

# PINKADILLY NEWS



Third Quarter FY 2022  
Southwest District  
South Georgia Medical Center



Mary Young threw in some fun modeling at the Masquerade Sale

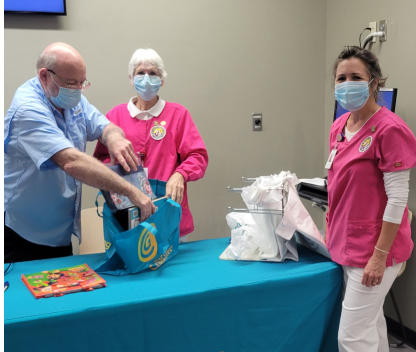


Ora Morrison and Cheryl Edmondson



Ora Morrison and April Hurley

The May meeting opened with the introduction of the Clarice Ivey Scholarship winners! Cheryl Edmondson, an SGMC Patient Care Tech, will be attending Wiregrass Technical College to pursue a nursing degree. April Hurley is accepted into the ABSN program at VSU with plans to become a Nurse Practitioner. We are happy to help you begin your future careers!



Lots of shopping went on at the Collective Goods Sale in June

Darcy Gunter, the Director of Living Bridges Ministry, was the guest speaker at the May meeting. A group of Christians from several area churches realized the need for a hot food lunch program for people during the shutdown days of Covid. They gathered volunteers and joined with several area restaurants to provide meals at Scott Park. From those early days until now, the ministry has grown tremendously and expanded to assist clients in stabilizing their lives and finances so they can get off of government assistance. Services include a food pantry, Friday hot lunches for seniors, a clothes closet, a garden work program, and information on available community resources. Darcy enthusiastically mentioned that volunteers are always welcome!



Darcy Gunter with volunteers sorting undergarments donated by WalMart







Auxiliary members were honored at an appreciative luncheon in April. Johnny Ball, VP of Marketing and Public Affairs, represented hospital management in "thanking the pink and red" for their dedicated assistance to staff and patients throughout the hospital. A rousing game of bingo was lots of fun with Clara Lugo winning the grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Eddie Felder's Meat Market. Did you enjoy your steaks, Clara?



Our Auxiliary is so fortunate to have Certified Pet Therapists John and Barbara Gattignolo as members! Their expertise and enthusiasm and their precious pets Rielle and Dr. Cooper have been spreading joy through the hospital since August of 2021!

John (Hospital Plant Operations Management/Elder Healthcare) and Barbara (Teaching) retired to Sarasota, Florida from Kentucky to devote more time to their passion for training pet therapy dogs. They discovered our community as they stopped at Eagle's Roost RV camp in Valdosta, on their way north through the years.

In addition to full time careers, they have been training dogs in therapy, dock diving, and other sports for over 45 years. Some of their flock through the years are stars in their field and are officially titled as Champions. They currently own 10 dogs.

Rielle and Dr. Cooper are making 25-35 visits each week to those patients who want a visit. He is actually a rescue that "adopted them" at the campground! Barbara reports that their dogs are much better behaved than some of the students she taught! In fact, she often took them to school with her as examples of good behavior! We are so glad that Barbara and John settled in Valdosta with their little happiness spreaders!

*Thank You*







Tirys (Ty) Carr hails from Atlanta and graduated from VSU in December with a Biology Major. He began his volunteer In-Patient Rehab placement in March. He is enjoying patient contact and looks forward to his future career as a Physician. Ty is busy filling out med school applications as he considers becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon! We wish him well in his chosen profession.



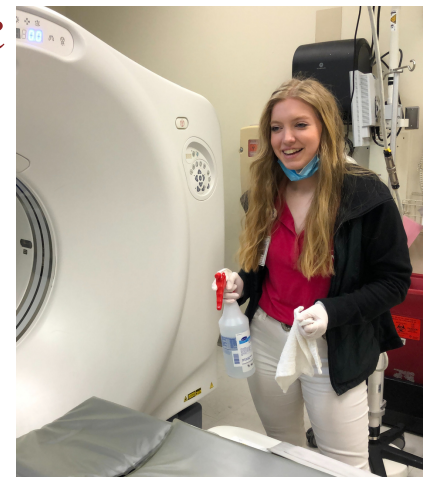
Thomas Trevino, a Nashville GA resident and rising premed junior at Georgia Southern, is enthusiastic about his experience in the ER. I caught him loading the cart to deliver treats to patients waiting to be seen in the waiting room and then to check with patients already admitted to exam rooms. He stays busy helping the staff with other various tasks. His aunt is an X-Ray tech and has perked his interest in becoming a Radiologist.

## Student Volunteers Are Making A Difference

A new smiling face has joined the Cancer Center volunteer team! Morgan Wynn is a rising junior biology major at VSU and hopes to one day be a Radiation Oncologist. Morgan enjoyed her Canopy of Care MSICU experience several years ago. You can also look for her as a server/hostess at Guilio's Restaurant on weekends. We are glad for her willingness to assist the staff and patients.



Emma McCluskey's ER placement has resulted in a "real job!" She will soon be employed part - time in that department as a Patient Care Technician! Emma is from Valdosta and graduates from VSU in Dec. with a degree in Health Medicine. She plans to attend Nursing School. We are happy that she will continue as a volunteer with reduced hours. Congrats Emma!



Brennan's interest in volunteerism began with her three summer participation in the Auxiliary's Canopy of Care program as a high school student. She is also the daughter of SGMC's Chaplain Preston Hulett and is familiar with the healing within its walls. A home school graduate, she is attending Wiregrass Technical College with plans to enter the Radiology Technology program. Brennan has enjoyed her placement in the Imaging/CT Department since January. She looks forward to her future career in radiology. She has recently been on a mission trip for community service in Indiana and has been a counselor at Camp Rock Georgia. She is a busy gal and we are glad she has found time for service at our hospital.



Zaeli Lopez's energetic enthusiasm was evident during my phone interview with her! She will be a Junior at VSU this fall and is a Psychology Major on a Pre-Med path. Zaeli drives from Tifton on Fridays to volunteer in the ER and enjoys helping in any way. We are so appreciative of her assistance at the Uniform sale and for arranging her fall schedule to continue this placement.



SGMC was recently a sponsor for a Girls on the Run event. This non- profit after school program is for girls in the 3rd-8th grades. It has as its mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident and uses a fun experience based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Dianne, Emerida and Barbara assisted in preparing bags for the event.

# Upcoming Events

MASQUERADE SALE  
AUGUST 18-19

FALL PINNING LUNCHEON  
SEPTEMBER 28

LINEN SALE  
OCTOBER 27& 28



## Volunteers

- V** is for the very special people that you are
- O** is for the overwhelming support and compassion you offer others in their time of need
- L** is for the 'Little things that make such a difference in someone else's life
- U** is for the unspoken words that mean just as much
- N** is for the need you fill when others aren't around
- T** is for the time you give of yourselves on top of your busy schedule
- E** is for the emotional support you continually give
- E** is for the endless energy you all seem to possess
- R** is for the responsibility you have taken on and never once complained
- S** is for the smiles you bring to patients and families by just being you

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