PINKADILLY NEWS







We love giving back to our hospital! The supportive SGMC staff and their purchases allow us to continue this tradition. One beautiful spring morning, I visited the departments which received funds from the Auxiliary's recent donation. I was greeted with enthusiastic thankyou's at each site! The purchased items are already making a big difference in improved and expedient patient care delivery.



Interesting demonstration of the Mobile Healthcare's 1 Automated Chest Compression System- this is their first such unit and frees the rescuers for breathing resuscitation!









The ABI Doppler System generates an Arterial Bronchial Index. This is an indicator of arterial blood flow, so necessary for wound healing.



5 Portable SPO2 Patient Monitors will assist Pulmonary Services in deciding the necessity of and the regulation of oxygen in patients with breathing problems



...from the President's Pen

Six members of your Board thoroughly enjoyed the SW District Spring Mini- Conference in Douglas, Ga. on March 25. They gathered with other Auxiliaries to fellowship and network after a 2 year COVID delay . The ice breakers were fun and the Coffee County High School Show Choir provided a wonderful concert of a variety of music. Each Auxiliary provided 2 items for a silent auction and our Pecan Gift Basket got the highest bid! Money raised will contribute to future events like this. Several vendors were present to showcase their merchandise. Some of our members won door prizes and everyone one attending returned home with a nice plant to remind them of the inspiring Conference.

How great to see the faces of new Volunteers! We have a vacancy for the Board Office of Secretary. Please consider serving! May we all continue to remain dedicated and diligent in service to the patients and staff of our hospital.



An employee was glad this sale had returned!



A great time with fellow Auxilians at the Mini- Conference!



Old songs, new songs, and sweet gospel songs!

President
Ora Morrison





I tracked Clara down on a Friday as she was getting a warm blanket for a patient! She immediately told me how much she enjoys her rewarding Cancer Center placement. She and her husband moved to Valdosta in September after living in Florida and Vegas for most of their married life. Clara soon investigated volunteer opportunities with the SGMC Auxiliary. Her interest in hospital volunteerism began almost 20 years ago when she was hired as Manager/Buyer of the Gift Shop at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine. Auxiliary members immensely contributed to its operation. Two years later she transitioned to the position of DVS and for 17 years managed 400 (including 50 summer students)volunteers who staffed morning and afternoon shifts throughout the hospital seven days a week. Our members look forward to your input! Clara also schedules Pet Therapy visits for cancer patients.



Thanks to Joan Barrese for arranging a very interesting meeting in January. She invited representatives from The Haven to explain this outreach to those in abusive situations or victims of rape. Heather Grizzle, RN and SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Coordinator described the two facilities staffed to assist women, men, and children who need a safe place. The Rape Crisis Center, location unknown, and the Shelter, located in Remerton, are funded by Federal and State grants and private donations. She introduced Patient Advocate Ebony Alexander and described items that are always welcomed to assist victims. It was decided to collect toiletry items for their clients.



Heather and Ebony present Haven bags to meeting attendees.





Welcome to our new volunteers! We will highlight them in the near future. Tirys Carr - Inpatient Rehab Brennan Hulett - Imaging Emma McCluskey - ER Jocelyn Wood - ER Morgan Wynn - ER



Thanks so much to Dana and Maya for your invaluable assistance with the newsletter!!

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Our VP/Program Planner Joan arranged a fun (and "therapeutic" as Maya described it!) program for our March meeting! Robin Ward, a florist with over 16 years experience, provided tips on bow making. Carroll Griffin won the drawing for a large wreath and Joan won a beautiful smaller arrangement. Laughs abounded as members tried their hands at creativity!



The Healing Process Requires A Healing Touch

CEO Mr. Ronnie Dean opened our Feb. meeting using the above greeting to thank the Auxiliary for their contributions since returning in May. He then explained the exciting news as SGMC begins Phase 1 of an strategic plan to better serve the needs of women, infants, pediatric patients. It also includes major expansion of the Emergency Department. This project is projected to begin in 2023 and is the start of a goal to make our hospital a destination for specialty medical care in the areas of physician and staff recruitment, technology, and equipment. All agreed it will be wonderful to have a local health delivery system that can eliminate travel for care. He reviewed a rendering that reflects the future expansion to follow Phase 1. A great question and answer session followed and Mr. Dean was thanked for his interesting and insightful presentation.



The Golden Galleria was ready for Cupid! Emerida and Barbara delivered Valentine's love to patients!



