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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Books-R-Fun**  
October 22-23, 2013

**Christmas Trees To Go**  
Raffle during the month of  
October - Drawings for the  
Trees, October 31, 2013

**2013 Ball of the Year**  
"Night of Intrigue"  
The Event Center  
Waterfront Place  
November 16, 2013

**Masquerade Jewelry**  
November 19-20, 2013

**Gift Shop Sales:**  
November 20, Anniversary  
Sale 10% to 50% off  
November 29, Black Friday  
Sale 25% off

**Wednesdays, December 4,  
11, 18 and Monday, Decem-  
ber 23, 2013, Holiday Sales**  
9am to Midnight

**Biggest Bake Sale**  
December 23, 2013

**AUXILIARY OF MON GENERAL NEWS**

**President's Message**



I want to take this opportunity to welcome Steve Carpenter as our new vice-president on the Auxiliary Board of Directors. Steve has spent the past year soaking up all the wonderful things about how our auxiliary is run, and he will be an outstanding addition to the executive committee. Steve currently serves as a pathfinder on Thursday mornings so he is very familiar with workings of Mon General and has acquired many contacts within the healthcare system.

The Fall Luncheon was planned by our Social Chair, Jennifer Ogden, and was a wonderful outing. The food was YUM-

MY! It was so nice to see familiar faces that I hadn't seen in a while. It was also a great opportunity to meet with Daphne Scordato, the new Vice President of Patient Care Services at Mon General Hospital.

The Dynasty Dinner was quite a whirlwind! Hosting 800 people is a different experience than hosting 450 for the Ball of the Year. Jase Robertson and Justin Martin were very gracious guests and commented on how friendly the people from this area were. I want to thank all of the volunteers who showed up for a minimum of 6 hours to assist in all facets of the evening.

The "Mum Sale" went off without a hitch again this year. Susan Melenric utilized her contact at Lowe's to once again secure a great assortment of plants at a bottom basement

price. Now we are on to the "Trees To Go" raffle featuring 10 Christmas trees of various sizes and themes. The trees are on display in the atrium of Mon General Hospital. They can also be viewed on the hospital's website under the auxiliary tab. Tickets may be purchased in the gift shop or by contacting any member of the auxiliary board.

The 51st Ball of the Year will be held coming up on November 16, 2013. A "Night of Intrigue" will boast a James Bond feel. Aimee Tallman and her committee have planned a great menu along with great music.

Please mail that RSVP back soon so you too can be part of this magical night.

*Anne*

**BALL OF THE YEAR - NIGHT OF INTRIGUE—NOVEMBER 16, 2013**



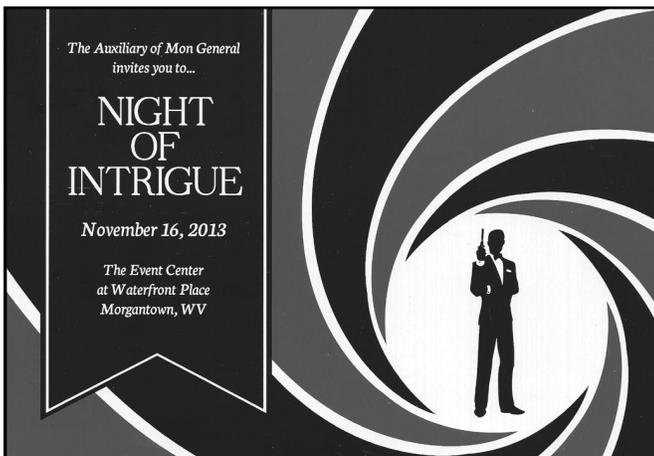
"The name's Bond. James Bond." Just like the classic line from a James Bond movie implies, Morgantown will be treated to a "Night of Intrigue" when the Auxiliary of Mon General Hospital hosts its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Ball of the Year on Saturday, November 16, in The Morgantown Event Center at Wa-

terfront Place Hotel.

Over the years, funds raised by the Ball of the Year have helped sponsor a broad range of state-of-the-art medical equipment to enable Mon General Hospital to continue to meet the health care needs of the region it serves. Pro-

ceeds from this year's Ball of the Year will be used to help fight breast cancer, through the purchase of ultrasound units to enhance the diagnostics in the Mon General Ultrasound Department. "With the hospital performing

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out and get your gowns ready, and come and support the hospital."

The black tie event will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. A "Night of Intrigue" theme was inspired by the classic James Bond spy movie franchise cele-

### Auxiliary of Mon General hosts its 51st Ball of the Year

including R&B, pop, Motown, rock and swing.

Dinner features Beef Wellington with Mushroom Duxelles and Demi Glace, red skinned mashed potatoes, whole baby carrots and snow peas. Crabtini will be the appetizer and the salad will consist of micro greens and frisee with goat cheese, dried apricots and cherries, and cinnamon vinaigrette dressing. Dessert features a Salted Caramel Vanilla Crunch Cake.

more than 1,000 breast ultrasounds each year, this new equipment will allow the hospital's imaging team to better diagnose and treat our patients, neighbors, friends and family," said Christina Brown, Mon General Director of Volunteer Services.

"The Ball of the Year is a fabulous opportunity for people to get dressed up and come out and support a great cause," said Brown. "Pull that tuxedo

celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year on the big screen. In keeping with this theme, evening activities include "Money Raker," "Heads or Tails" and "The Diamond Heist."

Music for the 2013 Ball of the Year will be provided by the Maquise Band. Marquise's repertoire includes a vast collection of popular dance tracks



Cost is \$250 per couple or \$125 per person.

For a formal invitation or to purchase tickets, call 304-598-1324 or email [BrownC@monhealthsys.org](mailto:BrownC@monhealthsys.org).

Sponsorship levels and group tables are also available. RSVP deadline is Oct. 29.

*Submitted by Bill Sherwin*

## AUXILIARY FALL LUNCHEON AND MEETING AT THE PINES

**Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 12:00 noon**

President Anne McKnight opened the Annual Fall Luncheon and Meeting of the Mon General Auxiliary at 12:05 p.m. at the Pines Country Club. She introduced Darryl Duncan, CEO of Mon Health Systems. Darryl gave the audience an update on Mon General business, specifically (1) Mon General is backing Preston County's commitment to build a new hospital, and (2) Mon General's application for a 3-year accreditation for a Radiation/Oncology Center is looking very



good.

Following a delicious luncheon, Anne discussed several items of Auxiliary business. The project for the 51st Ball of the Year (November 16) will be an Ultrasound Upgrade to be used in the Women's Imaging



*Judy Mayer with Jennifer Ogden, Social Chair, who planned the Luncheon at the Pines. Thanks Jennifer.*

Department. Football parking will continue as one of our major money makers. Our major fall event this year is the Duck Dynasty Wild-Game dinner, scheduled for Saturday, September 21.

The Volunteer of the Year is Susan Melenric and Anne listed her astonishing number of volunteer activities with the Auxiliary, her church, and the community. She noted that Susan will accompany her to the annual State Auxiliary meeting at the Greenbrier.

Chuck Myden, Treasurer of the Auxiliary, presented a brief report on our annual fund-raising activities. Our funds raised this year totaled \$235,512 at the end of June and \$302,702 at the end of July. Much of this huge increase is Duck Dynasty money.

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**2013 MGH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**



*Susan Melenric, 2013 MGH Volunteer of the Year, 2013 Northwestern District Volunteer of the Year, and United Way Volunteer of the Month (September 2013).*

Kim Ferrebee, Nominating Chair, reported that Stephen Carpenter had been nominated for the position of Vice President of the Auxiliary. There were no nominations from the floor, so Kim announced that Ste-



*Stephen Carpenter, Vice-President of the Auxiliary of Mon General (2013-2014)*

phen was elected to the position of Vice President of the Mon General Auxiliary by acclamation.

The 2013 Fall Luncheon/Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katherine Lessing, Secretary



*Kathy Lessing with guests Jan Yeager and Ginny Hammock.*

**Photos from the Luncheon**



## AWVHA ANNUAL MEETING AT THE GREENBRIER RESORT

### Greenbrier Trip:

*Submitted by Anne McKnight*

Linda Staddon, Susan Melenric, Steve and Rosalie Carpenter, Natalie Stone, Christina Brown and myself travelled to the Greenbrier Resort in late September for the AWWHA Annual Meeting. I knew when I failed to have sweet tea ready for the ride that Christina's trip was off to a bad start.

When we arrived, her reservation had been lost. She was found an "historical" room in the gabled part of the hotel. That is to say...the part that is inaccessible by elevator. Her room looked like something out of a nursery rhyme. Her bed was reminiscent of a toddler bed so her feet hung over the end. The roof came down so low that she could not sit on her bed without the risk of concussion. Bread crumbs were brought up many times in an effort to secure her trip back to her room at the end of the day.

BUT..we were quickly able to cheer her up with a trip to the 44 Prime restaurant. Decorated with memorabilia of Jerry West's days in basketball, the steakhouse is known for its exceptional cuts of beef as well as the amazing collection of Jerry West items.

**“We arranged for a group of doctors from Mon General Hospital to host a panel discussion about health issues and new technology in their respective fields.”**

We arranged for a group of doctors from Mon General Hospital to host a panel discussion about health issues and new technology in their respective fields. Matt Darmelio, John McKnight, Tom McClellan, Mark Johnson, Mary Edwards and John Battin all participated on the panel. The crowd loved it! Many people commented that it was the best educational session we've ever had at the AWWHA annual meeting. The group was

informative but entertaining and upbeat at the same time. There are so many medically underserved areas in West Virginia. We forget how fortunate we are to have such an outstanding group of physicians here at Mon General. We showed this hospital to be a real gem in this state.

Thursday hosted an awards brunch instead of a luncheon. Your auxiliary brought home 3 awards this year including one for Susan Melenric as the Volunteer of the Year for the Northwestern district. Our spring and fall plant sales won for fundraiser of the

year both for our category of bed-size and also as the overall winner. In addition to winning an award for her volunteer service, Susan Melenric also won a door prize and the centerpiece from the table. I'm sure she must have bought a lottery ticket once we returned home.

Next road trip will be in March to Nashville, TN for the SHVL, (Southeastern Healthcare Volunteer Leadership) conference. That will be held at the Opryland Hotel and is always informative and a boatload of fun.



*Susan Melenric and Steve Carpenter holding the Awards won by the Auxiliary at the Greenbrier...one for Susan Melenric as the Volunteer of the Year for the Northwestern district., and two for our spring and fall plant sales, We won for fundraiser of the year both for our category of bed-size and also as the overall winner..*



### LOOK FOR THE 2014 ENJOY COUPON BOOK

**The Enjoy Book will be available for purchase in the Gift Shop starting in November, 2013 for \$30.**

- \*Casual, Informal and Carryout Dining
- \*Lunch/Brunch \* Theater \* Sports
- \*Special Events, Services & Merchandise

All this and much more in the 2014 Enjoy Coupon Book! You will not be disappointed.

### Basket BINGO

Profits from the September Basket BINGO was \$3200. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

### SUPPORT FOOTBALL PARKING

Join the Fun and volunteer to help park cars for a football game. You will be done before the game starts.

### “CHRISTMAS TREES TO GO”



Visit the beautifully decorated trees in the Atrium down the hall past the Gift Shop .

Photo by Bill Sherwin

The Auxiliary is proud to announce that their newest fundraiser has stirred a lot of excitement at the hospital with staff and visitors alike. The "Trees to Go" project is being held October 1 - 31. There are 10 professionally

decorated Christmas trees that will be raffled off on October 31, 2013 at noon.

The trees are sponsored by BB &T Bank, Clear Mountain Bank, Kathy DeBone, Andy and Cindy Heiskell, Diana Peterson, KLM Properties, and Valley Hills Garden Club.

Decorations have been sponsored and decorated by Coombs Flowers, Kelly's Florals, Interior images, Diana Peterson and Zaccagnini's Florist.

Tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shop for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Visit the beautifully decorated trees in the Atrium down the hall past the Gift Shop and put your tickets in corresponding boxes of your favorite trees. You will want to buy several.

The decorations have been hard wired so trees can be transported fully decorated. Winners will need to have their tree moved by November 4.

Submitted by Kathy Pompili

### R & R Trip to Nemaocolin Woodlands and Fallingwater



Picture of group inside Nemaocolin

The Department of Volunteer Services went on a fabulous Retention and Recruitment trip on September 19<sup>th</sup> to the hills of Pennsylvania. Our destinations included Nemaocolin Woodlands and Fallingwater. Our bus load of folks (the best looking and most intelligent) left MGH late morning and headed to Nemaocolin Woodlands.

Since food is always at the forefront, our first stop was to dine in Nemaocolin's Tavern, located next to the gigantic fish tank. Lunch is always an adventure, and some of the more adventurists indulged with the macaroni cheeseburger for lunch (not for the weak stomach) followed by a walking tour of shops and sites.

Our group of fun loving volunteers then headed to Fallingwater, a tour and more shopping ensued. We looked at every nook and cranny Fallingwater had to offer. Our tour guides were well-informed and quite the story tellers... nothing like some juicy gossip from long ago to tease the crowd.

We arrived safely back at MGH early evening and are already beginning to plan our next adventure...stay tuned and don't miss out!

Submitted by Christina Brown



**DUCK DYNASTY DINNER WAS HELD AT THE EVENT CENTER IN THE WATERFRONT PLACE**

Eight committee meetings, 4 trips to Dunham's Sporting Goods, 2000 mailings, 3 billboards, 50 signs, 4 newspaper articles, hundreds of public service announcements, thousands of e-mails and phone calls, 26 raffle prizes, 1 camper, and 800 guests later.....the Dynasty Dinner was held. I have never been so relieved as when the driver from the hotel phoned to say the duck guys had landed and were walking toward the car. They landed about 20 minutes late and that was a very long 20 minutes.

While they were flying up from West Monroe, LA...we were already hard at work. Doors opened at 2:00pm and raffle tickets were jumping into the box, merchandise was flying off the table and the vendor fair was providing hours of entertainment for our guests. Over 25 vendors attended the event. Companies, ranging from cleaning services to smoke meats to snow blowers, opened booths both inside and out for a remarkable shopping experience.

At 4:00pm the meet-n-greet opened to an enthusiastic crowd of Duck Dynasty fans who got their picture taken with Jase and Martin and could have a piece of memorabilia

autographed. The line went smoothly and swiftly. Country Lane Photography provided the photography services and pictures should be mailed by the end of October.

At 6:00pm dinner was served. Antelope, elk and pheasant were the featured wild game entrees, but chicken strips and mac-n-cheese also made an appearance. Martin hosted a private dinner for our VIP ticketholders while Jase retired to the green room to autograph some VIP gifts. The stage show started at 7:15pm. Jase spoke about faith, family and ducks...just like on Duck Dynasty. Martin joined him a bit later, and we showed clips from the show and got some interesting information from behind the scenes.

Berit Johnson won the camper to conclude the evening. She is a 13 year old girl who couldn't believe she won OR that she got to meet Jase and Martin. She is a huge fan of the show! Her family is looking forward to many trips in the camper and are extremely excited to be the winners.

We would not have been able to offer such an exceptional prize without the generosity of Trailer City in Fairmont, WV. They worked an amazing deal for us, and I would

recommend that business to anyone who is shopping for a camper or trailer of any kind.

Many thanks go to the committee, the Volunteer Office and the Foundation Office for the intense amount of work and enthusiasm during the whole year leading up to the dinner. The amount of work that got done is overwhelming and still exhausting to ponder. Steve Carpenter, Gretchen Linn, Christina Brown, Bob Santee, Paula Mullenax, Bill Hennessey and the staff of the Morgantown Event Center at Waterfront Place Hotel performed admirably!

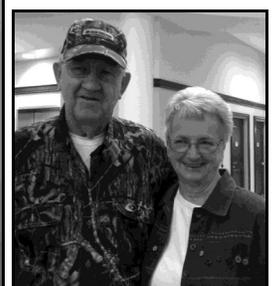
Thanks, also, to all of the volunteers who worked really hard to make the event go smoothly. There were many hiccups along the way, but this organization continues to amaze me with its dedication and perseverance.

Funny things along the way:

\* We had purchased cardboard cutouts of the cast of Duck Dynasty to promote the event. On two separate WVU football game days, the Pompili's took to the street corner with the cutouts and were met with a wide range of responses. Almost every one was amazed that we had



Volunteers get everything ready for the Dynasty Dinner.



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managed to get the duck guys to Morgantown.

\* The wedding party who spent nearly 30 minutes of their special night getting pictures with the above mentioned cutouts the night of the dinner in the lobby of the event center. They lamented what a great wedding reception it would have been to have their guests seated at our event. Good Luck to that couple who were great sports about not being able to buy tickets at the door.

\* We hosted a radio kickoff on WKKW back in June to jumpstart the sale of tickets. Some hotel staff had

us convinced there would be a line around the building the morning before the remote broadcast started. We showed up with hundreds of tickets and 10 volunteers to ease the chaos we believed was about to ensue. We had a large giggle when we serviced only about 10 people in that 3-hour window. Of course, the following Monday, the phone lines in Christina's office never stopped ringing the entire day and her e-mail box crashed twice due to the high volume of e-mails.

\* I believe that Christina and the chef at the Waterfront had a huge laugh when I suggested we serve

squirrel at the dinner and that I was sure I could secure those squirrels through private donations of local hunters. Just mention that to Christina now and her eyes will fill with tears due to the extraordinary lengths I was willing to go to bring down costs.

\* I didn't witness the signing of a pair of underpants at the meet-n-greet but can only imagine the amount of snickering that went on at that time.

*Submitted by Anne McKnight*

### Jase spoke about faith, family and ducks...just like on Duck Dynasty.



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www.mongeneral.com

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### GIFT SHOP SALES

**\*November 20, 2013**  
**Anniversary Sale - 10% to**  
**50% off**

**\*November 29, 2013**  
**Black Friday Sale - 25% off**

**\*Wednesdays, December 4,**  
**December 11, December 18,**  
**and Monday, December 23,**  
**2013 - Holidays Sales**  
**9am to Midnight**

## GIFT SHOP NEWS



**Stop by the Gift Shop to see our selection of unique gifts and holiday merchandise.**

Candies and gums, magazines, books, sundries, balloons, cards, baby items, stuffed animals, toys and games, WVU items, soaps, hand creams, jewelry, purses, scarves and accessories, candles, home décor items, holiday decorations, wreaths, lawn and garden items, fresh flowers, and so much more...  
**Come in for a visit and one of our volunteers will be glad to help you.**

## WELCOME

### NEW VOLUNTEERS

**Caralynn Arena**  
**Thomas Lewis**  
**Allison Cole**  
**Nancy Ulrich**  
**Kate Wilkinson**  
**Natalie Jones**  
**Ashley Collins**  
**Charlotte Clonch**  
**Marti Newman**  
**Carly Crowder**  
**Ashley Victor**  
**Janna Stirling**  
**Kristen Kirkpatrick**  
**Mary West**  
**Ryan Bennett**  
**Linsey Barnhart**

### SECOND ANNUAL MUM SALE



*Shown above: Jennifer Ogden, Susan Melenric and Janie Stewart at the Mum Sale.*

The oranges, yellows, and reds of fall filled the Mon General Hospital South Tower plaza on September 11, 2013. The Mon General Auxiliary held its second annual Fall Mum Sale. Thanks to the generosity of Lowes Home Improvement Store in Westover, the Auxiliary was able to purchase 100 beautiful mums of various sizes and types.

The Auxiliary was grateful for the help of hospital employees who picked up the plants from Lowes the day before the sale. The Mums took a slight detour after one of the hospital trucks broke down in the middle of Patteson Drive. After being towed to the truck repair shop, additional hospital vehicles were able to bring the Mums to

Mon General. The day of the sale, Jennifer Ogden, Kathy Lessing, Cathy Elliott, Mike Taylor, Paula Mullenax, Janie Stewart, Rose Sterling, and Susan Melenric took care of customers and made sure the plants were displayed. Because of the unusual September temperatures, the Mum Sale was moved to the Atrium mid-morning.

The Mum Sale provided a profit of \$744.06 which will be used to continue the work of the Mon General Auxiliary. A HUGE thank you to all who purchased Mums and made our sale a success! A spring flower sale is planned for May, 2014.

*Submitted by Susan Melenric*