

# ST. MARY'S AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome!
Fall 2024

Rest assured that we are still here to help those in need.



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Please email Auxiliary articles or photos that you would like to see in your future newsletters to Sarah Adriance: snowy@nycap.rr.com **MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** As we enter Fall, we can't help but look back on a summer season that seems to have flown by all too quickly. I hope that all of you were able to enjoy the many activities that summer has to offer.

For the Auxiliary, Fall begins a host of activities that we hope will pique your interest and participation! The Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event is always popular and enables our members to get a head start on early holiday shopping. Our annual "Tree of Light" is a wonderful way to honor or commemorate a loved one. It is always very popular. This year's ceremony will be held at 4 PM on Thursday, December 5, in the St. Mary's Campus lobby.

Following that, a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season will be to join us at our Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 7. This year, we will return to the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street in Troy. Your invitation will hit mailboxes a bit later in the season, but be sure to mark your calendar now for this wonderful opportunity to socialize with friends, meet new ones, and welcome the holidays!

We also want to thank our faithful members, many of you for decades, for maintaining their membership in our organization! Our recent membership drive has just ended, and our membership is now 120-strong. Of those, 58 are life members! An organization can be just a name; however, our membership enables us to continue our mission of outreach to the community and to those in need. Our 117-year legacy remains powerful because of each of you!

# Installation of Officers and Board 6/5/2024

Jane Norris, Director of Volunteer Services/Auxiliary Liaison-Acute Care, installed the Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

The Officers and Board of Directors are a critical body for any organization. They provide guidance, direction, and are responsible for not only the fiscal well-being of the organization but also for the continued progress toward achieving the organization's mission and goals.

The Officers and Board of Directors of St. Mary's Auxiliary have served selflessly and without interruption, providing leadership to weather challenges and changes, while invoking creativity and embracing new paradigms.

To the Officers and Board Members of St. Mary's Auxiliary for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026:

- Do each of you sincerely promise to maintain, support, and enforce the charter and by-laws of St. Mary's Auxiliary?
- Do you promise faithfully, to the best of your knowledge and ability, to discharge the duties of your office?

I now declare the Officers and Board of Directors of St. Mary's Auxiliary duly installed and extend to each of you and to the Auxiliary best wishes for a successful term of service.

## **OFFICERS**

President: Nancy Doran-Hite Vice-President: Ann Apicella Treasurer/Fin. Off.: Jeff Baltes Asst. Treas/Fin. Off.: Carolyn Smith Secretary: Jeff Baltes

At-Large: We welcome Mary Beth Farley.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Governance: Jean Shaver
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Paul Apicella Mary Beth Farley

## LEARN / EARN / RETURN

Volunteers Needed Please Contact: Carol Favreau Carol.Favreau@sphp.com

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#### WE WANT TO BE SURE TO STAY IN TOUCH!

Please notify Jeff Baltes if you have moved or changed information.

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Love, sharing, and caring are essential values that we hold dear to our hearts.

#### **NEW MEMBER 2024**

We would like to welcome you back and thank you for rejoining St. Mary's Auxiliary.

Earline Johnson

#### THANK YOU!

Thanks to all our volunteers -past and present - for their generosity, hard work, and dedication. We couldn't do it without you!

#### THINKING OF YOU

If you know of an Auxilian who is in need of a "thinking of you" message for any reason, please contact: Elizabeth Hite Elizhite90@gmail.com



Nurse Korissa Gohlke,3rd person standing from left to right.

**Molly Sue**, our beloved therapy dog, and an auxiliary member, is doing a fantastic job at St. Mary's Campus by continuing to comfort cancer treatment patients. Her impact is so significant that Korissa Gohlke invited Molly Sue to join her and the nursing students for a well-deserved break. The heartwarming picture of them all smiling together is proof of the undeniable benefits of having a therapy dog like Molly Sue in the healthcare environment.

#### **SPRING RAFFLE**



**Congratulations to Carin Cirillo**, who is an auxiliary member and an associate in the facilities department at St. Mary's Campus.

**Thank you** to the St. Mary's Auxiliary Officers and Board members for their generous donation of lottery scratch-off tickets. We also want to express our gratitude to everyone who purchased raffle tickets to support St. Mary's Auxiliary.

# Carol Crucetti/Auxiliary Member

# HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response

As we observe <u>#NationalNursesWeek</u>, ASPR celebrates and honors the exceptional nurses supporting the Medical Reserve Corps, whose selfless service and dedication play a crucial role in the preparation for and response to public health emergencies.

Carol Crucetti is one of these extraordinary nurses. A nurse for 48 years, Carol Crucetti has an AAS in Nursing, a BS in Nursing, and an MS in Health Services Administration, plus certifications in Nursing Administration and Risk and Quality Management. She has been with the Rensselaer County #MRC since it was formed about 20 years ago. In addition to being a St. Mary's Auxiliary member, Carol was a long-time associate at St. Mary's Hospital and St. Peter's Health Partners, retiring in 2019 as Chief Nursing Officer.

When asked about her motivation, she said, "I get self-satisfaction from helping others. It's always nice when you see someone who you cared for and they remember you and how you helped them. That's all the motivation I've ever needed." Thank you, Carol Crucetti and all the ASPR nurses for your service, commitment, and sacrifice. Your skills

and dedication make a difference everyday. You are an inspiration to us all, and we are grateful for your service.

# A Condensed History of the Seton Health Auxiliary 1907-1987 **Seton Health** St. Mary's Hospital Troy, New York

In 1986, the 80th anniversary of St. Mary's Auxiliary was celebrated.

Dorothy Wilson led the St. Mary's Auxiliary in Troy, New York, as its President in 1986. The organization has a long history of supporting the hospital and its mission, and we are grateful for its members' dedication and resilience. Despite facing challenges, they have shown their commitment to helping those in need, they took on significant projects such as renovating the Memory Garden on the St. Mary's Campus. We continue to be inspired by the ongoing efforts of the Auxiliary members, who are currently renovating the Memory Garden, proving their lasting dedication to the hospital's mission.

During this significant period, Dorthy Wilson, Sister Mary Alice Roach, a former CEO of St. Mary's Hospital, Earline Johnson, a former President of St. Mary's Auxiliary, and James Cowie, the CEO of St. Mary's Hospital, played vital and distinct roles in the success of the 80th anniversary celebration. Their unique contributions, combined with their collective leadership, marked by unwavering dedication and a deep sense of service, have made significant contributions, resulting in a lasting legacy that continues to impact the community positively. Their personal qualities of dedication and leadership continue to inspire all of us, and we are honored to carry on their work.



From left to right: Dorothy Wilson, Sister Mary Alice Roach, Earline Johnson, & James Cowie.



**Sarah Adriance** Jeff Baltes Carol Crucetti Nancy Doran-Hite Mary Beth Farley Amy Hale Marie Malsch Rebecca Rokow Carolyn Smith

We are also grateful to the Facilities nent associates for their assista



On May 21, 2024, St. Mary's Auxiliary members were busy planting and beautify-



Carly is enjoying her break.



**Kevin Mariano from Facilities** ing the garden at St. Mary's Campus. stopped by to ensure that every thing was going well!





In memory of Maureen Noonan Auxiliary President 2010 - 2020



Check out the beautiful flower box welcoming you at the front entrance of St. Mary's Campus!



Join us in honoring the incredible legacy of our past volunteers by supporting and joining us at the St. Mary's Campus in Troy, New York. Together, we can continue their impactful work and make a difference in the lives of others.

St. Mary's Auxiliary
Gift Card Raffle

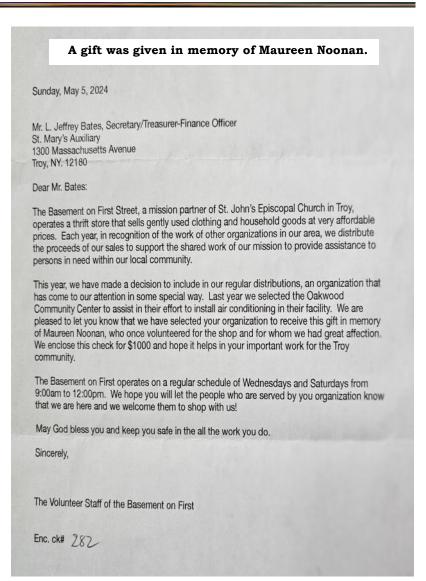
**Our annual gift card raffle** is always eagerly anticipated by not only our membership, but also friends and associates on the St. Mary's campus as well. However, this year, we have decided to move it to March in an effort to help chase away those midwinter blues! Word has it that the leprechauns will be gathering up a variety of gift card goodies to fill that proverbial "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow!

With our drawing scheduled on March 17, you may be the lucky one to win that treasure!



**Gift Gallery:** Rosemarie Fuchs is eagerly preparing for the upcoming holidays by carefully selecting and stocking up on a wide range of Fall and seasonal merchandise. The anticipation of the festive season is creating a buzz of excitement as Rosemarie looks forward to offering an array of delightful products ..







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