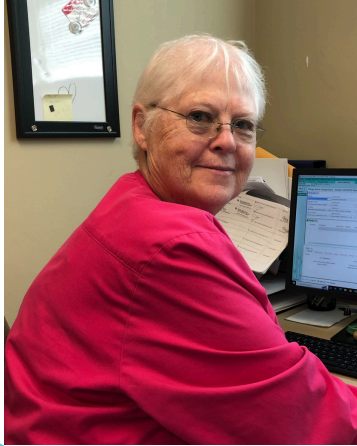


PINKADILLY NEWS



SECOND Quarter FY 2024
Southwest District
South Georgia Medical Center



...from the

President's Pen

It has been another busy quarter of giving here at SGMC Health. I want to take this opportunity to recognize everyone's volunteer contributions to the hospital's mission of remarkable people, extraordinary care and human kindness!

Martin Luther King, Jr said it best....

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Thank you for giving Peggy Beauvais



Ziva, a Teacup Pomeranian, was quite the lady as she accompanied her Pet Therapy parents, John and Barbara!



I do believe Emerita is hungry!

Sweet greetings and hugs greeted those who recently attended the Thank Pink luncheon! Each year the volunteers are honored during National Volunteer Week with thankfulness for all they do throughout the hospital. DVS Hilary Willis welcomed the group and praised each one for their service-delivered with kindness that may go unnoticed but makes such a difference in healthcare deliverance. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with those they may not often encounter on their volunteer day(s). Hilary gave each volunteer an insulated travel mug inscribed with "SGMC Health Volunteer".



Hilary arrived with a wagon load of gifts for us!



Barbara, Clara, and Dot catch up while waiting all to arrive



We were blessed to have two chaplains join us- Creston and Nancy



Carroll joined us as soon as he could leave the Cancer Center lunches in capable hands (see the Welcome articles!)





A dreary rainy morning was transformed into a warm and inviting experience by the Archibold Memorial Auxiliary in Thomasville! They left no detail out (from valet parking forward!) to ensure those attending the SW District Spring Meeting on March 22 felt welcomed. Auxiliary President Pat Jones introduced Jim Maxheimer, Auxiliary Chaplain, who reflected on the difference volunteers can make in a hospital setting. The 70 attendees from 9 Auxiliaries enjoyed a morning of news from State and District officers and music and song from Zach Martin, a talented 12 year old. He entertained us with country and Christian selections. Barbara Thomas was elected District



Nominating Liason. Following lunch, Jason Bennett explained his various duties as Director of Spiritual Care for Archibold Memorial. He has developed a ministry to establish trust with patients and help them connect to their source of strength in often frightening and emotional situations, to bridge cultural gaps, and to enhance staff morale as they also deal with traumatic stress.

Such a pretty setting!



Our ladies swept the door prize drawing before the meeting adjourned! Oohs and Ahaas were heard as items donated by each Auxiliary were opened.....everyone departed after a wonderful meeting and anticipating the State gathering in Macon in October.



A full house!



Showers did not keep this crew from arriving on time!



Welcome



Another smiling face assures that there's extra care for those having treatment each day of the week in the Cancer Center! Sylvia Tefft has lived in Statenville all her life. She retired after 30 years of teaching elementary school in the Echols County system. She is a widow and mother of a son, a Physical Therapist in Atlanta. Sylvia is a member of Perimeter Road Baptist and enjoys crocheting, needlepoint, and knitting (need some help Emerita??) She and Associate Member Debbie Dowling realized they knew each other from school years ago when they still had maiden names! She is a great addition on Tuesday mornings!



Pearce Persaud is such a great addition to the Cancer Center volunteer team! He assists Carroll Griffin in the the Infusion area on Fridays and is really enjoying all that is involved in helping to make the patients' visits as pleasant as possible. Pearce is completing his freshman year at VSU with plans to major in Biology and attend medical school. His interests include travel and pickle ball with time for play with his Golden Retriever Cali. We are fortunate to have another Persaud volunteer- his sister Capri mans the Dasher Heart Tower desk on Fridays. Thanks to both of you for your service!



Bekah (Rebekah), Donor Relations and Operations Coordinator, has joined the Foundation team and will be guiding us and supervising the Volunteen Program while Hilary is on maternity leave. She graduated from VSU in 2022 with a degree in Political Science and worked in the legal field before coming to SGMC Health. Her smile is extra big because she will be marrying Jacob Bell, a banker, on May 25! They met at the Wesley Foundation student ministry at VSU. Bekah is the Worship Leader of the praise band at Park Avenue Church and is a member of Valdosta Young Professionals. She is looking forward to working with us!

**No act of kindness -
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.**
Aesop

Upcoming Events

May 6
Volunteer Supper at "The Wharf"

May 10
Mother's Day Plant & Flower Fundraiser

May 29
General Meeting

June 27-28
Collective Goods Sale

July 18-19
First Uniform Sale

IN MEMORY

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Happy Heart Day to employees and patients!

Emerita is always using her talent to bless others!



Katie, nurse manager of Post Partum and Pediatrics, was happy to show Mary Young and Diane one of the fetal heart monitoring carts purchased by the Auxiliary. The carts are invaluable in detecting and alerting staff of changes in an infant's normal heart rate pattern during labor.



If the shoe fits, buy it- maybe two pairs!

It is obvious these two are not nurses- just having some fun after a busy morning at the Uniform sale!



Front desk volunteers surprised associate member, Kathy Folsom with a dinner and birthday cake.



She initially said " I'm just looking and don't need a basket!" Famous last words from many Masquerade shoppers!"



Jan welcomes Cat McKinnon, new SGMC Health Main information desk employee,. Cat retired from Social Security Administration and is eager to work with the Auxiliary.