she renamed it Hair Razors. Betty continued working two days a week until recently.

In September Betty started dialysis three times per week, so she has had to stop working at the salon and volunteering at the hospital. So, I ask everyone to keep her in our prayers during this time.

I asked Betty many of the same questions I asked others: What makes you cranky? "Dialysis!" Do you have an inherited trait? "Being stubborn." Is she a collector? She painted and collected porcelain dolls.

Betty said she thought the invention of television was great, so now she can enjoy watching *The Young & The Restless*, *The Good Wife* and *The Amazing Race*.

The 1950's were a great time for Betty. I asked why, and she said, "I was young, graduated from high school, going to beauty school and getting married."

We talked a little about politics, and she said, looking back she can see what a good president Dwight David Eisenhower was and how appreciated he was.

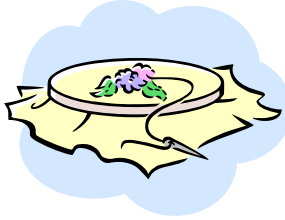
Making her life even more fulfilling she quilted, painted dolls, loved her flower garden, and of course, volunteering at the McPherson Hospital. All while she enjoys her three daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Travel has also been a joy for her. She has been to Europe, Ireland, Scotland, England, France and Austria. Her favorite was Europe because of the interesting people, beauty of the country and the fun bed and breakfasts. Her traveling companions were Laura Ollek or Donna Unruh. Laura went to Europe, and they had such fun. In their London apartment, every morning a pigeon came to the window. They fed it bread crumbs. The only negative was the shower head fell on Betty's toe two times, so she had to hobble around parts of London.

Donna Unruh traveled to Austria with Betty. I can only imagine what those two did! By the way Donna, it is not so dark when you open the shutters in the morning!

I finally got a hair styling story out of Betty! She had been to school only one week when she decided to cut her sister's hair. She took a razor to the long, beautiful and DRY hair. Betty had been training to cut WET hair with scissors! Her mom had to take her sister downtown to get it fixed! Thanks goodness for 50 years of practice!

Blessings to All
Stephanie Heinrichs



Tea Towels, Scrubbies & Dishcloth Makers Needed

The new year always seems to motivate us to make some changes. Nothing ever very big, but small subtle changes that hopefully will make life a little easier for us. *One of the small changes regarding Home Workshop is to compile a list of members who have or are willing to help with tea towels, scrubbies and/or dishcloths.* Jeanne Norstrom has consented to be the contact person, so please give her a call at 241-0206 or email at ksnene@cox.net to give her your information. She will contact members when the tea towels, scrubbies and/or dishcloth supplies need to be replenished.

Service Awards

Barbara Balman	100 hours
Marjorie Tolle	100 hours
Alice Gillett	2000 hours
Barbara Eberle	3000 hours

Thank You

New Member

Rita Prieb
Vicki Petersen

Welcome

Andy Rooney Rooneyisms

I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.



No matter your skills, there's something you can volunteer to do.

We're on the Web!

www.mcphersonhospital.org

1st Baby of the Year 2012



“Something old, something new; something borrowed, something blue,” is a phrase commonly used surrounding weddings. But for Brent and Rachel Anderson of McPherson, the expression appropriately fits the birth of their daughter, McPherson Hospital's New Year's baby. Kaylee Marie Anderson was born at 6:25 p.m. Jan. 5, 2012, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Something new

Kaylee is the Anderson's first child, their parents' first grandchild and McPherson Hospital's first baby of 2012.

“(It's) very exciting,” said Rachel, regarding

being the hospital's first mother. “She's my first. I'm 30 and (Brent is) 39. We didn't even know that we were going to get married and have kids.”

With a due date of Dec. 31, Brent did not expect to be the hospital's first father.

“I was shocked,” he said.

Something old

Kaylee and her parents were the recipients of an old tradition, a large gift basket from the hospital, in honor of the New Year's baby status.

Pat Bruce, president of the McPherson Hospital Volunteer Services, presented the Andersons with blankets, bibs, a travel bag, homemade hats, stuffed animals and other items donated by employees from various departments. “It's fun and it's always a joyous occasion, and we have fun doing that,” Bruce said.

The Andersons are thankful for their positive experience. “The hospital staff has been great,” Brent said.

Something borrowed

Kaylee left the hospital wearing something borrowed – a pink knitted dress her mother wore when she was born. It was given by Rachel's grandmother and is finding its use for a second time. It was mentioned it fits Kaylee much like it did Rachel.

Something blue

Kaylee was given something blue, a bracelet from her grandmother Angie Bonham, with December birth stones meant for Rachel's due date that was five days before her actual birth.

“She came late, but boy, was she worth the wait,” Angie said.

Welcoming her birth are grandparents Angie and Vernon Bonham and Orlan and Susan Anderson. Great-grandparents are Nadine Bonham, Jack and Elouise Edwards and Margorie Wilvers. Great-great-grandmother is Lois Perkins.

CONGRATULATIONS!

January 16, 2012 Quarterly Luncheon



Susan Souder and her sister, *Lynn West*, spoke to a group of 60 volunteers and guests at the January Quarterly Luncheon about their experience of walking 60 miles in 3 days in the Susan G. Komen 3-day for the Cure in Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN.

Susan and Lynn, a 25 year breast cancer survivor, walked together and shared an experience of courage and adventure. Their team of only 2 raised over \$7,000, and the Minneapolis / St. Paul walk alone raised over \$5,300,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



Service Awards for October, November and December 2011



Pictured back row, left to right: Jill Wenger - 100 hours, Nancy Lengel - 2000 hours, Barb Eberle - 3000 hours, Stephanie Heinrichs - 500 hours, Gwen Gately - 5000 hours, Marion Goldsmith - 1000 hours. Front row, left to right: Marjorie Tolle - 100 hours, Leah Toevs - 11000 hours, June Anderson - 3000 hours, Marion Anderson - 2000 hours. Not pictured: Eldon Folmsbee - 100 hours, Anita Wise - 100 hours and Barb Balman - 100 hours.

Thank You!

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German Pancake



6 eggs
1 cup milk
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter *or*
margarine, melted
BUTTERMILK SYRUP:
1-1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup butter *or* margarine
2 tablespoons corn syrup
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Confectioners' sugar

Place the eggs, milk, flour and salt in a blender; cover and process until smooth. Pour the butter into an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish; add the batter. Bake, uncovered, at 400° for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a saucepan, combine the first five syrup ingredients; bring to a boil. Boil for 7 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla. Dust pancake with confectioners' sugar; serve immediately with the syrup. **Yield:** 8 servings (about 2 cups syrup).

