

President's Message - Linda Wolff

I am very excited and honored to be your next President. Covid-19 created a real dry spell but it looks like there is light at the end of the tunnel. If things continue in a positive direction, we will be volunteering at full force in the near future!

There are three departments currently officially back at work – Information Desk, Workshop, and Courtesy Shuttle. Women's Diagnostics was called back during the Covid Clinics and just needs to attend a refresher to be officially back as a department. Clerical will be next, opening the Auxiliary office for limited hours. Hopefully, many other departments will be cleared by the Hospital to start soon. Departments dealing directly with patients will be delayed a little longer.



Before starting, each department will conduct a mini-refresher where volunteers will sign papers required by the Hospital and show proof of Covid-19 vaccination. TB tests will also be required and directions for appointments will be given at the time the department is called back. Watch for more information from your Chairperson.

My goal is to be sure that we come back as soon as possible and that we follow all of the safety protocols required. I plan to work closely with Hospital administration to accomplish this. I look forward to bringing you all the good news as each department is cleared to return.

During the Vaccine Clinic, I was able to get to know many volunteers. It was a great experience and I came to realize the value of Auxiliary activities where volunteers from different departments get together. One of my goals will be to create new, exciting, and fun activities for us all to enjoy.

This September, the Hospital celebrates its 60th anniversary. Our Auxiliary will be celebrating our 63rd anniversary. Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1958 followed by the hospital's groundbreaking in 1959. The hospital was dedicated on June 30, 1961 and two weeks later "Pink Ladies," as we were affectionally known, were officially on duty in the hospital. I look forward to continuing this legacy of service along with our fantastic Board of Directors and all of you!!

~ Linda



Vaccine Clinic Volunteer Effort "Mission Accomplished"

On March 13, 2020, the Covid-19 Pandemic forced our Auxiliary into what became a nearly yearlong hiatus. As abrupt and unsettling as our departure from TCMC was, our return, as a volunteer force supporting the Vaccine Clinic, was a complete triumph as we returned in three areas of service. Under the steady leadership of First Vice President, now President, Linda Wolff, a dedicated and hardworking group of Auxilians took up the effort of welcoming and assisting community members coming to TCMC for Covid-19 vaccination.

The first of our Auxilians to meet the community were the Courtesy Shuttle drivers, led by Rita Gross. Taking on the difficult task of answering phones and assisting with scheduling was our third group of volunteers led by Bunny McElliott. These three individuals were indispensable in the overall effort to vaccinate our local community.

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“Mission Accomplished” (Continued from Page 1)

Statistics alone do not tell the full story, but they are helpful in appreciating the breadth of this effort. Here is what some might call the “bottom line.”

The TCMC Vaccine Clinic operated on 58 days between February 19 and June 15, working 102 four-hour shifts. There were 72 individuals working the Clinic, 11 volunteers working the Phone Program, and 10 Shuttle drivers for a total of 93 dedicated Auxilians. Be sure to read the *Vaccine Healthcare Heroes* article on Page 4 for the names of each Auxilian involved in this tremendous undertaking.

This magnificent group logged an amazing number of volunteer hours in service to the Tri-City Hospital community. There were 4,198 hours in the Vaccine Clinic, 850 hours by the Phone Program, and 662 hours by Courtesy Shuttle drivers. This is an astounding 5,710 volunteer hours in just four short months.

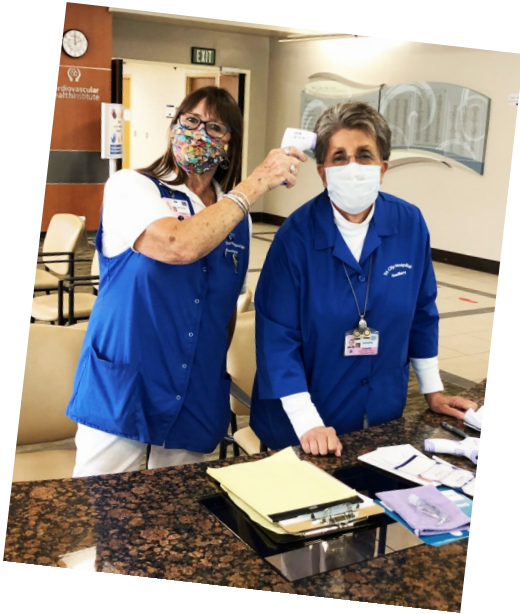
As Linda Wolff stated so elegantly in a recent letter to the Clinic volunteers, this was an amazing opportunity for Auxilians to make new friends and learn more about each other. Truth be told, it wasn't all work. Please take a moment to enjoy some of the fun moments captured in the pictures on this and the opposite page.



It Wasn't All Work

As most Auxilians know, we are a fun-loving group. We hope you enjoy a few of the lighter moments during the Vaccine Clinic captured in pictures for all to see.





**Thank you Auxilians
who made this possible.**





Vaccine Healthcare Heroes

Auxilians volunteer to be of service. They don't volunteer for glory or recognition, they do it because they want to see a healthier, more successful community. Sometimes, however, it is important to recognize the individuals within the Auxiliary who have truly made that all important difference.

As noted elsewhere, the Vaccine Clinic activities crossed department lines and brought together a truly wonderful group of volunteers. Our Honor Roll group contains Auxilians, presented in alphabetical order, who recorded more than 100 hours of service in just four months. Please give them a hand.

Our Triple Digit Heroes

Rosalind Bussey
Peter Fusselman
Chris Gandara
Susan Harris
Janice Hart

Arleen McCartney
Dave McCarthy
Bunny McElliott
Nancy Ogomori

David Quesenberry
Destiny Ramirez
Judy Rice
Carole Vance
Linda Wolff

The Vaccine Clinic required nearly 100 individuals, each doing their part. Please join in thanking the remaining members of the Vaccine Clinic Team for their dedicated service.

Heroes with Heart

Jing Abalos
Kathy Ahlfors
Ricardo Alvarez-
Malo
Linda Aubery
Debby Babbitt
Guadalupe Bagley
Valerie Barros
Alan Bartlett
Rosanne Berg
Rose Biller
Nancy Boston
Liz Brayton
Kate Brownie
Tim Burke
Ellen Cavagnaro
Richard Cimicata
Diana Cleary
Kathey Cramm
Kathleen D'Avanzo
Linda Donahue

Bridget Doyle
Dianne Ellison
Marilyn Ferri
Sharon Fineberg
Lynn Fisher
Mary Foy
Mary Gleisberg
Rita Gross
Sheila Gross
Glenda Harris
Suzanne Heller
Joan Hendrick
Jim Hurst
Sherry Johnston
Connie Jones
Joan Kluis
Suzanne Knauf
Carol Kope
Kitty Koss
Jeff Marks

Renee Massey
Donna McConnell
Pam McCormick
Paul McKibben, Jr.
Nancy Miller
Bill Moore
Vickie Moskowitz
Ben Novak
Wendy Owens
Lynn Paine
Jane Palmiotti
Joe Quince
Saxon Rawlings
Marlene Reyes
Ramirez
Elena Reynolds
Dick Robertson
Donna Rositani
Nancy Russian
Danielle Salamanca
Carol Saunders

Wanda Shibata
Riley Shinnfield
Carleen Smedley
Craig Stewart
Sandy Stewart
Brianna Stitt
Kumiko Sycks
Alecia Tilch
Carl Toft
Joyce Toft
Nera Vajic
Melanie Van Horn
Marguerite Voyemant
Judy Wangerin
Janice Williams
Kristine Wright
Carolyn Wysong
Kathleen York
Sandy Youngdale



Auxiliary Installation - 2021

June 30th was a momentous occasion for the Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary. It was the date your new Board of Directors and Officers were installed. Found on pages 6 and 7 is the full listing of your Board and Officers. These individuals will guide the Auxiliary as we return to service at Tri-City Medical Center. We hope you enjoy learning about each member and their individual commitment to our collective future.

Unfortunately, the ongoing limitations on health care institutions created by the Covid-19 virus kept us from including more members, however, we are working hard to return to traditional Auxiliary activities.

In attendance were the new Board of Directors, several past Presidents, outgoing Directors, and Department Chairs. First to address the group was Steve Dietlin, CEO of Tri-City Medical Center. Mr. Dietlin thanked the Auxiliary for their dedication to the community, especially our participation in the recent Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic led by Linda Wolff.

Also present was Aaron Byzak, Chief External Affairs Officer, who described proposed changes to the hospital as part of the Medical Center's 60th Anniversary celebration. Look for more information on this in future editions of *Pulse*.

As the Auxiliary's new President, Linda Wolff thanked Jeff Marks for his years of service and for serving as President during such a difficult time. She also thanked the outgoing Board for their efforts and welcomed the new Board into service.

Be sure to read Linda's *President's Message* for her vision as we move back into service.



Back Row: Michael Unverferth, Suzanne Knauf, Kathey Cramm, Jane Palmiotti, Donna Rositani, Dick Robertson

Middle Row: Carole Vance, Chris Sheets, Arleen McCartney, Peter Fusselman, Jeff Marks

Front Row: Rosalind Bussey, Liz Brayton, Linda Wolff

Unfortunately, Bunny McElliott and Dianna Cleary were unable to attend the installation.



Linda Wolff, President; Mary Gleisberg, a Past President and Installation Officer; Liz Brayton, First Vice President; Rosalind Bussey, Treasurer



2021-22 Officers and Board of Directors

OFFICERS



Linda Wolff, President

As Chief Executive Officer, Linda will provide the overall vision and leadership to guide us forward, appointing committees and Department Chairs as necessary. She will be our primary spokesperson and the face of the Auxiliary.



Liz Brayton, First Vice President

Liz's role is to assist the President and assume her duties when Linda is unavailable. The First Vice President also plans the PALs Luncheon for Past Presidents each January.



Bunny McElliott, Second Vice President

Next in line to assist the President, the Second Vice President also appoints Department Chairs, holds the monthly Chairperson's meetings, and helps with the annual Refreshers. Bunny will work with a number of Directors on various projects.



Diana Cleary, Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary keeps records of all meetings, proceedings, and Board actions. Diana will also keep copies of all written ballots and maintains copies of the Auxiliary By-laws and Standing Rules.



Chris Sheets, Corresponding Secretary

As Corresponding Secretary, Chris will handle correspondence with members and organizations as requested by the President.



Rosalind Bussey, Treasurer

As Treasurer, Roz is responsible for all financial activity and records. She provides regular financial reports to the Board and oversees an annual review of our fiscal condition.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jane Palmiotti, Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian uses *Robert's Rules of Order* to advise the Board on process. Jane also oversees the Auxiliary election process and twice a year reviews both the Standing Rules and the By-Laws for possible revision.



Peter Fusselman, Historian

The Historian creates an annual pictorial record of the Auxiliary's activities and events. In this role, Peter will maintain the database of Auxiliary photos and work with the *Pulse* editor and Publicity Director, providing information and photos for publication.



Carole Vance, Gift Shop Manager

As Gift Shop Manager, Carole continues as the person responsible for the ongoing activities of the TCMC Gift Shop. She is responsible for staffing, purchasing, sales, and financial reporting of Gift Shop activities.



Dick Robertson, Ways and Means Director

As Ways and Means Director, Dick provides the Board with financial analysis relating to the fiscal impact of events or activities. He will also lead all memorial fund and planning efforts.



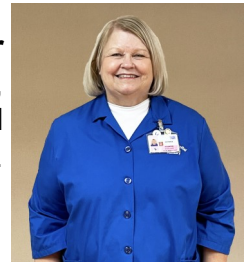
Michael Unverferth, Orientation/Operations Director

Michael oversees the placement of all members, from arrival through any Department changes. He conducts regular orientation for new Regular Volunteers and works with the Second Vice President on the placement of Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons as well as on the annual Refresher Courses. He is also responsible for the Joint Commission requirements and implementation of mandatory programs.



Donna Rositani, Events Director

In this new position Donna works closely with the President, Vice Presidents, Ways and Means Director, and others to create and implement social and other events that better the organization and advance our mission.



Arleen McCartney, Community Outreach & Recruitment Director

Especially important as we rebuild our ranks, Arleen will form a committee charged with going into the community to recruit new members. She also keeps track of membership rolls and works closely with the Publicity Director, Communications Director, Historian, and President on a variety of projects.



Kathey Cramm, Communications Director

Kathey will continue to enhance our Auxiliary website, raising our public image. She will seek web-based collaborations with other organizations to encourage new members and greater communication. She will work with Publicity, Community Outreach and Recruitment, Events, and the President keeping the website interesting and up to date.



Suzanne Knauf, Publicity Director

Keeping the Auxiliary image positive in the community, Suzanne will maintain regular contact with local newspapers, television, and magazines to publicize our accomplishments and events. Also among her responsibilities are the creation or maintenance of posters, our brochure, and specialty flyers.





Special Thank You Note

Every once in a while, there are moments too precious not to share. Your Vaccine Clinic volunteers had one of those when a cute, handwritten note arrived by mail in the Auxiliary office. All we can add is, you are very welcome, Kristine.

March 25, 2021

Dear Tri City Auxiliary:

My experience getting my first Covid shot this week was a top 10 life moment! So much joy, hope, recovery, and camaraderie! This was made even more so because of the 11 of you in your blue jackets and your BIG smiles (evident through your eyes and spirit. The masks could not hide the love)!

Please accept this small token of my thanks. XO

Kristine



Things to Know

As we reopen the Auxiliary, *Pulse* wants to be sure you never miss a thing. Check here every edition for important happenings.

Auxiliary Office Beginning Tuesday, July 27th the Auxiliary office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to noon and Friday noon to 4:00pm.

Parking For now, Auxilians need to move the orange cones when using our assigned parking spaces.

Departments Opening Soon! Many more Departments will be opening over the next few weeks. Watch for more information from your Department Chair.

Covid-19 Vaccination **ALL** Auxilians must present their Covid-19 vaccination card to their Chair before returning to work.

TCMC 60th Anniversary TCMC 60th Anniversary will be this September. More on events and activities in future editions.

Website Change

As we move deeper into the 21st Century our Auxiliary website will be an important part of our member recruitment and communication efforts. With this in mind, we recently updated the “address” of our website. When visiting our website, go to:

www.tricityhospitalauxiliary.org

We will be sure to keep you informed as new information is posted on the website.

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