

BEAR LAKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2024

I am grateful for a time to celebrate those that unite to spread joy, lend a helping hand, and make a positive impact on our community. Our theme this year has been "Make Every Moment Count" I see examples of this every day as our Volunteers step up to take on any task that needs to be done. They work with a cheerful attitude, and a willing heart. Can you imagine what the world would be if everyone did the same. I would like to thank the wonderful Volunteers of our organization for their priceless gift of resources, time and efforts, always ready to serve and make our community a better place. with love, Lott

We have four events this month:

April 13th – clean the Thrift Store

April 18th is Trivia night at the OTC 7:00

April 20th is Prom Dinner at the OTC 6:00

**April 26th is our Appreciation Banquet 6:00
Jericho Gym**

Lott Crockett, DVS

Bear Lake Memorial Hospital

Deanna Hymas appreciates all of the excellent work provided by the volunteers who help at the Thrift Store.

The store has many nice items for sale and all clothing is cleaned before it is displayed for sale.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Deanna at 208 847 1557.

**Remember the website:
blmhthriftstore.com**

Chris Henderson prepared the Friendship Basket for Cindy Teuscher, and it was presented by her daughter, Jennifer Teuscher, on December 4, 2023. This Bio was submitted by Linda Walker.

Cindy Teuscher was born in Logan, Utah, the oldest of four girls. She grew up in Smithfield, Utah, helping on the family farm. She rode horses, visited family at Bear Lake, and had a pet rock chuck.

She graduated from Sky View High School in Smithfield and attended Utah State University in Logan where she was an officer in her sorority. She met her husband, Joel, at an institute dance hosted by the church fraternity and sorority. He proposed to her by putting her rings in the wool of a sheep. She graduated in June of 1979 with a bachelor's degree in office management. They were married in September that same year on the 13th which was her grandmother's birthday. And she now has a granddaughter born the same day.

They moved to Joel's hometown of Geneva, Idaho, at Christmastime. Their first child arrived in June 1980. Five more children were born over the next 13 years, for a total of three girls and three boys. This included a birth in a truck in a blizzard and a set of surprise twins. When she had one baby and everyone thought she was done, the doctor said "Wait, there's another one in there." She has five grandsons and three granddaughters. Over the years her children have been spread out over the world and it's hard for her to have them so far away, but it has led to some amazing trips. A standout being that she was

able to spend a month in Thailand to help care for her two oldest



grandsons while they were out of school for the holidays.

Cindy faithfully serves in her church callings and is a wonderful example to her family. She started a journal in high school, writes in it every day, and hasn't missed a day in decades. They have volumes of her journals (6 totes full).

Her hobbies include crocheting, knitting, diamond painting, and puzzles. She belongs to the Stitches group and makes hats for them to send to Ukraine.

Cindy was hired as secretary for the Bear Lake County Extension Office in 1990, where she worked for 33 years until her retirement in September 2023.

She joined the Auxiliary in February 2023 and was immediately put to work as our Treasurer.

Her favorite color is purple, she enjoys watching movies and eating popcorn. A favorite treat is hot chocolate any day of the

The stitchers are a group of volunteers who knit or crochet hats and scarves and make bracelets to send to needy people in other countries. They meet for lunch at the Senior Center the last Thursday of every month at 11:30. If you would like to join this group, please call Linda Walker at 208 220 0873 or Pat Burdick at 435 219 9900.

This group has provided 6,121 hats, 1983 bracelets, 56 blankets, and 205 miscellaneous items to needy people around the world

The quilters, under the direction of Judy Pope have complete three quilts for 2024. If you would like to join them, please call Judy at 208 8473540.

Recently, we lost three very essential volunteers. All three of these leaders were instrumental in making our organization what it is today. Attached are tributes to Bernice Parslow, Irene Hall, and Susan Phelps. These tributes were submitted by Linda Walker.

We have several active volunteers who are suffering from health issues. We hope they get well soon. If you would like to wish them well, here is their information:

Pat Burdick 435 219 9900

Jan Kearn 801 560 0385

Karma Loertscher 208 847 0156

Gerry Simmons 208 427 4695

Kay Spivey 208 252 0837

Irene Hall Tribute



Irene Gruver Hall passed away 18 September 2023 at home in Montpelier, Idaho. She was born 10 May 1941 in Princeton, Minnesota, to Ralph E. and Theresa M. Jewell Gruver, the eldest of five children. She grew up in Two Harbors, Minnesota, where she graduated from high school. She went to college at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia; Montana School of Mines, Butte, Montana; and Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

On 13 May 1974, Irene married Leonard Frazier Hall and she is survived by him. They were together for 49 years. She had one daughter, Chris, and two grandchildren. Leonard has three children, thirteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Irene lived in many places during her lifetime, including California, Tennessee, Florida, Colorado, Montana, Mississippi, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Utah, Cuba, and Idaho. In 2004 she and Leonard moved to Montpelier, Idaho.

Some of her hobbies and interests were fruit picking, canning, jelly making, furniture restoration, caning wicker, rush repair, and non-flowering house plants. Irene was a master at vintage and antique furniture repair and restoration. She spent a great deal of time in her shop/garage restoring old furniture to its original beauty.

Irene joined Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in 2004 and has served as President, Vice President, Showcase Auction Chairman, and Board Member. She was always willing to help with any job.

Some of Irene's accomplishments include: (1) She was trusted to handle restaurant payroll at age 16. (2) Inspected intricate necklace at State Fair and reproduced it at home as a teenager. (3) Turned fruit bowl from laminated block on wood lathe in high school shop class. (4) Earned PhT degree (**Putting Hubby Through** BS, MS, PhD, and AAS degrees). (5) Chosen Vice-President of Newton Literary Club, Newton, UT. (6) Skilled with woodworking power tools, including router and lathe. (7) Demonstrated chair caning at Utah's Festival of the American West/Great West Fair from 1982 to 1994, and 2005. (8) Certified as a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) metal lathe operator. (9) Won first prizes for beet pickles, salsa, wine, pear butter, and peanut brittle at the Bear Lake County Fair. (10) Ran a B&B which she owned with her husband in Minnesota.

Tribute to Susan Phelps



Susan was born on August 19, 1946, to Lloyd and Irene Richards Hopkins in Ontario, Oregon, which is just across the Idaho border at Payette. She had two brothers, which made her the favorite daughter. They are both deceased.

In addition to Montpelier, Susi has also lived in Boise and Pocatello. She attended ISU to become a nurse.

Susi likes to crochet, read, camp and volunteer. She played several musical instruments. She also enjoyed watching her son at the snowmobiling races. She is the librarian at her church.

She met her husband, Kyle, when she had a roommate from Montpelier who invited her to come here for a weekend. Kyle asked her to marry him the day after they met, but they waited

3½ years because she was in college and the Army. She moved here in 1967.

Kyle and Susi have 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. All live around here, but one, who is in Kansas.

Susan joined the Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in 2013 and served as their secretary for several years. She volunteered at the Sunshine Corner, Thrift Store, Snowball dance, and would do anything that was asked of her. Kyle belonged to the Lions Club, and she helped him with various things there. Susi also belonged to the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Her greatest accomplishments include raising a family and always being there for them. She made sure they always had a family day once a week. She held three jobs at one time to support them when Kyle was hurt in an accident at Simplot. She has also worked at the Skilled Nursing Facilities in Montpelier and Soda Springs. She is a veteran, having served in the Army from 1964 to 1967. She was stationed on a ship off the coast of Vietnam, where they took care of casualties from that war.

Susan passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on February 10, 2024. Services were held Saturday, February 24, at 11:00 am at the 1st/4th ward chapel.

Tribute to Bernice Parslow



Bernice was born in Brigham City, Utah, the youngest of five children and was referred to as “Daddy’s girl.”

She met her husband, Bill, through a friend. Bill was working on a construction job in Ogden when he met Bernice, who was 16 years old. They dated for five months and then Bill joined the Air Force when his construction job ran out. After five months of basic training in Texas, he returned to Ogden and Bernice was still his sweetheart. They were married one month after Bernice turned 17. Three days after the wedding, Bill left for Adana, Turkey, for an 18-month tour of duty. When he came home, they picked up where they left off: honeymooning in Tucson, Arizona, with a 9-month-old son. They were there for two years and nine months.

When Bill was discharged from the Air Force in November 1964, they moved to Geneva and started farming. Bernice helped with many of the chores.

Bernice and Bill had 8 children, 24 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Their names all start with a “B,” and she proudly named her home “the B-Hive.” They are a close-knit family and got together for reunions and many other occasions.

Bernice was a kind, caring, and giving person who always put the needs of her family before her own. She was a strong woman who faced every challenge in her life with courage and determination. She was a woman of great faith, and instilled in her children the importance of family, hard work, and doing what is right. She worked in various jobs to help support the family, including working several years as a CNA at Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. She volunteered many hours of service to her church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and to the Bear Lake community, including spending many hours supporting the Bear Lake Hospital Auxiliary.

She joined our Auxiliary in 2004 and served as second vice-president, first vice-president and two terms as president. She put in many hours at the Thrift Store. She and Bill were King and Queen of the Snowball dance in 2012. In addition, she belonged to the Sharp Shooters Camera Club and Geneva’s Pollyanna Club. She sang, played the piano, and was Primary pianist in her church for many years. She also liked to read, camp, and go out to dinner and movies with friends. She collected teddy bears, bird houses, and Christmas villages.

Bernice entered the Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in 2017 and passed away on January 3, 2024, at the age of 80. Bernice was a source of inspiration to her family, and she will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives she touched.