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*Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas,
Happy Kwanzaa, Blessed Hanukkah, and
Happy New Year*



- Dec. 11th – 12th – New Era - vendor sale
- Dec. 11th – H2U Monthly Social – Hollywood
Christmas Pot Luck
- Dec. 17th – Hanukkah begins
- Dec. 18th – 19th – 180 Degree Design - vendor sale
- Dec. 22nd – Setup for Bake Sale
(bring items to Maple Room for pricing)



December 23rd – SMC Auxiliary Bake Sale

- December 25th – Christmas Day
- December 26th – Kwanzaa begins
- January 1st (2015) – New Years Day
- January 19th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 2nd – Ground Hog Day
- February 14th – Valentine’s Day
- February 16th – President’s Day
- February 18th – Ash Wednesday
- February 19th – Chinese New Year



Lesser Known Dec., Jan. & February Events:

- December 15th – Cat Herders Day
- December 1st – 7th – Cookie Cutter Week
- December – Buckwheat Month
- January 12th – National Clean Off Your Desk Day
- January 26th – Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day
- January 19th – 23rd – No Name Calling Week
- January – National Hot Tea Month
- February 8th – Opera Day
- February 22nd – World Thinking Day
- February 8th – 14th – Celebration of Love Week
- February – Pull Your Sofa Off the Wall Month



Special Notices or Announcements

This newsletter is being sent to all Auxiliary Members and Volunteers of Record at the time of mailing. Should anyone wish to help the Auxiliary by choosing to have this newsletter emailed to you, please contact the editor or one of the Board members and provide your email address. Also, if you would prefer not to receive it in any form, please let us know that as well. We want to be as accommodating to those interested in the Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary’s activities as we possibly can. If you have any comments or suggestions for this newsletter, please let us know. If you wish to provide us with your birth month and day, we will begin acknowledging birthdays in future issues.

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Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary

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Submissions are requested by the 20th of the month for publication the following month.



Thoughts from the Auxiliary President

By Kathy Wheeler

It seems impossible, but the holidays are here! I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as president during this past year. I feel that things went smoothly and we accomplished a great deal! I do hope you will help to make our annual Christmas Bake Sale on Tuesday, December 23rd a rousing success! Join us by baking, making candies, whatever your specialty may be and bring them to the Maple Room on Monday, December 22nd. And lastly, please support the auxiliary by doing some holiday shopping in the Gift Gallery and Second Chance Shoppe.

Kathy



Volunteer Information

By Stacey Boyd
Director of Volunteer Services

Happy Holiday wishes to all of you and many "thank yous" for all that each of you do in your Volunteer Activities for Swedish Medical Center. You are appreciated much more than you can know. May you all have a happy and blessed New Year and continue to enjoy and be a part of our Swedish Volunteers for a long time to come.

Gift Gallery Information

Manager – Margaret Ansted

Have a Happy Holiday from the Gift Gallery and don't forget to stop by and shop with your 20% discount. We have beautiful Christmas merchandise and it is going fast!



NOTE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND AUXILIANS:

Due to the HIPPA rules, if you are hospitalized at Swedish, even if anyone knows this from the hospital records, they can not inform any of us that you are there. It is important that ***YOU or a representative for you*** inform the Volunteer Office and/or the Auxiliary (call the Auxiliary Office or let one of the members know) that you are there and would appreciate visits or want others to know. We would like to know this so we have the opportunity to show our concern but we have to observe the HIPPA rules just like everyone else that has access to your privileged information. We will also respect your privacy if you should choose to ***NOT*** let us know and remain private.



Please Join Us

Additional opportunities are available with our SMC Auxiliary. We can use your help and talents (or those of someone you know) in some of the following areas:

Gift Gallery (Bring on the smiles!)

The Second Chance Shoppe (Treasures galore!)

Sewing Committee (Sewing, knitting and more!)

Bakers for our two annual Bake Sales

Volunteers savvy with: Computers, Data Bases, Bookkeeping, Banking, Websites, Internet, Newsletters, Marketing, Management, Administration, Education or Healthcare.

Some require a weekly commitment while others vary from once or twice a year to a few time a month. Please contact our President, Kathy Wheeler, at 303-221-8907 for more information.

Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary

Who We Are:

The Swedish Medical Center (SMC) Auxiliary is comprised of current and former volunteers (and loyal supporters) who may or may not be volunteering in other service areas at Swedish.

The SMC Auxiliary was founded in 1959 with 77 charter members and has grown through the years. To date, it has donated over \$4 million to various hospital and community causes.

What We Do:

The main goal of the SMC Auxiliary is one of outreach – to our hospital, our volunteers, and our community. Funds are provided by our Membership Drives, donations, and proceeds from the Gift Gallery, The Second Chance Shoppe, Vendor Sales, Flower Sales and other sales.



Volunteers Retire After Many Years

The Second Chance Shoppe Volunteers gathered at Pinehurst Country Club for a retirement luncheon to recognize Dee Zachman (85) and Lillian McCrumb (96) for their many years of exemplary service to the Shoppe and the Auxiliary.

A very special thank you to both ladies for your life long dedication to serving and helping others. You are an inspiration to us all!



Editor's Thanks

The editor wishes to thank all of those that have contributed to the articles in this newsletter for the past year and all those that have had any part in seeing that it has been copied, folded, sealed and labeled for mailing. Without all the help it would not have been possible to publish the four issues this year.

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Spotlight on Donations of Items Through the Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary

In the last issue of this newsletter we told about The *Colorado Carvers Club* and their donations of simple wooden toy cars to the area hospitals (Swedish Medical Center among them) during the holiday season for the children that are hospitalized. Below are a couple of photos of the cars they provided.



The follow photo is an example of many of the other "patient comfort" items donated to patients by very kindhearted sewers, knitters and crafters. These pillows are treasured by the children who receive them.



The Second Chance Shop

Manager – Stacie Saavedra

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING TO SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, OR FOR A ONE OF KIND GIFT, OR OUTFIT, JEWELRY OR MAYBE A FUR COAT . . . CHECK US OUT AND PRESENT THIS COUPON FOR 50% OFF A REGULAR PRICED ITEM.



SUPPORT THE AUXILIARY . . . DONATE

Please consider supporting the Auxiliary with your tax deductible donation. We accept donations Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SALE DAYS ARE SUCCESSFUL!

The October Super Saturday Sale resulted in sales of \$2625.00., and the Black Friday Sale resulted in sales of \$1728.00. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked.

We continue to reach the majority of our customer base through email. To date our email list is comprised of over 800 loyal customers and is still growing. Sign up in the Shoppe or online at www.thesecondchanceshoppe.org



Looking for Baked Goods?!?!

As you may have read in other articles the Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary is putting on a Bake Sale December 23rd. We are asking for donations of food items for this sale. It has been found that cookies, cakes, pies, breads, and snack type of items go the best. If you have a Holiday specialty that you would be willing to make and contribute to this sale, the Auxiliary would be very grateful. Please bring your items to the Maple Room (across the hall from the Volunteer Office) on Monday December 22nd for our team to price and repackage if needed.

The proceeds of our sales go toward grants for special programs in the hospital, patient comfort items, a Springtime Children's Health Education Day, Scholarships, and local Community non-profits among others areas.

Information about the Changes to Parking at Swedish Medical Center

A question was raised by a volunteer to one of the Auxiliary Board Members about the new parking restrictions. Here is the information that Stacey Boyd has on the Parking. Hopefully this will update those volunteers that need to know.

Parking Enforcement Reminder – effective January 1, 2015

- All staff and volunteers will be issued RED parking permits in mid- December and will need to provide vehicle and license plate information by completing a Parking Privilege form (available in the volunteer office). Please see Stacey or Tish if you have filled out a form.
- Volunteers will **STILL** be permitted to park in designated South lower level in designated "Volunteer/Auxiliary" marked spaces and in the East garage located off of Clarkson and Hampden on levels 2 and up (near Craig Rehab).
- Volunteers are not permitted to park in the South or West garages on levels 2 and up or in visitor 2 hr. lots or senior parking. Remember if you can't walk the distance, you are more than welcome to use Valet.

Why the changes?

- Construction of the new Neurosciences addition above 7 South!
- Patient experience happens before the front door – patients arrive late for appointments/procedures and are frustrated with trying to find a spot. Reallocating and enforcing staff parking will deter staff from inappropriate parking, allowing patients and their families to find parking which reduces anxiety and frustration.

Photos from the Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary Officer Installation and
Holiday Luncheon on December 5, 2014

