



The GrapeVINE

Volunteer Information Network

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Mission Statement: Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps serves as a link between the community and Memorial Health System by providing support through acts of kindness, donations of time, talents, and financial gifts.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



MEET MARY LEACH

Mary Leach volunteers at Memorial Health System (MHS) where she works at the information desk and is a Gray Lady. She really feels like all the volunteers and Gray Ladies are her very own family, and loves them all. She also volunteers at her church where she is on the Vestry committee, helps to set up on Fridays and will do about anything where help is needed.

Mary grew up in the South. She was born in Louisiana and later lived in Mississippi.

Mary has two daughters. One is 44 years old and has nine children, the other is 38 years old and has five children. She has seven great grandchildren.

Most of her family lives in Louisiana. She actually raised four of her grandchildren, and one of these four lives in Topeka, KS. The others live in Louisiana.

When talking about her family, Mary included her church family and stated that they really mean a lot to her.

When she was younger Mary worked at Sonic, and she
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Dates to Remember August 2018

August 9th- Card Committee -

Conklin Conf. Center from 9a-3p

August 9th- MHSVC Ex. Board Meeting

Conference Room C, 9:30a

August 23rd- Craft Committee-

Conklin Conf. Center from 9a-3p



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was a bartender for a while. Both of these were when she lived in Louisiana.

She came to Kansas because she had a friend who lived here and thought it would be a great place to visit, thinking it was like Fall all year round. After bringing her grandson to Kansas she found that was not the case. She moved to Abilene and found that the people here were great. She stayed.

Mary would love to visit California, but not live there, because it is too hot. Disney World would be a great place to go, and she would also love to visit Hawaii.

The volunteer for this spotlight is randomly selected from a list of the month's birthdays.



Beginning May 1, 2018

WALK - IN CLINIC

7:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Monday - Friday

Convenient treatment for:

Colds & Flu	<i>The Walk-In Clinic is here for those who need immediate care, but do not need to go to the Emergency Department. Appointments are not needed. Patients are seen in the order they arrive.</i>
Sore Throat	
Ear Infection	
Laceration Repairs	
Muscle Strains & Pain	
Minor Aches & Pains	

www.CaringForYou.org

511 NE 10th Street, Abilene, KS (785) 263-4131

DR. JOHNSON RETIRES



Photo (left to right): Holly Pomeroy, RN; Dr. Rick Johnson; and Katie Snapp, RN pose for a picture to remember Dr. Johnson's final delivery at Memorial Hospital.

Memorial Health System's Board of Directors, administration and staff would like to wish Dr. Rick Johnson a wonderful retirement. "We wish Dr. Johnson the best, and we are thankful for his 23 years of service to Memorial Hospital and to the residents of Abilene and surrounding communities," MHS CEO, Harold Courtois, said.

Dr. Johnson will close his practice in Abilene July 13th. He was recruited to Memorial Hospital from California in 1995. He has been proudly providing personalized obstetrics and gynecologic care for women ever since. He has delivered nearly 7,000

babies throughout his career, 1320 since he began in Abilene.

"The OB staff at Memorial Hospital has enjoyed working with Dr. Johnson, and we appreciate all he has done for the hospital and the community," Memorial Hospital nurse, Holly Pomeroy, RN, said. "He has been a great educator and physician and will be missed. We wish him a happy retirement."

"Giving birth to your baby is one of the most cherished and memorable experiences in life," Johnson said. "But I would be remiss to fail to recognize the importance of the collaboration with the well-trained nursing staff that are always eager to learn, which resulted in the fruits of my successful career: and the nurses at Abilene Memorial Hospital take a back seat to no one. Thank you, Abilene and surrounding communities for having honored me with the privilege of having been your OB/GYN doctor."

Service Project - Picnic & Meditation Area

Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps wanted to help spruce up the meditation and outside eating area north of the cafeteria. Last year, the board approved the purchase of a new picnic table. This year the old wood decking was removed and replaced with bricks and a new fence installed around the area for privacy.

We appreciate the MHS Maintenance Department for their hard work on this project!

The area is appreciated by staff, volunteers and visitors. More improvements will be happening in the near future in the meditation area.



Bring in the supplies!



Installing the patio



Mixing the concrete to secure the awning



New fence



New brick walkway



Finished patio area



Avoid Being Bitten

Tips to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes this summer.

- Keep mosquitoes away from exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks.
- Tuck shirts into pants and pants into socks to cover gaps in your clothing where mosquitoes can get to your skin.
- Stay indoors when possible, especially if there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect.
- Use EPA-registered mosquito repellents when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely.
- Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations, such as salt marshes.
- Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights, which tend to attract fewer mosquitoes than ordinary lights. The yellow lights are NOT repellents, however.

If mosquito bites are associated with more serious warning signs such as a fever, headache, body aches or signs of infection, contact your doctor.



For more Tips to Prevent Mosquito Bites please visit <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/tips-prevent-mosquito-bites>.



Happy Birthdays

August Birthdays

6 Eunice Gay

10 Mary Leach

17 Joanna Clemence

21 Marilyn Spencer

*If your name has been left off, please forgive us and contact Michelle at 263-6692.

Do you know about the Employee Purchasing Program?

Volunteers (who are eligible) may purchase batteries and baby wipes at a reduced cost.

Ask Michelle for details or stop by the Caring Hearts Gift Shop.

Important Numbers:

- Memorial Hospital.....263-2100
- Volunteer Services Office.....263-6692
- Hospital Scheduling.....263-6660
- Heartland Surgery.....263-0505
- Rehab Scheduling.....263-6664
- Memorial Health Foundation.....263-6688
- Marketing and Communications.....263-6686
- Home Health & Hospice.....263-6630
- Impact Sports & Fitness.....263-3888
- Village Manor.....263-1431
- Michelle's E-mail.....mmclanahan@mhsks.org
- MHS Website.....www.caringforyou.org

MHSVC Executive Board Meeting Highlights - July 2018

- Meeting called to order and prayer for Hospital Auxiliaries was read in unison.
- Minutes were approved.
- Communications- none
- Treasurer's Report- \$59,730.41 ending balance.
- Corresponding Secretary- 8 birthday cards were sent in July and no recognition cards.
- Card Committee- made thinking of you, sympathy, and birthday cards.
- Craft Committee- worked on lap robes for Village Manor.
- DVS Report- 569.25 hours in June, 109 cards sold, 339 cookies, and no meals sold.
- CEO Comments- Mr. Courtois gave an update on the Custom Learning Systems training for employees, walk-in clinic has increased numbers seen from 116 to 127.
- Old Business- update on gifting time, Learn & Grow Depot has purchased new playground flooring. The MHSVC gave \$3,700 as a gifting time request.
- New Business- discussed HAK Annual meeting/voting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a cans recycle container for the vending machine room.
- Next MHSVC Executive Board meeting will be August 9th at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.