



the beat of Partners news

A note from your president



Dear Partners,

It has been quite a summer. There was the usual heat of summer and then that was tempered by balmy temperatures and low humidity of August which means “weather in Missouri”. Then there was the eclipse. It was incredible! I have already started to make plans for April in 2024.

The new furniture is here. Ask where there is an empty room and go and see it. This is our project for the next few years. They are selling the old furniture that is coming out of the rooms and the proceeds from that sale come to us and help pay for the new furniture. We have

already paid our first installment to the hospital. We are on our way.

People talk about Volunteerism fading out and being a thing of the past. I agree that engaging younger people is harder to do when it comes to volunteering on a schedule like ours, BUT I certainly disagree with the idea that it is a thing of the past. Some of us may have snow on the rooftop and there may be a lot of candles on our birthday cakes, I mean a whole lot of candles, but we are there and working with a smile on our faces. I had a volunteer come to me asking to drop a day because of age and that is very reasonable. About 15 minutes later someone else came in needing to drop a shift. Guess who took that one on. I like working with people like that. *That means I like working with you.*

Thank you for your time. Thank you for your enthusiasm. Thank you for your courtesy to everyone who walks in the door. Thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for being a SGCMH Partner.

Mickey Koetting
Partners President

Partners present donation for patient room upgrades



In May, the Partners presented the first of three installments to SGCMH CEO Tom Keim to pay for the \$67,000 worth of furniture, art work and other items to upgrade our patient rooms on Med Surg. Ten years ago, we funded the same project and were more than willing to take on the chal-

lenge once again. When you're in the neighborhood, take a peek! Pictured (l-r) are Linda Hermann, Leanna Stuppy, Gail Beyatte, Naomi Glassey, Mickey Koetting, Tom Keim, Toni Vaeth and Lavern Basler.

From the Desk of Tom Keim

It has been nearly 11 years since I first stepped foot into this hospital and from day one, you have always been a great and supportive “partner” to me and our facility. Together we have “partnered” on some wonderful projects that have helped us to improve the patient experience plus transform and update our facility to keep it modern and looking good.

The very first project we did together was making our rooms private and you provided the funding to upgrade the furniture. Thanks to you, we have “partnered” again to bring some new life to our Med/Surg Floor. If you have not had the opportunity to stop by Med/Surg recently I hope you will the next time you are at the hospital. The new furniture is in (except for the bedside tables and new re-upholstered side chairs) and the rooms look great! New recliners for each room, new pull-out sofa beds with drawers for clothing and storage, new sink cabinets, larger TV’s, fresh paint, and new colorful artwork. Thank you for making this happen for our patients and staff!

Our new Mission Statement is “We put people first by providing excellent, personalized, and compassionate healthcare.” It is people that make the difference...and you make a difference each and every day. You are a critical part of our team. We cannot thank you enough for all your efforts. You unselfishly give your time, compassion and support. The vital role you play makes our facility a truly wonderful and very special place.

Let me again express to you my sincerest appreciation and thanks for all you have done for Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital. May God bless each and every one of you and your families. Thank you!



GIFT SHOP NEWS
We have many new items like

Thanksgiving and fall decorations, scarves, religious items, and purses. We are having a lobby sale on October 12 & 13 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Everything will be 40% off.

In December, we will have a 10 Days of Christmas sale. Each day a different item will be 25% off. The dates will be December 11 through December 22. Please put these dates on your calendar.

If anyone has new or gently used Christmas items, and would like to donate them to the Gift Shop, we will graciously accept them and sell them. You can receive a tax deduction if you wish. Last year we made over \$300 from these items. Bring Christmas items to the Gift Shop anytime. If anyone has a suggestion of a new item in the Gift Shop, please let Diana know.

QUILTING WITH FRIENDS

We had two months off to rest up those fingers, so please mark your calendars for Wednesday September 27 – Noon to 4 pm; Thursday September 28 and Friday September 29 – 8 am to 4 pm each day.

We need to quilt the Christmas wall hanging for the raffle and some baby quilts for the gift shop.

FUNDRAISING

• September 1-30: RADA Knife sale will be taking place the month of September. Please complete order form, attach check and leave at the front desk or gift shop. Be sure to include a contact phone number. Orders will be in the first part of October and can be picked up in the gift shop.

• September 18: Linen/Blanket Sale in hospital lobby.

• September 21: Fall Buffet Lunch: New Menu! Purchase tickets in the gift shop or from a board member. **Calls will be made to Partners with last names beginning with the letters K through Z** for salads and sides (no desserts please). If you are called and are going to be out of town on the day of the buffet, you can still make a donation towards the meat dish. We need *all* Partners to participate to make this fundraiser a success!

• October 18 & 19: \$6 jewelry sale in lobby.

• November 1 & 2 – Collective Goods (formerly Books Are Fun) in lobby.

• November 13 & 14: Tupperware in lobby.

• Christmas walk weekend – Stuff a Critter, maybe Friday and Saturday.

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