



## Streamlines

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### Some thoughts from Ed Holt, President EJCHA:

Spring is the most beautiful time of year (but if you have allergies, I guess you may not agree). All the trees are sprouting new leaves and the flowers are blooming everywhere. The songbirds are singing as they greet the warm weather. What a wonderful time to celebrate all the beauty surrounding us. It was so good to see so many of our volunteers who were able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. I think we all would agree that a special thanks should be given to our leader, Kathryn Albright, for putting together such a wonderful event. Our volunteers have given countless hours over the years. It shows quite a lot of dedication from all of you. So thank you, thank you for your caring and giving of your time so generously.

**S** — *is for the service* our volunteers provide

**P** — *is for the patients* our volunteers help each day

**R** -- *is for REAL*, the real big hearts our volunteers have

**I** — *is for the inspiration* our volunteers are to all

**N** — *is for never* our volunteers never seem to give up

**G** — *is for giving* what our volunteers always do with a smile

**Annual Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon  
And Awards Ceremony**



2019 Annual  
Volunteer  
Appreciation  
Luncheon

Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
St Ives Country Club  
Johns Creek, Georgia



			Emory Johns Creek Hospital Auxiliary	
<p><b>100 Hours of Service</b>            Maria Dulcinea Blanco            Susan Boling            Jacqueline Fernandez            Julie Dugger            Virginia Harrison            Wonjun (Billy) Kim            Deloise King            Eileen Parsons            Lakshmi Subramani            Raymond Viemes</p> <p><b>500 Hours of Service</b>            Suzanne Holden            Olivia Montgomery            Frances Munoz            Susan Ohly            Narasimha Rao Oleti            Sharon Reynolds            Michael Walsh</p> <p><b>1,000 Hours of Service</b>            Donald Berman            Didi Covington            Carol Enzman            Linda Gallagher            Cecil Johnson            Diane Perlin            Jan Wilfret</p>	<p><b>1,500 Hours of Service</b>            Sue Arenstein            Ed Holt</p> <p><b>2,000 Hours of Service</b>            Lee Danner            Ketki Desai            Elizabeth Gay            Doug Hall            Brandy Reed</p> <p><b>2,500 Hours of Service</b>            Kathy Hoenig            Eileen Kovalchik            Amanda Libbey            Richard Loehn            Ted Lynam            Carol Walker</p> <p><b>3,000 Hours of Service</b>            Rich Diggelmann            Walt Jestings            Jane Macking            Diana Melton            Mary Ann Stabile</p> <p><b>3,500 Hours of Service</b>            Becky Coats</p>	<p><b>4,000 Hours of Service</b>            Chris Johnson</p> <p><b>4,500 Hours of Service</b>            Bonnie Pastelyak</p> <p><b>5,000 Hours of Service</b>            Karen Davis            Sarah Gail Hytowitz            Walter Van Winkle            Valerie Watson</p> <p><b>5,500 Hours of Service</b>            Joan Holt            Joel Newsome</p> <p><b>6,000 Hours of Service</b>            Albert Fellers</p> <p><b>6,500 Hours of Service</b>            Barbara Kuester            Jane Radman</p>	<p><b>2018-2019 Board Members</b>  <b>President:</b> Ed Holt  <b>Past President:</b> Chris Johnson  <b>VP-Fundraising:</b> Jane Macking  <b>VP-Membership:</b> Rose Napier  <b>VP, Comm. &amp; Doc.:</b> Carol Enzman  <b>Secretary:</b> Peggy Smith  <b>Treasurer:</b> Ted Lynam  <b>Member-At-Large:</b> Becky Coats  <b>Member-At-Large:</b> Rich Diggelmann</p>	<p><b>2018-2019 Committee Chairs</b>  <b>Advocacy:</b> Barb Kuester  <b>Auxiliary Systems:</b> Walt Van Winkle  <b>Caring Hearts &amp; Hands:</b> Karen Davis  <b>Gift Shop:</b> Ed Holt  <b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Barb Kuester  <b>Scholarships:</b> Eileen Kovalchik  <b>Scrapbook:</b> Barbara Teal  <b>Social:</b> Sarah Gail Hytowitz, Carol Enzman, Marty Fellers  <b>Training &amp; Placement:</b> Kathy Hoenig, Susan Ohly, Ted Lynam, Rose Napier, Jan Wilfret, Marty Fellers</p>
<p><i>With special recognition to the following for their outstanding contributions to Emory Johns Creek Hospital for the past 10 years:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">             Dan Foster              Sharon Hall              Barbara Johnson              Ted Lynham              Brandy Reed              Judith Scarborough              Valerie Watson           </p>				

*And a special recognition to Marty Fellers who has volunteered 11,500 hours! Marty has trained just about every volunteer past and present, and gives selflessly of her time and talents. Marty received the prestigious Frist Humanitarian Award in 2007 in appreciation for her efforts when the hospital first opened and as the first Co-President of the Auxiliary; husband Al was Co-President with her. Marty was also honored as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for Johns Creek GA in 2009.*





**Olivia Montgomery**  
**Volunteer of the Year**  
**2019**



Olivia Montgomery was born in Linton, IN to Gene and Mary Margaret Friedman. She married the love of her life, Jim, on March 31, 1973, and they were married until he passed away in early 2001. They raised 3 children together in Greenwood, IN, and have 6 grandchildren. They shared a love of bowling, fish fries, church festivals and their grandchildren.

She is a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church and as one person shared, "She has been active in both Prime Timers and Presbyterian Women. She is always one of the first to volunteer. When I was Fellowship Chairman for PW, she always showed up early and stayed late to help set up and clean up. After a PW event, she not only took me home but, insisted on walking me down the driveway in the pouring rain." And another, with whom she has ridden to share meals and worship with the homeless in Atlanta, "She is just one of the nicest, most caring persons I know. We volunteered and carpooled together to Mercy Community Church quite a few times and it is always so nice to hear how she treasures her family, specially her grandchildren and even her grand dog (!), which gave her some pretty good grief a few times...! I honestly see her as a person who will go the extra mile for someone in need and put time and effort in her caring for others...."

She joined the Emory Johns Creek Hospital Auxiliary at the end of 2017 and has been a volunteer in the Gift Shop ever since. In the past few months, she has spent hundreds of hours volunteering and offering her expertise in the Gift Shop as they navigated through a major transformation. **Congratulations to Olivia Montgomery, our 2019 Volunteer of the Year!**

## More from the luncheon....



CEO Marilyn Margolis addressed the volunteers at the annual Appreciation Luncheon. US News and World Report ranked Emory Johns Creek at 132<sup>nd</sup> of all hospitals in the United States. Top spots went to other Emory hospitals. At Emory Johns Creek we are experiencing rapid growth; are at 102% occupancy; the 2% represents patients in ED rooms. Add-on buildings are in the works with work to start in October of 2019. We will add more rooms and a five-story parking garage. We have added white noise in all rooms and patient satisfaction is at “the top of the scale”. In addition to scholarships, Auxiliary funds have been used for funding the hospital chapel, the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gala, a blanket warmer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, an adaptive car for use in Physical Therapy and cameras in NICU to name just a few improvements. On a definitely lighter note, Marilyn sang and hopped to a song for the volunteers written by Peggy Caldwell to the tune of “Here comes Peter Cottontail”! What fun!

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Ed Holt and Sue Arenstein received the Presidential Service Award



Christine Johnson received the Lifetime Presidential Service Award



## **Anita Rich, RN**

### **Guest Speaker March Lunch and Learn**

Anita Rich has loved being a nurse for the last 38 years. She was inspired by her grandmother who was a nurse. She graduated from the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in 1981 and has been an "Emory Nurse" ever since then. She worked at Emory University Hospital on the Medical Cardiology Unit - the sister unit to where Marilyn Margolis worked - until coming to Emory Johns Creek Hospital in 2011. She is the Heart Failure Coordinator at EJCH.

In 2007 she became a nurse transporter for The Children's Heart Project and transported many children and their mothers and translators from Kosovo, Uganda, Honduras, and mostly from Mongolia. One thing led to another and she founded a non-profit, Nurses Heart to Heart in 2010. Since then she has gone to Mongolia every year and has visited every Province (state) teaching CPR and donating manikins for these education programs to continue. A few years ago the team added instruction and Labor and Delivery manikins to the class schedule and work with nurses and midwives and doctors to decrease maternal death by decreasing maternal hemorrhage and by improving their skills in newborn resuscitation. Anita and her husband also travel to Iraq to work with children with congenital heart disease and in one of the refugee camps there.

Anita has been married to her husband, David, for 35 years this year. They have lived in Johns Creek since 1981. They have 2 married adult children and 3 grandsons. Her lovely mom, Helen Owens, pictured above, joined the volunteers at the Lunch & Learn.

Thanks to the EJCH Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, Anita is working on her doctorate in nursing and is scheduled to graduate next year!



Hello Volunteers,

We had a remarkable **flower and bake sale** February 14th. **Our profit was \$1106.05!!** This was the highest amount we have ever earned on a bake sale.

My most sincere thanks to all the bakers, those who determined the prices, flower arrangers and especially to all the shoppers. We had a set-up day on Wednesday where we worked on the flower arrangements, accepted donations, and generally just got ready for the sale. Unfortunately, I had a family issue come up and was not able to work at the sale on that Thursday. However, all the great volunteers picked up the slack and the sale moved on and as you can tell, they did an amazing job. My thanks to the following people who contributed to our successful sale:

**Sarah Gail Hytowitz, Karen Golub, Ed Holt, Joan Holt, Bonnie Pastelyak, Nelda Lane, Barb Teal, Jane Radman, Amanda Libbey, Becky Coats, Peggy Smith, Eileen Kovalchik, Chris Johnson, Brandy Reed, Marty Fellers, Suzanne Holden, Barb Kuester, Carol Enzman, Barb Johnson, Kathy Hoenig, Walt Van Winkle, Diana Melton, Eileen Parsons, Karen Davis, Gabriell Oquendo, Cheryl Presley Marge Irace, Al Fellers, Piece of Cake Bakery and the EJCH gift shop.**

Two weeks ago we hosted the **Silver Connection jewelry sale**. **Our profit from that sale was \$900.** Thank you to anyone who purchased jewelry and contributed to the Auxiliary.

The **Uniform (Scrubs) Sale** grossed \$20,720.71 and the **Auxiliary earned \$4144.03.**

We are off to a great start for fundraising for 2019, I appreciate your time, generosity, and most of all your commitment to EJCH Auxiliary.

Jane Macking  
VP Fundraising



## WE NEED YOU!

Think back to why you decided to become a volunteer; was it a desire to help others? Be a part of the community? New to the area and found it a good way to meet folks? Perhaps you had a desire to have something special in your daily life? Whatever the reason, we know by volunteering at Emory Johns Creek, we are contributing to a cause that reaches out to the staff, the patients, visitors and our community.

Our Auxiliary raises thousands of dollars each year through a variety of fund raising ideas. The money is used to provide scholarships for those pursuing medical careers. A large contributor to the scholarship fund is the profits from the gift shop. Did you know that our gift shop was named the best gift shop in Johns Creek just a few years ago? As it's undergoing renovations and changes we hope to soon bring in people who come just to shop in addition to patients and visitors to the hospital. One visitor who comes to mind was a Tuskegee airman who was shopping with his daughter; what an honor it was to have met him!

In addition to the gift shop, we hold a Scrubs (uniform) sale every year, the \$5 Masquerade jewelry sale twice a year, bake sales and raffles. But with every event our big need is always helpers! Too often some volunteers are working double shifts for lack of more volunteers to assist.

An upcoming project will be an Auxiliary Cookbook. We are looking for recipes from staff, volunteers and even patients! The goal is to have the cookbook in the gift shop by November. Stay tuned for the start of this project. In the meantime, gather your favorite family recipes. Please consider volunteering for any and all of the upcoming projects. **You are needed and appreciated!**



**HELP WANTED**

**HOSPITAL-WIDE COOKBOOK**

We are looking for cooks of every variety: home cooks, chefs, hobbyists or plain old eaters who know good cooks or have friends and relatives who love to cook! We need cooks to share recipes to be used in our hospital cookbook. We are hoping for participation from each and every person associated with or working at Emory Johns Creek Hospital.

We need nurses, doctors, technicians, maintenance employees, environmental services employees, volunteers and Administration! Please submit your favorite recipes before June 30, 2019 and place them in the box at the Concierge Desk. If possible, please submit them typewritten. Include your name, department and telephone number. Do you have a “go to” recipe for special occasions? Quick and easy recipes? Family favorites? Those are the ones we hope you will share.

Our goal is to have the cookbook ready for sale in our gift shop and possibly other local venues by mid-November. Make the cookbook part of your gift giving list. This is going to be a cookbook Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus would love to put under special folks’ Christmas trees.





The Auxiliary's Caring Hearts and Hands Group decided to "share the wealth" and present Emory Johns Creek CEO, Marilyn Margolis with a beautiful Prayer Shawl knit by our master knitter Valerie Watson. When Valerie completed and turned in this gorgeous Shawl, we knew we wanted someone very special to receive it. We immediately thought of the person that bears the responsibility of everything that goes on at the hospital, Marilyn Margolis.

When someone receives a handmade knit or crocheted item from our group, we attached is a card conveying "Good Luck and Best Wishes" (with newborn items) or "Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With You" attached to Prayer Shawls. Our Spiritual Health Chaplains always bless the Prayer Shawls before they are hand delivered to the Infusion Center, or when a Chaplain visits a patient in the hospital. Matthew Erdel, one of our Chaplain interns took time to bless the Shawl especially for Marilyn. The Auxiliary appreciates the hospital staff and Marilyn for all they do to make EJCH a great place volunteer and give back to our local community.



Valerie Watson, Chris Johnson, Marilyn Margolis, Karen Davis



Cards donated by volunteer Karen Anderson's son

## Grand Re-Opening of Gift Shop

The hospital Auxiliary's gift shop reopened on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The shop very busy and among the shoppers were several hospital employees who had never been to the gift shop. The mayor of Johns Creek, Mike Bodker, John Bemont, president of chamber of commerce, and our own CEO, Marilyn Margolis were some of the dignitaries present. Total sales for opening day were \$2404, a one day record and for the weekend \$4100!



The winner of the gift basket was Anise Bailey, family member of an outpatient. Anise said this is the first time she's won anything.



**Upcoming:**

**\$5 Masquerade Jewelry & Accessories Sale May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **In, Out and About**



At a recent 55+ Expo in Alpharetta, Ruth “Winky” Olson, one of our shuttle cart volunteer drivers met Luke Comfort Dog, a pet therapy dog from Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, who frequents the hospital as part of Waggin’ Wednesdays.

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**On Valentine’s Day, Car #1 got stuck between floors and our fearless Past President, Bonnie Pastelyak, spent 45 minutes in the elevator while Plant Management personnel figured out how to get the elevator working again.**

## ***Candida auris*: A Drug-resistant Germ That Spreads in Healthcare Facilities**

*Candida auris* (also called *C. auris*) is a fungus that causes serious infections. Patients with *C. auris* infection, their family members and other close contacts, public health officials, laboratory staff, and healthcare personnel can all help stop it from spreading. Why is *Candida auris* a problem?

- **It causes serious infections.** *C. auris* can cause bloodstream infections and even death, particularly in hospital and nursing home patients with serious medical problems. More than 1 in 3 patients with invasive *C. auris* infection (for example, an infection that affects the blood, heart, or brain) die.
- **It's often resistant to medicines.** Antifungal medicines commonly used to treat *Candida* infections often don't work for *Candida auris*. Some *C. auris* infections have been resistant to all three types of antifungal medicines.
- **It's becoming more common.** Although *C. auris* was just discovered in 2009, it has spread quickly and caused infections in more than a dozen countries.
- **It's difficult to identify.** *C. auris* can be misidentified as other types of fungi unless specialized laboratory technology is used. This misidentification might lead to a patient getting the wrong treatment.
- **It can spread in hospitals and nursing homes.** *C. auris* has caused outbreaks in healthcare facilities and can spread through contact with affected patients and contaminated surfaces or equipment. Good hand hygiene and cleaning in healthcare facilities is important because *C. auris* can live on surfaces for Most people who get serious *Candida* infections are already sick from other medical conditions. *C. auris* is still rare in the United States. People who get invasive *Candida* infections are often already sick from other medical conditions, so it can be difficult to know if you have a *C. auris* infection. The most common symptoms of invasive *Candida* infection are fever and chills that don't improve after antibiotic treatment for a suspected bacterial infection. Only a laboratory test can diagnose *C. auris* infection. Talk to your healthcare provider if you believe you have a fungal or healthcare-associated infection.

CDC is working with public health partners, healthcare personnel, and laboratories to stop the spread of *C. auris* in healthcare settings. Here's how CDC is asking everyone to help:

- **Family members and other close contacts of patients with *C. auris***

- Clean your hands with hand sanitizer or soap and water before and after touching a patient with *C. auris* or equipment in his or her room.
- Remind healthcare personnel to clean their hands.
- **Laboratory staff, healthcare personnel, and public health officials**
  - Know when to suspect *C. auris* and how to properly identify it.
  - Report cases quickly to public health departments.
  - For healthcare personnel, clean hands correctly and use precautions like wearing gowns and gloves to prevent spread.
  - Clean patient rooms thoroughly with a disinfectant that works against *C. auris*.
  - Investigate *C. auris* cases quickly and determine additional ways to prevent spread. CDC and public health partners are working hard to better understand *C. auris* and answer the following questions so that we can continue to help protect people from this serious infection:
- Why is *C. auris* resistant to antifungal medicines?
- Why did *C. auris* start causing infections in recent years?
- Where did *C. auris* originally come from, and why has it appeared in many regions of the world at the same time?

CDC is collaborating closely with partners to better respond, contain spread, and prevent future infections by:

- Advising healthcare personnel and infection control staff on ways to stop the spread of *C. auris* and continually updating this guidance as we learn more about the infection.
- Working with state and local health agencies, healthcare facilities, and clinical microbiology laboratories to ensure that laboratories are using proper methods to detect *C. auris*.
- Testing *C. auris* strains to monitor for resistance to antifungal medicines.
- Examining the DNA of *C. auris* strains using whole genome sequencing to better understand how this germ is spreading in the United States and around the world.
- Working with public health partners in the United States and internationally to learn more about how *C. auris* spreads in healthcare facilities and to eliminate it from those facilities. **(Reprinted with permission from CDC)**



*I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

*The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed- and gazed- but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.*

*William Wordsworth*

