

2007-2008 AUXILIARY BOARD MEETING DATES

November 12	9:30 a.m.	5th Floor Conference Room 3
January 14, 2008	9:30 a.m.	5th Floor Conference Room 3
March 10	9:30 a.m.	5th Floor Conference Room 3
May 12	9:30 a.m.	5th Floor Conference Room 3
June 9	9:30 a.m.	5th Floor Conference Room 3

Please remember that the Board, the Business Manager, the rest of the Auxiliary and Volunteer Services are here as an additional resource. If we can help in any way, we will!

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SU TWIG #1 MEMBERS SUPPORT NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH

"I am alive today because of the kindness of a stranger."

—Peggy, Kidney recipient

National Donor Sabbath weekend will be observed from November 9th - 11th. During these 3 days, members of the clergy throughout the country will be talking to their congregations about the critical need for organ and tissue donors. Most religions within the US either fully support donation or support the individual choices of their members.

To coincide with this national event, Overlook Hospital Auxiliary **SU Twig #1, Gift of Life** and the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) will be hosting a program entitled **"The Gift of Life Symposium – A Religious, Personal and Clinical Perspective on Organ and Tissue Donation."** The program will take place on Friday, November 9, in the 5th floor Wallace Auditorium at Overlook Hospital from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and is open to all members of the community. Sign-in will begin at 10:00 a.m. and complimentary refreshments will be provided.

After a warm welcome from Dr. Norman Luka, Medical Director of Clinical Affairs, the program will continue with presentations from Rabbi Avi Friedman of the Jewish Community Center of Summit, The Reverend George Blackwell of the Good Neighbor Baptist Church in Newark, and Deacon Edmund Luciano, Catholic Seminarian.

In addition, Overlook psychologist Dr. Rosalind Dorlen, a living kidney donor, and her husband, David, a kidney recipient, will discuss their participation in a 4-way kidney swap giving him his second chance at life. William Reitsma, RN, Clinical Director of the NJ Sharing Network will provide recent developments in donation and up-to-date clinical information, which will be followed by a question and answer session.

SU Twig #1, Gift of Life, was established in October of 1995. Its goal is to educate the public on the great need for organ and tissue donation. The group is comprised of 36 volunteers who promote this goal by distributing registration cards throughout

Overlook Hospital, as well as other venues which include: speaking at churches, temples, schools, and community organizations; marching in parades; participating in street fairs; tying green ribbons on various community trees during National Donate Life Month in April; appearing on local and national TV programs; and participating in many other educational activities. Since 96,000 Americans await organ transplants and 17 people die daily awaiting donations, organ and tissue donations are vital if people are to be given a second chance at life.

NJ Sharing Network is the non-profit, federally designated, state-certified recovery agency responsible for providing donated organs and tissue for New Jersey residents in need of transplantation, as well as those on waiting lists nationwide. The organization has full, unconditional accreditation by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations. For further information on organ donation, the organ donor license plate, or to learn more about saying 'yes' to organ donation on the digital driver's license, call **NJ Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ** or visit our website at www.sharenj.org.

The public is cordially invited to attend the November 9th Symposium. Free parking is available and pre-registration recommended. Please contact **Christina Manata at 973-924-2032** or **Lenore Ford at 973-984-2174** to register.



(Back row
left to right)
William Reitsma &
Christina Manata

(Front row
left to right)
Earle Pearson,
Lenore Ford &
Diantha Pearson

"Don't take your organs to heaven. Heaven knows we need them here!"

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Auxilians:

We love when we can say Happy Fall! As much as we love summer, autumn is a time to begin new projects, new volunteer opportunities, meet new friends and settle into a nice routine. As we settle into our new responsibility of guiding the Auxiliary this year, we can't help but notice that so much is accomplished by the many Twigs that give their time and money to help what we consider to be an outstanding hospital. So much of what you do as Auxiliary members is vital to the well being of the hospital.

This past year was spent planning and re-opening the **Gift Shop** and the beautiful floral shop, **Bloom**. If you haven't had a chance to visit, please make a point of coming to the hospital. The **Gift Shop** has a brand new look and is stocked with so many beautiful items. **Bloom's** floral creations, spearheaded by Laura Hobby, are nothing short of amazing. They have ready-to-go arrangements and are happy to accept telephone orders that can be delivered curbside.

It is with much pride and excitement that we take the reins of the Auxiliary from Rachel Weinberger, and we hope to build on what she has accomplished. We are also sorry to hear of Liza Tulloch's resignation as the Gift Shop Chair, but thank her for all of her unfailing commitment to the shop and for the beautiful new space she helped bring to fruition.

We are looking forward to a great year, and are hoping to see many of you at the upcoming **Gift of Life Symposium** on November 9th. Also, please check out the newly revamped and ever-changing website.

Sincerely,

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- Thank you to **Carol Aronson** and **Christine Shung** for their tireless effort to improve our Access Database. Their hard work allows the Business Office to now track dues for the entire membership.
- A huge thank you goes out to **Sharon Meola** and **NP Twig #2** for volunteering to coordinate the 2008 Spring Luncheon. Thank you for your invaluable support.



TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig #21

HOLIDAY EMPLOYEE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 6, 2007
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



The Holidays are coming! Your Twig's participation is greatly needed for the annual **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007**. The festivities will be held in the 8th Floor Nursing Training Room adjacent to the Volunteer corridor. This annual party is hosted by the Overlook Auxiliary to honor and thank all of our Overlook employees, staff and volunteers.

EACH TWIG IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS ANNUAL CELEBRATION BY PROVIDING
A MINIMUM OF SIX DOZEN
HOME-MADE COOKIES/BARS/TREATS.

Please package your goodies in disposable containers, label with your Twig town and number and deliver to the 8th Floor Auxiliary Business Office on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** We also welcome baked goods from all General Auxilians. Members of SU Twig #21 host this event for the Auxiliary and arrange the festive serving platters on the day of the party.

It is your **HOME-MADE** treats which the staff and employees anticipate and enjoy so much. **THANK YOU** to all Twigs and Auxilians who have made it possible to continue this holiday tradition at Overlook. Please plan to stop by for some **HOLIDAY CHEER** on December 6th between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



TWIG HAPPENINGS

NP Twig #2



NP Twig #2 will be sponsoring another bus trip this year for the benefit of Overlook Hospital. This time we will be traveling to Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, NY to visit Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate, and Sunnyside, the home of author Washington Irving, best remembered for *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th.

Our first stop will be Sunnyside, Irving's charming home in a riverfront setting along the Hudson. We will be given a tour by a guide wearing period clothing, and will have time to view the lovely grounds and gardens as well. Lunch will follow at the nearby Sunset Cove Restaurant directly on the Hudson River with panoramic views to compliment our meal. After lunch we will proceed to Kykuit, built by John D. Rockefeller and home to four generations of Rockefellers.

The tour, which lasts 2 ¼ hours, will include the main rooms of this magnificent six-story mansion, terraced gardens, extensive art and sculpture throughout the house and grounds, the underground art gallery, and a collection of horse-drawn carriages and classic autos. Participants should meet at 8 a.m. on October 17th at the New Providence Community Pool Parking lot, 1378 Springfield Avenue, New Providence. The bus will leave promptly at 8:15 a.m. and return at approximately 6:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$110 all-inclusive. Those interested in attending should make checks payable to NP Twig #2 and send to: Judy Campbell, 165 Division Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. The bus holds a limited number of people, so please send your reservation in early for what promises to be a very enjoyable day. If you have any questions, you may contact Judy at 908-464-0139 or Karen Jenshoej at 908-665-1292.

SH Twig #17

JONES NEW YORK COAT SALE

Coats, Gloves, Hats, Jackets, Ponchos,
Scarves, Socks & Sweaters

Tuesday, November 20th

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Overlook Hospital, Wallace Auditorium

Sponsored by Overlook Hospital Auxiliary
SH Twig #17

SH Twig #27

2007 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Jewelry, Handbags, Wallets, Belts, Scarves,
Shawls, Polish Pottery, Soy Candles, Herbal
Wraps, Gourmet Candy & Food Gift Baskets,
Prepackaged Health Snacks and much more!

Tuesday, November 27th

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Overlook Hospital, Wallace Auditorium

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SH Twig #27



Please join the
Overlook Hospital Auxiliary
At their
Annual Twig Kick-off Morning Coffee
Monday, October 15, 2007
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Overlook Hospital Conference Room #4

Kindly R.S.V.P.
to
Marilyn Chambeau at 908-273-2197
or email: b.chambeau@comcast.net

CHANGING SEASONS—FLOWERS IN *BLOOM*

Summer has come to a close and autumn leaves, though merely hinting their anticipated brilliance, will soon be alive with color. As the Auxiliary welcomes two new presidents and a slate of officers ready to meet the challenges of a new season, future plans are being made for even greater Twig participation in many new endeavors. Many goals that have come to fruition serve as beacons for the future. The Auxiliary is proud to list the *Gift Shop* and *Bloom* among its many successes in the effort to assist and support Overlook Hospital. The countless hours of planning and attention to detail can be witnessed by the selections and floral designs they offer.

For **Thanksgiving**, decorative creative pumpkins, pilgrims and turkeys are available. It is never too early to plan for the holidays and **with one to two weeks notice**, abundant centerpieces can be ordered to your detailed specifications. Orders placed in advance may be retrieved November 19 thru November 21 at *Bloom*, or thru convenient curbside pick-up.

In addition, eclectic jewelry, gift baskets, stocking stuffers, mantle swags and fresh wreaths are just a few of the items carried by the *Gift Shop* and *Bloom*. Seasonal plants, handmade boxwood trees, mixed green arrangements and holiday floral centerpieces can be purchased with **one to two weeks advance notice**. The new venue offers tremendous opportunity, not only for shopping but for volunteering your time as well.

So, as we enter the brilliance of autumn, enjoy the events planned by your individual twigs in the coming months. And when you come to Overlook, please give yourself the pleasure of a visit to the *Gift Shop* and *Bloom* and catch a glimpse of what the efforts of the Auxiliary have done and will continue to do, thanks to its dedicated members.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

AMBULATORY needs assistance in their reception/waiting area on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., and on Fridays from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

BLOOM is in need of help preparing and delivering flower arrangements.

The **BREAST CENTER** in Medical Arts II would greatly appreciate assistance transporting patients, running errands and greeting patients at their Main Desk, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

ENDOSCOPY openings for discharges and stretcher preparation are available.

The **FOUNDATION** would appreciate clerical and mailing help any day from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The **GIFT SHOP** is in need of help at the register for flexible days or as a substitute.

INFORMATION DESK**Current Openings**

Wednesday and Thursday nights from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday days from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.



We are also in need of substitutes for all shifts. If you like Customer Service, this is the volunteer experience for you! We provide on-the-job training for the computer, phones and directional information.

MEDICAL CREDENTIALING would appreciate filing, faxing and data entry assistance between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The **Messenger Room** is in need of help between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **4:30 p.m.** Volunteers aid in discharging patients, running errands, delivering patient mail and flowers, miscellaneous mailing projects, and sorting doctors' mail. Your help would be greatly appreciated, especially during those hours on Monday and Tuesday afternoons! **If any ADULT volunteers are interested in volunteering on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. we would be thrilled to have you! We are unable to remain open if there is no adult supervision.**

NEUROSCIENCE OUTPATIENT would appreciate collating and data entry assistance weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PAIN MANAGEMENT/WOUND CARE in Medical Arts II is in need of assistance transporting patients and running errands, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

PEDIATRICS volunteers would be greatly appreciated for the playroom on various days and times.

The **PHARMACY** would appreciate assistance at their pick up window, weekdays 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

TUMOR REGISTRY needs data inputting, please report any afternoon during weekday hours.

The **VALERIE CENTER** is in need of clerical and filing help on Tuesdays any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering in a specific department not mentioned, please feel free to call us. Volunteer requests are ongoing. If any of the listed positions are of interest to you, please contact **Trish at 908-522- 2099 or Kristen at 908-522-2720.**

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ATTENTION JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for volunteering at Overlook Hospital! Overlook always appreciates your commitment to making our Hospital the best it can be!

The summer has come to an end and plans are underway for the fall. In order for us to begin scheduling we must know if you intend on volunteering after school. If so, please phone us at **908-522-2099.**

Space is limited during the school year and we are currently scheduling for the Messenger Room, Health Records, Dental Center, Radiology, Mother/baby, Pediatrics (must be 17 years old), and Behavioral Health Departments. Most areas need volunteers for after school hours and some are open until 7 p.m.

This year you must make a commitment to a set schedule during the school year. Junior volunteers

MAY NOT show up on an unscheduled day without first calling the office to see if we need help at that time.

Should you be unable to make it on your scheduled day, please phone us to let us know of your inability to come in on that day. If you do not call in and you are absent three times without notification, we will set up a new schedule for you if space is available.

PLEASE NOTE: Your must be current on your TB shot before you return. If you do not know if you need a new one, call us and we can check your files to see when you received your last shot.

Please phone us at **908-522-2099** and provide us with the days, times and areas in which you wish to volunteer. We will do our best to accommodate you.

SUMMER HELP

It was another wonderful and productive summer with the help of Overlook Hospital's Junior Volunteers. We oriented and trained over 50 new juniors and many of our seasoned junior volunteers returned. They were assigned to posts throughout the hospital, lending their talents to many departments. We would like to thank the departments as well as the year-round volunteers who took time from their busy schedules to train the juniors, making volunteering a possibility.

Many thanks to all of the departments who participated in the Junior Program, including: Endoscopy, Messenger Room, Radiology, Physical Therapy, all nursing units, Emergency, Dietary, Radiation, Oncology, Main OR, Mother/ Baby, Storeroom, Pre-Admission Testing, Wound Care, Lab, Dental Center, Chemo Day Room, Same-Day Surgery, Nursing Education, and Health Start. We were able to match many of the volunteers with the opportunities they desired, and they, in turn, were able to learn first-hand how hospital departments are run.

Once again, thank you to all of the junior volunteers who worked so hard this summer!

Enjoy your school year!