

# Waverly Health Center Volunteer Services

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

## NOTES FROM MELINDA

If you haven't heard, I'll be out of the office from July 31 through August 8. During that time, I'll be participating in the Pitt Family Campout 50th Year Reunion. This tradition brings together about 60 members of my extended family, and it's always a highlight of the year—full of camping, catching up and making new memories with relatives we may only see once a year.

Adding to the excitement, our youngest daughter, Megan, got engaged at the beginning of June! She and her fiancé will be coming back, and we're making the most of their visit by cramming in as many adventures as we can—wedding dress shopping, enjoying time together and even fitting in a trip to the Iowa State Fair.

I'll return just in time for the Auxiliary's monthly meeting on August 11.

Thank you for all that you do to make WHC such a welcoming place, even while I'm away. Each of you plays a key role in helping our patients, visitors and staff feel cared for, and I appreciate your dedication. I hope you're finding moments this summer to recharge, enjoy time with loved ones and make memories of your own.

YOU DA BEST!



### Speaker Series

**Dementia Friends**

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**

**6:00 pm**

**Tendrils**

**Breast Cancer Support  
Group**

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**

**6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**CG Room**

**Auxiliary Board Meeting**

**August 11th 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

**CG Room**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**New Volunteer:  
Jan Wilcox**



# Minutes from the July Auxiliary Board Meeting

Celebrations included a Get Roasted gift certificate to Carol Young as a thank you for her service as president and congratulations to Beth Giesmann and Julia Palestrina for their 4,000 hours of service to WHC.

CEO Jodi Geerts commented on possible effects the “Big Beautiful Bill” may have on WHC. WorkDay is on track to start in October and EPIC for electronic medical records is scheduled to begin in 2026. WHC had a great survey by the Joint Commission (JCAHO) with very few findings, including no safety issues. She also updated us on changes in providers and the new 12-hour schedule for ambulance crews. Currently only one ambulance is operational because a deer and engine problems side lined two of the three rigs.

Lindy Ibeling spoke about the Foundation campaign for a dedicated MRI breast coil used to improve imaging quality of dense breast tissue; the cost is \$100,000. She also shared about the Employee and Family Outing to Palmer’s in Waterloo scheduled for August; the cost estimate is \$3,000-4,000. She asked the Auxiliary to consider supporting both efforts. The Auxiliary Board approved donating \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund to the campaign for the breast coil and \$2,000 from the budget item Department Requests for the outing.

Designer Bag BINGO proceeds were \$3,288.26. Melinda will be shopping for bags this summer for 2026 and Ellen Crayne will check on available dates for BINGO 2026. Emerson’s Scrub Sale is July 16-17\*\*, and the Linen Sale in early August will include an in-person day on August 7 in Tendrils.

Gift Garden sales in both 2024 and 2025 were approximately \$100,900. Although vendors are sharing the cost of increased tariffs with purchasers for now, prices have increased. Beth G. will attend the Vegas market.

A few changes in our By-Laws and Administrative Policies and Procedures (Chairperson Responsibilities) were approved: Membership was replaced with Events (serves as liaison between the Auxiliary and WHC Engagement Council and co-chairs planning the Annual Membership Meeting with the Past President. Employee Appreciation Event was deleted because it is a duty of the VP.

\*\* Auxiliary made \$1078.42 at the scrub, shoe and clothing sale.

## Auxiliary Supports Breast Coil Campaign

The WHC Auxiliary recently voted to donate \$10,000 to the WHC Foundation’s Breast Coil Campaign. This generous contribution is a direct example of our Endowment Fund at work, helping to enhance imaging services and support better care for our patients. Thank you to all who support the Auxiliary—your efforts make a difference!



## AUXILIARY THANK YOU / DONATIONS/FUNDRAISERS

WHC Auxiliary Board would like to thank everyone that has donated to the Auxiliary. In August the Auxiliary is mailing out \$20,000 in scholarships for 18 students in the medical field and will be donating \$2,000 for a summer WHC staff appreciation event.

18 Membership donations received as of 7/18/25: \$350 for the endowment fund, \$3015 for scholarships

Total: \$3,365 (to be a member you can give monetarily and/or volunteer)

To donate mail a check to: WHC Auxiliary, 312 Ninth St. SW, Waverly, IA 50677



Linen  
Sale at  
WHC  
Tendrils  
7/7/25  
7:30 - 3

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MAKE IT  
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POPCORN  
and  
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🍿 Support Your Favorite Team — ISU vs. Iowa! 🎆  
Show your team spirit AND support a great cause!  
Purchase delicious popcorn for just \$6 per bag.  
Proceeds benefit the WHC Auxiliary and help fund healthcare scholarships.

🗣️ Whether you're Team Cyclone or Team Hawkeye, your snack helps students succeed!

Get yours today and cheer with a crunch!  
\$6 per bag pick up at the Green entrance September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

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## TRAINING CORNER

### Phones and Disinfection

#### DO:

- Disinfect desk phones with Super Sani-Cloths regularly.
- Lightly squeeze overly saturated wipes after removing from canister prior to cleaning electronics.
- Allow chemical to remain wet on surface being cleaned for 2 minutes.

#### DON'T:

- Use dripping or soggy wipes on electronic equipment (phones/keyboards)
- Lay saturated wipes across electronic equipment.
- Allow chemical to run into creases, breaks, cracks, or around buttons/keyboards.

#### KEY POINTS:

- Surface remaining wet with chemical for 2 minutes eliminates organisms.
- Scrubbing action physically removes living microorganisms.



## 4000 HOURS

### Volunteer Spotlight – 4,000 Hours of Service!

A big shout-out to Beth Giesmann and Julia Palestrina for each achieving over 4,000 hours of volunteer service!

Beth has been volunteering since 2009 and has made an incredible impact through many roles, including Auxiliary Board member, volunteer baker, outpatient surgery desk volunteer, Gift Garden clerk, and currently serves as the Gift Garden manager.

Julia has been a dedicated volunteer since 2013, generously giving her time in the Dining Room, Green Entrance, Red Entrance, and now volunteers at the Blue Entrance, Monday through Thursday.

Thank you, Beth and Julia, for your outstanding commitment and the countless ways you support WHC through your service!





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## VOLUNTEER REVIEW

### Volunteer Annual Review – Time to Learn and Earn a Gift!

It's time for our annual Volunteer Review — and what better way to keep learning than with a quick and easy online format?

In August all active volunteers will receive an email with reading materials and a link to answer a few review questions. All active volunteers are required to complete this.

Need help accessing or completing the review? Just let me know — I'm happy to assist!

And yes... there's a small thank-you gift waiting for you once it's done. Watch your inbox this August!

## Donations Needed



### Help Keep Our Patients Dry – Umbrella Donations Needed!

Volunteer Services is seeking donations of 60-inch golf umbrellas to have available at the hospital entrances for patients and visitors to use on rainy days. These large umbrellas help ensure safe, dry access to and from the building.

If you'd like to contribute, please drop off new 60-inch golf umbrellas at the Volunteer Services office. Your donation will make a real difference—thank you for helping us care for our community in every way!

## WHC Website New Look

**If you schedule through the WHC website, you will select “Join Our Team/Volunteer” for on-line scheduling. If you use a saved link you will to change it to the new link.**



### Volunteer

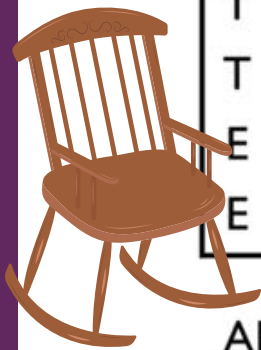
Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Whether you have just a few hours to spare or want to make volunteering a regular part of your routine, your time, energy and compassion can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

[VOLUNTEER ONLINE SCHEDULING](#)



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## Be Seated



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BEANBAG  
BENCH  
BLEACHER  
BOOSTER  
BOOTH  
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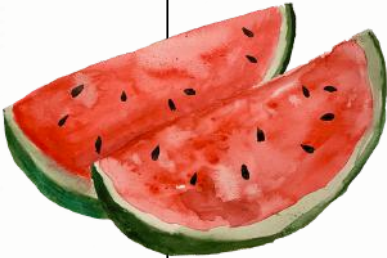
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SADDLE  
SETTEE  
SKI LIFT  
SOFA  
STOOL  
STOOP  
THRONE  
WINGBACK  
ZABUTON

### ACCIDENTAL INVENTIONS

**SLINKY** - During World War II, navy engineer Richard James was trying to figure out a way to employ springs aboard navy ships to keep sensitive instruments from bouncing around when he accidentally dropped one of them. To his amusement, the spring immediately righted itself and landed upright on the floor. Since then, kids everywhere have enjoyed playing with this springy, metal toy.

# AUGUST 2025

August 2025						
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10	11 Auxiliary Board Meeting 9:00 CG Room	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Linda Klobberdanz Katie Steinlage Ella Vander Zee	22	23
24	25	26 Terry Bollman	27	28	29	30 Micki Thurm
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