

HOUSE AND GARDEN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WILL SPEAK AT SPRING LUNCHEON

by Lambi Newsham, Marilyn Chambeau and Johanna McGovern, luncheon co-chairs

Dominique Browning, Editor-in-Chief of *House and Garden* and acclaimed author, will be the guest speaker at this year's Luncheon/Annual Meeting at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park on **Thursday, May 12th**. Ms. Browning, the author of *Paths of Desire: The Passions of a Suburban Gardener*, is also the New York editor of *House and Garden*.

Dominique Browning has been Editor-in-Chief of *House & Garden* since 1995. She was previously the editor of *Mirabella* magazine. In her capacity as editor-in-chief, Browning has lectured extensively around the United States on decorating, architecture and gardening. She is author of *Around the House and in the Garden*, *A Memoir of Heartbreak, Healing and Home Improvement*, published by Scribner in 2002. Her new book, *Paths of Desire: The Passions of a Suburban Gardener*, was published by Scribner in February, 2004. Browning and her two teenage sons live in Westchester County in New York.

She will speak to us on her new book. *Paths of Desire* is the enchanting, instructive, and often moving account of her experience restoring and re-creating her garden. This garden was made up of the idiosyncratic ecosystem of



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from the President's desk . . .

Well, it is hard to believe, but spring will be here in a few more weeks! All the snow has melted at my house and it is about 58 outside now. I hope you are gearing up for our annual luncheon to be held at Brooklake Country Club on May 12th, 2005. Our featured speaker is Dominique Browning, Editor-in-Chief of *House and Garden* magazine. We will have so many interesting boutiques and your friends will be there. I hope to see you there!

During the fall, Lee Radsch organized a blood drive for Overlook. Basically, each Twig is scheduled for a specific month throughout the year. Even if you cannot donate that month you may call the hospital and schedule it when it is convenient for you. The number to call is 522-2017. I recently spent some time giving platelets. While this takes nearly two hours, it generally benefits somebody who is really sick or has had surgery. It was not fun, but I felt good that I was able to help somebody in need and they told me I would have new platelets back in 48 hours. I hope you will call the blood bank and schedule a visit. It is an important commitment we have made to Alan Leiber, our Chief Operating Officer, and I appreciate your support.

I wanted to thank all of you who have volunteered to cover the Auxiliary office during the week - Molly Whitney, Lee Radsch, Lambi Newsham, Pat Steadman and Amanda Ford. By covering our office we reduce our expenses and increase our potential contribution to the Overlook Hospital Foundation.

We need to start gearing up for the Centennial! We would like to recruit volunteers from each Twig to help work on the Centennial Walk scheduled for June of 2006. We will need approximately 50 volunteers on walk day and probably about 10 or 15 to help organize the walk. Please discuss this with your Twig and decide if you can get involved. We have signed on to do this one major activity for the hospital and it should be fun for everyone. We will have more on that in the coming months but it will basically require several hours of your time on a Sunday afternoon in June.

Thanks again for all your support. You really make a difference at Overlook Hospital and your time and energy is so very contagious!



Kathleen L. Beib

Auxiliary Car Raffle is Launched at Overlook Hospital Cardiac Health Fair



Amanda Ford, Summit Twig 3, and Lee Radsch, Summit Twig 21, inaugurated the Auxiliary Cadillac Raffle and sold copies of our "Great Gatherings" Cookbook on Feb. 5, 2005 at the 15th Annual Overlook Hospital Cardiac Health Fair. The Cookbook is available at many area shops as well as the Gift Shop at the hospital. It may also be special ordered through any member of Twig 3. The books sold by the Twig are \$25 and come gift-wrapped with a small wire wisk ornament. Call 908-277-3019 for more information.

The Raffle tickets are currently available in the Gift Shop or at Crown Cadillac. Twigs will also have an opportunity to sell tickets this spring and summer. The tickets sell for \$25 apiece or 5 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the hospital on October 6, 2005 to close the Kitchen Tour event. As always, proceeds from both the Cookbook and the Raffle will benefit Overlook Hospital.

Gift of Life Committee Activities Focus on "Donate Life Month"

by Lenore Ford



April is designated as "Donate Life Month" nationally. Thus, once again, green ribbons will flutter on trees in 14 communities surrounding Overlook Hospital. 40 Auxiliaries of the Gift of Life Committee work diligently throughout the year, to inform the public about the great need for organ and tissue donation. The Auxiliary and The Sharing Network in Springfield support the group with funds and materials, allowing the committee to be a strictly educational entity.

In NJ and the US, 2004 proved to be the best year ever for organ donations. The Garden State had 159 donors, recovering 554 organs, 476 of which were transplanted.

Due to the love and generosity of these donors and their families, many very sick or dying people had a second chance at life. The gap between patients waiting for organs and patients transplanted continues to grow. However, it is hoped that with medical breakthroughs and initiatives, and more donations, that the gap will grow smaller in the future.

In 1995, when the committee started, there were 44,066 people waiting for organs nationwide. Today, there are 87,191 patients waiting.

ORGAN DONORS SAVE LIVES.

Won't **you** consider becoming an organ and tissue donor? *We need you!* Call Lenore Ford @ **973-984-2174** or log on to www.sharenj.org for more information.

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the suburbs: skunks and raccoons, plastic jungle gyms, toppling garbage cans, a pot-holed driveway, and all the grinding, honking, and buzzing of such a neighborhood. It contains a rich store of advice and illustrative anecdotes for garden enthusiasts, especially those millions of suburban gardeners frequently neglected by other writers.

She will be available in our popular Boutiques area beginning at 10 am to sign books. Tickets for this year's luncheon are \$45. There will be a cash bar. Space is limited for this very exciting event, so send in your response card as soon as possible.

Auxiliary Board Welcomes Two New Members

In January, the Board welcomed **Carol Aronson** to fill the newly-created position of Website Coordinator, and **Sue Hubbard**, who takes over the Public Relations chair from Lambi Newsham, who now serves as a Vice President of Membership Recruitment along with Marilyn Chambeau.

During her first career, Carol led process automation projects with major oil and chemical companies in North America and Europe, and led software development groups at two different companies in her second career. Now she manages investments and does volunteer work with nonprofits - where she especially enjoys helping them in areas related to Information Technology. She and her husband have lived in Summit for 10 years, and her hobbies include gardening, reading, her pets (Leica & Cleo), wine, food and travel,

Sue, an active member of Summit Twig 10, also does Public Relations for the Summit Junior Fortnightly Club, and is involved with the Susan G. Komen Foundation. She is excited about helping to spread the word in our communities about the Auxiliary and its activities in support of Overlook Hospital. The Hubbards have lived in Summit for 8 years, and have two sons, 5 and 8 who are her primary focus!



The Overlook Auxiliary "Busy Bees" Have Done It Again!

by Eleanor McGlaughlin

Even though we are all in our 80s, we again finished making 50 stocking buntings for the newborns who arrived during the Holiday season. Each year our goal is to sew 50 !! (One of our members has been sewing them since 1979.) When the baby is ready to go home, the nurse slips the baby into the stocking with a "Look what Santa left for you !!"

Busy Bee members are **Louise Gili, Eleanor McGlaughlin, Mary D'Oniffrio, Mary Pedoto, Blanche Harrison and Mable Keating.**

Art at Overlook Opens New Show

by KyleAnn Leäebuhr

Be sure to stop by the fifth floor corridor galleries to see our new exhibit and sale of works from the Millburn-Short Hills Art Center which will hang from **March 5 to April 30, 2005**. Steve Miller, Director of the Morris Museum, is Judge/Juror for this show. Three awards of Excellence and three Awards of Merit will be given – the first Award of Excellence being for Best in Show.

A public reception will be held at Overlook on Sunday March 13, between 2 and 4 PM at which the awards will be presented. Remember that purchases of the art help support continued cancer care at Overlook. Sales are handled through the Auxiliary Gift Shop.

Members of New Providence Twig #7 Gathered at Aquila for their Annual Fundraiser Christmas Dinner



Back row, from left: **Chris McTague, Adriana Torsiello, Loretta Piluso, Rochelle Leitz, Cathy Doyle, Annette Suter**; front row: **Enid Doyle, Rina Boorujy, Ruth Boorujy, Liz Butkowski.**

The group meets monthly in members' homes to make clown hand-puppets which they donate to the Overlook Pediatric Department every month. They also hold fund-raisers throughout the year, with the proceeds donated to Overlook Hospital toward items on the "Wish List". (Ed. note: Visit our website - www.ohaux.org - for the latest complete "Wish List".)

Current Volunteer Openings at Overlook

Information Desk openings

Any volunteer with good communication skills, some computer skills(will train) and excellent telephone manners.

Tuesday 4:30 - 6:30 pm (2 volunteers) THEN Tuesday, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (1 volunteer)

Friday 4:30 - 8:00 pm (2 volunteers)

Messenger Room openings

Any volunteer who loves to be on your feet and has good communications skills would love this volunteer job. There are a lot of errands to do all around the hospital for all the different departments.

Mondays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Any Shift

Tuesdays 8:00 am - 12:30 pm - Any shift

Thursdays 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Fridays 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Endoscopy Dept.:

Run errands, prepare stretchers with clean linens and discharging of patients.

Mondays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - any hours

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - any hours

Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - any hours

Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - any hours

Fridays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - any hours

Clerical openings:

Human Resources is looking for a volunteer who might be computer literate and have general office skills to work in their offices on **Fridays any time between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Medical Affairs - filing any day Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Preadmission Testing - any weekday 8am to 5 pm

Tumor Registry - any weekday 7 am to 3 pm

Pastoral Care/Chaplain Office: Wednesday mornings 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Help out in office with admission and discharge patient process.

Central Access Dept. Receptionist:

Help reception staff with incoming patients preparations for registration and testing.

Tuesdays 7:00 am - 1:00 pm - Any hours

Fridays 7:00 am - 1:00 pm - Any hours

Surgical Receptionist:

Mondays 6:00 am - 12:00 pm - any hours

Thursdays 6:00 am - 12:00 pm - any hours

Emergency Room: (must be 16 years or older)

Run errands, help with patient liaison and restocking of supplies.

Monday - Sunday 12:00 pm - 10 pm - Any shift

If interested any of these volunteer opportunities, please call **Susan Manfredo, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at Overlook Hospital (908) 522-2847** or email at :

Susan.Manfredo@ahsys.org.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
"CELEBRATING WOMEN"
Featuring STAR JONES**

A program presented by Overlook Hospital
Health Education Department

Saturday, April 30, 2005, 7:30am to 2:00pm

This day includes health screenings, displays, lunch, raffles, and giveaways, and features Star Jones, a lawyer, former prosecutor and co-host of ABC's "The View". There will be 2 sessions of breakouts including: *Stress Management, Women & Heart Disease; Pregnancy After 30; Kids: Cliques and Bullying; Plastic Surger Options; A Baby? ... Maybe!; Raising Fit Kids; and Cancer Risks Through Your Ages.*

To register and for information, call 1-800-247-9580.

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