The summer heat on Sullivan’s Island has driven my husband and me to our cabin in Blowing Rock, NC. The weather is perfect, and it is nice and cool up here. I hope each of you are enjoying your summer.

The three District Meetings were each a huge success, filled with lots of informative information and fun. My thanks East Cooper Medical Center Volunteers in Mt. Pleasant; Carolina Pines Auxiliary in Hartsville; and the Auxiliary to Greenville Health Systems for hosting their district meetings. (See the District Chairs reports on these wonderful meetings.)

The Southeastern Meeting was held at the Gaylord Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee this year…what a fun town, especially if you like country music. The Gaylord, which is the largest hotel in the country, had trees, waterfalls, and a boat ride inside the hotel! If you have never attended a Southeastern meeting, please try to attend next year. There are Auxilians, Volunteers, and DVS from the 13 Southeastern states and you get to hear national speakers. Two celebrity speakers were LaDonna Gatlin (sister to the Gatlin brothers who sang and won Gold Records with her brothers until she decided to marry and have a family - she also brought her delightful parents) and Johnny Cash’s sister, Joanne. The sessions were excellent and provided you with lots of information to take back to your Auxiliary.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT (cont.)

The Fall Conference will be held on October 21st. Ken Culp, III, Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, will be our speaker. He has years of experience with Auxiliaries, Volunteers and DVS.

Also at the Fall Conference we will elect new SCAHA Officers. The Nominating Committee will present their recommended slate of officers and their resumes to the SCAHA board 60 days prior to the Fall Conference for approval. The slate names and their resumes will be mailed out to the SCAHA membership 15 days prior to the Fall Conference. Please mark your calendar for the Fall Conference on October 21st.

Enjoy your summer, and don’t forget how lucky we are to live in the beautiful state of South Carolina!
The Volunteers at East Cooper wish everyone a wonderful summer filled with fun vacations and making lots of new memories with family, friends, and far off places!

We hosted the Coastal District meeting on April 1st. (No fooling!) Fifty-six volunteers from 10 different hospitals attended, and we got to show off our new hospital. Dr. Del Schutte spoke on our successful Joint Replacement Program; Dr. Becky McPherson spoke on our Level II Nursery for premature babies; Terry Haas, of the popular HGTV channel and a real estate expert, kept us laughing the entire time as she spoke on how to be an expert organizer. Lyn Small gave tips on relieving stress. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed their day with us.

Susie Robertson, SCAHA President, was very busy attending all 3 District Meetings in South Carolina, and the Southeastern Meeting in Nashville. She learned so much from the speakers on many different topics, and especially enjoyed networking with the other State Leaders.

In April, we attended our annual Volunteer Week Luncheon, where we were waited on by the Administration Staff and Women’s Advisory Board members. In May for National Hospital Week, the Volunteers served the employees mini-cupcakes made by our President, Jan Ledbetter. In addition, they could have a slice of cake in appreciation for all they do.

We have had 3 successful Fundraisers this year: Silver Events, Low-Country Uniform Shoes, and of course, Masquerade $5 Jewelry. All the proceeds go into the VSO Scholarship Fund. Several more fundraisers are planned.

On June 3rd, we had a beautiful Scholarship Presentation in the Volunteer Memory Garden. We gave $1,000 Scholarships to thirteen recipients, some who had been Junior Volunteers. One of the $1,000 scholarships was the result of one of our very talented volunteers, Jean Bottone. She has a beautiful voice, and made a CD to sell, with the profits going to the VSO Scholarship Fund! We are very proud of Jean.

We are still recruiting new volunteers, and have a new Service Area---the Comprehensive Joint Program.

As all of us are in “vacation mode” this summer, and are grateful for those volunteers who are willing to fill in as substitutes whenever they can.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Submitted By Susie Robertson
McLEOD MEDICAL CENTER - DILLON

I think we are all ready for the “spring thaw.” Ole’ man Winter has hung on long enough, and we at MMCD are anxiously awaiting spring in all its splendor.

Newly-elected President Barbara Manning hit the ground running in January following the holiday season. Due to inclement weather, she and past president and president-elect Patti McInnis were unable to attend the President’s Summit. Betty Stout and Terri Holliday were present for the February event. Our officers for the upcoming year were elected in November at our annual luncheon. Serving with President Barbara are Patti McInnis, Linda Dutton, secretary, Beth Cottingham, treasurer; and directors Dale Hardaway and Mary Ricks. All other committees were appointed and working on plans for the upcoming year.

Betty Stout presented the Ways and Means schedule for 2014 at our January meeting. They are: Jewelry sale, February; Book Sale, April; Jewelry Sale, May; Book Sale, September; Bridge Benefit, October; Handbag sale, November; and Jewelry sale, December. Betty noted in February that her committee had raised $14,127.97. All proceeds are used to buy hospital equipment. Thanks, Betty and to all who participated in these worthwhile projects!

Membership chair Frances Tyler presented four names for membership in February, Ja-Novice Green Richardson, Ruthabell Nance, Sara Janet Holder and Judy Sanderson. Welcome!

Dorothy Carmichael, Red Cross Chairman, asked for volunteers for the upcoming blood drive. Patti McInnis completed and distributed her concise president’s report for 2013. She announced that hours for 2013 were totaled and nine volunteers are eligible to receive 500 -hour pins. Pins will be presented in March. Congratulations to these folks!

The Health Fair will be held on March 29, auxiliaries were recruited to assist. There will be a table sign-up for potential new recruits. Several folks are on leave including Jill Nelson, Jane Dove, Virginia Jones, Grace Page Durden, Earline Moody and Jonnie Snyder. We wish them well and hope they return soon. Please submit recruit names to Frances Tyler.

The Coastal District Spring Workshop on April 1 at East Cooper will be attended by 10 auxiliaries. We always look forward to renewing old friends, making new ones and networking. Being ambassadors for our hospital is such a privilege and we always enjoy these meetings so much. Betty Stout, coastal district chair, is very instrumental in the planning.

The Nursery Book project continues to be well worth the effort. Giving a book to each newborn in the hope that the mother will instill a love of reading to her child is very rewarding. If anyone is interested in adopting this as a project please contact me and I will be happy to share the information.

In February Dale Hardaway, director, gave a heartwarming description of the Memory Box” project that we have also adopted. We give a “memory box” to the parents of a stillborn infant. The beautifully decorated box contains items such as a small baby dress (appropriate for burial if desired), a pair of booties, a small cap, a handkerchief for tears, etc. There is also a similar packet that we give to the mother who has miscarried. I personally think this is one of the most compassionate and kind things we can do to share with these parents. If anyone is interested in this, please contact Dale Hardaway.

We will be losing Terri Holliday in May as she will be moving. Terri has been a tireless, efficient auxilain; president; coastal chair and state president. She will be sorely missed. She is well loved by all know her. Our loss will be their gain. She is our friend, Godspeed!

*Sorry - Lost Spring Hotline Article  Submitted by Jan Austin
McLEOD MEDICAL CENTER - DILLON

McLeod Medical Center has been very busy since our Spring Issue of Hotline. We have experienced a beautiful Spring and are looking forward to our Summer activities.

Spring found Betty Stout, Ways and Means Chairman quite busy planning February and May Masquerade jewelry sales. These fundraisers are extremely well attended by staff and community and are the major fund raising events for our auxiliary to purchase hospital equipment. Rhonda Altman, gift shop buyer, continues to shop and keep interesting and useful items in the shop.

Dorothy Carmichael has chaired several successful Red Cross Blood Drives with the aid of auxiliaries and staff. Realizing the constant and critical need for blood, we appreciate Dorothy’s organization for this worthwhile endeavor.

In April members Betty Stout, Barbara Manning, Patti McInnis, Jan Austin, Linda Dutton, Betty Collins, Christine Carmichael, Bessie Rumble, Karen Cook and Betty Swinton attended the Coastal District meeting hosted by the East Cooper Medical Center. We enjoyed networking with other auxiliaries and touring the grounds at this impressive medical center.

It is with regret that we said goodbye to Terri Holliday, but we wish her well in her new home in Adairsville, KY. She has ably served as auxiliary president, coastal district chair and state SCAHA president and in many other community and church activities. During our May meeting, we presented Terri with an impressive framed picture of MMCD Hospital signed by our auxiliaries, we reluctantly said goodbye. Godspeed, Terri, and visit us often!

In April our pin ceremony was held with 500-hour pins awarded to Bea Carmichael, Ruby Carter, Mary Lois Clark, Betty Collins, Lois Graham, Barbara Hinson, Patti McInnis, Mary Ricks and Frances Tyler. Frances has earned 4,180 hours. Congratulations to each of you!

Frances Tyler, membership chairman, has recently held orientation for these new auxiliaries: Sara Janet Holder, Judy Sanderson, JaNovice Green-Richardson, Bell Nance, Anna Coaxum and Debra Johnson. Welcome on board, ladies, we all look forward to working with you.

The Scholarship Committee awarded three medical scholarships to deserving Dillon County students.
McLeod Health Reports: “More than 1,200 people and approximately 100 McLeod Health departments and community vendors participated in the 25th Annual McLeod Dillon Health Fair in March. Thanks to the generous funding from the McLeod Health Foundation, the health fair offered free and low cost screenings as well as information about healthcare programs and Medicaid eligibility.

In addition, Governor Nikki Haley was in attendance during the event. The Original Six Foundation, created by Governor Haley, offered Dillon County Day and Job Fair in partnership with the health fair.

A community baby shower for expectant mothers was also sponsored by McLeod Dillon.” What a great day for our hospital, auxiliary and community at large – and what fun we had helping out that day.

McLeod Health Reports: “An organized effort was led by the McLeod Health Foundation to raise funds in the Dillon community to improve and enhance the McLeod Dillon Emergency Department in 2011. The renovation and construction project included a 9,365 square feet expansion to the Emergency Department. The new design featured 17 new exam and treatment rooms, designated triage and trauma rooms, a decontamination area, and staff support spaces. A new family waiting area is also allowing for improved privacy and safety.” We as auxiliaries should be so proud and so honored to have pledged $25,000 to this project.

I am indeed honored to have served as Capital Campaign Chairman for this particular addition. The three phases of the One Vision, One Future, campaign are now complete and included the Dillon ED addition, the McLeod Hospice House addition, and the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research. These had been ongoing projects for the McLeod Health Foundation Board.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy summer and look forward to returning to regular schedules in the fall.
McLEOD MEDICAL CENTER—FLORENCE

McLEOD HEALTH is celebrating the opening of the new Cancer Services Building which consolidates all cancer services that previously were in various locations around Florence. A few volunteers have been placed to visit patients, file and pull charts. Others will be assigned as needs arise.

Part of the construction was a concourse at the front of several buildings. This was planned for visitors in order for the back hall to be used mainly for patients on stretchers. There are 3 restaurants - Starbucks’ East Bay Deli, Freshens, Sweet Cupcakes and a flower shop. A pharmacy is located near the cancer services. The Tower Gift Shop will be moving to the concourse. There will be an area devoted to the history of the hospital. And the cafeteria will be opened to the concourse, all for the convenience of the visitors and employees.

We hope not to need the results, but the hospital had a successful hurricane drill.

Having the Masquerade Jewelry Sale in 2 different locations greatly increased our sales because it made it more available to employees and visitors. Masquerade has been very cooperative about moving their jewelry and accessories across to another building on Wednesday morning. They will be back for sales in August and December. A Book Sales will be held in June.

Submitted by: June Ferguson
The Coastal District Spring Workshop was graciously hosted by the wonderful folks at East Cooper Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant on April 1st.

We had registration and breakfast from 8:30 – 9:15. Next, the meeting was called to order. Then we had introductions, welcome and roll call. There was a pleasant surprise for all attendees which was a 10% discount ticket for the Wishing Well Gift Shop.

The first speaker was Dr. H. Del Schutte Jr., Medical Director, Comprehensive Joint Program at ECMC who spoke on Joint Replacement. This session was very informative. The second portion was from ECMC Level II Nursery Staff about Growing Premies. They also gave short tours after our meeting.

ECMC served a very delicious lunch from 11:45 – 12:45.

The entertainment in the afternoon was enjoyed by all. A presentation was given by Terry Has, HGTV’s Home Staging Expert, and Closet Clutter Elimination – “Out With the Old – In With the New”.

The last speaker of the day was by Lyn Small, LowCountry Service Director.

From 2:00 – 2:30 we had comments by our State President of SCAHA, Susie Robertson. Following her comments were evaluations, door prizes and adjournment.

By researching all of the evaluations, it seems that a good time was had by all. Thanks again to Jan Ledbetter and her group at East Cooper Medical Center.

By Betty Stout, Coastal District Chair
COASTAL DISTRICT SPRING WORKSHOP cont.

NEXT HOTLINE WILL BE DUE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014
LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER

Lexington Medical Center, Volunteer Auxiliary, celebrated their quarterly birthday party on February 17. All volunteers were invited to play Bingo and share birthday cake.

Attending our quarterly luncheon, March 3, was Blake Barnhill who accepted a $1000.00 check representing the proceeds from Share Your Love with a Light campaign which began at Thanksgiving and ended December 31, 2013. Mr. Barnhill is with Social Services, which financially assists patients in need, who otherwise could not receive care. Also attending our quarterly luncheon was President and CEO, Michael Biediger, who presented the State of the Hospital. His presentation included the early beginnings of LMC to the stages of expansion of our facility in the future. Mr. Biediger never misses an opportunity to sincerely thank the volunteers for their careful attention and the touching of patients’ lives which helps make their hospital stay a little more comfortable.

The following was sent to me via my nurse alumnae association quarterly letter, St. Joseph-Holy Cross, South Bend, IN, Class of ’62. I think it is appropriate for all of us.

“There comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don’t. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is a part of life, getting back up is living.”

Spring is on its way. Please take time to smell the flowers. Wishing all a blessed and glorious Easter.

Submitted By: Mary Roberts-Wilson, LMC Volunteer Auxiliary
March 10, 2014

*Sorry, lost article and was left out of Spring issue, but was promised to be in the summer issue after we found it..
Our gift shop was featured at the quarterly luncheon presenting a fashion show of new spring ladies’ apparel. The volunteers were lovely in their outfits as they walked through the room greeting those in attendance.

It was also favorite hat day, so everyone could participate in the show with lots of laughs. We even were successful in getting some male volunteers involved.

Something new has been added to our patient hospitality. The Lexington Medical Center Foundation has provided a hospitality cart offering a variety of items. These items are gifted to the patients in which to make their stay more comfortable. It has been well received with many positive comments.

Wishing you a fun, safe and blessed summer.

Submitted By: Mary Roberts-Wilson, LMC Volunteer Auxiliary
June 10, 2014  *Summer Issue

I’M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN! HOPE YPU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY. DON’T FORGET TO WAVE THOSE FLAGS. THANK GOD FOR OUR FREEDOM AND FOR THOSE WHO SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS. GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!
The Midlands District Spring Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. The meeting was hosted by the Auxiliary of Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville, SC. Six of the nine hospital auxiliaries in the Midlands District—Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville; Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia; Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia; Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia; Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg; and Springs Memorial Hospital, Lancaster—were represented at the meeting. Eight SCAHA Board Members—Marje Warner, Susie Robertson, Kathy Boivin, Ann Bethea, Charles Veach, Doris Bramlett, Georgine Braun and Bobby Chapman—were in attendance.

The group was welcomed by Thelma Sisson, Auxiliary President, and Harriet Parker, Marketing & PR Director /Volunteer Coordinator of Carolina Pines.

The keynote speaker was the Reverend Dr. Gary Colboch, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church and President of Emmanuel Christian School and on the board of Carolina Pines. He spoke on "The Heart of a Servant Leader" and talked about the importance of volunteers.

Debbie Brand, RN, BSN, CNOR talked about "Embracing Service and Safety in the Hospital."

Following the noon meal, Darnell Byrd-McPherson, Executive Director of Darlington County First Steps to School Readiness and a community leader and volunteer, spoke on "Change--The Joy of Living."

The group was also led in a series of chair exercises.

Susie Robertson, SCAHA President, gave some remarks, and the meeting was adjourned after door prizes were awarded.

All of the evaluations were most complimentary. Special thanks to Thelma Sisson, Harriet Parker, the speakers and all the Carolina Pine volunteers who helped make the day so inspiring and uplifting.

Submitted by: Marje Warner, Midlands District Chair
MIDLANDS DISTRICT SPRING MEETING cont.
MIDLANDS DISTRICT SPRING MEETING cont.
The PHR Volunteer Auxiliary welcomed Beth Lowrie, the new Manager of Volunteer Services, the latter part of March.

Attending the SHVL Leadership Conference in Nashville, March 23-25, were auxiliaries Doug Williams, Marje Warner, Mary Claire Clonts, and Janice Cooper as well as Beth Lowrie, Manager of Volunteer Services, and Sarah LeBlanc, Gift Shop Manager.

Our annual Awards Banquet was held on April 8, 2014, at the Embassy Suites.

Officers for 2014-2015 are President, Mary Claire Clonts; Vice President, Phil Pleasants; Recording Secretary, Barbara Clarkson; Corresponding Secretary, Janice Cooper; Treasurer, Bertha Wicker; and Past President, Doug Williams.

The PHR Auxiliary's Make-A-Wish project gives funding to departments for equipment and supplies that are not covered in the regular budget. This year a total of $152,400 was awarded to 73 requests. The Auxiliary also gave $50,000 toward an ECMO (Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation) machine for the Children's Hospital. This is a modification of the heart lung bypass machine that can be used for an extended period of time. It is designed for babies in neonatal respiratory failure. There are only 2 of these machines in the state; the other one is at MUSC.

A group of 33 Junior Volunteers began working at the hospital on June 9. They will complete their service on August 8.

Submitted by: Marje Warner

NEXT HOTLINE IS DUE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014
Dot Garrett, LCMH 2014 Volunteer of the Year

Dot has been an active volunteer since October 1989. She has served on the LCMH Auxiliary Board as Scheduling Coordinator since 1998. She currently has a total of 12,890 hours.

Dot is a special person who uses her talents to help others. She sets a good example for all of us. She is very active in her church. She greets our customers with a smile and is friendly and helpful to everyone entering the hospital. As Scheduling Coordinator she makes sure the designated locations in the hospital are staffed each day and also comes in to volunteer on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. She is always willing to fill in for other volunteers when necessary. Working at the Front Information Desk and in the Outpatient Center you can often see her helping patients, family members and other visitors to their destinations in the hospital.

Along with her regular duties she eagerly participates in special projects, March of Dimes, Relay for Life and the United Way annual fundraisers held at the hospital.

She is an enthusiastic recruiter for the Auxiliary and as Scheduling Coordinator she assists in the interview process for new volunteer applicants, completes the Auxiliary training as part of orientation and attends the monthly Auxiliary Board meetings. After 24 years of service Dot has built many relationships with other volunteers and staff members. She is a valuable asset to our hospital and Auxiliary.

Submitted by: Patti LaRoche
Earlier this spring OMC employees, volunteers and community leaders gathered for the official opening of a community walking trail on the campus of Oconee Medical Center. The trail is an employee-led project made possible with donations from employees, the volunteer auxiliary and community partners.

Cortni Nations, Director of Oconee Medical Center Foundation thanked everyone for investing in health and wellness. “Each year, just as we ask the public to contribute to our healthcare services, we also ask employees to give back. This year’s employee campaign raised $65,000 and $26,000 was specifically designated for a walking trail.”

The OMC Volunteer Auxiliary donated over $11,000 to the effort and the result is a beautiful trail located on the front lawn of the hospital. The paved trail is one-quarter mile and is open to the public. Sitting areas and benches will be added to the area, making this trail even more accessible and inviting to the employees, volunteers, and the community.

The OMC Volunteer Auxiliary is proud to be a part of this effort and many were on hand to celebrate the opening of this wonderful addition to OMC.

Alice Hageman, President, OMC Volunteer Auxiliary
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