

2011-2012 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

	November 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	January 9, 2012	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
Mandatory Twig	March 12	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
Representation	May 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	June 11	9:30 am	Conference Room #2

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**Your Help Is Needed For
Holiday Staff & Volunteer Open House
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**



Thank you to all of the Twigs who have helped us in past years to make this such a popular and successful event. We are asking once again for your help in supplying cookies and treats for the annual **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** for more than 250 guests in Wallace Auditorium. This annual party is hosted by the Overlook Auxiliary to honor and thank all of our Overlook staff and volunteers.

Twigs are asked to provide as many dozens of **homemade cookies/bars/treats** as possible. Last year, we were dozens short and were forced to close the celebration earlier than planned. Your participation is vital.

Please package your goodies in disposable containers, label with your Twig town and number and deliver to the 8th Floor Auxiliary Co-Presidents' Office on **MONDAY, December 5th, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** We welcome and encourage baked goods from all Auxiliary members. Members of SU Twig #21 host this event and arrange the festive serving platters on the day of the party.

It is your **HOME-MADE** treats which the staff anticipates and enjoys so much. **THANK YOU** to all who make this event such a success. Please stop by to join us in the Holiday Festivity.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Dear Auxiliary Members,

Welcome to fall, one of the prettiest seasons of the year. Our major thrust at this time is to do all we can to have a successful Kitchen Tour to raise funds for the Ovarian Cancer Research Project. To the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly and to those who have signed on to Docent—THANK YOU ALL! We will see many of you on October 20th as we circulate between the homes on the Tour.

As we get closer to the holidays, we look forward to several upcoming events. The Jones NY Coat Sale, Holiday Boutique and our annual Holiday Cookie Reception Open House hosted by several Twigs.

We wish all of you and your families great happiness over the holiday season.

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Kitchen Tour Reservation Form

Please mail to me _____ tickets @ \$40 each.

I cannot attend, but wish to make a contribution of \$ _____

Total purchase amount = \$ _____ (Your tour ticket and donation is tax-deductible).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

____ Check enclosed made payable to Overlook Auxiliary.

____ I can match my gift through my company.

Please send this completed form with your check to:

Stacey Supran, Tour Treasurer, 73 Blackburn Road, Summit, NJ 07901

~ Your ticket will be mailed to you ~

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEENS!

Teen volunteers who are interested in working in the Pediatric Activities Center on evenings and weekends are in great demand. Please help us to change the experience of hospitalized children. If you are a babysitter...or a sibling...you may be qualified for this unique volunteer role. Training and adult supervision will be provided.



VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS

Bring healing to our patient visitors and staff with the soothing sounds of music! Pianists, vocalists, violinists, harpists and guitarists are all in great demand! Piano music in our atrium lobby creates a healing and welcoming environment! But, we hope to bring music to our patient care areas as well. Please volunteer to help us! Music creates a calm and healing environment!

MESSENGER ROOM - EXPANDED HOURS

Wanted! Sunday adult volunteers to manage an energetic team of junior volunteers! Messenger Room volunteers are essential to the smooth functioning of the medical center seven days per week. Please agree to help our weekend staff with the many errands necessary to care for our patients. Thanks to the success of a great Saturday team we are looking to create Sunday hours as well. Please call if you are able to lead or staff a Sunday Messenger Room team.

BEDSIDE COMPANION PROGRAM

If you are caring and compassionate with a fondness for older adults, this may be the perfect volunteer experience for you! You can touch someone's life just by being there to listen and provide brief companion visits! Training will be provided to prepare you to comfortably perform this volunteer role.

If you are interested in learning more about any of our volunteer opportunities,
 please contact Sue Thomas, Manager of the Patient Experience
 and Volunteer Services at 908-522-2841 or Sue.thomas@atlanticealth.org

Thank you!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they are priceless” Sherry Anderson

A SPECIAL MESSAGE....

At Overlook Medical Center, our volunteers are our partners in the care of our patients, visitors and staff. Over 900 strong, individually and collectively, our confident and proud volunteers set a standard unmatched by any organization. They are the heart of Overlook, coming regularly to fill their shift as unpaid staff. They are here because of their dedication to Overlook and the proud work that they do each and every day! Each shares in our success and through dedication and caring contributes to the quality of the care Overlook provides!

If you would like to change the experience of our patients, visitors and staff through a kind word, human touch or a gentle reassuring smile...Overlook would welcome you as a new volunteer! The rewards are yours to keep!

If you are interested in becoming an Overlook Medical Center volunteer, please call Gwen Dabney, Administrative Assistant, Volunteer Services to request an application! 908-522-2099 or Gwendolyn.dabney@atlanticealth.org

“The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers” Terry Guillemets

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

The **Gift Shop** is in need of help with sales and data entry.

The **Traveling Gift Cart** needs a cheerful volunteer to treat patients to a bedside visit and an opportunity to purchase magazines, toiletries and sundries.

Bloom needs a Monday volunteer to receive and prep deliveries from florist.

The **Emergency Department** seeks assistance days, evening and weekends.

The **Information Desk** seeks friendly volunteers to welcome guests and offer information/direction. Good telephone and basic computer skills necessary.

Assistant Lobby Greeter needed to provide wheelchair transport for guests.

All **Nursing Units** need help assembling patient admission kits.



AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATES

JONES NY COAT SALE

Monday, November 14
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wallace Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig #17

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, November 29
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wallace Auditorium

Hosted by
SH Twig #27



NEW AUXILIARY LOGO UNVEILED



ONCOLOGY SOLARIUM DEDICATION

On September 12th the Overlook Auxiliary dedicated the newly refurbished 3rd Floor Oncology Solarium. The Board voted \$25,000 for this project and it was accomplished under the auspices of Auxiliary Board member Marilyn Chambeau and Donna Donaldson, Interior Designer. The stunning panoramic views will move from fiery autumn leaves to snow encrusted trees as the seasons change. The lighting is soft and new seating groups are warm and welcoming. The room is a comfortable place to sit and talk, have some coffee or tea or just take a break for a short while.



Pictured at the dedication are:

(L to R) Mark Holtz, Donna Donaldson and Marilyn Chambeau.

Auxiliary members in attendance but not pictured: Terry Andrews, Patricia Blagden, Sue Cagnassola, Amanda Ford, Cindy Hurley, Elsa Russell, Peggy Schreck and Sue Thomas.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

CH Twig #15

On Saturday, September 11, CH Twig #15 held its annual neighborhood block party. An afternoon of fun and sun was enjoyed by over 170 of the residents of the Highlands in Chatham. The entertainment included: DJ music, an arts and crafts table and the appearance of a Chatham Township fire truck, much to the delight of the children in attendance. All proceeds from this event will fund items from the Auxiliary Wish List to benefit Overlook Medical Center.



NP Twig #2

NP Twig #2 concentrates on the needs of children and their families. In 2009, the Twig willingly took over the task of making the much-loved Benji Bear puppets when another Twig disbanded. Since then they have made approximately 600 puppets. They are given to children hospitalized in the Pediatric Unit and in the Pediatric Emergency Department, in hopes of brightening their hospital stay.

Along with making the Benji puppets, NP Twig #2 purchases all the supplies needed and then prepares Thanksgiving baskets for families who use the HealthStart clinic at Overlook. In the spirit of Christmas, Twig members reach deep into their own pockets to purchase gifts to be distributed to children who frequent the HealthStart clinic.



Pictured with their Benji puppets are:

Front row (L to R) Leslie Kreuzer, Nancy Smith, and Mimi Whelan.

Back row (L to R) Gerri Sofman, Sharon Meola, Ginny Rapp, and Jan Schryer.

Not pictured: Karen Jenshoej (who took the picture), Judy Campbell, Joyce Farrell, Lenore Ford, Nancy Kuhn, June Leatherbee, Sandy Mollica, Sandy Olson and Sue Reich.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig #5



SU Twig #5, The Friends of Atlantic Hospice, is delighted to report a very successful Camp Clover. The camp is a free bereavement day camp for children ages 7 through 15 held in Flanders the week of August 22-26. Forty-seven children from 4 counties came together to enjoy camp activities while sharing their grief and bonding with others with similar experiences. The highlight of the week was "Family Night" when families visited the camp, released balloons into the sky with messages to their loved ones and watched a video comprised of pictures of their loved ones.

"Big Mike" a finalist on the 2009 season of *American Idol* came to camp and shared the experience of losing his mother when he was a teenager. After introducing his wife and young daughter, Big Mike let these children know that he was able to move past his grief and be happy, while never forgetting his love for his mother. Feelings were shared, friendships made, the atmosphere was one of sharing memories while supported by bereavement counselors and volunteers.

SU Twig #5 plans to again designate their fundraising efforts next year for Camp Clover.



GIFT SHOP & BLOOM CORNER



A hint of cooler weather and warmer colors is in the air at the Gift Shop. The Shop has the season's hottest item – ruffled sweaters. Pair the sweater with one of the many vibrant scarves and add a forward-looking clutch to your must have list. Also new for the season and just in time for the holidays are jewelry designs by Debra Shepard, known for being comfortable without sacrificing style.

Come November, little elves will decorate the Gift Shop for the holidays. The tree will be filled with a myriad of lovely ornaments and magically the shelves will be filled with lovely holiday gifts. Start your gift shopping early, the Gift Shop will be your one stop shopping place.

In Bloom this season, vibrant tones of orange, purple and red, accented with hydrangea, seasonal berries and colorful leaves will catch your eye. Our professional floral designer will create beautiful arrangements for your holiday table or as a special gift. Should you find a Gift Shop and Bloom STICKER in your copy of the Pulse, you are the lucky recipient of one of Bloom's designs. Call Bloom and speak to Laura directly to make arrangements (908-522-2117). As always, curbside pick-up at Overlook is available. However it would be more fun to come in and shop in the Gift Shop and Bloom.

908-522-2133 or 908-522-2117

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PATIENT SERVICES

