

Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary

VOLUNTEER VOICES

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Swedish Medical Center

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NOTES

FROM

DIANE



I cannot believe that we are half way through the year. June is here, the flowers are in bloom, the weather is warm and getting warmer!

This spring has been a busy one for the Swedish Auxiliary with many events and activities.

- The Easter Bake Sale was a tremendous success – thanks to all the volunteers for providing the great items for the bake sale!

- The Children's Health & Education Days were attended by over 700 3rd grade students from our community. A huge thank you to Swedish Hospital, the Presenters and the Volunteers for making this a wonderful learning experience for these children. (Please see the following page for a letter from a 3rd grade teacher that attended with her class)

- The annual Volunteer award luncheon was held on Friday, May 25th at Pinehurst Country Club. Thank you to Swedish Hospital for honoring all the volunteers who have given many hours this past year.

The planning has begun for the Colorado Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries/Volunteers (CAHAV) Fall Convention to be held in Vail September 12-14. Our Auxiliary will be hosting the attendees of the convention once again for the "Swedish Seminar" with a Mediterranean theme.

Enjoy your summer, use sunscreen, and drink lots of water and remember, "We can't do everything, but everything we do, we can do with love."

Diane Damore

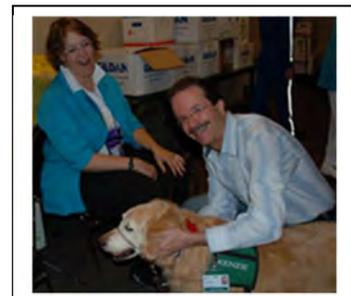
SMC Auxiliary President

CHILDREN'S HEALTH & EDUCATION DAYS

Ginny Mayers & Carlyle Montelius – Co-Chairs

The following is a letter from a teacher thanking the Auxiliary for inviting her class to attend this year's health fair – she felt that the students learned so much and couldn't stop talking about all they has learned.

Quoting from her letter “I have students who took the knowledge they gained about tobacco home to the adults who needed to learn the same things. From what I have heard, they were very direct with the adults and insisted that they stop the use of tobacco. They have explained to the PE teacher all they learned about the lungs capacity when they are healthy and unhealthy. I love hearing them say that they will never smoke because they don't want to have black lungs. Many students have commented on the snacks that some students have brought to class and reminded them about the “sugar match” game. I monitor the restroom after lunch and it is very exciting to see the students working hard to get all the germs off their hands especially off the “slope of the thumb”. Students are noticing when they breathe if they are truly filling up their lungs. The Students have loved wearing the new T-shirts. Many of my students never receive new clothes so this was an extra special treat.”



Gift Gallery

Margaret Ansted, Manager

We have a new face in the Gift Gallery....Welcome Angela! Stop by and meet her, she works evenings and weekends. She is a delight, and we are so lucky to have her on board!

We have new jewelry that has just arrived, scarf rings that add a little touch to any scarf. "Drops of Colorado" earrings, necklaces, and my favorite memory bracelets – inspired by all the natural images found here: the rivers, the lakes, and the rain in the trees. They are designs that locals will relate to, and something that visitors can take home to remind them of the beauty of Colorado.

Once again this summer, the gift department has yard art: frogs, ladybugs, snails and glow in the dark Fireflies!

We are carrying a new line of reading glasses. You can't miss the fixture; it holds a lot of great designs and strengths for all, including men.

Have a great summer, and thank you for your support of the Gift Gallery!

The Second Chance Shoppe

Stacie Saavedra, Manager



Annual Award Luncheon
The Second Chance Shoppe Volunteers

APRIL SUPER SATURDAY SALE

The April Super Saturday Sale was a success . . . with sales of \$1475.00. We continue to reach the majority of our customer base through email. To date our email list is comprised of 505 loyal customers and is still growing. Mark your calendars and "Save the Date" for our next Super Saturday Sale which is scheduled for Saturday, July 28th from 9-3.

SUPPORT THE AUXILIARY . . . DONATE

Please consider supporting the Auxiliary with your tax deductible donation. We take donations Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are always in need of donations, but some of the things that are overlooked are *greeting cards, jewelry, scarfs, hats, socks and undergarments.*

June 28-29th

Mary Kay Cosmetics, New Vendor!

Free gift with every purchase

July 12-13th

Treasured Creations,

Handbags, Accessories & Jewelry

July 26-27th

Majestic Designs,

David returns with comfy shoes for nurses, (and everyone else)

August 3rd

Carol Young Silver,

Our most popular jewelry vendor!

August 23-24th

Between U.N. Me Designs, New Vendor!

Many clever items!

September 6th

Gioielli Jewelry

September 7th

31 Gifts,

Purses, wallets, totes and accessories

September 13-14th

Masquerade,

\$5.00 Jewelry returns to the Aspen Room!!

September 20-21st

Mary Kay Cosmetics



“The Monday Morning Stitchers”

The Swedish Volunteer Sewing group meets on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon in conjunction with the H2U Stitchers. These Volunteers process donated items by seeing that they have a label indicating they are a gift to the patients, thank-you notes are sent, and the items are delivered to the appropriate units of the hospital for giving to the patients to provide comfort and that touch of “love” that is put into each of the items by its maker. Some of these items are: blankets for babies, throws/lap robes for adults, bears and other “critters” for children, knitted or crocheted hats for chemo patients and eyeglass cases. There are off-site folks that help with Christmas Stockings and Easter Eggs in which the newborns of that season can be placed for photos. Newer projects are finger puppets for the pediatric patients, neck pillows for those in rehabs or after surgery situations. They are always on the lookout for new projects that would be a comfort to the patients at Swedish Medical Center.

The group welcomes any and all to join them on Mondays. Come to help with these items or just come with your own project to sit, visit and share. The members help each other with questions or problems with many “stitching” issue including knitting, crocheting, sewing, understanding patterns, sharing patterns, etc.



BECOME A MEMBER OF SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY

In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter regarding becoming a member of Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary. The Auxiliary started in 1959 with 30 charter members and has grown over these many years. Membership dues are used to help fund many of the wonderful projects we support at Swedish Medical Center to make a stay in our hospital more pleasant for patients. Funds are also used to help support community projects, such as Doctor's Care.

Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Consider a tax deductible donation to the Auxiliary.

*****REMINDER*****



The Auxiliary is continuing to update email addresses for all Auxilians/Volunteers.

Please email your current email addresses to Judith Stucky – Telephone Tree Committee Chairman at www.theCNI.org/hearing.

Dr. Don Woodard Memorial Donations

The Swedish Auxiliary has been the recipient of generous donations in memory of Dr. Don Woodard. Dr. Woodard was in practice at Swedish Medical Center from 1968-2002. He passed away on March 5, 2012; his family designated Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary as the recipient of all donations in his memory.

Finance

Jackie Thorland – Vice President of Finance

The Swedish Auxiliary supports numerous programs and projects. Listed below are recent donations that have been made:

- 9 Health Fair
- Junior Volunteer scholarships (2)
- Englewood High School scholarship
- CNI – Hope Awards
- Englewood High School after Prom
- Denver Pet Partners
- Adult Volunteer Uniforms
- CNI – Neurohealth
- CNI – Cochlear Kids Camp
- InnovAge Foundation Golf Tournament for Johnson Center
- Anchor Center for the Blind
- Children's Health & Education Days
- Swedish Employee Appreciation Day
- Progressive Health Center
- Littleton Health Science Program Scholarship



The **Gift Gallery** and **The Second Chance Shoppe** might not come to mind as possible service areas at the Hospital. However, they are two of the major fundraisers for the Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary. Proceeds from Gift Gallery and The Second Chance Shoppe go to support the SMC Auxiliary and its mission to provide caring service to patients, their families and the community through a number of programs, activities and projects.

These programs, activities and projects make a real impact at the hospital and in the community! But there's more to the story. . .

Our volunteers who work there will tell you what they have found: **Healing and therapy do not just happen in the hospital rooms!** The volunteers share joy and heartache with our patients and their families. They listen to their stories and may even shed a few tears. They provide encouragement, support and direction when they can. What wonderful ambassadors of good will they are for Swedish!

These volunteers search for that perfect stuffed animal, beautiful floral arrangement, great outfit or special gift. They pull together clothing for patients in need and provide a shopping outlet for patients and family members. They help new parents in need and welcome the familiar faces of our employees. They provide a much needed change of pace from the intense hospital environment. Behind the scenes they've made the difference in thousands of lives over the years!

Our goal is to maintain a high level of customer service in our **Gift Gallery** and **The Second Chance Shoppe** so additional volunteers are needed. We're asking for your help:

- Might you be interested and available to volunteer in either area?
- Do you have a relative, friend, and/or neighbor looking for a wonderful opportunity to give back?
- Are you a former nurse or health care professional who would like to volunteer doing something less "hands on."
- Have you enjoyed working in a retail area in the past?

If any of these apply, or for more information, we would love to hear from you!

Please Contact: Margaret Ansted - 303-788-6668 (Gift Gallery)
Stacie Saavedra - 303-788-6470 (The Second Chance Shoppe)



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***Swedish Auxiliary Annual Award Luncheon
Pinehurst Country Club
May 25, 2012***



The Mission of the Swedish Medical Center Auxiliary is to Provide Caring Service to Patients and their Families at Swedish Medical Center, as well as Providing Services to the Community.

For up-to-date information on current events and activities visit us at www.swedishauxiliary.org