

the beat of Partners news

A note from your president



Dear Partners,

It looks like Spring has really sprung and today at least the sun is shining.

Our current project is a refreshing of the patient rooms. We will buy couches that can be used for visitors and family members wishing to spend the night. We will recover the side chairs, purchase new recliners and bedside tables. Remember that

these are not pieces of furniture that you can pick up at a sale but that will stand up to intense wear and tear. The upholstery has to be able to withstand a million times of people sliding in and out and being wiped clean with sufficient antibacterial another million times. This is expensive. It will cost less than \$75,000 and we will pay it off in 4 years.

Naturally, this leads us to fundraising. Barb Seibel is standing in while we look for a permanent fundraising chair. The fundraising chair will oversee individuals that will take on a single fundraiser. We are looking at some new ways to raise money. It is in the early stages but we want to do something with the 61 Yard Sale and we are looking at Jour de Fete. Want to take one of these on?

Lavern Basler and Susie Fallert have decided to give up their jobs as Membership chair and Calling Chair. Lavern is staying on to help train her replacement, Betty Arnold. Susie's job will be taken on by Mona Gretzmacher. She will be texting those with cell phones and needs callers for the rest. If you have been calling and wish to continue please let Mona know. A heartfelt thank you to both of these ladies, your dedication and your work ethic to make sure the jobs were done and done well is phenomenal.

Check your schedules and the fifth week when you get them. I have 2 shifts that I have not found someone for. If you can work the first Friday at the information desk and the 4th Saturday at the gift shop please call me. Also, we have another place to volunteer. The dietary department has had volunteers but we could use a few more. The hours for that are 7:00 to about 10:00. We are also starting a courier service that will deliver things to Bloomsdale and at the end of the day to bring things back.

Thank you all for the time and enthusiasm that you bring to the hospital. Volunteerism is sometimes its own reward and is so important. Always feel free to call me with any ideas, complaints or anything else. My numbers are: home- 883-5850 or cell – 314-277-5747.

Sincerely,

Mickey Koetting

Partners President



Footnote I am still collecting cell phone numbers and emails. If you have a cell number or email, please leave them for me in my folder in the gift shop. ~~ Mickey

We can text any information that would have in the past gone through the call list. Calling worked in the past, but with many of you switching to cell phones we can use the texting technology. If you do not have a cell phone or do not text, you will be called as always.

BTW - The furniture that we are buying for the hospital will be on display in a few weeks. Look for a sign as to when we can look it over.



Pat Marzucio, Mike Bader, brother of Tonya Schilli, and Mary Grass's granddaughter, Sara Rash.

The person who we are praying for has to give their permission or the close family of the recipient. This is a trial item we will see how it goes.

Fundraising Schedule 2017

April 20	Spring Buffet	First Baptist Church
May 12	Flower Sale	Lobby
June 14 & 15	Tupperware	Lobby
July 13	J & J Uniforms	Education Room
August 3 & 4	Books R Fun	Lobby
September 1-30	Rada Cutlery	Catalog
September 21	Fall Buffet	First Baptist Church
October 18 & 19	\$6 Jewelry & Acc	Lobby
November 1 & 2	Books R Fun	Lobby
December TBA	Stuff A Critter	Lobby

From the Desk of Tom Keim

I hope you're all marking your calendars for April 25, the date set for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. If ever there was a group that deserved appreciation, it's our Partners. So I hope you'll attend the DuBourg Centre and enjoy a nice meal, socialize and have some fun, as a small token of our appreciation for the great work that you do.

You've once again stepped up to the plate and agreed to fund our patient room upgrades on Med Surg. You'll recall that 10 years ago, you helped us with this very project. But after ten years, styles change, furniture gets worn and it's time to replace and spruce things up a bit. When a hospital room is your "home away from home" for a few days, you want it to be nice and comfortable, and that's what we want for our patients.

Your name really is appropriate for the role you play. You truly are a "Partner" and are always willing to help this

hospital provide the very best for our patients. This is something you've been doing since 1964! Way before the hospital opened, you were helping to get the bond issues passed and informing residents about this exciting, local hospital initiative. You came out in numbers to help clean the hospital—numerous times—before its opening. We salute you for your dedication, and in fact, would love to hear about those early days.

We're working on another project and I would love to have your input. If you have memories you'd like to share of the hospital either before or after its opening, we'd love to hear about it. Any photos you have would be greatly appreciated as well. We're starting to gear up for the hospital's 50th anniversary in May of 2019. We'll start with the 50-year recognition of the cornerstone laying in May, 2018. Please send your stories and photos to our marketing department.

We're turning the corner on another 50 years and we're so glad we have our Partners alongside.



- Sandals and sundresses on sale in May and June.
- See our new purses, scarves and jewelry
- GIFT SHOP LOBBY SALE July 6 & 7
- Eclipse glasses, are on sale in the gift shop for \$1 a pair. Stock up and get them for your family. It is dangerous to view the eclipse without them.
- DON'T FORGET ~~ Lunch Buffet April 20th. Members with last names of A thru K need to bring a dish. The cost is still \$9 for a ticket, no tickets sold at the door.

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Stitches from the Quilters

We have sold 8 quilts in the gift shop in March. During our quilt days, we completed 3 quilts and two were taken home to be finished, so that brings our total to 5 finished in March. Thanks to our members who baked for the quilters. I hope all members who can quilt will join us in April. We can use your help.

Also, Toni Vaeth has made a beautiful Blue Line Quilt to honor our Law Enforcement (see [photo above]). The quilt will be shown through the State of Missouri with the proceeds of the raffle benefiting scholarships for families of law enforcement officers in the State of Missouri. (A picture was in the April 5th 2017 paper).

Toni is asking for help with selling chances April 19th and May 3rd --- the sign-up sheets are at the front desk at the hospital. (*your hours volunteered will be counted Partner hours*)