



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.



National Healthcare Volunteer Week, was celebrated this year with our traditional volunteer bingo event. On April 21st, Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps members and Hospice volunteers attended the party. It was so nice to see many of our volunteers we haven't seen in a year! The theme this year was Memorial Health System Rock Star Volunteers! Each and every one of our volunteers have been a Rock Star throughout the last year. Our volunteers continued to do things from home like make baby basket items, blankets and burp cloths, make cloth masks for our patients and staff, calling fellow volunteers weekly to check on them, folding newsletters, writing condolence cards, and so much more. We couldn't have made it through the past year without the help of our volunteers working from home. Our volunteers help in so many ways, we just can't thank you enough for all you continue to do for Memorial Health System!

Pictures of the event are on page 3. We had a rock star photographer capturing memories of the event. Thank you Billy Hansen! Also, thank you to the staff who were able to pop over to say hello to our volunteers, and to our bingo callers, Harold Courtois MHS CEO, Matt Schlagel Director of Food and Nutritional Services, and Carol Whitehair Director of Home Health and Hospice. We appreciate you all taking time to spend with our volunteers!

Dates to Remember

- May 9th - Happy Mother's Day!
- May 11th - 20% off Linen Sale
- May 13th - 8th Anniversary for our Gift Shop!
- May 13th - MHSVC Exec. BOD Mtg
-9:30 a.m., Conf Rm C
- May 13th - Card Committee
-9:00a.m.-3:00p.m., Conklin
- May 27th - Craft Committee
-9:00a.m.-3:00p.m., Conklin
- May 31st - Memorial Day



Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas District Three Meeting 2021



Pictured left to right, MHSVC Board Members, Corresponding Secretary Elaine Mills, President Linda Duncan, Director of Volunteer Services Michelle McClanahan, and President-Elect Wendy Klosterman.



Pictured above MHSVC President Linda Duncan giving the 3 Minute Report.

This year's Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas District 3 Meeting was held in Salina. Three members of the Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps and Michelle McClanahan, Director of Volunteer Services, attended the meeting held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salina. Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas President, Peggy Ogle, and HAK President-Elect, Sally Emerson, were in attendance along with District 3 Coordinator, Jeannette Butler. A legislative update was given by 108th District Representative, Steven Johnson, who also answered questions on topics such as the 340B program. The Mayor of Salina, Melissa Hodges, Salina Regional Health Center (SRHC) Director of Volunteer Services, Marsha Haskett, and SRHC Foundation Executive Director, Tom Martin, also spoke during the meeting.

During the business session of the meeting, each auxiliary is to give a 3 Minute Report to the group. The report is to be given on something our group has done, such as a fundraiser, program, or event. Linda Duncan, Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps (MHSVC) President, gave a report on the wonderful gifts purchased for departments through our Gifting Time Program. This year, we gifted almost \$10,000 to Memorial Health System departments.

Next year's District 3 Meeting will be hosted by Morris County.

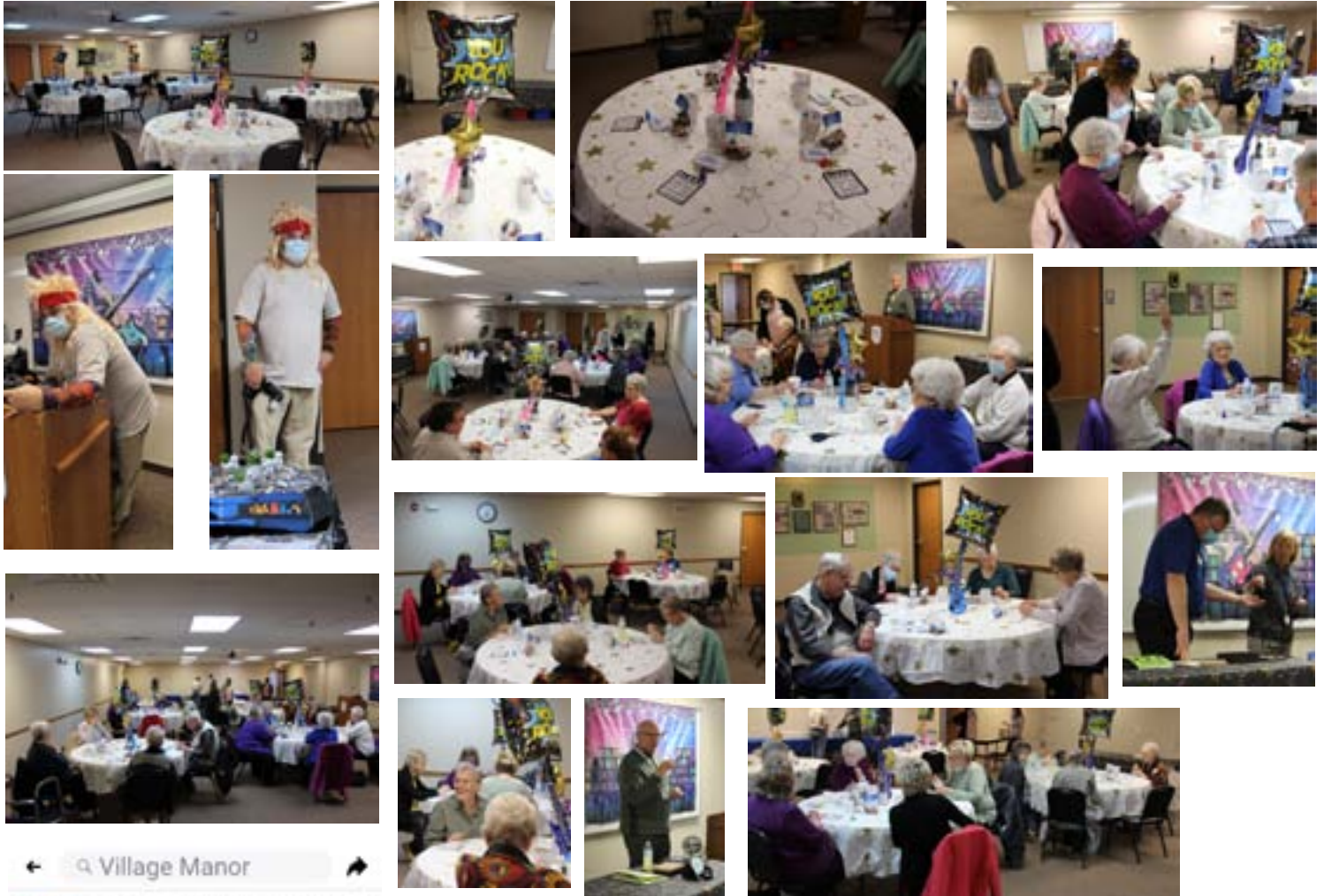


Gifting Time - ROSE Unit



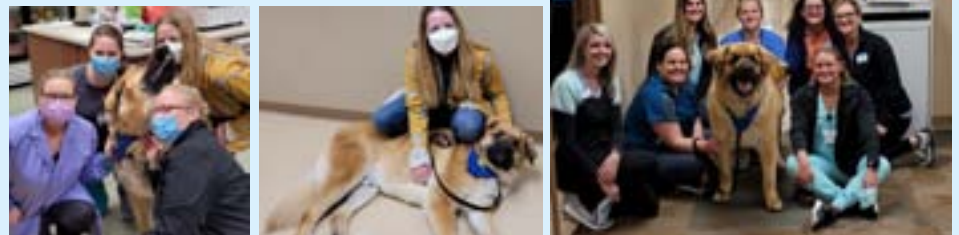
A request from the ROSE Unit (Rehabilitation of Special Elderly) was made during our Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps Gifting Time for side tables. The side tables they had were old and ones that had been used in the Inpatient Unit. They were bulky, hard to use, and very heavy. Sara Boyd, Nurse Manager of the ROSE Unit, requested five new side tables. The tables would be used by patients for activities, eating, and sometimes to keep extra things in their rooms like a radio. Pictured left, is one of the five new side tables purchased for the ROSE Unit. Profits from MHSVC fundraisers and the gift shop, make it possible to fund the Gifting Time requests each year.

Pictures from BINGO!



Meet Rudy

Rudy is a Leonberger/Golden mix. Leonbergers were originally bred in Germany in the town of Leonberg to be symbolic of the lion on the town coat of arms. Rudy is a gentle giant weighing about 130 lbs. He's earned his AKC (American Kennel Club) STAR Puppy Title and AKC Canine Good Citizen Title. He's currently pursuing membership in the Alliance of Therapy Dogs to become a Therapy Dog. Once complete, Rudy will visit patients and staff on a regular schedule. He's made a couple of staff visits recently, and we're super excited to have Rudy and Hannah (his owner) join our volunteer corps!



Village Manor

Home Posts Reviews Videos

Thank you to our volunteers for the new clothing protectors..giving our residents their dignity, a sense of style and the protection they need. 💜



56 2 Comments · 10 Shares

Facebook post on the Village Manor page, thanking our volunteers for making these clothing protectors.



2 Elaine Walters
6 Arlene Ingram

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



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 - April 2021*

- Meeting was called to order and prayer for Hospital Auxiliaries was read in unison.
- Minutes were approved.
- Communications- MHSVC article was published in the HAK Sunflower Auxilian newsletter, this was shared with the board. A Facebook post was also shared from Village Manor, thanking our volunteers for making clothing protectors for residents.
- Treasurer's Report- \$55,619.00 ending balance for April.
- Corresponding Secretary- 5 birthday cards and 7 recognition cards were sent in April.
- Card Committee- Ms. McClanahan reported the card committee met April 8th, which was the first time in a year.
- Craft Committee- Ms. Mills reported the craft committee is making receiving blankets and burp cloths for baby baskets. They are also making black/white books, and taggies for the baskets. The members are working from home, but will return in April to in-person for the first time in a year.
- DVS Report- 128.25 volunteer hours in March. Gift Shop sales were up in March. Three babies were born in March and received baskets. The scrub sale will be April 14th and 15th. The HAK District 3 meeting will be held April 15th in Salina. Five board members will attend. April 21st will be the volunteer bingo event.
- CEO Report- Mr. Courtois reported physician recruiting is continuing. Two physicians will visit in April. Dr. Young (surgeon) has a hearing with the Board of Healing Arts for his Kansas License. Dr. Hinman is arriving August 2nd.
- Old Business- Ms. McClanahan reported almost all of the gifting time items have been received.
- New Business- National Volunteer Week is April 18th - 24th. Bingo is planned, no in person training this year. Calling Tree has ended.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room C.