St. Joseph’s Auxiliary is a self-governing volunteer membership organization and an integral part of St. Joseph’s Medical Center. In accordance with SJMC’s mission and values, we serve voluntarily by offering hospitality to people who enter St. Joseph’s. We also raise funds to purchase needed medical equipment or help finance special hospital projects that will improve health care in our community.

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O’Connor Woods Honors Auxiliary

To honor and thank all Auxiliary members for their faithful service over the years, O’Connor Woods extends an invitation for a special complimentary luncheon to all active and sustaining members on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 from 11am -1:30pm. Invitations were mailed to all members the first of July. If you did not receive your invitation, please call the Volunteer Office and we’ll be sure you get the information. This kind gesture from O’Connor Woods will include Home Tours of Sustaining Members Margaret Thompson and Ernie Null and a ‘Pictorial Stroll Down Memory Lane’ in addition to lunch. What a nice opportunity to gather together and celebrate all the Auxiliary has done to make a positive difference at St. Joseph’s! RSVP required by July 28th by calling 476-4089.

Auxiliary Scholarships Presented

Tess Aberle, Sheryl Raumann and Joan Sternecker, your Auxiliary and Magnolia Branch representatives, attended St. Joseph’s Scholarship Luncheon on Friday May 31st. Two $500 scholarships were funded by the Auxiliary General Fund and two additional $500 scholarships were funded by the Magnolia Branch to four students.

Sheryl and Joan helped present the Magnolia Branch scholarships to Haley Vales and Jamie Burgos. Haley is a 1st year nursing student at Delta College, working toward her Associate Degree of Nursing. She is also a student nurse at St. Joseph’s and one of seven children! She also plans to obtain her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

Tess helped present the General Fund scholarships to Belaben Patel and Luke Swenson. Belaben is married, a mother of 2 and the first person in her immediate family to graduate from college. She obtained her RN from Delta College in 2009, is working as a nurse at St. Joseph’s in the Oncology Department and is enrolled in an RN to BSN program. She would eventually like to become an infection control nurse specialist. Luke’s goal is to become an EMT/Paramedic. After 3 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, he now works as a Security Officer at SJMC and is enrolled in the Unitek MET training program in San Francisco.
**Dine Around “King” Retires**

Since October 2009, the Auxiliary has sponsored monthly “Dine Around” fundraisers. That’s 43 months of Dine Arous organized by member **Rick Tipton**. Rick is the Dine Around creator, implementer, and coordinator extraordinaire! Dine Arous have raised over $7,500, most of which has supported the purchase of sewing supplies for our sewing service volunteers. Rick and the Auxiliary have decided to ‘retire’ their sponsorship of this fundraiser. Many genuine thanks to Rick for his efforts, hard work, and perseverance and much gratitude to all of you who have supported the fundraiser by dining out for nearly 4 years!

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**Gift Shop Update  From Linda Marino**

With the Auxiliary transition, this certainly isn’t goodbye, because you are still volunteering in your regular assignments on your regular days! The Auxiliary organization has been a very important part of my life here at St. Joseph’s and will always be in my heart. The best part of this development is that I will continue to work and see all of you just like normal!!! Thank you to all of you who made the Auxiliary a devoted, faithful organization.

The Gift Shop is doing well and has lots of great new gift items coming in daily. Be sure to think of us when you are looking for that special gift for someone special. We are now carrying fresh ivy topiaries in varied sizes and shapes and can be special ordered too! Thank you to all Gift Shop volunteers who serve regularly to make the Shop the special place it is. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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**Join the Oldtimers for Lunch!**

The Auxiliary “Oldtimers” group has faithfully supported the Auxiliary Dine Arous and had a good time doing it by meeting for lunch each month. Although the Auxiliary will no longer sponsor Dine Around fundraisers, the Oldtimers will continue to gather monthly for lunch and a good time! Thank you to **JoAnne Garrett** for continuing to coordinate this opportunity to connect and socialize. Pay no attention to the name of this group! You do not have to be “old” to join in the fun! Any current or previous Auxiliary member is more than welcome to join us! Contact **JoAnne Garrett** to add your name to the mailing list or for more information, 478-3223 or email at jogarrett3223@sbcglobal.net.
AUXILinks.....Building a Bib  By JoAnne Garrett

Volunteers in the “Welcome to Life” (WTL) Service have the pleasure of delivering gifts to new moms in Maternity. They present a lovely box of materials provided by the State of California through the auspices of First 5 and purchased by funding from California’s cigarette tax. The volunteers also talk to parents about the importance of reading to their infants and give each one “Baby’s First Book” sponsored by Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a local group of teachers. However, the gifts which evoke the most enthusiastic response from new moms are the beautiful bibs which are lovingly sewn by St. Joseph’s volunteers.

In addition to her role as chairman of the Welcome to Life and NICU Volunteer Service services, Patti Hogue coordinates the complex process of assembling these lovely flannel treasures. Patti keeps an eye out for special sales on appropriate flannel print fabrics for both boys and girls. She then selects coordinating fabrics for the backing. One yard will make 24 bibs but WTL distributes almost 50 bibs each week – a large order indeed! Boys’ bibs are trimmed with rickrack while girls’ bibs are trimmed with lace.

When all the materials have been assembled, volunteers cut the bibs and return them to Patti, who assembles the kits with materials needed for 12 bibs and distributes them to several volunteers who sew them according to the pattern, add ties at the neck and complete them with a label indicating they are a gift of St. Joseph’s Auxiliary. Patti then picks up the finished products and takes them to the Pavilion where volunteers bag them and distribute them to delighted new moms. Most of the materials have been purchased with the proceeds from the Dine Around fundraisers, although some generous volunteers purchase needed materials as well.

All in all it is a labor of love by many loyal volunteers organized and coordinated by our own Patti Hogue. Thank you Patti and all!

Tributes, Memorials, Donations Still Needed

The Auxiliary organizational change requires that we close our general fund bank account, but we still encourage donations! Tributes, Memorials and general donations are still needed to sustain volunteer programs such as the sewing service. The only change is that the donations you make to support these programs will be processed by St. Joseph’s Foundation. The Foundation has created an account called the “Volunteer Fund” and donations designated to support volunteer programs and development will be credited to this fund. For example, when sewing volunteers need more supplies, we will purchase those supplies using money from the Volunteer Fund. All donors will be acknowledged by the Foundation. If you’d like to help us keep these valued volunteer services alive, and would like to honor someone or make a memorial donation, please send your tax deductible donation to St. Joseph’s Foundation. Remember to designate which service or program you’d like to support with your donation. The Volunteer Fund will support volunteer programs and development, but you may designate your donation to support anything you wish.
St. Joseph’s Auxiliary Tribute Fund

Tributes received in memory of

Elvin Albinto
from        Elvira and Joseph Garcia

Mary Ruth Brown
from        Patti and Noel Hogue

Lily Caracena Canton
from        Elvira and Joseph Garcia

Barbara Hurley
from        Karen and Mike Quinn
Ann Espinoza

Alfaretta Johnson
from        Lavina and Bill Logsdon

Gary McManus
from        Ruth Ziehlke

Jessica Tollini
from        Joy Clem
Don and Marcia Knudsen

Rosemary Unruh
from        Lavina and Bill Logsdon

In Memoriam

Marjorie Dietrich – passed away on March 7, 2013

Jessica Tollini – daughter of Auxiliary member Joan Mattheisen. Jessica joined
the Auxiliary in March of 2010. She served in both the Coffee Service and in the
**HOSPITAL NEWS**

**Introducing R2Knee2!**

Only at St. Joseph’s, MAKO Robotic partial knee replacement procedure is now being offered! Through a “name the robot” contest, the robotic arm has been fondly named **R2Knee2**! This minimally invasive procedure will be performed using a new, highly advanced surgeon-controlled Robotic Arm Interactive Orthopedic System. St. Joseph’s Foundation made the acquisition of this new equipment possible. The procedure offers people with early to mid-stage osteoarthritis of the knee a less invasive treatment option than a total knee replacement. Other benefits of the MAKO robotic surgery include improved surgical outcomes, less implant wear and loosening, smaller incision, less scarring, reduced blood loss, minimal hospitalization, and rapid recovery. St. Joseph’s is the ONLY medical center in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties offering this procedure.

**HealthCare Clinical Laboratory (HCCL) Outreach Service Sold to Quest Diagnostics**

Dignity Health sale of HCCL outreach (outpatient) business to Quest Diagnostics was completed June 24, 2013. Dignity Health did not make this decision lightly. In the changing healthcare environment, and with growing capital demands across the healthcare system, Dignity Health believes the clinical outreach laboratory service line is more likely to stay competitive if it is operated by an organization that focuses on this service line. The primary concern has been to ensure that laboratories continue to serve our communities, providing outstanding care. The sale does NOT affect St. Joseph’s inpatient lab services, although our in-hospital lab cannot complete outpatient laboratory services as before, unless it is for pre-surgical lab work or lab work for other hospital related procedures. Locally, the sale included outreach lab drawing stations in Stockton, Lodi, Manteca and Tracy. Many of the original HCCL locations continue to operate as Quest Diagnostics lab drawing stations, but some locations have been closed. A list of Quest locations is available from St. Joseph’s inpatient lab, or at any Quest patient services center. The drawing stations at the Brookside and Immediate Care facilities are open, as is the drawing station located at the north end of the employee parking lot near St. Joseph’s. Quest labs will accept lab orders previously written on HCCL lab order forms.

**We’re Stroke Certified!**

St. Joseph’s is now a Certified Primary Stroke Center! The Joint commission, in conjunction with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, recently recognized St. Joseph’s Medical Center with Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers. This designation is a symbol of our dedication to the highest standards for emergency and follow up care for stroke victims in our community and is the best evidence we can provide to this community that we are committed to providing high quality, safe and effective treatment to patients experiencing strokes.
Goodbye
Dr. Henry Wong,
Hello Dr. Gaurav Singh
After 37 years as a Radiation Oncologist with St. Joseph’s Dr. Henry Wong retired at the end of June. Dr. Wong started with the hospital when Radiation Therapy was housed in the hospital basement and he has helped our Regional Cancer Center grow from the ground, up! Dr. Wong is beloved by Cancer Center staff and his patients for his compassionate care.

Welcome Dr. Singh, Radiation Oncologist, to our Cancer Center team and St. Joseph’s family! Dr. Singh served as the Chief Resident in the Kaiser Permanente Department of Radiation Oncology in Los Angeles prior to becoming a clinical instructor at Stanford University, School of Medicine. Dr. Singh, a world leader in radiation oncology treatment, brings a new state of the art treatment, called Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy (SABR) to St. Joseph’s. Due to the technology and the incredible level of precision required, we are one of the only cancer programs in Northern California providing this sophisticated treatment.

New Kit on the Block
A “Quiet Kit” is now available for all St. Joseph’s patients. These small kits are filled with amenities that allow patients to be more comfortable including ear plugs, an eye mask, a “Voices Down Please” door hanger, lip balm, a blank booklet and pencil to write down questions for your doctor or make notes, and puzzles. Part of healing is creating a restful, quiet environment. The Kit can help. Please advise any patient or family to request a Kit from their nurse if they mention hospital noise is bothersome. There is no charge for the Kit. These items are meant to improve the patient experience and reduce noise.
Hello humankindness

After more than a century of experience, we’ve learned that modern medicine has the power to cure, but it is humanity that holds the power to heal. We’ve seen a LOT of change at St. Joseph’s/Dignity Health recently and we all know we’re in for a lot more change over the next several years. We want to ensure that our healing mission stands the test of time. Who is Dignity Health? All of us. Employees, Volunteers, Physicians. YOU! Dignity Health is using Hello Humankindness to champion the changes we’d like to see in health care – and create a competitive position for us along the way. Humankindness is more than an ideal. It is at the heart of our mission. We believe that, together, our humanity and kindness toward one another is something that this world and our health care industry needs. It starts with a smile, a question, or even just a hello. By saying Hello, we invite people in and open the conversation to the world outside our doors. Every person and every experience matters to those who turn to us for care. So let’s reach out with our hearts and our common spirit. You will be hearing more about Hello Humankindness. To learn more about this campaign, visit www.dignityhealth.org/humankindness and share your own stories of humankindess. Let’s help people feel the healing power of human connection that sets us apart.