

## 2011-2012 AUXILIARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

	September 12	9:30 am	Conference Room #4
<b>Mandatory Twig Representation</b>	November 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	January 9, 2012	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	March 12	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	May 14	9:30 am	Conference Room #2
	June 11	9:30 am	Conference Room #2

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**Fall Pulse DEADLINE: September 12**  
**Winter Pulse DEADLINE: December 12**  
**Spring Pulse DEADLINE: March 12**

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# PULSE

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## KITCHEN TOUR CONFRONTS "SILENT KILLER"

Did you know that each year in the United States more than 21,000 women are diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer and about 15,000 women will die of this disease? For the 25% of ovarian cancers found early, the five year survival rate is greater than 90%. Developing a method to screen for and identify ovarian tumors earlier is the key to improving survival rates.

Enter Dr. Brian Slomovitz, Director of Research for the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center and Associate Director of the Women's Cancer Center at Overlook and Morristown Medical Centers. Three types of studies are being conducted in Ovarian Cancer; prevention, screening and treatment. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center has recently completed a three-year screening study that has been well received in the medical world. Dr. Slomovitz will run the M.D. Anderson Study here at the Women's Cancer Center. Funds must be raised to cover the costs of this program for the next three years.

Enter Anne St.Clair and Meredith Guida. As Co-Chairs of the Overlook Auxiliary Kitchen Tour, they hope not only to raise awareness of this "silent killer" but also to raise funds to support the research of Dr. Slomovitz. Anne and Meredith are childhood friends from the second grade and since the start of this adventure have worked as one; from convincing the Chamber of Commerce to allow us to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue to finding homes with state of the art kitchens. Working with designers, realtors, friends and friends of friends, seven beautiful kitchens were selected, all in Summit. From the printing of a "Save the Date" to printing of a brochure and tickets and designing a special logo for this event they have been focused on making this a Kitchen Tour to be remembered long after it is over.

Not that they are alone in this endeavor. Lois Schneider Realtor was quick to answer the call to be lead sponsor and Bouras Properties followed soon after. Their generous support of the Kitchen Tour enabled Anne and Meredith and their committee to lay firm groundwork on which to build upon.

Without hesitation Diane Swett said "yes" when asked to do the write-ups for the individual kitchens. Lucky Diane, she gets a sneak peek while we all have to wait.

Jane Schapker and Pat Blagden our Publicity Co-Chairs have dual roles as well. In addition to publicity, posters and information to the media, Jane is putting together an Ad Journal from businesses in the area. Pat will be writing articles for the Independent Press, the Overlook View, the Alternative Press and many other media outlets. Together Jane and Pat will make sure everyone hears about our Kitchen Tour scheduled for Thursday, October 20.

Luncheon arrangements are being handled by Amanda Ford with the idea of focusing on restaurants in Downtown Summit for the day of the tour. Your Co-Presidents will be busy assigning docents to homes for two shifts (9:30 am - 12:45 pm & 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm) and arranging for house captains over the summer.

The Overlook Foundation has been instrumental in guiding us through some unknown territory and has shared their expertise in large scale fund raising endeavors.

Tickets will go on sale shortly at the **Gift Shop & Bloom**, Overlook Downtown and at Lois Schneider Realtors. Grab a friend, volunteer to "kitchen" sit and have a fun day. The OVERLOOK AUXILIARY KITCHEN TOUR NEEDS YOU!

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Dear Auxiliary Members,

We hope you are looking forward to the lazy, hazy days of summer and that “good book” you never found time to read during the year. As always the Twigs have been busy this past year raising funds for our many causes such as the Valerie Center and Camp Clover, educating our members and the public in many interesting ways - Organ Donor Awareness Symposiums, Run for the Cure and holding several vendor sales. While our 2010-2011 year ended officially with our Spring Luncheon the summer will be spent getting ready for our Kitchen Tour to benefit Ovarian Cancer Research.

Our Events Co-Chairs Anne St.Clair and Meredith Guida have been busy securing seven showcase homes, arranging for financial sponsors and for the printing of brochures, tickets and much more. Our Publicity Co-Chairs Jane Schapker and Pat Blagden are hard at work making sure our project is in local papers and many other forms of media. Our job as Co-Presidents is to procure docents and house captains for the event. We ask that you leave room in your fall calendar to docent and tour on the day of the House Tour. We know you will have a great time doing both and we appreciate the volunteer effort.

At our June Board Meeting we revisited Liam’s Room, a project that has been on the Wish List for some time. This room is dedicated to Liam McNamara who died at Overlook in 2007. Liam’s Room serves as the hub for a full-fledged pediatric palliative care program and is available to families whose children need palliative or end-of-life care. There are several areas where funding is needed and our Wish List will be updated to reflect individual projects. Please look at the updated listing of needs and consider them when you think about donating from the Wish List. Thank you.

Once again we thank each and every one of you for your dedication and support of the Auxiliary. Without you we could not do all that we as volunteers do. Your efforts are much appreciated throughout Overlook Medical Center (note new name). We are often complemented for your efforts so we pass that praise to each one of you. We wish you all a wonderful summer of relaxation and quiet pleasures and look forward to greeting you all again in September.

Happy Summer!!

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES GIVE FROM THE HEART

The Valerie Center was the happy recipient of much appreciated donations from the Religious Education families of Church of the Little Flower. Melissa Sartorius, Chairman of CH Twig #6 expressed the gifts would be a great help for the Child Life Program as the Center currently had little to no Child Life budget. Items such as art supplies, play dough, games, snacks and other activities help pass the time during the children’s stay at the hospital.

Lori Hakim, both a member of Little Flower and CH #6 echoed Melissa’s words: “...we at CH Twig #6 are very grateful as there is no budget for all those extra things...These things will surely brighten any child’s day and make their stay a tiny bit easier at a very difficult time for them....Thank you very much.”



## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

### VOLUNTEENS!

We are looking for a special team of teen volunteers interested in working in the Pediatric Activities Center on evenings and weekends. If you enjoy working with children, this would be a great fit for you. Training and adult supervision will be provided.

### PERFORMANCE VOLUNTEERS



Music is healing! Pianists, vocalists, violinists, harpists and guitarists are invited to share their talent with our patients, staff and visitors. The piano in our atrium lobby provides a natural focal point for music. We invite you to perform in the lobby or patient care areas to enhance the healing environment.

### MESSENGER ROOM - EXPANDED HOURS

Messenger Room volunteers are the anchors to all volunteer activity. They provide expert mentoring for new volunteers and give the extra support and legwork necessary to keep the medical center running smoothly. 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 at 908-522-2841.

Thank You!

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

*"No one is cherished more in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."*

Author unknown

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE ....

At Overlook Medical Center we are proud of the quality, caring and dedication our cadre of over 900 volunteers. Each one is a part of our many successes and adds a human touch to the experience of our patients, visitors and staff. Our volunteers offer a gentle smile, a kind word in passing and encouraging words when wheeling a patient to discharge! No task is too big...or too small...our volunteers willingly stand by to assist!

If you would like to become part of this elite group of very special individuals...you may change your own life in the process. You will meet others who will encourage and inspire you with their own level of commitment!

If you are interested in becoming an Overlook Medical Center volunteer, please call Gwen Dabney 908-522-2099 for an application!

## VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

The **GIFT SHOP** is in need of help with sales and data entry.

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.

The **PRE-ADMISSION TESTING DEPARTMENT** seeks assistance with chart preparation.



## THE THOMAS GLASSER CAREGIVERS CENTER

The Thomas Glasser Caregivers Center will serve the unique needs of the family caregivers of our patients. Scheduled to open in early summer 2011, the Thomas Glasser Caregivers Center will provide specialized volunteer opportunities for individuals with well-developed communication and interpersonal skills.

## AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

### SAVE THE DATES

#### FALL VENDOR SALE

Tuesday, September 13  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Wallace Auditorium

Hosted by SH Twig #27

#### 2011 KITCHEN TOUR

Thursday, October 20  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hosted by Events Committee

#### 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

#### HOLIDAY COOKIE RECEPTION

Tuesday, December 6  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Wallace Auditorium

Hosted by SU Twig #21

## AS THE SUN SETS...A NEW BEGINNING



On Monday, June 6 Lenore Ford hosted a farewell luncheon for SU Twig #1 members and invited guests at her beautiful Morristown home. The afternoon included Lenore highlighting many of her Twig's accomplishments and recounting some poignant stories involving donor recipients.

Lunch included many homemade salads, quiches a carving board and an array of wonderful desserts. The *piece de resistance* was a specialty cake from Natale's Bakery in Summit which was adorned with the Donate Life logo.

As the afternoon drew to a close, laughter and tears were shared among friends knowing that their cause and work continues.



## TWIG HAPPENINGS

## SU Twig #1

After sixteen years of service an incredible journey has come to an end for SU Twig #1 - Donate Life. To the Auxiliary, who has continually supported all our work we send a huge THANK YOU for we truly could not have done it without you. Heartfelt thanks also go out to all of our members for their tireless work.

Many of our volunteers will continue our mission by joining with the Sharing Network - the State's Organ Procurement Organization headquartered in New

Providence. If you would like to join our efforts please call Lenore Ford at 973-984-2174.



*The Auxiliary Board of Trustees presented Lenore Ford a bouquet of flowers from Bloom.*

## SU Twig #4

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, members of Summit Twig #4 celebrated the season with a Cinco de Mayo-themed party hosted by Twig 4 member Katrina Walsh and her husband Matt at their Summit home. The event was attended by over 100 people and over \$5,000 was raised for Ovarian Cancer. The Walsh home was outfitted in festive colorful plants and decorations, coordinated by Hadley Peterson and a team of other Twig members. Food, provided by Just Delicious Catering, included quesadillas, corn fritters, chips and guacamole.

The mission of SU Twig #4, comprised of mothers from Chatham, New Providence and Summit, is to enhance the experience of women and children when they visit Overlook Medical Center. The group was formed in 2004 by friends who had attended Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School in Summit together. Later other local mothers who wanted to volunteer their time to a meaningful cause in the community and encourage participation in that cause by hosting fun social events, joined the group. Forming SU Twig #4 also gave them the opportunity to support the local hospital where several of their own children were born. Twigs

at Overlook Medical Center are comprised of groups of friends from the general area who have a similar interest in wanting to support their local hospital. The Auxiliary supports both hands-on volunteer groups and fundraising efforts. If you are interested in starting a Twig of your own, please contact the Auxiliary Business Office at 908-522-2004 or for more information visit [www.ohaux.org](http://www.ohaux.org).



*(L to R) Twig member: Aimee Messer, Katrina Walsh, Sara Sykes, Virginia Cepeda and Anne St.Clair*

## SU Twig #5



Over the past year, SU Twig #5 has been focusing all of their efforts fundraising for Camp Clover. A free bereavement day camp for children ages 7 through 15 who have lost a loved one, it is sponsored by Atlantic Home Care & Hospice. If you know of any child who might benefit from this camp, please call Marcie Colon at 973 379-8400 x8956.

**SAVE THE DATE** as SU Twig #5 is again sponsoring a Sunday Brunch Cruise on October 2nd. All proceeds will be used to start an endowment fund for Camp Clover. The Cost is \$75 per person with an invitation to follow in August.

## TWIG HAPPENINGS

## SU Twig #9

The Emergency Department at Overlook Medical Center was the recipient recently of a painting dedicated by SU Twig #9 in memory of long time Twig member and friend Jean Clutsam. Harry Tower (deceased) artist of this beautiful watercolor, which depicts friends picking strawberries together, was the husband of SU Twig #9 member Loris Tower. This painting was chosen by the Twig members because they felt it truly represented one of many activities Jean participated in alongside many of them throughout the years.



*(Back row, L to R) Lynne Bernstein, Medical Technician, Phyllis Edgcomb and Ruth Cooper.*

*(Front row, L to R) Anne Wilson, Jean Mesco and Loris Tower*

## GIFT SHOP &amp; BLOOM CORNER



The long and lazy days of summer are here!

Sizzling summer styles are all the trend at the **Gift Shop & Bloom**. The colors are bright as are the fabrics. Checkout the waffle weave spa robes and kimonos – perfect for home or weekends relaxing. There is also a great selection of soaps and lotions to keep your skin cool and smooth.

The Gift Shop is famous for its ever changing inventory. Dangling earrings and featherweight scarves in wonderful colors are definite must haves for the summer months. The Children's Corner has Starfish plush toys and glittery Octopi to cuddle.

Whether your favorite container is a flea market find or a treasured heirloom, our professional florist can custom design an arrangement for you. The month of May was a busy one at Bloom. Floral arrangements were designed for the Atlantic Neuroscience Stroke Symposium, the Clinical Excellence Awards, Overlook's Nurses Day, the Chairman's Dinner and the Auxiliary Luncheon to name just a few. Quite a number of Summit Prom attendees wore corsages

and boutonnieres from Bloom as well. Going forward are two weddings. Arrangements from Bloom for the Care Givers Center opening will be featured in a photo shoot in the View. Remember, you can pick up your order curbside just by calling ahead thereby eliminating the need to park.

Visit the **Gift Shop & Bloom** and find the unexpected. The **Gift Shop & Bloom** is the Auxiliary's major fundraiser and all proceeds benefit patient services at Overlook.

**908-522-2133 or 908-522-2117**

We in the Gift Shop & Bloom are saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of volunteer Sonia Kassinger. Sonia was a dedicated worker in the Gift Shop for many years and will be greatly missed by so many who knew her. A donation will be made to the Overlook Foundation in Sonia's name.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kassinger family ♥