

## President's Message

Dear Auxilians,

It's usually during the quiet months of January and February that I have a difficult time writing articles to include in the newsletter. Not this time! First, December was filled with the Spirit of Giving, and I have to show my gratitude to our hospital staff and community. Whether it was donations, money or time, they answered our plea for items to supply our Care Closet, Care Cart and activity packets for our infusion patients.

And then, January came... a time for planning the new year with fundraisers and activities. We have so much to celebrate in 2024. First, we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary, and, on November 2nd, we will be celebrating the 60th Ball of the Year!

As Auxilians, we want to hear your stories, and those passed down to you; stories that made the auxiliary what it is today. Starting on Tuesday, March 5th at noon, the auxiliary board of directors invites you to join us for monthly "Sack Lunch Socials" and every first Tuesday of the month thereafter. Bring your lunch for an hour of story sharing, auxiliary announcements and guest appearances from our hospital staff and administrators. We will be meeting in the Lynch Room in the Conference Center and are looking forward to greeting you!



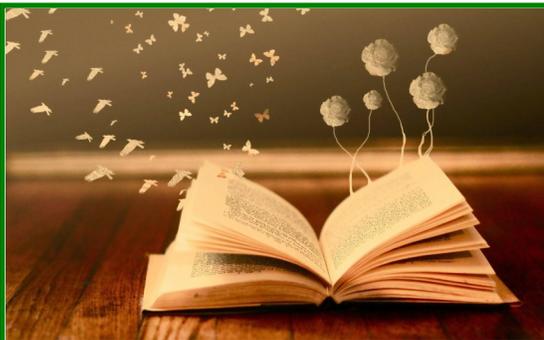
Best Regards,

Chris Battin  
Auxiliary President

## Share Your Knowledge

Share the joy and knowledge of reading. Donate your new or gently used paperback and hardback books. Our bookshelf is located across from the Gift Shop. Your donation may be dropped off at the Gift Shop or the Information Desk.

Need assistance with a large donation? Call the Gift Shop 304.598.1322.





## Infusion Packets Susan Melenric



Patients in the Infusion Center often spend many hours waiting for and undergoing infusion treatments. To help patients pass the time, the Auxiliary assembles Infusion Packets for them.

The packets include some of the following activities:

- Adult Coloring Books
- Playing Cards
- Word Find Books
- Crossword Puzzles
- Sudoku
- Variety of Colored Pencils, Pens, Pencils and Sharpeners

The packets have been quite popular with the patients. We always accept supplies to refill them. If you would like to help, please leave the items at the Information Desk or the Volunteer Room.

## Bingo Has Been Called!



Our **Annual Designer Handbag Bingo** will be held on April 7, 2024 at the Knights of Columbus in Star City.

Doors open at Noon. Games begin at 2:00.

Tickets are \$25 for 20 games.

Purchase tickets starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Mon Health Gift Shop M-F 7a-7p, and at Information Desk on the weekends.

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

**BINGO!!!**



## Lifetime Members

We are celebrating the 80th birthday of our Auxiliary!

Start the new year by inviting a friend to join the Auxiliary of Mon Health Medical Center and share in our efforts to support patient care.

Please call Life Membership Chair Kathy Pompili @ 304.685.2032 with any questions you may have.

## E-Newsletters

This newsletter is available via email! An e-Newsletter minimizes paper waste and allows us to send auxiliary news in a timely manner. Additionally, the cost savings for printing and postage would be allocated toward our projects. We will continue to mail hard copies of our newsletter.

However, if you prefer an e-Newsletter, please email your request to: [Mhmcaux43@gmail.com](mailto:Mhmcaux43@gmail.com). Include your name, current mailing, email address and phone number or call Gretchen Kaczmarczyk, Assistant Volunteer Director, at 304.598.1322

## The Care Closet Donna Pifer

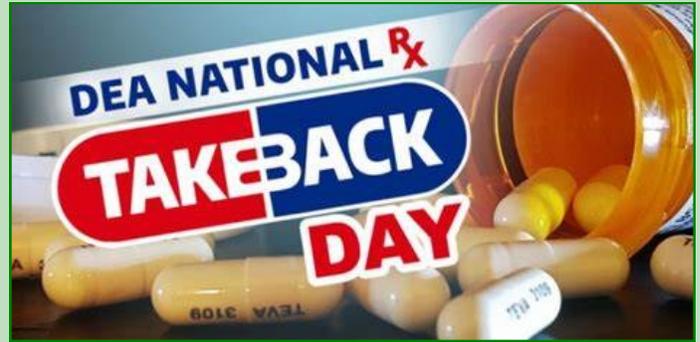
In collaboration with Mon Health's Emergency Department, the Auxiliary has been supplying a closet of new and gently worn clothing for our patients to wear when they are discharged to home. It was in need of underwear, socks, sweatpants and shirts.

During December, outside the Gift Shop, we displayed an angel tree with donation requests written on tags.

What a blessing it was to find the donation box filled with items each week! Our room is now full to start the new year, but welcome donations of men's sweatpants size small and medium.



## Drug Takeback Day



Spring is just around the corner. Finally!! When you think of spring we start by cleaning up the house and gardens. Don't forget to "clean up" your unused medications.

Dispose of your unwanted and expired prescriptions and non-prescription medications on

**Saturday, April 20th**

**from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Morgantown drop off locations include:**

**Mon Health Medical Center**

**The Village at the Heritage**

**Kroger**

Last October there were 46 drop off sites in WV. 4,326 lbs of medications were collected; 300 tons nationwide.

**Don't forget about your pet meds too!**

## Auxiliary Calendar of Events

March 5

**Sack Lunch Social @ Noon**

Mon Health Conference Center

March 6-7

**In the Bag Sale**

Mon Health Lobby

March 20-21

**Roberts Uniform Sale**

Mon Health Atrium

April 2

**Sack Lunch Social @ Noon**

Mon Health Conference Center

April 7th

**Designer Handbag Bingo**

Knights of Columbus-Star City

April 27

**Drug Take Back Day 10a-2p**

Front Entrance of Mon Health,  
Village at Heritage Pointe

May 7

**Sack Lunch Social @ Noon**

Mon Health Conference Center

May 7

**Spring Flower Sale**

8am till sold out

Front Entrance of Mon Health

June 14

**Auxiliary Rummage Sale**

Mon Health Terrace

Thank you

'Twas the week before Christmas...

Lifetime Member, Clear Mountain Bank and their employees, assembled holiday gift bags for patients. Each bag contained snacks, water, men's and women's toiletries along with pens and pads of paper. All of the items were distributed to patients in the Emergency Department, Infusion Center and also included in the Patient Care Cart. The bags were very much appreciated by our patients.



Pictured L-R, Donna Pifer, Auxiliary Board member, Chris Battin with Michelle Rodney and Michael Richman of Clear Mountain Bank

## Hearts of the Holidays Bethann Gamponia and Joyce Wassick

Several hospital departments and the auxiliary supported the efforts of our Human Resources Department to help Mon Health Families facing financial difficulties.

We were given gift ideas from a family of 4. In "Secret Santa" fashion we purchased clothing and other items on their wish list, and wrapped them in reusable shopping bags. The HR department was filled with a sea of gift packages, ready for pick up and to bring joy to the recipients as well as the "Secret Santas" .



**Sack Lunch Social**

**Noon to 1:00 PM**

Tuesday March 5th @ Lynch Conference Room

Tuesday April 2nd @ Lynch Conference Room

Tuesday May 7th @ Terrace Café (Coffee Shop near the lobby)

Bring your lunch!