

# volunteer voice

A publication for Stormont Vail Auxiliary members & volunteers

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## Message from Outgoing Auxiliary President

As my time of service as the president of the Auxiliary comes to an end, I am amazed at the dedication of the Auxiliary members working on projects and the volunteers working year after year to be there for our patients and visitors. They just keep on



giving and giving. Also, special thanks go to Beverly Rice, Jeanne Billings and Marilee Lowrey for their constant support.

We are preparing for the new officers to begin their terms in October; thank you to all. The Auxiliary budget will be approved, plans for fundraising activities are ongoing, and decisions are being made

to fund departmental requests for next year.

This year we had a little fun celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary with Bishop Vail and Jane C. Stormont (portrayed by Harry Craig and Jane Metzger) explaining how the merger came together in 1949. We also had a hot dog meal in the lobby, and specials in the Gift Shop and Food Connection. We have also spent some time getting to know Dr. Rob Kenagy, our new CEO.

Best wishes to president-elect Jane Mackey and the executive team for next year. I know it will be another great year of service to others.

**Sincerely,  
Vernon Long, President**

## Auxiliary Annual Meeting Is Oct. 3

Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, as we celebrate this year's successes. The meeting will be in ACC #8 of Administration, with a light lunch served at 10:45 a.m., no RSVP required. Topics to be covered include the administrative update, Distinguished Auxilian presentation, disbursement of funds raised in 2019 and the election and installation of officers.

## Flu Shot Season Approaching

The Employee Health department at Stormont Vail Health will again be offering flu immunizations at no cost to all active Stormont Vail volunteers. Volunteers will receive a mailing around Sept. 1 defining this mandatory requirement for volunteers.

A letter and consent form as well as the flu shot schedule will be included. Thank you for completing this important requirement. Flu immunizations will begin Sept. 26 and will need to be completed by Oct. 30. When you receive the letter, please review it carefully. Contact Volunteer Services at (785) 354-6095 if you have any questions.

# Auxilians Attend HAK Annual Convention

The Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas convention, held Sept. 5-6 at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita, was well attended by auxiliarians from across the state. The Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary was represented by Kathy Harr, Vernon Long, Jane Mackey, Linda Bond and Sharon Durkes. During the day-and-a-half program, members had opportunities to review scrapbooks, buy raffle tickets, participate in a silent auction, visit several vendors and hear inspiring speakers.

The convention fundraiser was for “Susan’s Kids,” a Wichita organization dedicated to providing TV air time to highlight older children and sibling groups who await adoption while in foster care. Susan Peters, a TV news anchor, started the program and has worked diligently to provide funding to continue the TV spots after the station dropped the program. Susan, now retired, was an eloquent speaker. She stated that 30 percent of the children featured have been adopted compared to 2 percent through the state system. Patricia Rowe, a registered pharmacist, provided an overview of the origin of the opioid crisis. The final two morning speakers both shared their heart-rending struggles following traumatic injuries. Jared Estes from



## Auxiliary Receives Its 32nd Gold Award of Excellence

President Vernon Long accepted the Gold Award of Excellence on behalf of the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary at the HAK/KHA luncheon on Sept. 6, 2019. This marks the 32nd consecutive year the Auxiliary has been recognized as a Gold Award recipient. President Vernon Long prepared the application, which documents auxiliary fundraising, activities and projects throughout the year. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who served on committees and worked to help our auxiliary meet the standards for the Gold Award. Congratulations!

burns received in a car accident and Julie Dombo from being shot.

During the Friday morning business meeting, bylaws changes were approved to better reflect current functions. For example, the size of the nominating committee was changed from seven members to five; “past president” will be used rather than “counselor”; references to “annual” convention were changed to “biennial”

with installation of officers to occur at the biennial convention.

Outgoing President Linda Staiger thanked current-year officers and committee chairs. The 2020-21 HAK officers are President Peggy Ogle, President-Elect Sally Emerson, Recording Secretary Jeanette Butler, Membership Secretary Rose Stroud, and Treasurer Jo Ann Morse. After adjournment, we traveled to the Century II Convention Center for the HAK/KHA luncheon and award presentations.

**Kathleen Harr**  
HAK District 1 Coordinator

## 2018 Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas

- Membership: 5,754 auxiliarians
- Volunteer hours: 520,845
- Funds/Equipment donated: \$1,014,329
- Scholarships given: \$220,500
- Funds raised: \$1,456,175

# District 1 Coordinator Update

The convention marked the beginning of my second year as District 1 coordinator. My first-year experiences have been interesting and enjoyable. I've accepted invitations and visited Newman Regional, LMH, Ransom Memorial (now Advent Health Ransom Campus), and Stormont Vail Health's annual meeting. After the wonderful district meeting at LMH, I did my first review of Form 3, then submitted six for gold awards, one for silver and one for bronze. It was a joy to be there for the photos at the HAK/KHA luncheon. Attendance at the four state meetings in Wichita has given me a bigger-picture perspective and a chance to get to know the officers and other five district coordinators. In addition to learning about HAK, my driver, Jim, and I have enjoyed getting acquainted with Wichita museums, restaurants, the Spice Merchant and Nifty Nut House. Looking forward, the district coordinators will be working with President Ogle to tweak Form 3 and we'll begin again the collection of dues and Form 1. In the spring, our district meeting will be hosted by the Friends of Coffey Health System. Co-chairs Lois Brinkman and Sheri Volland are already planning and thinking of creative ways to make the District 1 meeting enjoyable. The meeting will be April 7 in Burlington.

**Kathleen L. Harr**  
**HAK District 1 Coordinator**

## 1980s Volunteer Returns to Hospital

Not too many weeks ago, a man walked into Volunteer Services inquiring about volunteer records. Not knowing who he was or why he was asking, I proceeded with caution in providing him with information. As the conversation went along, he asked if we still had volunteer records from the 1980s. When I explained that we are almost paperless now, he went on to say that he had volunteered at Stormont Vail as a red coat as a high school student. Male students and adult volunteers used to wear red jackets as the volunteer uniform (my, how times have changed). He was visiting Stormont because a family member was having surgery so he was checking out the hospital during his wait. He was interested in finding Volunteer Services. He explained that as a high school student, he had an

invaluable experience volunteering in the Emergency Department, and later became an EMT. When I asked him if his experience as a volunteer led him to a career in health care, he said it was most definitely the catalyst that led him to do what he is doing today. So, what is he doing today? He is a trauma surgeon in Northeast Missouri!

Hearing stories like this is reaffirming to know that many students going through our volunteer program receive an experience that helps formulate future careers, often times in healthcare. I thanked him for stopping by and asked if his visit had been a good one. He responded, "Oh, yes, we have had a great visit. Stormont Vail is a wonderful hospital!"

**Beverly Rice, Director**  
**Volunteer Services**

## New Volunteers

Please welcome these individuals to the Stormont Vail Health volunteer team.

- Jerri Blassingame – No One Dies Alone
- Alana Kasperek – Building Blocks
- Lauren Ewald – Pediatrics
- Nick Bowers – Transportation
- Von Kopfman – Palliative Care
- Kirby & Marla Barker – Customer Resource Center
- M J Hiebert – Neonatal Intensive Care
- Tanu Jadhav – Emergency Department
- Grace Gulbranson – Birthplace Pal
- Mary Beth Stankiewicz – Emergency
- Kathleen McDonald – Neonatal Intensive Care
- Shirley Kraus – Surgery Waiting Room
- Suzanne Jordan – Registration
- Jacqui Tryon & Hudson – Pet Therapy
- Barkot Hailmaria – Neonatal Intensive Care
- Bev Sligar – Breastfeeding Clinic
- Jackie Maldonado – Radiology CT
- Blanca "Michelle" Perez – Neonatal Intensive Care
- Teri Thomas – Cancer Center
- Paige Wilhelm – Perioperative Services
- Mary Fisher – Customer Resource Center
- Teray Terry – Neonatal Intensive Care
- Peggy Ellis – Building Blocks
- Gaylord Kelsey – Heart Center
- Kiersten Harris – Building Blocks
- Robert Langland – Emergency Department
- Yazmin DeLeon-Diaz – Perioperative Services
- Angel Poertner – Cancer Center
- La'Chelle "Grae" Danner – Pediatrics

# News & Notes

## Auxiliary Bylaws Revisions

All Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary members should have received by email the Bylaws Committee proposed recommendations for revisions. These revisions will be voted on at the Auxiliary annual meeting, Thursday, Oct. 3. If you have questions, please contact Jane Mackey, Bylaws Committee chair, at [jwm785@cox.net](mailto:jwm785@cox.net).

## Academic School Year Program

Volunteer Services is currently accepting applications for the academic school year program. Program dates to apply are now through Jan. 10. If you know someone who is at least 14 years of age, they are eligible to apply online at [www.stormontvail.org](http://www.stormontvail.org). Click on the "Give and Volunteer" tab and select the specific program they are interested in applying for. Upon submission of the application, Volunteer Services will schedule an interview with the prospective volunteer.

## Don't Miss Masquerade Jewelry!

We promise you will enjoy your visit to a new fundraiser sponsored by the Auxiliary. Masquerade Jewelry will be on site Nov. 14-15 and will feature affordable, fashion-forward jewelry and accessories for the entire family. Watches, cross-body purses, wallets, scarves — and of course, jewelry. Prices are \$5 per item and make great stocking stuffers. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 15, both days in Centennial A of the Pozez Education Center.

## Treat Week Marks Fall Season

Stop by the week of Oct. 28-Nov. 1 to pick up a treat and enjoy conversation with other volunteers and staff members. Treats will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the volunteer lounge. Please stop by!

## Auxiliary Gift Shop Plans Holiday Open House

It may be a bit early to begin thinking about the holidays, but we wanted you to get the date on your calendar to attend the Gift Shop's holiday open house. It has been a long-time tradition for Auxiliary members to provide baked treats for customers to enjoy while browsing the holiday merchandise. If you are interested (you can be a volunteer and contribute) in bringing treats for the open house, you can drop them off a few days before the open house, at the Gift Shop between 1:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3, or between 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Volunteer Services office.

## Come Join Us

As volunteers, you are already a part of the Stormont Vail family, and we thank you for all your contributions. New volunteers receive a one-year complimentary membership so that you can begin learning about this active organization. Membership in the Auxiliary is just another way you can demonstrate your support for the health center, its programs and services. To join the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary, please call the Auxiliary office, (785) 354-6095.

# Slate of Auxiliary Officers Announced

Patty Pressman, Nominating Committee chair, reports that the following individuals have been nominated for auxiliary officer positions for the upcoming year. The slate of officers will be presented and voted on at the Auxiliary annual meeting, Thursday, Oct. 3.

- President – Jane Mackey
- President-Elect – Judy Moler
- Secretary – Linda Bond
- Assistant Secretary – Christine Curtis
- Treasurer – Martha Granger
- Assistant Treasurer – Tanzey Cutter
- Member at Large – Bernie Becker
- Parliamentarian – Connie Hubbell

## Calendar

### Now through Jan. 10

Accepting applications for school year volunteer program

### Sept. 26

Annual flu immunizations begin

### Oct. 3

Auxiliary annual meeting at 11 a.m. in ACC #8

### Oct. 16-18

Auxiliary Book Fair, main entrance

### Oct. 28-Nov. 1

Fall Volunteer Thank You – Stop by Volunteer Services from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for treats.

### Oct. 30

Last day to receive flu immunization

### Nov. 4

Auxiliary Gift Shop Open House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Nov. 14-15

Masquerade Jewelry Sale – Centennial A, Pozez Education Center: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 14; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 15.

For more information about any of these activities, please contact Volunteer Services at (785) 354-6095.