**NOTES FROM MELINDA** 

## Happy October!

Crisp air, colorful leaves and cozy days ahead—fall is here! Thank you for all the ways you share your time and kindness at WHC. Your service makes a difference every season!

You will find the FY25 Annual report attached with the newsletter.



**NEWSLETTER** 

Reminder: All lost and found items need to be taken to the green entrance to Admissions! This includes hats, gloves, keys, phones, toys and anything else that anyone can lose.





Miles

With a sadden heart, Miles, one of our beloved pet visitation dogs, passed away 9/21/25 from kidney disease. Miles brought so much comfort, joy and calm to patients, staff and visitors during his time at WHC. Miles has been a volunteer since 2016.

We are so grateful for the love and care he shared here, and he will be dearly missed.

Please keep Tracy and John in your thoughts. (picture attached) During COVID Miles would send uplifting videos to lift spirits.







08:45



New Volunteers: Cyndi Canney and Weather



Wartburg Students:
Hannah Buttljer
Caleb Cross
CJ Hisler
Louise Shabani
Caleb Stiles
Zach Weidler



**Volunteer Openings** 

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

GIFT GARDEN

M/W/TH/F

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

3 TO 4 HOUR SHIFTS

PATIENT ESCORTS

M/W/F 7:30 - 10:00AM GREEN ENTRANCE TH 1:30 - 4:30 PM RED ENTRANCE

#### **Auxiliary Card Clubs**

Auxiliary Card Clubs have started!

Thank you for your monetary support!

If you are new, welcome!

If you are interested in joining a card club, please let Melinda know.





### **September Auxiliary Board Meeting**

The Auxiliary Board did not meet in September. All Auxiliary members which include all volunteers are invited to attend the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in the CG room at 9:00 am.

#### **AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER**

# The Nutman Company USA, INC

Wednesday, October 8th - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, October 9th - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

200 Fine Quality Nuts, Chocolates, Snack Mixes and Candies

Green Entrance Waverly Health Center 312 Ninth St. SW, Waverly



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#### TRAINING CORNER

#### **Preventing Falls in the Hospital**

- Falls are one of the most common hospital safety risks.
- Patients may be weak, disoriented or using unfamiliar equipment.
- Volunteers play an important role in creating a safe environment.
- Preventing falls protects patients, staff and you!

Key Message: Always be alert, attentive and proactive in spotting risks.

#### **Fall Prevention for Volunteers**

- Keep hallways, waiting areas and public spaces free of clutter.
- Ensure chairs and tables in lobbies are stable and safely arranged.
- Pick up or report dropped items, cords or obstacles.
- Report spills, wet floors or damaged flooring immediately.

#### **Support for Patients & Visitors**

- If you see someone who looks unsteady offer a wheelchair.
- Offer directions and assistance with navigating safely.
- Escort visitors to safe seating areas when needed.

#### **Your Role**

- Be the "extra eyes" in non-clinical areas.
- Quickly communicate any hazards to hospital staff.
- Model safe behaviors- wear appropriate footwear and avoid blocking walkways.



#### **VOLUNTEER REVIEW**









ALL IN THE FAMILY
BARNEY MILLER
BIONIC WOMAN
BONANZA
BRADY BUNCH

CHARLIES ANGELS EMERGENCY FANTASY ISLAND GOOD TIMES GUNSMOKE

HAPPY DAYS
HOGANS HEROES
LAND OF THE LOST
NIGHT GALLERY
POLICE WOMAN

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ESANGELS

ROCKFORD FILES
THE JEFFERSONS
THE ODD COUPLE
THE WALTONS
THREES COMPANY

#### **ACCIDENTAL INVENTIONS**

SACCHARIN - You know that pink packet of fake sugar that's always sitting on the restaurant table? Well, as sweet as it is, you may be surprised to know where it came from. In 1879, Constantin Fahlberg, a chemist trying to find alternative uses for coal tar, came home for dinner after a long day of work and noticed that his wife's biscuits tasted a lot sweeter than usual. After asking her about it, he realized that he hadn't washed his hands after work and the coal tar remnants had sweetened the biscuit.

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- 10/3 Evelyn Aubrey
- 10/3 LifeServe Blood Center Blood Drive
- 10/4 Lee Camp
- 10/6 Beth Bachman, Melinda Pitt, Monica Severson, Terry Dahlquist
- 10/8 Nutman Green entrance 8:00 4:00 pm
- 10/9 Nutman Green entrance 8:00 2:00 pm
- 10/10 Don Kloberdanz
- 10/13 Auxiliary Board Meeting 9:00 10:00 am CG Room- everyone
- that receives this newsletter is welcomed!
- 10/13 Welcome to Medicare Seminar 6:00 8:00 pm Tendrils
- 10/14 Breast Cancer Support Group/ Tendrils 6:30 7:30 pm
- 10/14 Hadley Spooner
- 10/15 12/7 Open Enrollment Period for Medicare
- 10/16 Parkinson's Support Group/ CG Room 1:30 3:00 pm
- 10/17 Steve Maley
- 10/27 Clay Nielsen
- 10/28 Darrel Steege, Cyndi Canney
- 10/31 Jodi Rinnels



Melinda out of the office 10/6/25 10/28/25 - 11/4/25

Waverly Health Center Volunteer Services



