

Newsline

Volunteer Mission: Volunteers of UnityPoint Health - Meriter offer their gift of time to enhance the patient and family experience and promote a place of care and healing.

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Please check your email for details about the newest test and one question that needs to be completed by Friday, August 24.

Thank you!

A Note From Sue Erickson

Volunteers, Staff, and Providers,

We are pleased to announce that The Joint Commission Surveyors concluded our triennial full survey the week of July 24th. While we have work to do before they return for a follow-up survey in roughly thirty days, we have so much to be proud of.

Surveyors were highly complementary of not only our staff and facilities, but our numerous programs and processes that were identified as “leading practices” on a national level. In the next week, we will begin working to develop an action plan to address survey findings. We will keep you informed as this process unfolds.

A special thank you for all the work you do for our patients every day. You make a difference!

- Sue Erickson, President and CEO
July 27, 2018

Important Dates

August

8/18-19 – Major League Quidditch Championship
8/28-30 – Nutman in the Hospital **Cafeteria**
8/30 – Nutman at MBC

September

9/1-2 – Taste of Madison
9/5 – Advisory Council Meeting
9/5 – UW First Day of Classes
9/6-8 – Quilt Expo
9/9 – Ironman WI
9/12 – Linens/Footwear in the Hospital **Cafeteria**
9/13 – Madison Night Market

October

10/10-22 TB/Flu Clinics



Welcome to the following 13 New Volunteers July 2018:

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| Shannon Carnahan | NICU Volunteer |
| Debbie Dalrymple | HELP and Knitter |
| Hunter Gage | HELP and Team UP |
| Logan Goral | Physical Therapy |
| Zachary Gratz | Emergency Services |
| Kirsten Lueder | Knitter |
| Morgaine Reint | Physical Therapy |
| Jane Selegue | Gift Shop |
| Tara Shercock | At-Your-Service and Knitter |
| Aniruddh (Ani) Srinivasan | Emergency Services |
| Nicholas Thoma | HELP |
| Marissa White | Emergency Services |
| Melissa Williams | Dogs on Call |



July Blood Drive Update

Wow! Thank you to all of our extremely dedicated Blood Drive donors! We collected 58 units today (Friday, July 27, 2018) which is 26 units over goal. We are very appreciative as this will help 174 people in need of blood. We would also like to thank the volunteers that assisted at the Blood Drive. Mary Feldman, Sally Gaard, Peggy Herman, Stan and Laura Nielsen.

Volunteer Spotlight – Elaine Tregoning



L-R Elaine Tregoning (Rosie-the-Riveter), Art Briggs (WWII Veteran), and Dutch Durnford (WWII Veteran)

Did you know that we have our very own Rosie-the-Riveter? Her name is Elaine Tregoning – she has been a volunteer here for 27 ½ years in the Gift Shop and the Information Desk. Elaine was 17 years old when she went to work on the nightshift in a Beloit defense plant. She worked there for two years (1943-1945). Her pay was \$90 a month.

Here are the highlights of Elaine’s 2018 summer: A trip to Washington D.C. to view the military memorials. We were there for four days for Veterans and Rosie-the-Riveters. It was an all expense paid bus trip by VetsRoll. There were 10 buses that made the trek.

Then on Thursday, July 19, Elaine was asked to participate in an EAA media session as Rosie along with two World War II veterans. They took a ride in a B17 bomber around Madison. “After about a two hour weather delay they finally said we were going to fly out of Truax Field.

They could only take 10 passengers on each flight. After taxiing to the runway, there was another half hour delay to allow several commercial flights to depart before the B17 bomber could take off.

We finally got in the air about 4:30 p.m. I was seated on a 3 person bench in the rear of the plane across from a window with a machine gun and 9 yards of curled ammunition.

Had a pretty good view of the Madison lakes, the Capitol, and the beautiful setting sun as we circled 2-3 times around Madison.”

Everyone I have shared this story with envious as I understand it is quite expensive to take a ride in one. Just lucky, I guess!!



Influenza Vaccination Exemption Forms

In rare circumstances, a medical or non-medical exemption may be granted by UnityPoint Health – Meriter. Exemption request forms are available in the Volunteer Services Office. The form must be returned to Employee Health Services prior to 4:30 PM on September 7 for consideration. You do not need to reapply if you were previously granted a **permanent** medical exemption by UnityPoint Health – Meriter. You must reapply if you were granted a **non-medical exemption** last year and feel an exemption is still warranted.



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