



*Fun* and *Fantasy* and were the best words to describe the afternoon's activities for the Summer Get-together this past August. Thanks to **Beta Sigma Phi** sorority and a committee of volunteers, our decorations, food and games were very imaginative.



Volunteers jumped into their roles, **Happy Cossell** made a very convincing fortune teller as she told volunteer **Kathy Hilton's** fortune.

Volunteer **Ella Weston** and **Anita Fairchild** were a most impressive lion tamer and lion.



## Under the Big Top Volunteer Services' Summer Get-together 2014



**Sonya Lee** setup a game guessing of the number of candy kisses in a jar, between her dance on the high wire. The winner won the jar of Hersey kisses.



There was a picture booth gallery for all guests to enjoy, (disguise optional). Volunteer **Linda Young** choose a funny



disguise when she posed with her granddaughter. **Happy Cossell** chose to let her costume speak for her.



It was an exciting afternoon, enjoyed by all. **Sonya** was caught resting at the end of the day. She



asked everyone to join us for the next Get-together on **January 25, 2015**, where we will all **"Gather around the camp fire"**.

## Hospice Ministries' Yard Sale



Volunteers **Susie Cook** and **Happy Cossell** joined **Stephen Dilatush** from medical records, at the payment table

during the Yard sale. It was a hot and steamy day, but the excitement ran high as volunteers joined together at 5:00 a.m. to bring the items out for our customers.



Volunteers **June Ammons**, **Rebecca Allen** and **Bethan Read** manned the book station bargaining with customers over our large collection of donated books. We even caught **Jeri** taking a break in the afternoon as volunteers buzzed around the sale.



We were very grateful for the many volunteers with family and friends, who came out to help us for this monumental task. **Bob Perry**, spent most of the

day helping customers load up their treasures. We could not have succeeded without them. We raised around 25 hundred dollars, and cleaned out our storage area with this event. Thank you all so much for giving of your time, your donations and your talents in creating this event.

Volunteers who worked that day included: **Judy Mangum, Susie Cook, June Ammons, Luz Dial, Jeanne Rozman, Sonya Lee, Elena Buno, Rebecca Allen, Sharon Cossell, Bethan Read, Aaron Akers, Paul Kennedy, Anita Jemison, Bob Perry, George Hill, Linda Smith** and **Debbie Upton**. Many others donated items for the sale. Thank you all.

## Labor Day Treat Bags

Volunteers (L - R): **Kathy Hilton, B.B. & Ian Watson, Jeanne Rozman** and **June Ammons** created the patriotic Labor Day bags for patients.



Members from **The Church Triumphant Global**, dropped by during the weekend to sing to our in-patients and brought snacks for the families.

## Gardening Corner

Our regular gardeners had a little help this fall from, The **Shawreth** mission group from MC.



We were blessed to have an afternoon of work provided by MC social clubs' "Mission Day". These groups are a big help with our gardens. Special thank you goes to **Bethan Read** and **Aaron Akers** for being our guide for these young work groups.



The boys from **Shawreth** returned in December to help with cutting back of brushes in the back garden.

Volunteers **Sandra Felton, Ardell Hinton** and lead gardener **Bethan Read** tackled the Terrace garden on a Saturday Garden Day this fall. Please join us for our spring Saturday Garden Days in March, 2015.



**Jeanette O'Reilly & Wendy Putt** from **Fresh Cut Catering** donated some lovely mums one afternoon for us to give to our inpatients to brighten their day.

## Fall Volunteer Training Class

This past fall a great group of new volunteers went through our Volunteer training class. Volunteer **Elena Buno RN**, gave new trainee **Cary Norquist** her TB test as Volunteer Services Assistant, **Susie Cook** looked on.



We were thrilled to have as guest speakers Chaplain **Sister Dorothy Kindinger** and from Hospice Ministries' Inpatient facility, **Marilyn Stickman, RN**.



Volunteer panel guests were: (L-R), **Linda Smith, Happy Cossell, Kris Sahu, Ginger & Duncan Hogg, Rebecca Allen** and **Anita Jemison**.



**Ginger & Duncan Hogg** explained the Pet Therapy program at Hospice Ministries. Volunteer **Linda Smith** and **Kris Sahu** talked about the Flower Ladies program and the fun in delivering flowers to our patients.



Welcome new Volunteers: (L-R), **Carla Hayman, Cary Norquist, Trisia Taylor, Jane Jones, Jane Hull, Jermariann Jackson, Vickie Waters** and **Romona Lentz** with Volunteer

Services Assistant **Susie Cook**.

## Fall Festival 2014

The Fall Festival bags were a big hit. Thanks to our volunteers' giving of cookies and candy.



Volunteers for Fall festival treat bags were: (L-R), **B.B. Watson, Sonya Lee, Bob Perry, Martha Jones, Thrisa Taylor, Pat Perry, Aaron McLellan, Carol Richardson** and **Jan Elliott**. Thank you for creating such colorful bags.

## Thanksgiving Treat Boxes

The Thanksgiving Treat bags were enhanced by the adorable hand-made gifts from eight grade Girls Scouts from **St. Joseph Middle**



**School, Sydni Vandervender, Laura Catherine Inman, and Claire Conn, and from Madison Middle School Hayley Gibbs.**

Volunteers who brought cookies and candy to stuff the brightly colored boxes were: (L-R), **Trisha Taylor, Teresa Watts, June Aamons, Martha Jones, Jane Hull, Jean Jones, Anita Fairchild, Bob Perry, Anita Jemison and Sonya Lee.** We wish to thank everyone for their talents and dedication to our mission.



Thank You goes to **Dixie Myrick and Alice Rice.** These two volunteers added helping the kitchen staff once a month, to their normal administrative volunteer weekly duties.

## Memorial Service 2014

The annual Memorial Service is a time for family and friends to honor their loved ones and to remember them in a special way. Volunteers, staff members and families filled the beautifully decorated chapel at the annual **Hospice Ministries Memorial Service** on Sunday afternoon November 23rd. Staff and volunteers from various departments of Hospice Ministries were represented in the Memorial Service along with several new staff members as they participated in the reading and prayers of the remembrance ceremony.

Gracious volunteers, **Pat Bell and Linda Young** along with Bereavement Department staff member, **Kare Henley** served as greeters and welcomed families and friends as they entered the service.



Inspirational music was sung by vocalist, **Laura McMillian** along with the easy listening piano arrangements provided by pianist **Jan Halford.**

## Hospice Ministries Celebrating 25 Years

Hospice Ministries' Celebrating 25 years event was November 13th. It was a time to give thanks for all who have helped develop Hospice Ministries from the beginning. But the special event of the evening was the dedication and naming of the Chapel as the **Rev. Don Fortenberry Chapel.** and the renaming of the Administration building to **Dr. Gerry Ann Houston Administration Building.** Both have given so much over the years of their time, talents and love to Hospice Ministries.



Thank you to volunteers **Romona Lentz and Diane Marler** for creating the delicious dishes for the refreshments, and **Debbie Upton** for greeting our guest.

Volunteer **Leigh Schutt** and guest **Dr. Todd Sherwood** enjoyed the heart warming evening as they and other guests were entertained with a power point comprised of past photos of volunteers, staff and board members in the development of Hospice Ministries.



By Joyce Burnett, Bereavement Department

The note at the bottom of the program summed up our mission and desire of Hospice Ministries as we care for each family.

*"Thank you for sharing your loved one with us during a very intimate time in the life of your family. It has been a privilege to care for them. And thank you for being with us today to celebrate their lives."*



It is always a privilege and a responsibility for us to care for people at this time along with a heartfelt celebration for each life, because here at Hospice Ministries we believe that every human being has the right to a quality end-of-life experience. For each and every person, no matter the time left...life matters.

# Decorating our Christmas Trees

The young men from **Shawreth** helped us pull out trees for decorating. (L-R): they were **Drake Terry, Tripp Warren, William Harkins, Karl, Dolenz, Hank Williams** and **Alan Baur**.



**Bob Perry** and **Aaron McLellan** put the lights on the tree in the dayroom, a huge task considering the size of the tree. The ladies decorated the big tree in natural setting with red birds along with the room decorations.



Volunteer **Elena Buno** along with her friends decorated one of the suites trees.



Faithful volunteers full of the holiday spirit came by to help with the decorating of

all the trees and the dayroom included (L to R): **Jane Jones, Martha Jones, Carole Richardson, Kathy Hilton, Ardel Hinton, Jeanne Rozeman**. Not pictured were **Debbie Upton, George Hill** and **Trish Taylor**.

The ladies from **Beta Sigma Phi** and our volunteers once again worked their magic creating the whimsical Christmas tree in the dining area.



(L to R): **Sonya Lee, Anita Fairchild, Anita Jemison, Martha Cooper,** and **Helen Haygood**.



## Cookie Connection

"Wow, look at all these cookies!" explained **Teresa Watt's** grandchildren.



Friends from **Trustmark Bank** and **Source Link of Madison** donated dozens of baked cookies for this event.



Cookie contributors from **Trustmark Bank** included: **Ellen Healy, Rosanne Johnson, Mary Hill, Vicky Moore, Belynda Petroski** and **Sharon Wooten**

Mrs Santa Claus was on hand to give a little love to the children and a wink of a promise of special gifts for Christmas. Seated with her were:(L-R) **Rece Raju, Daven Watts, Mrs. Claus (Ella Weston), Parker Herndon** and **Rand Raju**.



Volunteers and friends lined up to create an assembly line to stuff the boxes full of the homemade cookies and candy.

**Linda Chase** stepped up out of retirement

to be our leader for this event. Volunteers **Debbie Upton** and **Happy Cossell** helped guest volunteer, **Nancy Holloway** tie on tags for the colorful boxes.



After the boxes were filled some of the volunteers sang Christmas carols as Mrs. SanTa Claus delivered the Christmas boxes to our in-patients. The home patients recieved their boxes from our home nurses staff.



A special Thank You to our *Cookie Elves*: **Nancy Holloway, Colleen Holloway, Linda Chase, Aaron Akers, Paul**

**Kennedy, Sonya lee, Cathy Vernon, Lazon Eichelberger, Lisa Sokolsky, Bob & Patricia Perry, Happy Cossell, Holly Clark, Martha Jones, Jane Jones, June Ammons, Debbie Upton, Linda Nix, Jan Elliott, Teresa Watts, Parker Herndon, Daven Watts, Helen, Reid & Will Haygood, Jane Hull, Rece & Rand Raju, Kathy Hilton, Ann Kelly, Trish Taylor, Ella Weston, Ardel Hinton, Robyn Farber, Peggy Runnels, Kim & Eli Graves** along with a long list of others who could not come to the event but furnished dozens of cookies for our boxes.

Later that afternoon members from **The Church Triumphant Global**, returned to Hospice Ministries, to sing Christmas carols to our inpatients.



# 20 Easy-to-Follow New Year's Resolutions

20 great ideas  
for 2014



*It's almost 2015. How are you going to make this year the best yet? Sticking to a New Year's resolution takes work; make sure to choose something worth working for! Here are a few ideas that may make a big difference in your life.*

1. Take the stairs instead of elevators and escalators to *get daily exercise*.
2. *Walk or ride your bike more often instead of driving.*
3. *Schedule "me" time* to turn off your cell phone, computer and other electronic devices.
4. *Don't text and drive* (as a matter of fact, don't use your phone at all while driving).
5. *Cook at home more often*—you will learn new cooking skills and save money.
6. *Make more personal phone calls* instead of sending emails and texts.
7. *Write one handwritten letter* a month to someone special.
8. *Do something out of your comfort zone.*
9. Be more willing to *talk to others and learn something* about strangers.
10. *Read one new book* each month..
11. *Make more eye contact* during conversations.
12. *Do more of what you enjoy doing.*
13. Spend a few hours a week *enjoying time with your family*. Don't allow any external distractions.
14. *Learn something new every day.*
15. Before you go to bed, take a step away from your daily struggles and *contemplate on something much larger than yourself*.
16. *Talk to the God* of your understanding more each day.
17. *Tell the people you love that you love them* everyday.
18. *Smile at strangers.*
19. *Practice random acts of kindness.*
20. *Remember to give thanks* each day for your experiences and for the people in your life

**Will you be trying any of these goals for 2015?**

**What would you like to add to your own resolutions for 2015?**

# Up Coming Events

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## January 2015

**Saturday, January 10th, Take Down Christmas trees**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Dayroom

**Sunday, January 25th:**

*Winter Get-together & Quarterly Meeting*

**"All around the Camp Fire"**

3:00 - 5:30 p.m

Day Room



## February 2015

**Saturday: February 7th, Valentine treat bags**

10:00 a.m. Dining Room

**Friday-Sunday. February 20th--22nd, Volunteer Training**

Fri. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m; Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

& Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## March 2015

**Saturday, March 7th, Garden day**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.South Court Yard

**Saturday: March 14th, St. Patrick's Day treat bags**

10:00 a.m. Dining Room

**Saturday, March 28th, Easter treat baskets**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.Dining Room



## April 2015

**Saturday, April 4th, Garden day**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.South Court Yard

**Sunday, April 19th:**

*Volunteer Awards & Quarterly Meeting*

3:00 - 5:30 p.m

Chapel



## May 2015

**Saturday, May 2nd, Garden day**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.South Court Yard

**Saturday, May 23rd, Memorial Day treat bags**

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. , Dining Room



## June 2015

**Saturday, June 6th, Garden day**

8:20 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.South Court Yard

**Friday-Sunday. June, 26th - 28th Volunteer Training**

Fri. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m; Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

& Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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