

PINKADILLY NEWS



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Christmas began in November for the Auxiliary elves! Jan, Diane, Barbara, Emerita, and Mary Young met to prepare the stockings for babies born Christmas week. This annual tradition dates back a number of years and has involved the sewing "love" that delights the parents of their precious newborns - all discharged and dressed in the stockings. Emerita's little knitted caps completed the outfit!



Thanks to the enthusiastic group who lent their time and talents to spread additional holiday cheer.

Ora, Barbara, Joan and Peggy assisted the Foundation at the Community Christmas Open House on Dec.3. As families arrived with their children, excitement and joy filled the lobby - pictures with Santa, brightly decorated cookies and hot chocolate, and holiday arts and crafts. Outside rides in a train around the parking lot were enjoyed and choirs sang carols as the beautiful hospital Love Light tree was lit.



Thanks to those volunteers who helped add to the magic of the season!

Welcome to the world, Kamari McCloud! The auxiliary gave a lovely gift bag in honor of the first baby of 2025. Emerita's knitted blanket was the beautiful centerpiece.





This year's Christmas luncheon at Jessie's downtown will long be remembered! Hilary and Rebekah Bell planned a great time of delicious food and holiday games to celebrate the season. Fellowship at the table was followed with "Christmas bow pickup" - blinded with a mask, players faced a bowl of bows and a spatula. Carols were played for a minute while each one attempted to scoop up the bows and place them in the bowl. Hilarious laughter ensued as the competition grew fierce! Emerita was able to add 16 bows to the bowl and won the grand prize, a Scout bag loaded with gifts! I asked for a "participant prize" with 5 bows but the request was denied!! The second challenge involved being timed unwrapping a package while wearing big oven mitts. The package was passed around until finally unwrapped by Diane who won a gift card for her determined effort! The luncheon ended after everyone walked to the courthouse square for pictures. Thank you Hilary and Rebekah for a ton of fun!



The love and support I received in December uplifted me so- those "Pink Lady" hugs were special and the sweet cards meant so much. I especially want to thank Barbara, Emerita, Hilary, and Rebekah for their pictures of events I missed. The team effort to get this newsletter to press is much appreciated! As always, Debbie is behind the scene to patiently assist me as co-editor! Thank you all.....

Mary Young Manning



A little late: Happy Halloween from the cute Minions in the Cancer Center!



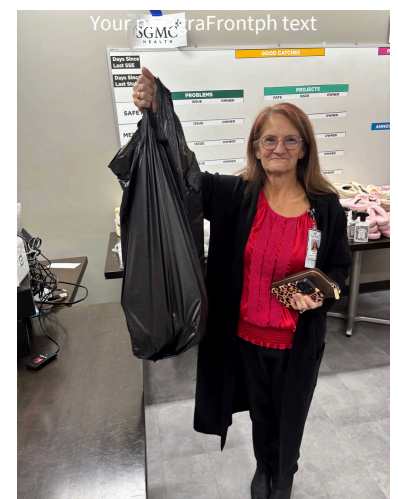
President Peggy presents a check to Jordan Klaus of the Miracle League of Valdosta, as other Board members join in appreciation. The Miracle League is a community-based program for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities. In a partnership with Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation, a specialized field in Freedom Park provides an opportunity for those with these handicaps to safely play baseball and other sports. Our Auxiliary is pleased to support this outreach.



Barbara answered the call when volunteers were needed at Repeat Boutique Thrift Store, a funding outreach for Options Now, a Life Choice Clinic. She assisted in preparing the store for holiday merchandise sales.



Helping at vendor sales can be lots of fun!





Carnetha Breedlove is a native Valdostan but spent many years away before returning home. A retiree of Goodwill Industries in Atlanta, she attended an Auxiliary meeting with her niece Genetha Willis (also a new member) and felt a calling to join our ranks! She is enjoying her service at the Hospitality Station. Carnetha has no birth children but is a supportive aunt of her nephews and nephews - I know they are fortunate to have her assistance! Reading is a favorite past time and she and Genetha are regulars at the YMCA Silver Sneakers classes. We will keep you moving Carnetha!



The Cancer Center Volunteer Team has a new member- Conchita Dunn! She is an asset in the lab as she assists in delivering patient folders while the physician office area is undergoing renovations. She enjoys interaction with the patients having venipunctures and with those having infusion therapy. She was treated at Pearlman for cancer and observed how volunteers make a difference-she wanted to make one too!

Macon, GA was her birth city but she is happily retired in Valdosta after 21 years of active duty (court recorder) in the Army (where she met her husband!!) and 20 years in federal service, retiring at Moody. She is a widow with two daughters (in Colorado and Illinois) and two granddaughters. Active in her church, she also sews, crochets, exercise walks, and loves the challenge of puzzles. Her cat Rocky keeps her company! Conchita, that lovely smile will bring encouragement and cheer to a patient population that really needs both!



Although Hurrican Helene forced the move of the October events to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness month to November, "she" could not diminish the enjoyment of the ladies who attended! The Auxiliary table was glad to have Maya Loizeaux, former Volunteer Services Assistant, join them. After the brunch, attendees visited Flower Gallery to design floral arrangement momentos. Monies from this event support the Cancer Center and women's health initiatives.



Upcoming Events

General meeting
Jan 29
Reads Uniform Sale
Feb. 13-14
COVS Spring Conference
March
Volunteer week
April 20-26
Luncheon and Pinning/ Ceremony
April 23
Masquerade Sale
April 24-25