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MESSAGE



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Auxilians,
 As your new president, I want to welcome you to our programs and special activities for Fall-Winter 2001-2002. First, I want to thank Sharon Shields for her outstanding job as president this past year, and for her help in preparing me to follow in her footsteps — a tough act to follow!

Fortunately, Sharon continues to serve as First Vice-President. We have a wonderful Executive Committee and Board of Managers, many of whom have been with the Auxiliary for many years. Janice Ronkowitz continues as Administrative Assistant and without her I would be lost! The job of president doesn't seem quite so daunting when so many people are continuing to serve on committees and to help with special events.

As we are all too aware, we are living in uncertain times as a result of the tragedy of 9/11. When I wrote this letter I was in Vermont, where it was reassuring to see that the leaves have turned color and yes, there is a little snow on the mountains. Mother Nature is proceeding on schedule!

The Auxiliary too is on schedule, with a full program for fall and winter. The Toy Closets Golf Outing was postponed from its original date in September to Oct. 19. A record number of golfers attended and \$22,000 was raised to support the Toy Closets program. Our Health Education Lectures are again raising awareness about significant health issues, with one in Guilford on breast cancer, a panel discussion of pain management presented by members of the Anesthesiology Department, and a talk on depression by YNHHS psychiatrist Dr. J. Craig Nelson.

The Hospital's 175th Gala was a smashing success and many Auxilians served on the Gala committees.

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting was held on Nov. 28 and the Gift Shop was decorated for the holidays with many beautiful gift possibilities and wonderful displays Cynthia Rowe, Gift Shop Manager, and her helpers put together.

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Adding to the glitter and glamour of the gala evening are Auxilians (l to r) Barbara Silverstone, Marion Russell, Judy Lahey, Eleanor Jones, Sharon Shields, Annie Garcia Kaplan, Janice Ronkowitz and Gay Steinbach.



Dr. Chester Drawers and Dr. Ally Mowalt walk down the red carpet at the 175th celebration.

Yale-New Haven celebrates 175th anniversary with Oakdale Gala

Oakdale Theatre was almost unrecognizable on October 20 for what the *New Haven Register* called "a lavish banquet to help Yale-New Haven Hospital celebrate its 175th anniversary and raise money to create a new clinical innovation fund to support medicine in the years to come." The Hospital's 175th Anniversary Gala dinner-dance at Oakdale was the pinnacle of a year of activities this year which celebrated the anniversary. And no wonder — Auxilian Judy Lahey chaired the theme and décor committee!

Volunteers Helaine and Marvin Lender co-chaired a large committee of volunteers who planned the event, which featured a menu developed by Jacques Pépin, as well as music by the Cal James Orchestra. The event, which was black tie optional, drew one of the largest crowds ever to attend a Greater New Haven fundraiser — more than 1,260 people, and 400 more than the event planners had anticipated! The event raised more than

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Acting as hostesses and representing the generations at our 175th Party were Auxilian Ann Walker and daughter Denise of the YNHHS Food and Nutrition department. Ann volunteers at the Atrium desk and in the Gift Shop.

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Art and Kay Ross watch the gala revelers and greet Joseph Zaccagnino.

\$200,000 to help ensure that YNHH will be able to offer the latest advances in medicine for the sick and injured patients who seek care there.

"This is a great evening and great evenings don't just happen. They take months of planning," Julia McNamara president of Albertus Magnus College and former Chair of the YNHH Board of Trustees, was quoted as saying in the Elizabeth Curren's *Register* column the week after the event.

Other ways the Hospital celebrated its 175th anniversary included hosting tours of the hospital for the community, educational talks and installing a museum-quality time-line and showcase in the hospital's East Pavilion lobby. In June, an all-day Founders Day was held for employees and volunteers, with 175th Anniversary gifts, activities and refreshments — most employees wore special 175th Anniversary T-shirts that had been distributed in advance.

Publications, too, marked the milestone, including a special historical issue of the Yale-New Haven magazine devoted to the major medical "firsts," and a trilogy of historic annual reports in a

commemorative boxed-set keepsake. In addition, a community writing project called "Voices from Yale-New Haven" solicited personal stories from employees, patients or anyone impacted by YNHH.

In addition, a new book about the history of Yale-New Haven Hospital was published this year. Called *A Leader of Substance: Yale-New Haven Hospital at 175 Years*, the 144-page book is comprehensive history of Yale-New Haven Hospital. The book was written by Connecticut resident Wendy B. Murphy and published by the Greenwich Publishing Group, Inc. in Lyme, CT. Generous funding for the book was provided by Genentech, Inc., which was made possible by former Genentech director and former

President and CEO at Yale-New Haven Hospital C. Thomas Smith.



Carol and Brian Condon chat with John and Judy Lahey.

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At this time, your Board of Managers is working to implement our mission and at the same time to think about ways to streamline our activities and make it easier for the membership to participate in them. If you have time to give in the Gift Shop, or to help with the Toy Closets, or would like to join a committee, please let us know. Just call the Auxiliary office at

688-5717 for information. We welcome all of you and hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Marion Russell
President

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 9, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Board of Managers Meeting, 12 noon, CH 201. Members of the Auxiliary and guests also welcome to attend by calling 688-5717. Lunch is provided.

Feb. 13, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Board of Managers Meeting, 12 noon, Place: CH 201

Feb. 20, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ YNHH Blood Drive, Grace Building Lounge, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Feb. 21, 2002 (Thurs.): ♦ Significant Issues in Health Care, Grace Building Lounge, 12 noon

Mar. 13, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Board of Managers Meeting, 12 noon, Place: CH 201. Members of the Auxiliary and guests also welcome to attend by calling 688-5717. Lunch is provided.

Mar. 20, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Significant Issues in Health Care, Grace Building Lounge, 12 noon

Apr. 9, 2002 (Tues.): ♦ Women's Heart Advantage Conference, 500 Blake Street, New Haven

Apr. 10, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Board of Managers Meeting, 12 noon, Place: CH 201. Members of the Auxiliary and guests also welcome to attend by calling 688-5717. Lunch is provided.

Apr. 17, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Significant Issues in Health Care, Grace Building Lounge, 12 noon

Jun. 12, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ Board of Managers Meeting, 12 noon, Place: CH 201. Members of the Auxiliary and guests also welcome to attend by calling 688-5717. Lunch is provided.

Jun. 19, 2002 (Wed.): ♦ YNHH Blood Drive, Grace Building Lounge, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

PEDIATRIC GARDEN CLUB WINS AWARD

One of the garden clubs participating in the Auxiliary's Pediatric Garden Project at the Children's Hospital over the years won the "Youth Award of Excellence" from the Federated Garden Club of Connecticut. The Woodbridge Junior Garden Club received statewide recognition for its community service to the Children's Hospital. Over the past three years, the Junior Garden Club has planted window boxes for one of the outside pediatric play porches, including herbs and fall plantings as well as a butterfly garden.

Approximately 20 children, ranging in age from 3 to 13, are involved with the Woodbridge Junior Garden Club. Their mission is "Children Helping Children through Gardening." The children tried to imagine how they would want the window boxes to look if they were patients in the hospital. The Garden Club, which is being used as a model for other schools and towns, is being considered for possible national award by Federated Garden Clubs for its good ideas and hard work.



Among the children in the Woodbridge Junior Garden Club who received certificates for their "Children Helping Children Through Gardening" project are: Katie and Sara Beland, Benjamin, Daniel, Michelle and Theodore Burt, Kenneth Ciardeillo, Sarah Haddad, James, Robert and William Martino and Jack McLean. The club's co-leaders, Barbara Burt and Jean Criscuolo, accepted a traveling silver tray on behalf of the children, representing the Junior Garden Club's Award of Excellence. First Selectwoman Amey Marrella is in the center. Not pictured are Matthew Beland and Brendan Tyma.



ANNIE KAPLAN RECEIVES DR. BABAR AWARD

The Friends of the Children's Hospital presented Annie Garcia Kaplan with the Dr. Babar Distinguished Service Award last June at their annual meeting. The award is presented to a member of the Friends who has shown extraordinary dedication to the organization's mission — improving the health and well-being of children through advocacy, outreach, education research and clinical care.

"Annie has done so much for the Friends," said Mark Schpero, President of the Friends. "Annie is a thoughtful, sensitive, vocal member of the Friends and has been involved in almost every Friends' event. She brings a perspective that is unique and extremely useful, particularly as a long-term volunteer in pediatrics, as one whose professional background is oriented toward children and with her involvement in the Auxiliary."

In addition to being a Board member for five years, including as a member of the Executive Committee, Annie has served on Reach Out & Read, the Golf & Tennis Open Committee and the Pediatric Allocation Committee, which is responsible for evaluating requests and determining allocation for financial support that relates to pediatric needs.

2001-2002 YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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HALLOWEEN AT THE HOSPITAL

No, you're not seeing double — Minnie Mouse times two, also known as Julia and Talia Raucchi, were walking the halls of the Children's Hospital on Halloween looking for treats from YNHH Pres. and CEO Joseph Zaccagnino, Exec. Pres. and COO Marna Borgstrom and others who dressed up for the occasion. Also in costume were Auxilians (l-r): Annie Garcia Kaplan, Ellen Good, Lynne Bradstreet, Jan Weiswasser, Marion Russell, Leatrice Malloy, Sharon Shields and Gay Steinbach.



GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES 22K FOR TOY CLOSETS

Members of the Toy Closets Committee include (l-r) Eleanor Jones, Annie Garcia Kaplan, Wendy O'Brien, Andy Laudano, Debbie Klotzer, Charlie Torre, Jr., Keith Goodson, Janice Ronkowitz and Jim Kovach. Missing from photo are Mike Matthews, Tony Raccia, Marjan Wackers and Tom Roche.



Ann Nyberg, Annie Kaplan and Sharon Shields sell door prize tickets at the golf tournament.



After the pain management lecture, Dr. Wang demonstrates a method of back pain relief by pressing and rubbing on the earlobes.

HEALTH EDUCATION LECTURES AGAIN SUCCESSFUL

The fall lecture series, Significant Issues in Health Care, was another informative Auxiliary effort, with lectures on breast cancer, pain management, and depression. Dr. Craig Nelson (left) drew a large crowd when he spoke about how to recognize and treat depression with psychotherapy and medication. Drs. Brenda McClain, Steven Naulty, Max Hartmannsgruber and Shu-Ming Wang discussed pain management, including the use of acupuncture.



JAMES LIGHTS THE TREES

Left, pediatric patient James Richards lit the Hunter Courtyard trees on November 28 at the annual Auxiliary tree-lighting ceremony. Below, Joe Zaccagnino greeted patients and visitors at the event.



MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



Dear Auxilians,

The time has come to write my last message as president, and this newsletter is part of the transition between my presidency and your new president Marion Russell, so there will be letters from both of us. I would like to welcome Marion Russell as the new Auxiliary President. Most of you know her already as a long-time Auxilian. She has been the dedicated chairman of

our Health Education Committee for several years and has brought us many outstanding lecturers, and has expanded our lecture series to outlying communities.

At first, I thought I would give you an update on all our activities, but as expected, they have all exceeded last year's results and would be a repetition of my last letter. At the end of any term of office there are always many people to thank, because it is the result of those board members' efforts that our programs are so successful. Those expressions of gratitude were delivered at our Annual Meeting. Therefore, I decided to give you some background information on one of our hardest working committees.

The Toy Closets Golf Outing Committee was formed eight years ago by a group of hospital employees who wanted to enjoy a day of golf and benefit the Auxiliary's Toy Closet program. It has grown and grown. The number of golfers has now doubled and golfers even had to be turned away because they had reached the Lyman Orchards Golf Course capacity. This past year 288 golfers enjoyed a day of golf and fun for a good cause on October 19.

The committee meets nine months during the year, monthly at first, then weekly for the last two months. Employees use their lunch hour to attend the meetings, recruiting golfers and corporate sponsors. They spend countless hours requesting raffle items from businesses and coordinate all efforts to transport the items and refreshments to the site. I have never been involved with a harder working committee, and they do it every year!

The committee members deserve special recognition for their hard work and dedication. They are hospital employees: Andy Laudano, Charlie Torre, Keith Goodson, Jim Kovach, Tom Roche, Tony Raccio and Mike Matthews Jr. Auxiliary board members are Marjan Wackers, Annie Garcia Kaplan, Ellie Jones, Debbie Klotzer, Wendy O'Brien, Lynne Bradstreet, the Auxiliary President and our administrative assistant Janice Ronkowitz.

Each year the golf outing raises more than \$22,000 for the Toy Closets program, which is used to purchase toys for the toy closets and fund special programs for our pediatric patients.

Good work, Toy Closets Golf Outing Committee! We appreciate all your efforts and our pediatric patients are especially grateful.

Sharon Shields

Sharon Shields
Past President

PROFILE

Barbara Silverstone



Barbara Silverstone is the newest member of the Auxiliary Board, having joined in the spring of 2000. A practicing attorney in California, Barbara made her new home here in the spring of 2001 when she married an ophthalmologist Dr. David Silverstone. They now reside in Branford and have three grown children. The oldest is pursuing an MBA at USC. Another son is a computer software expert in Boston and their daughter is a senior at Yale.

An avid golfer, Barbara is very athletic and among other sports she loves to kayak. Gardening is another one of her favorite pastimes. She is also a great cook, a voracious reader and loves to travel. Her law background and varied interests make her a welcome addition to the Board of the Auxiliary.

CALL FOR MUSICIANS!

The Auxiliary is now seeking musicians for
its Summer 2002 Notes at Noon Concert

Series which will take place each Friday,
June 7-July 12. All varieties of music — folk,
classical, jazz, rap, rock, blues, country, gospel,
a cappella, steel drums — will be considered.

Musical artists must send a demo

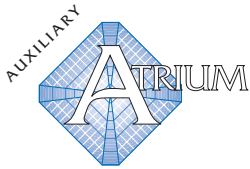
tape or CD to: Yale-New Haven Hospital
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or call

Janice Ronkowitz at (203) 688-5717

Stipend available, deadline for submissions is February 28, 2002.





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AUXILIARY SEEKS MEMBERS!

Special membership offer!

All current members who pay their dues for the year 2001-2002 will receive a free set of YNHH's historic note-cards.

A special bonus if you recruit a new Auxiliary member!

Recruit a new member to join the Auxiliary and receive a full-color YNHH 175th Anniversary poster (limited edition), like the one hanging on the wall next to Volunteer Services.



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