

## President's Pen



As I begin my final year as Auxiliary President, I look back to what we accomplished last year and also what I hope we can accomplish in the coming year.

During the past year: we successfully completed another Auxiliary raffle, raising over \$18,000 for our Auxiliary while "sharing the wealth" with seven of our Auxiliary members and/or supporters; we added another branch to our membership, welcoming Team Cape and all of its members to our membership; and reduced our outstanding pledge to the Health System to just over \$100,000.

As for the coming year, we are approaching a huge milestone for the Auxiliary! Six years ago, the Auxiliary membership made a pledge to Cape Regional Medical Center and the Thomas & Claire Brodesser Cancer Center that we would raise a million dollars for the support of both. This year, only five and a half years after that pledge, we anticipate paying off that pledge! At this year's annual meeting in November, we will most likely present the final check to the Medical Center, putting a close to a multi-year, million-dollar promise. That's not where our obligation ends, though. Once one pledge is complete, another one must take its place. That new pledge will be announced with some fanfare, either at our annual meeting, or at an event to be scheduled earlier. Keep your eyes and ears open!

This year we also will be holding the third Auxiliary Raffle. The drawing date will be in September, with the drawing taking place in the Medical Center's Cafeteria, for a change of pace. More details will be disclosed elsewhere in this newsletter. Another event scheduled for this year (our first!) is a Designer Handbag Bingo. Event date is Saturday, June 22, at the Villas Fire Hall on Bayshore Road. We hope for a large turnout!

There's a lot to look forward to this year, so why not share the excitement with friends and family, and convince them to join our Auxiliary! They can attend any of our events as a guest and see what we're all about.

Until next newsletter, I thank everyone for their unwavering support of our Medical Center and Auxiliary.

*Vicki*

## 2018 Check Presentation

The Auxiliary of Cape Regional Medical Center held its annual meeting on November 2, 2018 at Avalon Links. During this meeting, the branches recognize members for their outstanding contributions, the membership is informed of upcoming events and initiatives, and most importantly, the Auxiliary presents the annual donation to the Executives of Cape Regional Medical Center.

This year's check, presented to Joanne Carrochino, FACHE, and Thomas Piratzky, CEO of Cape Foundation by Vicki Heebner, Auxiliary President, was for \$200,000.00. This amount represents the total funds raised from all branches and both EtCetera Shops since our previous annual meeting. Last year's presentation brings the total of monies paid against our \$1M pledge made six years ago to a staggering \$840,000.



The Cape Regional Auxiliary presents a check for \$200,000 to Cape Regional Medical Center: From left, Dan

Borawski, Aux. Treasurer; Joanne Carrochino, FACHE; Tom Piratzky, CEO Foundation; Marie Sluberski, Past President, Aux.; Marge Carter, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Aux.; Vicki Heebner, Aux. President; and Claire Paugh, Aux. Recording Secretary.

## Auxiliary Branch News/Cape May:

The Cape May branch took a month off in January, with no fund-raising planned.

In February, we held our annual Bakeless Bake Sale. We successfully raised over \$400 for this fundraiser.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the branch held a fundraising luncheon at the Lobster House in Cape May. The luncheon was arranged by Anna May Manning, with the assistance of her daughter, Kristine Poole. We had a great turnout of 24 members. Ray Wisnewski, Patient Advocate at Cape Regional Medical Center, entertained us with a very interesting talk about his many years as a patient advocate and the experiences that led him to excel in that profession. The feedback from our members was that the ladies enjoyed their luncheon and also the chance to get to know Ray better. Ray informed us that he will look forward to posting branch activities in the newly revamped Gift Shop.

Sadly, the Annual Card & Games Party and Luncheon, which was scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Castaway Café, on Bayshore Road in the Villas, had to be cancelled. Chairpersons Kris Poole and Cheryl Mapp, both Cape May members, had to make the decision due to a very low response to ticket sales. We found out after our invitations had been mailed that we were in conflict with at least two other card-party type functions being held in the county. We'll either try again next year, or maybe we'll try something new...who knows?

On June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll be holding a repeat of our popular lunch event at Saltwater Café in Cape May. Tickets will go on sale shortly, but tickets will also be on sale in front of the restaurant. Come enjoy one of three sponsored menu items while sitting outside on their dock overlooking the marina. For more information, call Kris at 609-886-3354.

## **Cape May Branch Photos / March 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Lobster House**



L to R: Millie Baker, Edie Edwards, Sue Wichterman



L to R: Sue Currie, Pat Moll, Sharon Teaney, and Anne Hassel



L to R: Theresa Guarino, Mary Ann Mosso



L to R: Edie Edwards, Sue Wichterman, Barbara Cain



L to R: Martha Pastore, Alice Washington, Florence Carter;



L to R: Joan Dirosato, Patricia Goodrow



L to R: Anne Burrows, Cheryl Mapp, Dot Niwinski



L to R: Kris Poole, Ray Wisnewski, Anna May Manning

## Auxiliary Branch News / Wildwood

Our first meeting this year took place on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Our next scheduled meeting is June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Star Diner in North Wildwood.

The Fuzzy Friends fundraiser is getting ready to start for 2019. We picked out the animals for this year's sale and will be placing the order this month. We plan to gather members and helpers to prepare the baskets and replacement bags for our

retail and medical locations in late April or Early May.

Please be sure to support our Fuzzy Friends sale. You can find baskets of animals at retail locations, motel offices and medical offices throughout the Wildwoods and also at off-shore locations.

## **Vendor Sales**



Dot Niwinski reports that we earned just shy of \$10,300 in vendor sales during last year's sales.

Our February sale was cancelled; in March, we earned over \$900 at our Tupperware sale. The April sale, First Uniforms, brought in over \$1,900.00.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting Discovery Toys. Please call Dot Niwinski at 609-898-9559 if you are able to devote some time to assisting with payroll withholding forms.

For the vendor schedule for the remainder of the year, please go to our events calendar on our website.

Dottie Hastings, a Cape May Member, has agreed to co-chair Dottie Niwinski for the Vendor Committee. Thank you, Dottie, for stepping up to help out!

## **2019 Auxiliary Sponsored Raffle**



The Auxiliary's main fund raiser this year will once again be the \$20,000 Prize Raffle.

The ticket price remains at \$100, and the prize structure is: \$15,000 First Prize; \$2,500 Second Prize; and Five (5) Third Prizes of \$500 each. CRMC employees can arrange for payroll deduction on their purchases; forms are also available to divide the purchase price into multiple employees' payroll deductions. For those forms, please see Claire Paugh or Kristina Podolnick of Team Cape.

Tickets will be sold outside the Medical Center cafeteria on days to be determined; at both EtCetera Shop locations; and by any auxiliary member. You can also print a mail-order form from our website to order tickets. The ticket will be mailed to you once payment is confirmed.

Credit card sales of raffle tickets are available at both EtCetera shop locations; other venues are by cash or check only.

The final prize drawing will take place in the CRMC Lunchroom on a week-day in September, the date to be determined. Winners need not be present to win.

## **Cape Regional's Home and Health Show & Designer House Tour**



The Cape Regional Foundation is already looking for volunteers for this year's Home and Health Show & Designer House Tour. We had a great turnout of volunteers last year, and our home owners reported back to the Foundation that our people were friendly and respectful to both the visitors and their houses. If you are interested in volunteering again, or for the first time, please call Bunny Biderberg at 609-368-7542 or Sue Handron at 609-463-1176.

This year's Home & Health Show is scheduled for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

We promise to dazzle and amaze you at the 2019 Designer House Tour, as you tour some of the most amazing and magnificent homes on 7 Mile Island. This is a great fund-raiser for the Foundation and gives our Auxiliary membership a chance to be part of the show! Put it on your calendar now.

## **Cape Regional Medical Center Gift Shop**

If you haven't visited the Medical Center in a while, then you're in for a treat! Our new Patient Advocate, Ray Wisnewski, has been busy at work revamping the space that used to be rented by Subway Restaurants. The area has now been designated as the Medical Center's Gift Shop, with new fixtures, wall displays and lots of new merchandise. It's an



open and airy design that makes you want to linger, just to check out what goodies might be hidden. Refrigerated displays sell water, sodas and other drinks, too. Stop in soon, say hi! to our volunteers/cashiers, and see what Ray's been up to!

## **Designer Handbag Bingo**

Our Auxiliary is always trying to come up with new ideas to interest our membership, and hopefully this one will be a winner!

On Saturday, June 22nd, the Auxiliary will host a Designer Handbag Bingo at the Villas Fire Hall in Villas, NJ. Ticket price is \$35, for which each person will receive a Bingo packet containing (4) cards for each of the ten games scheduled. Additional games will be separately scheduled, and bingo sheets will be available for these games as well as for the ten original games, at an additional cost. Snacks and beverages will be available for sale in the kitchen.

The Designer Handbags will be on display prior to the games start; each handbag is guaranteed to have a retail value no less than \$250.00. Tie-breakers will be paid in merchandise; no money prizes will be paid during this event. We have had some beautiful bags donated already (Kate Spade®, Calvin Klein®, Coach®, Dooney & Burke®, and others!) and are still accepting donations.

Doors open at 5:00 pm, and the games will begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets are on sale at either of The EtCetera Shops or in the Gift Shop at CRMC. Hospital employees can purchase tickets outside the cafeteria, and may utilize payroll deduction.

For more information, please call Marie Sluberski at 609-465-1411.

## **Cape Regional Auxiliary Upcoming Events:**

Date(s)	Event	Branches
06/22	Designer Handbag Bingo	All
06/19	Branch Luncheon: Star Diner	Wildwood
06/27 & 28	Salt Water Café Ticket Luncheon	CM
06/27 & 28	Vendor Sale: Collective Goods	All
08/10	Designer Home & Health Show	All
Sept. TBD	50/50 Drawing	All
Sept. TBD	Family Breakfast	Team Cape
09/05 & 06	Vendor Sale: First Uniform	All

"Don't ever  
question the  
value of  
volunteers.  
Noah's Ark was  
built by  
volunteers; the  
Titanic was  
Built by  
professionals."

Dave Gynn

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