



# The GrapeVINE

Volunteer Information Network



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### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



**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.



MEET JOE SANFILIPPO  
(Thank you to Joe for writing this.)

### Dates to Remember June 2019

- June 13th -Card Committee -  
Conklin Conf. Center from 9a-3p
- June 13th -Executive Board Mtg  
Conf. Room C, 9:30a
- June 27th -Craft Committee -  
Conklin Conf. Center from 9a-3p



I was born and grew up in St. Louis Mo. I attended a Catholic grade school, St. Patrick's, through 8th grade. The school was operated and taught entirely by nuns. I served as an altar boy for his church and sang in a choir at the St Louis Cathedral. I played soccer, basketball, and baseball in grade school.

After graduation from St. Patrick's, I entered a seminary to study for the priesthood at the age of 14. It was located in Saugatuck, Michigan. I was only there for two years, and then completed my high school years at Cascia Hall College Preparatory school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There I played soccer and baseball.

After high school, I went to a junior college in Shawnee, Oklahoma called St. Gregory's. I played baseball there. I returned to St. Louis to finish college at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, and received my B.S. in Accounting.

My first job was working at the same university where I met my wife Pam. We were married in 1977, have four children and five grandchildren. Our first child, Elizabeth, lives with her husband Rick in St Louis with

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their 3 children: Sammy, 11, and twins Piper and Nayomi, 7. Lisa is our second child who currently lives with her husband, Greg, in McKinney, Texas, with their two children, Brooklyn, 9, and Cooper, 7. Our third child is Joseph (but not a junior) who lives with his wife, Kate, in Denver, Colorado. Anthony who was just married on May 11, 2019 lives with his wife, Palak, in Houston, Texas.

I worked at several large chemical/drug companies throughout my career at various accounting positions. When I retired in 2015, it opened the opportunity for Pam to explore her career further, and that is when we moved to Abilene, Kansas, where she accepted an offer to work at the Eisenhower Library. I am currently working part time at Frontier Estates as their bookkeeper.

I volunteer as the treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Most of my spare time is working small jobs around our 1890's home or playing pickleball at the community center. I started pickleball in Abilene a few months after we moved here.

We love to travel to big cities such as San Francisco and Chicago. We also like to camp, and went to Yellowstone National Park last year. We traveled twice to Italy to research some of my roots, while our oldest son was serving over there in the army.

I volunteer on Friday mornings at the Memorial Hospital information desk and I am currently the MHS Volunteer Corps treasurer.

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

## MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NORTH ENTRANCE LOCKED



*All visitors to Memorial Hospital will now have to enter at the main entrance (shown) off 10th Street.*

## VOLUNTEER CORPS GRANTS GIFT TO LEARN AND GROW DEPOT



The Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps (MHSVC) recently purchased a kitchen play set, 10 handheld wireless radios, and door lockdown devices for Learn and Grow Depot Child Development Center of Memorial Health System (MHS) through the volunteers' annual gifting program. The MHSVC holds several fundraisers each year to raise money to support and enhance services within the health system's many departments. Pictured standing behind the kitchen play set, with two of the radios and the door lockdown devices on top are, from left: Joe Sanfilippo, MHSVC Treasurer; Michelle McClanahan, Director of Volunteer Services; and Jenny Stuck, Learn and Grow Depot Director.

**“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention”**

**- Oscar Wilde**

The north entrance of Memorial Hospital in Abilene is now locked at all times as of May 1. This follows the locking of the east entrance of the hospital at all times back on March 1. All patients, customers, and vendors must now use the main entrance on the west side of the hospital off 10th Street. Memorial Hospital understands that this change will be a burden to some, but it was implemented to increase security at the hospital for all.

## MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM VOLUNTEER CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



*Shown from left: Michelle McClanahan, MHS Director of Volunteer Services; Abigail Elliott, scholarship recipient; Emily Burt, scholarship recipient; and Linda Duncan, MHS Volunteer Corps Scholarship Committee member.*

The Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps (MHSVC) is pleased to announce Abigail Elliott and Emily Burt have each been awarded a \$500 scholarship. Both students will be graduating from Abilene High School later this month. Abigail will be attending the University of Kansas in the fall, and wants to be an Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) doctor. She grew up with chronic ear infections, and loved her ENT who inspired her to help people in a similar way. Emily also will be attending the University of Kansas in the fall, and plans to major in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. She hopes to work with adult patients suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. The Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps presents a scholarship annually to a local high school senior who has volunteered their time within the community and plans to pursue a career in health care.

**Volunteer needed to assist with BINGO at  
Village Manor  
Monday's at 3:00 p.m.  
Call Michelle at 263-6692 if interested**



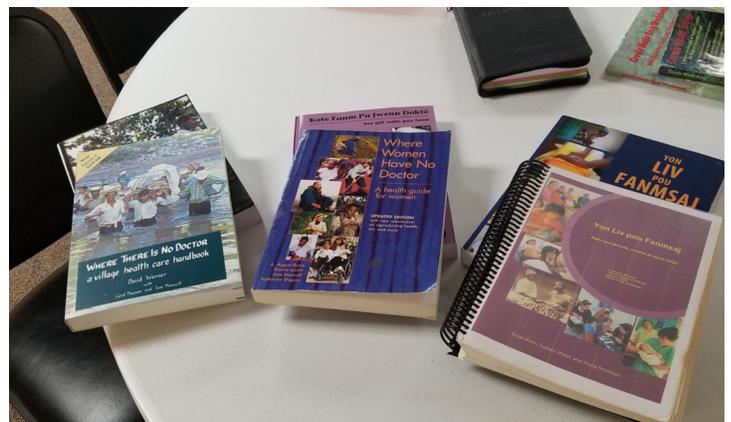
Dr. Susan Thompson recently spoke at HealthWise 55. She shared pictures and stories about her trips to Haiti with “Hope for Haiti”, a non-profit organization focused on improving quality of life for the Haitian people.

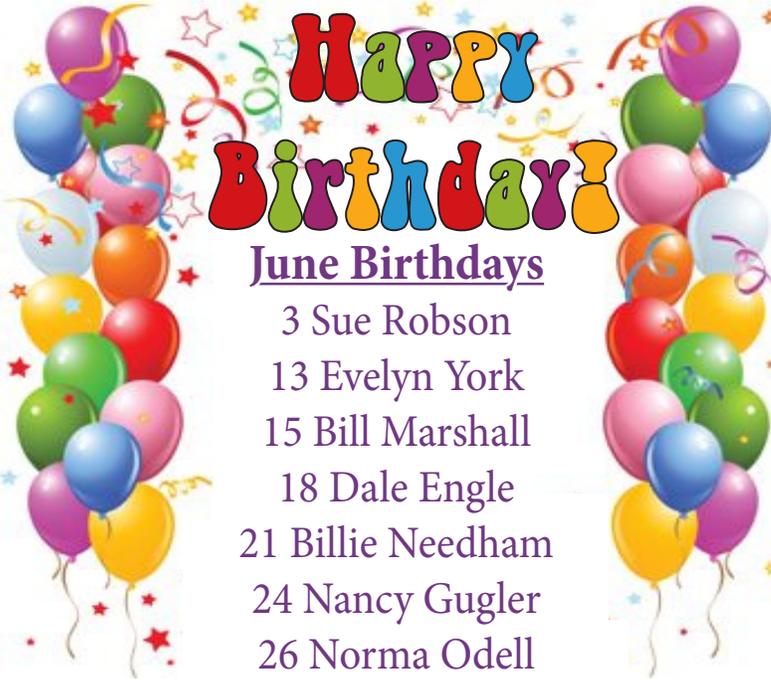
Dr. Thompson will speak to the employees of Memorial Health System on May 31st during a 30 minute Lunch & Learn from 12:00-12:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch to Conference Room B and listen to Dr. Thompson share her experiences in Haiti. This will also be a \$5 Jean’s Day. The \$5 will be donated to “Hope for Haiti” for supplies needed.



*Pictured above, Dr. Susan Thompson presenting her slide show from Haiti.*

*Pictured below, English and Creole versions of medical books the providers use in Haiti.*





# Happy Birthdays!

## June Birthdays

- 3 Sue Robson
- 13 Evelyn York
- 15 Bill Marshall
- 18 Dale Engle
- 21 Billie Needham
- 24 Nancy Gugler
- 26 Norma Odell
- 27 Rocky Welton
- 29 Joseph Sanfilippo

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



Mon-Fri  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Summer is Here!

Stop by and check out  
our new items!



### 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 -May 2019

- Meeting called to order and prayer for Hospital Auxiliaries was read in unison.
- Minutes were approved.
- Communications- none.
- Treasurer's Report- \$54,267.09 ending balance.
- Corresponding Secretary- two birthday cards were sent in May and 24 department recognition cards were sent.
- Card Committee- made sympathy and Father's Day cards.
- Craft Committee- crocheted and knitted baby blankets using yarn from Christa Jones' memorial.
- DVS Report- 761.25 hours in April, 57 cards sold, 371 cookies, and gift shop sales of \$4,629.29.
- CEO Comments- Mr. Courtois gave an update on the CLS Program, physician recruitment, new staff, and Walk-In Clinic. He discussed financials and Medicaid expansion passing in the House.
- Old Business- Michelle reported two refrigerators were purchased for OB rooms, and two scholarships recipients were selected and notified.
- New Business- All requirements have been completed for the Gold Award, discussed new service project ideas. Scrub and shirt sales were discussed, it was decided to make no changes to the current procedure. Bylaws were discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Next MHSVC Executive Board meeting will be June 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.