

2007-2008 AUXILIARY BOARD MEETING DATES

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

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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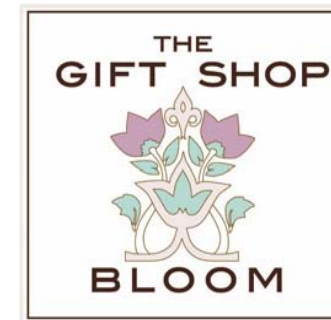
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FLOWERS *BLOOM* AT OVERLOOK HOSPITAL

When words escape, flowers speak.

—Bruce W. Currie



The Overlook Hospital Auxiliary is proud to announce that *Bloom*, a full-service floral shop located within *The Gift Shop*, has opened at Overlook Hospital. Flowers arrive weekly from Holland to ensure that only the freshest “blooms” be utilized in every floral bouquet. In addition, local seasonal flowers are available.

The new shop is fortunate to enlist the talents of many dedicated volunteers as well as the expertise of floral designer, Laura Wrong Hobby, former owner of *Jardiniere* in Far Hills. Her background includes study at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, extensive experience in wedding and event design, and work as a floral consultant. Laura has come to *Bloom* with the aspiration of making it the premier florist in the Summit area.

An array of choices are offered fresh daily in the large floral case located in *The Gift Shop and Bloom*. Custom orders are also accepted and encouraged. Several plants, including exotic orchids and dish gardens are on hand for purchase and delivery. Flowering plants in season are also available. It is worth noting that all products at *Bloom* are competitively priced, with a portion of each sale donated to Overlook Hospital to support vital patient services.

Bloom is proud to be a member of the BBrooks Fine Floral network, a consortium of exclusive floral designers, whose wire service allows clients to send premium flowers worldwide. By using BBrooks, your floral gift will receive the highest attention to detail and creative standard in the industry. Minimum orders begin at \$50 plus wire and service charges. For those who would like to send a more modest bouquet, *Bloom* is a member of the Teleflora network. Membership in both BBrooks and Teleflora offers a diverse selection in price range and also makes it possible for *Bloom* to receive orders for delivery within Overlook Hospital and the local area. *Bloom* also offers a floral delivery

service currently within Summit, but plans to expand to surrounding areas. Minimum orders for delivery begin at \$45 plus delivery charge.

The concept of a designer floral facility within the confines of the hospital is a new and much needed one. *Bloom* offers convenience as well as style for a myriad of occasions suiting each individual's needs, including proms, weddings, and birthdays. You may supply your own containers to be filled or choose from a variety of vases and cachepots available. Laura provides many sources and will be happy to accommodate your specific needs. She is available to consult with you either at *Bloom* or in your home.



(Left to right) Liza Tulloch, Gift Shop Chairwoman; Mary Damiano, Assistant Manager; Carolyn Penwell, Manager; Laura Wrong Hobby, Bloom Assistant Manager.

FUTURE FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES ARE PLANNED FOR THE FALL, PROVIDING A PERFECT TWIG ACTIVITY. PLEASE VISIT OR CALL *BLOOM* AND ENJOY THE WIDE VARIETY OF VIBRANT FLORAL DESIGNS AVAILABLE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 908-522-2117. ORDERS MAY ALSO BE FAXED AT 908-522-2111.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Auxilians:

As the new co-presidents of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary, we want to thank everyone for their support and willingness to make some necessary changes to keep the Auxiliary going forward with its mission. Many thanks to our outgoing president, Rachel Weinberger. Rachel has done a terrific job as president for the last two years; we will miss her professional manner, leadership skills and her unwavering spirit towards the Auxiliary. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

We would also like to thank SU Twig #3 for all the effort they put forward in making this year's luncheon so successful. Without the help of our committee, it would not have been such a great event. A special thanks to our committee chairs and in particular: Amy Disibio and Christina Cranley, speaker selection; Kelly Sandulli, food/flowers; Nancy Lecesse, invitations/program; Maura Perier and Betsy Macpherson, responses/tables; Jeanne Lawler, Jennifer Wyckoff, Rebecca Micalopoulos and Amy Currie, raffle baskets.

Finally, a huge thank-you goes to Madonna Lee for all of her administrative support. Thanks again to everyone.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

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AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are experienced with Microsoft Access and can spare some of your time to help the Auxiliary, please contact Madonna Lee at madonna.lee@ahsys.org. Someone who is familiar with Access is needed to make a few programming changes.

If you enjoy computers and are experienced with Macromedia Contribute 3, won't you consider helping the Auxiliary? We need a **Webmaster** to work with the Office Manager to make periodic updates to our website.

Won't you **please** consider one of these volunteer opportunities for the Auxiliary?!



BUSY BEES



The **Busy Bees** are a wonderful group who gather three to four times each month to sew items such as bunny buntings at Easter and festive stockings at Christmas, to transport newborns from the hospital to home. The remainder of the year, they concentrate on creating Benji Bear hand puppets that are distributed to various departments throughout Overlook Hospital for pediatric patients.

If you are interested in mentoring under this lively group of seasoned volunteers, we would love to hear from you. The **Bees** are hoping to eventually "pass the baton" to another group of sewers to continue this popular tradition. The patterns are simple and the schedule is very light during the summer months. Please contact Madonna in the Auxiliary Business Office (908-522-2004) if you and/or your friends are interested or would like additional information.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig #4

TWIG CELEBRATES CINCO DE MAYO

On Saturday, May 5th, SU Twig #4 of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary hosted a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the home of Meghan and Steven Duttonhofer. We are proud to report that we raised over \$2,000 to benefit Overlook Hospital's Pediatric Emergency Room. Muchas Gracias!

Margaritas were the featured beverage along with traditional Mexican cuisine, including fresh salsa and guacamole with fajitas, empanadas and quesadillas. Special thanks go to our hosts and the Cinco de Mayo Committee.

The Overlook Hospital Auxiliary is a volunteer organization committed to serving the entire hospital community, fostering a compassionate and comforting environment through hands-on volunteering and innovative fundraising. For further information on the Auxiliary, please go to the web site, www.OHAux.org.



Taking a break from their margaritas, senioritas pose for a group photo.

(Left to right) Janie Garrett, Hadley Peterson, Anne St.Clair, Katrina Walsh, Valerie Minton, Meredith Guida, Maureen Griffith, Tracey Dunleavy, Laura Grosso and Meghan Duttonhofer. Missing from photo: Amy Donohue, Rebecca Kranzler, Liz Martin, Chrissy Munn, Stacey Press and Dr. Laurie Zimmermann.

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.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

SU Twig #1

Memorial Day, May 28th, Twig members rode and walked in Summit's Annual Memorial Day Parade.



(Left to right) Simone Shelby, Wally Shelby, Dorothy Moxley, Lenore Ford, Summit's Mayor Jordon Glatt, Wayne Engel, Ruth Rosensweig and Ron Rosensweig.

On May 7th, Overlook Hospital Foundation held their Golf Tournament at Canoe Brook Country Club. The Gift of Life Committee was represented at a Donor Table for the Cancer Center at Overlook.

Simone and Wally Shelby also organized a Donor Table for the Scottish Games held at Bonnie Brae on June 2nd. Ruth and Ron Rosensweig also participated. Several people took the opportunity to sign up using donor cards available that day.

Chatham's 4th of July Parade saw SU Twig #1 members riding in the Rosensweig's convertible and marching along Main Street holding the Donate Life banner.

Once again during Summit's Street Fair Day to be held on Saturday, August 4th, Gift of Life members will staff a table from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to distribute information on donations.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 9th, SU Twig #1 will sponsor an open symposium in Overlook Hospital's Wallace Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. Featured speakers at the event will be NJ Sharing Network administrators, religious leaders, and our own Dr. Rosalind Dorlan and her husband David. The Dorlands were involved in a successful 4-way kidney exchange. Everyone is invited to participate in the symposium and to learn more about organ and tissue donation.

There are over 94,000 people across the U.S.A. awaiting life-saving transplants with over 3,000 in NJ. Please consider becoming a donor. Contact Lenore Ford at 973-984-2174 for additional information.

SU Twig #19

DERBY DAY PARTY REIGNS IN DONATIONS FOR OVERLOOK HOSPITAL

SU Twig #19 held its annual Derby Day Cocktail party on May 5th for the benefit of Overlook Hospital. The event was held in the Summit home and gardens of Twig member Vicky DeMuth and her husband Don.

Guests were greeted in the garden with traditional Mint Juleps and a sumptuous array of hearty hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Twig members. The theme of the party was built around the first leg of America's horseracing triple crown, the Kentucky Derby. Partygoers enjoyed speculating on the race. The event began with a lively auction. At post time, Claudia Bell, one of the three Twig Co-Chairwomen, invited everyone to gather around TV sets placed around the DeMuth home to cheer on their favorite steeds.



Following an exciting race, the party continued with a light supper and interesting conversation. All in all, it was a successful day for "Street Sense," the 2007 Kentucky Derby winner and for Overlook Hospital, the beneficiary of the evening's generous guests.

If you would like more information on the many events that are sponsored by the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary, you may check their website at www.OHAux.org.

(Left to right) Claudia Bell, Twig Co-Chairwoman and Vicki DeMuth, Event Hostess.

AUXILIARY SPRING LUNCHEON CONCLUDES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Overlook Hospital Auxiliary held its annual Spring Luncheon on May 18th at the Canoe Brook Country Club. This year, the Auxiliary was proud to present Gael Towey, Chief Creative Officer, Martha Stewart Living Omni-media, Inc. Ms. Towey's dynamic presentation included incite into the creative process and concepts which have made Martha Stewart Omni-media a world-class operation. Raised in Short Hills, she was also happy to share her own personal memories of Overlook Hospital. Not only was she the featured pre-teen in an Overlook brochure from the late 1960's, she also volunteered as a Candy Striper for Overlook Hospital during her high school years.

This year's Auxiliary Luncheon was hosted by SU Twig #3, under the leadership of Amanda Ford and Terry Andrews, both of Summit. Exquisite floral arrangements were provided, courtesy of the Auxiliary's new flower shop, *Bloom*, whose manager is talented newcomer, Laura Wrong Hobby. Over 25 exciting gift baskets comprised the basket raffle, featuring a

variety of items from which to choose, including, jewelry, and a Beach Party. There was also an opportunity to bid on a complete one-year membership to the **Summit YMCA** and the **Connection for Women and Children**.

During the brief business meeting, the new slate of officers was approved: Co-Presidents, Terry Andrews and Amanda Ford; Co-Vice Presidents, Marilyn Chambeau and Lambi Newsham; Treasurer, Christina Hawkins; Recording Secretary, Susan Cagnasola; Corresponding Secretary, Cindy Hurley; and Hospital Liaison, Rachel Weinberger. Certificates of Honor were also awarded to Julie Planck, retiring General Treasurer, for her lifetime of devotion to the Auxiliary, as well as SU Twig #123 for their creative and tireless dedication to Overlook Hospital.

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Gael Towey at the podium during her informative presentation.



Auxiliary Co-President, Amanda Ford taking a moment to share a copy of the Auxiliary Luncheon Program.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



The messenger room could use some help! We remain busy facilitating discharges, running errands, delivering patient mail and flowers, miscellaneous mailing projects, and sorting Doctors' mail! We would be grateful for any volunteers, especially on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

***If any adults are interested in volunteering on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. we would be thrilled to have you! The office cannot remain open without adult supervision.

Hours for the messenger room are currently Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- *The **Valerie Center** is in need of clerical and filing help on Tuesdays between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- ***Tumor Registry** is in need of data entry help any afternoon during the week.
- *The **Foundation** is in need of clerical and mailing help any day from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- *The **Information Desk** currently has 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. openings on Wednesday and Thursday nights. If you enjoy Customer Service, this is the job for you. We provide on-the-job training for the computer, phones, and directional information.
- ***Human Resources** is seeking help any day except Tuesday for light clerical, phone and errand work.
- ***Endoscopy** is seeking help with discharges and preparing stretchers.
- ***Ambulatory** is looking for help in their reception/waiting area on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer in another area, please contact us. If any of the positions are of interest to you, please contact Trish at extension 2099 or Kristen at extension 2720.

LOBBY IN NEED OF NEW PIANO



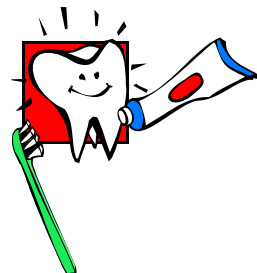
Thanks to a few of our dedicated volunteers, soft piano music greets all who enter Overlook Hospital's Main Lobby. This beautiful music has received rave reviews by staff, volunteers and visitors alike. It is our hope that this service be continued.

A problem has arisen, however, concerning the condition of the existing piano. It is unable to be repaired and must be replaced. **If anyone wishes to donate a Baby Grand Piano to Overlook Hospital, or knows someone who does,** please call Kristen Houghton, Volunteer Services Manager at 908-522-2720. Help us to keep this lovely new music tradition alive!

DENTAL CLINIC

A 25% courtesy to all Overlook Hospital volunteers and their spouses who are without dental insurance has recently been instituted. Patients will have the opportunity to be examined by either Dr. Rubino or Dr. Silverman during the following hours:

Mondays	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays	9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Fridays	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



2006 OVERLOOK AUXILIARY ANNUAL GIFTS

The Overlook Hospital Auxiliary is proud to announce that the 2006 annual donations to a variety of Overlook Hospital departments totaled \$40,379. The Auxiliary Governing Board was pleased to be able to supplement these gifts with grants totaling \$24,350. The grand total of \$64,729 represents many hours of dedication to Overlook Hospital by a committed group of community members who strive to insure that everyone who enters Overlook Hospital will be met with a caring and compassionate environment. To learn more about the many activities that support these donations, please visit the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary web site, www.OHAux.org.

TWIG HAPPENINGS

CH TWIG #15 SPRING FUNDRAISER

CH Twig #15 hosted its annual Spring Fundraiser on May 19th. The theme of this year's event was "Down by the Bayou" featuring Cajun food, Mardi Gras decorations and New Orleans Jazz. The party was organized by 10 committee members and held at the home of Twig member Shirdevi Kannambadi. More than 54 people attended. Continuing last year's tradition, Twig members generously donated 15 baskets to be raffled during the evening. In addition to the lovely baskets, a Silent Auction was held in which people bid on rounds of golf and weekend getaways on Long Beach Island and Cape Cod (also donated by our members).

In order to increase fundraising efforts, raffle tickets were also made available to those who could not attend the event. Over \$3,800 was raised through this effort, one of the largest fundraisers in the CH Twig #15's history; and everyone had a great time in the process!!

SAVE THE DATE

SH Twig #17



Once again, SH Twig #27 is asking you to save the date for the return of D&D International Jewelry; and this time there will be no snow storm as on Valentine's Day! So please reserve Friday, September 28th on your calendar. Sale begins at 9:00 a.m. See you then!