The Healing Power of Art

The Auxiliary would like to announce our participation in a wonderful project.

The Healing Power of Art is a new endeavor by St. Luke’s, through gifts to the Foundation, to bring inspirational and beautiful art into our hospital for our families, our patients, and our staff.

The Auxiliary has met with Danielle Rauser from the Foundation, and in a few weeks we will be choosing art for the Radiation Center. We have pledged $6,000 for the project. We feel a close connection to the project because we are in the middle of a three year pledge for the welcoming area of the St. Luke’s Radiation Center, and also because Norma Newmeister, a dedicated member of the Auxiliary, and her husband Lumir, were the first to place art in the Radiation Center and in the St. Luke’s Community Cancer Center as well.

Research shows artwork can improve the patients experience by promoting healing, easing pain and stress, and increasing overall well-being.

We are so pleased to be able to contribute to the Healing Power of Art.

Pediatric Tours

St. Luke’s Auxiliary will soon be starting another exciting year of Pediatric tours for Cedar Rapids and surrounding area Kindergarten and First grade students. Eager children are given a tour of the hospital by Auxilians and volunteers that include a stop to the ER, the flight deck, to meet the Life Guard pilot and flight nurse, a visit to the Pediatric unit and into a children’s room where they can watch a video and interact with a pretend patient. A hello or good-bye from St. Luke’s very own Lovey Bear is always a crowd favorite! You can see the delighted faces of the children, Auxilians and volunteers touring St. Luke’s hospital Thursday mornings during the school year.
Exciting changes to St. Luke’s Floral and Gifts

The newly remodeled Gift shop at the “A” Avenue Entrance of the hospital is very welcoming with the re-arranged space for leisure shopping. The addition of a new door at the back of the shop gives better access from the main hallway in the hospital.

Karen Martin, Manager, brings a new skill set to her position with her Interior Design and extensive retail experience. She has created a more boutique and upscale atmosphere for your shopping experience. New arrangements for the shop include: casual apparel and fashion wear, and popular items such as Kate Spade handbags. Home décor such as canvas wall hangings sell quickly. An assortment of spiritual items are attractive items for patients and families.

Karen encourages shopping here as “there is something special for everyone” at St. Luke’s Floral & Gifts.

Along with a new look for the gift shop, the floral center also offers a cooler displaying fresh arrangements, plants, greenery and loose flowers, and everything can be delivered free of charge within the hospital. Noelle Boardman, certified florist, says if you can think it, she can arrange it.

The Auxiliary encourages our members to become familiar with the newly remodeled shop for their personal shopping and floral needs. The Gift Shop is vital to support our ongoing pledges to the hospital such as our most recent pledge to the Helen G. Nassif Radiation Center. Karen credits her dedicated staff of five employees and over fifty volunteers for the success of the Gift Shop. They invite you to stop by and see the new changes and seasonal gifts available. You will love your stop at the St. Luke’s Floral & Gifts Shop!

If you have not made your reservation for the Annual Fall Luncheon, please call the Auxiliary office: 319-369-7804. Thank You!

THINK ABOUT: Membership for 2017 and Giving Opportunities

It is about time for the fall membership drive. You will be receiving a mailing late October or early November.

You will have the opportunity to:
• Renew your Annual Membership ($10) or
• Change to a Life Membership ($125)

You will also be able to contribute to:
• Albert G. and Helen Nassif Radiation Center (this will be the second of a three-year pledge of $170,000 for the Auxiliary) and/or
• Nursing Scholarships – the Auxiliary gives 2 nursing students each a $2,000 scholarship

Think about what you would like to do. Follow your passion!
Let’s Play Bridge

In June, July, and August, “Let’s Play Bridge” held its short summer session of marathon bridge. Of the ten partnerships playing, first, second, and third place went to these top players:

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Recognition and prizes are given at the year-end marathon brunch held in May, an opportunity for all “Let’s Play Bridge” participants to gather for a fun social event.

September 7 we begin our 8-month session. There’s still time to join for fun, relaxed, contract bridge. For more information about “Let’s Play Bridge,” contact our Auxiliary office at 319-369-7804 or lisa.parrish2@unitypoint.org.

Our history fast fact...
The year was 1948 when Sam Hankins, then the president of the St. Luke's Methodist Hospital board of directors, asked Cedar Rapids resident Margaret Averill to think about an organized system of volunteers and fundraising efforts to help hospital staff better serve patient needs. Upon this request, Mrs. Averill began what would become the St. Luke's Auxiliary.

Shown here is Mrs. Worth Averill with two Auxiliary volunteers, as she looks over the vast amount of mail delivered daily to St. Luke's patients. Do you know who the other two volunteers are? The first correct e-mail Lisa receives will win a $5 gift certificate to our newly remodeled Gift Shop! lisa.parrish2@unitypoint.org

Baby Caps

We love all of the knitted and crocheted baby hats that are coming to the hospital. We’ve taken more than 300 hats to the Birth Center in the last 2 months! It’s nice to see the new pattern as well as the original patterns coming in.

Please try to add the poms yourself. We only have 3 or 4 people who make poms and we try to have a large supply on hand. There is a box of pre-made poms available in the cupboard with the yarn, if you cannot make them yourself. When you pick up your yarn, take the matching colors to finish off your hats.

If you would like to try something a little different from the poms and know how to crochet, a small flower or yarn bow makes a nice addition to the girl hats. There are many patterns out there and some variety from the poms would be good. If you do try this, please sew the flowers or yarn bows on the hat. We cannot accept any other type of attachments: No buttons, pins, strings, or anything much bigger than the poms. You will receive the same hours of credit as you would for finishing with the poms, so please be sure to track your time. Don’t forget to include your name with your hats as you turn them in.

Thanks so much for all your time and the effort you put in. You help to make having a baby at St. Luke’s Birthplace such a memorable occasion.
**Scarecrow Invasion!**

Watch out for some fun….

Be on the look out for Brucemore Mansion’s annual fall event: The Scarecrow Invasion!

Organizations, schools and individuals are invited to create a scarecrow to be displayed along Brucemore’s main drive. Visitors vote for their favorite scarecrow for honorary awards. This year, the Auxiliary will sponsor a display created by a department within the hospital.

Enjoy a walk at Brucemore mid October to see these unique scarecrows and vote for St. Luke’s!

**Sign up for e-mail**

The Advisor, the Auxiliary’s newsletter, will be changing to e-mail format beginning in October. We’d like to reach everyone and will need your help! Please e-mail your e-mail address to the Lisa at the Auxiliary office, lisa.parrish2@unitypoint.org. If you have elected not to receive e-mail notices from the Auxiliary or Volunteer Services but would still like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please note that in your e-mail. Don’t have e-mail? Not to worry, the Auxiliary will be printing off a few newsletters each month. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Auxiliary office so we can send you a hard copy: St. Luke’s Auxiliary * 1026 A Avenue * Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

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