

Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary Volunteer Voice

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Hello, Members!

WOW. We have had a busy quarter. Thanks to you, our programs and fundraisers, during the past few months, have been successful. We can all be proud of MMCA. As you read through this issue, please consider any new areas of interest that are fitting for you. Your

help is always appreciated and friendships develop when we work together.

I know many of you are already planning to help with the Holiday Open House. Find more details on the event inside this newsletter.

The Volunteer Voice is the Auxiliary's main

communication tool to report progress to our members. We have accomplished much with your teamwork. Thank you for your dedication to MMCA!

Cheryl Ferry,
President



RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We implemented the RSVP program a year ago. This program is made up of volunteer drivers who are over 55 years of age. Volunteers give their time to take people to appointments at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Elk Horn, Avoca, Shelby and Earling Clinics, Harlan Specialty Clinics, Physical/Speech/Occupational Therapy and Behavioral Health. In the past year, this group has given 158 rides. The patients are so grateful for this service and it helps many to not delay medical care and be able to remain in their own homes. Volunteers receive a group text from MMC Patient Access with the dates and times rides are needed and are able to choose the dates that work in their schedules.

We have 16 drivers at the current time. On October 11th we held a coffee meeting for the drivers and Patient Access to discuss how the program has been going and there was much positive feedback. Ingrid Stukerjurgan, the AmeriCorps Seniors Program Director, was there to answer questions and concerns. She also presented gift bags to all the volunteers. If you feel you have a few extra hours a month to help someone maintain independence, we'd love to have you join our team. Please call Ruth Pitkin at 755.4316.

Auxiliary In Action!

AUCTION CONCESSIONS

We hosted the food concession stand on September 15th at the Aaron Anliker household auction. Thanks to all those who donated food items, time, or money. We were able to make \$1,256. We look forward to hosting more food stands in 2025.



TREE of LIGHTS

The thirty-fifth annual Tree of Lights project is underway making this one of the longest continuous projects of the Auxiliary.

This year's ornament features a cardinal theme with three different messages. The ornament is given to the buyer at the time of purchase to be displayed at home or gifted to friends or family.

Names, rather than ornaments, will be displayed in the Gift Shop during the month of December. Ornaments are available for purchase at the Unique Boutique Gift Shop during regular hours or at the Holiday Open House in November. Contact Calla Poldberg at 712.249.3103 for questions or assistance. Thank you for supporting this worthy MMCA project.



MMCA Scholarship Fund

Annual Goal
\$4,800
(6 scholarships)

Raised through
9/30/24
\$3,560 (74.2%)

FAIR PARADE

For the second year, MMCA merged with the MMC team members and participated in the Shelby County Fair parade in July. We were represented by board members as well as general members who are also MMC team members. We had riders and walkers. The group handed out water bottles affixed with MMCA "helping hands" logo with a message to join the Auxiliary. We had a fun time while marketing our great organization. We plan to participate again in 2025.



AT THE *Unique* BOUTIQUE GIFT SHOP

Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary Gift Shop's Annual

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, November 13th
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, November 14th
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Auble Conference Room

- *Lots of Christmas Decor*
- *Clothing, Jewelry & Accessories*
- *Children's Gifts*
- *Jellies, Candy, Snack Mix, & Treats*
- *Tree of Lights ornaments*



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WE ACCEPT:
MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Visa

Proceeds of the Gift Shop help fund equipment at Myrtue Medical Center

The Unique Boutique Gift Shop has been open in the new location, with new hours, and under a new name for a little over a year now. Did you notice that Unique Boutique is displayed on the electronic billboard on Chatburn Avenue?

The operation of the Gift Shop is certainly a team effort. When merchandise arrives, we call on teams of volunteers for unpacking and packing, for price tagging, for moving merchandise, and for displaying merchandise. The shop continues to be staffed by dedicated volunteer members Monday-Friday.

The Shop at the Bazaar was successful and we are working hard to prepare new Christmas and winter merchandise for the Holiday Open House.

Stop in now for discounted fall and Halloween items. We need room for the new!

Hope to see you at the Holiday Open House on November 13 & 14. Bring a friend and find that special gift for someone or yourself.

MEMBERSHIP and RECRUITMENT

MMCA continues to strive to meet our goal of 20 new members in 2024! We have continued to take in dues for the year and appreciate those that have committed to our Auxiliary with dues payment. Please send payment to: Ruth Pitkin, 1213 Garfield Avenue, Harlan, IA 51537 or drop them off at the Unique Boutique Gift Shop with a note for membership dues payment attached. A membership table was set up at our Fall Bazaar and 4 new members were added as well as current members paid dues. Thanks to Deb Morgan for assisting at the table! For those new members, we would like to make sure you feel welcome to our group. Please reach out to me at 579-0291 with any questions or suggestions/concerns. There will be a table at the Holiday Open House both days November 13 & 14 where membership will be offered as well. Let's continue to strive to meet our membership goals for 2024.

Nancy Osborn, Membership Chair

2024 Auxiliary BAZAAR “Fall Picnic”



A huge Thank You to all MMCA members for whatever part you played in our successful annual Bazaar “Fall Picnic.” We continue to hear positive comments about the meal and the delicious brownies. Our guests welcomed to an upbeat Fall Picnic celebration.

Cheryl Ferry & Nancy Osborn
2024 Bazaar Co-Chairs

Raffle Winners

- ◆ Hand-made Quilt - Deb Jauron
- ◆ Rocker Lawn Chairs -
Jonna Willadsen
- ◆ Wellness Center Membership -
Rick Dotzler



INCOME:

Luncheon Tickets	\$5,684.00
Raffle	956.00
Food Donation	1,791.00
Bake Sale	1,227.50
General Donations	197.00
Membership Dues	290.00
Tree of Lights	300.00
Bakeless Bake Sale	<u>65.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10,510.50

PROFIT \$6,600.59
(398 lunches served)

EXPENSE:

Main Street Market	\$3,400.00
Vet's Auditorium Rent	450.00
Raffle Expense	<u>59.91</u>
TOTAL	\$3,909.91





*Thank you to all the many
volunteers helping at the
2024 Fall Bazaar!*





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Raffle! Raffle!



43-inch 4K LED Smart TV, New | Dolby Vision HDR | WiFi 6, Bluetooth
Apple AirPlay, Chromecast Built-in

Tickets available in Gift Shop

\$3 per ticket

\$5 for 2 tickets

\$20 for 10 tickets

Drawing will take place the 2nd afternoon of the
Holiday Open House

MMC Auble Room, November 13-14, 2024

Winners do not need to be present to Win.