

Volunteer Voice

November 2021



As the calendar turns to November, our thoughts turn to the end of the harvest season and a time to be thankful for the many blessings that are ours: family, friends, faith, good health, a safe and abundant harvest, rich autumn colors and the many freedoms that we enjoy.

After very different routines during the holidays last year, we are all looking forward to things being a bit more “normal”, even tho’ there are still some changes and cautions to follow.

*Thank you for your support and service to others through your efforts at
Hammond-Henry Hospital.*

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Volunteers are Appreciated S'More Than They Know!



Many thanks to all those who helped plan and host a wonderful Auxiliary Membership event, that was held on October 5.

Our speaker, **Diane Baker**, reminded us of the "camping skills" we all have and how they transfer to the work we do as volunteers at HHH.

John Puentes, vocalist and guitarist, shared several musical selections.

Chairpersons for the event were **Barb Baraks** and **Julie Zwica**.

The Colorado Rockies featuring National Parks & Historic Trains

The trip will be
July 8-16, 2022.

Join us for 9 days
to see the

spectacular Rocky Mountains and several National Parks (including Canyonlands, Arches, Mesa Verde the cliff dwellings and more!) Highlights include a ride on the world's highest cog railroad to the top of Pike's Peak, Rim Rock Drive in the Colorado National Monument, We'll ride the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in a coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive that hauled Silver and gold ore,

but it's most precious asset is the view!



To hear more:
Informational meeting
Monday, November 8,
2:00 p.m.
1st floor conference
room at Hammond-
Henry.

The Colors of New England featuring Coastal Maine



Boston
Freedom Trail
Woodstock
Quechee Gorge
Stowe
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
Cold Hollow Cider Mill
Cruise Lake Winnepesaukee
Fresh Lobster Dinner
Kennebunkport

Another travel "fun" raiser for the Auxiliary will be September 26 - October 3, 2022 to New England and Coastal Maine. It will be a beautiful time of year to see that area. Look for more details and an informational meeting in January.

More information is
available in the
volunteer office
or by contacting:
Mary Anne Peterson
@ Best Travel
309/944-6113

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Thinking about Christmas gifts?

Some great stocking stuffers can be found at the \$5 Jewelry Sale. Details below:

Masquerade™
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FUNDRAISING SALE

Proceeds benefit & sponsored by Hammond-Henry Hospital Auxiliary

Tuesday, November 16th
7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Hammond-Henry Hospital
East Entrance

Cash, Debit/Credit Cards & Payroll Deduction

Volunteer Opportunities

- A couple of volunteers are needed to help make **simple flower arrangements** for the Gift Shop to sell. You will be reimbursed for the cost of the flowers. It's a wonderful way to brighten someone's day.
- The **Gift Shop** has a couple of open shifts each month.
- Also, there are openings for **Shuttle Drivers** and at the **Information Desk**.

Please contact Julie West in the volunteer office at 309/944-9130 if you can help.

Message from Mark

By Mark Kuhn, HHH CEO

As we head toward fall and the holiday season, I wanted to provide a brief update on recent projects and progress during the summer months.

- A Zimmer ROSA **orthopedic robot** system was installed in April. Dr. Stewart has used it to perform nearly 60 knee replacement procedures.
- Plans are underway to **renovate the HHH laboratory** in winter '22. HHH is now seeing annual testing volumes over 600,000/year.
- Two **Nurse Practitioners** (NP): Amy Darwin and Ashley Ebert, hired for Urgent Care; Sarah Dynes, **Physicians Assistant** (PA), has been hired for HHH Medical Group-Kewanee.
- **Favorable audit completed** for the 2020/21 fiscal year.
- **Over 90% of hospital employees fully vaccinated** for COVID-19, 100% of LTC residents vaccinated. Plans are underway for flu and booster vaccines in November.
- Despite staffing challenges caused by COVID-19 and shortages, HHH has had **no agency staff** at this time.
- HHH continues to sponsor the **CNA class** for area high school students, in collaboration with Geneseo High School, Annawan High School and Black Hawk College.
- In 2021 to date, over 100 students, including 23 MD/NP/PA students, have been sponsored by HHH.

While these are just a few of the highlights, as you can see, it has been a busy year so far. We thank everyone for their support, and we appreciate all the care you provide our patients and their families.

Looking Ahead

November 8	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room
November 8	Travel Informational Presentation, 2:00 p.m. <i>Colorado Rockies & National Parks</i>	HHH 1st floor conference room
November 9	Volunteer Training, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon	HHH 1st floor conference room
November 16	\$5 Jewelry Sale, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	HHH East Entrance
November 18	Women's Health program, 12 noon <i>"Incontinence: Don't Make me Laugh"</i> Reservations required for lunch (\$10)	First Baptist Church 15300 Ford Road, Geneseo
December 1	Men's Health Series, 7:00 a.m. <i>"Staying Healthy-Prevention of Illness"</i>	HHH 1st floor conference room
December 13	Packet Assembly, 1:00 p.m.	HHH 1st floor conference room

COVID Vaccine Boosters???

COVID vaccine boosters are available for HHH volunteers at the HHH Medical Group- Geneseo Clinic. Please call the Geneseo Clinic at 309/944-1275 to make your appointment and find out the days/times the boosters will be given. You will need to bring your Medicare Card.

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