

BEAR LAKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 5TH

MESSAGE FROM LOTT, DVS

The quilters have sold eight quilts by hanging them in the Oregon Trail Center. We appreciate all of their hard work.

The hospital foundation is offering a free breakfast at the fair grounds on August 17th.

Ross Walker has created a website for our auxiliary. The site contains information about upcoming events including sales at the thrift store. The website is <https://blmhthriftstore.com>

TRIVIA NIGHT

TRIVIA NIGHT was held on April 18th at the Oregon Trail Center. Fourteen record breaking tables were sold. Hospital Administration surprised Lott Crockett with an appreciation tribute to her, citing her outstanding service as the Director of Volunteer services. Thirty-one of her family members attended. In addition to her hospital responsibilities, Lott serves as an asset to the community by identifying needy people in our area and offering assistance.



PROM DINNER

The Prom Dinner was held on April 20th at the Oregon Trail Center. The Auxiliary offers this dinner, at a nominal cost, to High School Students attending the Prom. Students attending were formally dressed.





REMEMBER THE WEB SITE
blmhthriftstore.com

The Friendship Basket was presented to Annette Barnson by Cindy Teuscher on June 3, 2024.

Annette is a life-long resident of Bear Lake and has never lived anywhere else. Her parents are Fern and Doyle Lloyd and she has one sister and three brothers (Jolene, Jim, Lynn, and Dwight).

She met her husband, David, at school and their first date was to the prom. They had three children, Jenny, Andy, and Mollie. Sadly, David, Jenny, and Andy were killed in a horrible car accident on icy roads. She has three grandchildren (Mollie's): Ryder age 17, Mason 13, and Addie 8.

Annette joined the Hospital Auxiliary in January 2023 and worked in the Gift Shop until it closed and still works in the Thrift Store.

She is very active in her church and has held many positions in Primary and Young Women's. She is currently Stake Relief Society President. In addition, Annette has done daycare in her home and was the Bear Lake High School head cook from 1994 to 2020.

Her hobbies include gardening and spending time with her grandkids whom she loves and adores.

Favorite Things:

Food Cherry chocolates and Sunkist oranges

Music Soft rock

Color Blues, greens, browns

TV Shows Heartland and HGTV Channel

Movie Dances with Wolves

Funny story about herself: When Darcy and Ashlee Valentine (next-door neighbors) were younger, they would follow Annette around the yard while she was mowing and see how long it took for her to realize they were there. And they would always sneak into her house on hands and knees to try to scare her.



THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APRECIATION BANQUET was held on April 26th.

LARRY VILLA, MARY BATES AND DEANNA HYMAS were recognized for volunteering more than 1000 hours. The Auxiliary

members volunteered more than 21,000 hours. Impact on the community is significant. If the members were paid \$9.00 per hour the total contribution would be \$189,000.



The Volunteer of the year award was presented to three different people:

LINDA WALKER

Linda joined the BLMH Auxiliary in January of the year 2000. She attended with her mother, Geneva Stephens, and two sisters, JoAnn Farnsworth and Pat Burdick who joined later.

Linda Walker has held the following volunteer positions:

- Secretary
- Publicity Chair
- Showcase Chair. Linda was chairman of the showcase which was, at that time, in the lobby of the hospital. She distributed items to be completed to Auxiliary members, gathered them when completed, and displayed them in the showcase. Linda made many of the items for the showcase and the gift shop such as embroidered dish towels, crocheted baby clothes, bracelets, etc.
- Chairman for the auction showcase at the thrift store.
- Bookkeeping – Linda has been keeping track of our service hours for 23 years.
- Historian – Linda has organized six scrapbooks and written various articles for the newspaper and newsletters.
- Pianist – She has played the piano in acknowledging birthdays at Auxiliary meetings, Christmas sing-alongs, Skilled Nursing Facility and the Manor.
- Linda makes items for Christmas stockings, gift bags and tray favors.
- Friendship baskets – Linda has been in charge of the baskets for many years.
- Community Service Involvement – She has been

involved in several community activities, the latest of which is helping organize and maintain a humanitarian group called The Stitchers, coordinating with Lifting Hands International. This group makes beanie hats, blankets, and baby clothes for various refugees around the world. Along with crocheting hats, Linda makes bracelets as a gift for them and has donated 8,000 thus far. Some of these have gone to Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Palestine, Israel, and Gaza as well as local groups such as Toys for Tots and the Snowball Dance.

ROSS WALKER

Ross Walker joined the auxiliary a year ago and hasn't had time to catch up to Linda.

- Website - He has built and maintains a website for the Thrift Store: blmhthriftstore.com. Ross takes pictures as needed for the High School Prom and other events. He furnished publicity to notify the public of an auction of the COVID shed and equipment.
- Photographer – Ross will take photos of the quilts made by the Auxiliary quilters, chaired

by Judy Pope, to be placed on the website soon. Ross and Linda took photos of all hospital employees for the website.

- **Community Involvement –** Ross started the Sharpshooters Camera Club in 2001 (ongoing). He served on the Arts Council, a member of the Montpelier Gem Team, on the board of the Rails and Trails Museum, a Cub Scout den leader and was a member of the Community Chorus and Easter Cantata. He was photography chairman at the County Fair for 19 years and did a lot of volunteer work for the Bear Lake Community Church.

PAT BURDICK

Pat Burdick is always looking for a way to help others. When she belongs to an organization, she is very dedicated to it and does anything she can to help. If she sees things that need to be done, she makes suggestions and follows through with them. She was instrumental, along with other people, in getting cardiologists to come to Montpelier from Pocatello to support our hospital. She also has been trying to find a way to get transportation out of Montpelier for those in need.

At our Auxiliary meetings, she leads the singing for those having birthdays each month. She also does this at the nursing home and manor at Christmas. She's on the committee to help prepare Christmas stockings and gift bags for Auxiliary members. She has been on various other committees and is always willing to do anything asked of her.

Pat has always been active in her church and usually holds responsible positions. When she moved here in 2020, she was a service missionary. She has a love for family history and served as the assistant director in the Vernal Family History Center. She has taught classes at the Center in Montpelier and has helped many people trace their roots. She published two family books, one for each side of her family. She has written many family histories which have been put online.

Pat loves to crochet – it is hard to find her without a crochet hook in her hand. Over the years she has made thousands of hats for children. She is a retired schoolteacher and incidentally was voted "Teacher of the Year for the State of Utah." Even before Pat moved here, she was embroidering dish towels for our gift shop. She made hats for her students in Vernal and also for other causes in both

places such as the Cancer Society, women's shelters, homeless shelters, victim's assistance groups, the Children's Justice Center, Deseret Industries, Toys for Tots, and more in the mountain west area. She made hats for Judy Brown to take to students in Uganda. When the war broke out in Ukraine, Pat and her sister, Linda, decided to start an organization which they named "The Stitchers." They recruited others and to date have sent 6410 hats, plus bracelets, blankets, and miscellaneous items for a total of 8972 items to Ukraine, Afghanistan, Palestine, Israel and Gaza refugees through the Lifting Hands International organization. She is always waiting for the next project to surface.



SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WE HAD QUITE A FEW APPLICANTS THIS YEAR FOR THESE TWO SCHOLARSHIPS. HOWEVER, WE HAD NO APPLICATIONS FROM COKEVILLE. ALL OF THE APPLICANTS WERE WORTHY OF RECEIVING RECOGNITION. WHEN WE REVIEW THESE APPLICATIONS, IT MAKES US AWARE THAT OUR YOUTH ARE CERTAINLY CAPABLE OF BEING GOOD CITIZENS AND FUTURE LEADERS. THE CANDIDATES THAT RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTEERS AND THE VOTE WAS UNANOMOUS. IT IS AN HONOR TO AWARD THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM SCHOLARSHIPS TO THESE TWO OUTSTANDING APPLICANTS:

ZACHARY G. DECLARK

Zachory G Declark has volunteered to assist the Foundation in many activities and worked to improve the health of Bear Lake High School students by serving on a committee of students dedicated to improve mental health of students. The name of the committee is revolution. He has researched the topic of stress management. One of his reference letters points out that "Zach possesses a remarkable character marked by integrity, empathy and leadership." Another reference letter states "He has a positive influence on

his peers, often contributing to a collaborative and supporting learning environment.”

EMMA R. HAYES

Emma has volunteered to do many jobs that other students would not want to do. She has worked on maintaining the barns at the fairgrounds and cleaning up hay. She has painted fences for older residents and cleaned up trash along the highways. She has even cleaned drains. It is particularly impressive that she has received oil change certification. One of her reference letters states “Emma is a kind hearted individual with clear goals and aspirations for her future.” Another reference letter states, “Her willingness to go above and beyond expectations coupled with her genuine compassion for others truly sets her apart.”

Both of these students make an impact on our community. They realize that everything counts which is the motto of the auxiliary this year.



Carol Feinauer and Carolyn Hillier were recognized by Lott as being “Extra Milers”. Both women have been long time members of the Auxiliary.

Carolyn has been a Geneva resident for 60 years and has been an Auxiliary member for about 30 years. She is always willing to serve in any capacity needed. She has volunteered in the Thrift Store in three different locations as well as regularly volunteering for the Snow Ball, Brake for Breakfast and anywhere that she is needed. She particularly loves to quilt.

Carol Feinhauer is a lifetime resident of Montpelier and one of the

founding members of the Auxiliary. She started working in the Thrift Store when the director, Gayle Dayton, required the volunteers to iron all of the clothing being displayed. This meticulous attention to detail has made our Thrift Store outstanding. She has volunteered to work on the Snow Ball since its inception. Carol has volunteered countless times for any job that has needed to be done. She also loves to quilt.

These two women are the foundation that our organization was built on. They continue to contribute their time and effort to make Bear Lake Valley a better place to live.

“EVERYTHING COUNTS”