

# Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary Volunteer Voice

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

It is with mixed emotions that I share my last Perspective. The two years went fast and so much was accomplished by this group of hard-working, progressive volunteers. I have given thought to who has really stepped up this year and I cannot focus on a few individuals as it is the result of the entire board and membership working together. Some of the numerous accomplishments this year include:

- ❖ Relocating the Gift Shop to a prime space and named MMCA's Unique Boutique. This move went off without a hiccup because all worked together as a team volunteering both time and talents. And we have two amazing buyers who are exceptional at buying and displaying.

- ❖ Purchase and installation of a new POS and again did not miss a beat. Exceptional leadership on this project was key! And our volunteers stepped up to train during a very busy week.

- ❖ Did I mention these two huge projects took place during the same week?

- ❖ Membership - we have added 29 members so far in 2023. Are you aware some hospital auxiliaries are inactive because of lack of membership all while the MMCA is thriving? Teamwork!!

- ❖ The Bazaar is a true example of teamwork. Many guests commented on how organized this group is and how they have fun doing so. Great work team!

- ❖ Gifts of Gratitude - many

retired MMC team members participate in this fun activity distributing quarterly gifts while also thanking MMC team members. Teamwork!

- ❖ New projects this year - participation in county fair parade, auction food concessions, pop-up sales, and RSVP (a volunteer driver project for medical appointments).

- ❖ Volunteer Voice - there is no more space in the VV and that's because we are doing so much and that takes teamwork!

I am honored to have served as president of this amazing team. The MMCA volunteers stepped up when called upon and I am grateful I have been a witness to this teamwork!

Linda Quinn, President

## BOARD MEMBERS

President: Linda Quinn

Vice President: Cheryl Ferry

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Cindy Hanson, Julianne Ferry,

Bonnie Fiscus, Jolene Lytle,

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Joan Chamberlain

On Monday, July 31st the MMCA participated in a new fundraiser hosting the food stand at the Patti Miller estate auction held at her home and conducted by Osborn Auction. Patti was a long-time auxiliary member and the proceeds raised will be used toward a project or need for our new gift shop location. We featured pies made by Sharon Monson and homemade bars and cookies made by members. Volunteers who worked and baked for the food stand were greatly appreciated. John Helling did a great job grilling. Thanks to all! We are planning to do four auction food stands throughout the coming year.

# Auxiliary In Action!



## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

On August 2nd cupcakes were distributed throughout Myrtue Medical Center including all off site locations to staff working that day. The cupcakes were placed in a clear plastic lidded container with a sticker that read, "Hope the rest of your summer is full of FUN!! Thank you for all you do, Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary." A team of Deb Jauron, Maggie Bissen, Janet Thomsen, Shirley Olson, Rebecca Gough, and Linda Quinn assembled and delivered them throughout the campus from a cart decorated with a Summer Vibes sign. All staff received a personal thank you from the Auxiliary members as they handed out the cupcakes. Approximately 280 cupcakes were handed out. In four random cupcake boxes was a \$10 gift certificate to the Gift Shop.



## TREE of LIGHTS

The 2023 Tree of Lights project is underway. This year's ornament is wooden with an angel theme and purchased through a family-owned, Iowa business. Beginning this year, ornaments are given to the buyer at the time of purchase to be displayed at home or gifted to friends or family and the sale goes through the POS system at the Gift Shop. Names, rather than ornaments, will be displayed through the holiday season. Ornaments are available for purchase at the Gift Shop during regular hours for \$10 each or can be mailed. Please continue to fill out the form. Contact Calla Poldberg at 712.249.3103 for questions or assistance. Thank you for supporting this worthy MMCA project.



The MMCA participated in the Shelby County Fair Parade on July 13th to increase public awareness of the Auxiliary and to recruit new members. This was a first for the Auxiliary. We shared a float with Myrtue Medical Center. We had both riders and walkers. We handed out brochures and water bottles. We feel it was a great success. This was a positive, energetic, and fun event and we plan to participate in the parade again in 2024. Every member is invited to join in the fun!





# AT THE GIFT SHOP

WE HAVE MOVED!! The Gift Shop move is done and waiting for you all to visit! With many volunteers, we have moved into our new space by the main entrance of the hospital. It is beautiful! The new name of the gift shop is **Unique Boutique**.

Beginning on November 1st our hours will be Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM and Friday 9 AM to 12:30 PM (closed Saturday and Sunday).

Thank you to all that helped with the Fall Bazaar in September. It was a successful team effort. We held our Grand Opening on Tuesday, October 24th. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry came and we had a ribbon cutting as well! We are gearing up for the Holiday Open House on November 8th & 9th in the Auble Room. Hours are 10 AM to 5 PM. Lots of new Christmas items, dips, popcorn, candy, nuts, and cute clothing items. You won't want to miss out!!



## Unique BOUTIQUE

### MEMBERSHIP and RECRUITMENT

MMCA has 29 new members for 2023, surpassing our goal of 20! Welcome to each and thank you. That brings our total membership to 254. Another goal is to have a recruitment/membership table at all events sponsored by the Auxiliary so anyone interested can receive information and have an opportunity to ask questions. Members can also invite a friend or family member to join.

Please check the upper left corner of your address label. If the year is highlighted, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues are important as the funds are used to help pay Auxiliary expenses. Dues are \$10 each year. Lifetime membership is \$100. If you write a check, please make it payable to MMCA. You may leave your dues at the Gift Shop (at our new location) or mail to: Ruth Pitkin, 1213 Garfield Avenue, Harlan, IA 51537. You may also call Ruth at 712.755.4316 if you have questions about your dues or membership. Each member is important whether you are active or inactive. Your membership is valued.

Did you know...you may pay more than one year at a time? This will help decrease the time spent collecting outstanding dues. Thank you!

*Cheryl Ferry, Membership Chair*

# 2023 FALL BAZAAR

## *"It's the Little Things"*



The Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary would like to thank all who participated in making our 2023 Bazaar a success. We appreciate those who volunteered to work and bake, as well as those supporting us by attending the luncheon, shopping, or buying raffle tickets. Thank you to the raffle donors Karen Nelson for her lovely quilts, Fareway, Hy-Vee, and the Petersen Family Wellness Center as well as Variety Distributors for the silent auction basket.

Cindy Hanson & Jolene Lytle  
2023 Bazaar Co-Chairs

### Raffle Winners

- ◆ Hand-made Quilt - Mary Illg
- ◆ Hand-made Quilt - Sarah Schumacher
- ◆ Wellness Center Membership - Trina Pauley
- ◆ Fareway Gift Card - Kayla Jacobs
- ◆ Hy-Vee Gift Card - Betty Leuck
- ◆ Variety Distributors basket - Sharon Daberkow



### INCOME:

Luncheon Tickets	\$5,230.00
Raffle	919.00
Silent Auction	40.00
Food Donation	1,430.00
Bake Sale	999.25
General Donations	502.50
Membership Dues	180.00
Tree of Lights	260.00
Bakeless Bake Sale	<u>45.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,605.75</b>

### EXPENSE:

Master Grillers	\$4,925.00
Vet's Auditorium Rent	<u>450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,375.00</b>

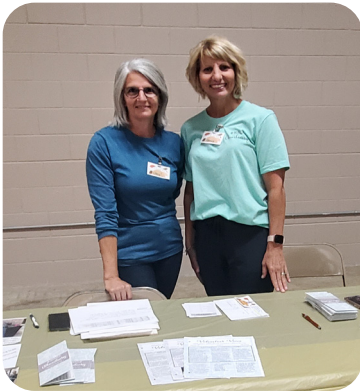
**PROFIT \$4,230.75**  
**(375 lunches served)**







Many volunteers helping at the  
2023 Fall Bazaar



## New Program beginning in October

The RSVP program is a collaborative effort with HR, Patient Access, and the MMC Auxiliary to provide transportation for medical appointments. The Auxiliary is responsible for recruiting drivers and currently, we have eight. Transportation is for medical appointments for our local clinics only in Harlan, Shelby, Earling, Elk Horn, and Avoca. Drivers may choose specific locations. Volunteers are required to be 55 years of age. Mileage reimbursement is available. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Linda Quinn at 712.579.9842.

## Swing Bed Program

There are usually 6 or 7 Auxiliary members on this committee which visit the skilled care patients twice per week. A quarterly schedule is made out after conferring with each volunteer, who likes the flexibility of choosing which day and time to visit. The UR dept is called before these visits in case there are no skilled care patients to be seen. When arriving, we put on a jacket, get the clipboard with a sheet for each patient, go into the UR office to get a fun print-out (matching game, fill in the blank) and/or some magazines. When we go to the patient's room, we introduce ourselves and visit for a short time. We leave feeling we've added a little cheer into these patient's lives. *Jan Goeser*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:** **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**  
**10 AM TO 5 PM**

 Myrtue's Auble Room - 1213 Garfield Ave | Administration Entrance

**SIP + SHOP:** **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**  
**6 PM TO 8 PM**

 Harlan Golf and Country Club - 2503 12th St. Harlan, IA 51537

