

Advocates Review

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President's Report



Doesn't the song say "Summertime and the livin' is easy"? George Gershwin had not just become the President of The Advocates when he wrote that lyric for the opera, Porgy and Bess! It's been a very busy and rewarding first three months as President and I am in constant awe of the many places The Advocates reach and the lives that the organization touches. I

have attempted to attend as many meetings of subcommittees as possible (Golf, Blood Drives, Community Campus Advocates) just to observe how the group operates both as a not for profit as well as within the hospital structure. I have read a lot of fine print in contracts and poured over UMU web pages trying to connect names with faces. There have been a couple speed bumps but I will take that as a hint to just slow down.

The Executive Committee met in July for a day long Visioning Session – to reflect, to dream and to get to know one another. You will be hearing more about that as time goes on! There are many irons on the fire – we just want to make sure we have the volunteers to tend the flames before we proceed. So invite a friend to join The Advocates!

I am grateful as always to the Executive Committee (the team!), the Board of Directors, and the membership for their belief in The Advocates mission and to Susan York for her guidance during this orientation for me.

Judy Carr, President

**** SAVE THE DATES ** SAVE THE DATES ****



Blood Drive – Downtown Campus

Thursday, October 13 – 8:30 am – 5 pm
Friday, October 14 – 7 am – 1 pm
Thursday, January 19, 2017 – 8:30 am – 5 pm
Friday, January 20 – 7 am – 1 pm

Blood Drive – Community Campus

Wednesday, October 26 – 12 pm – 6 pm
Thursday, October 27 – 7 am – 1 pm
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 – 12 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday, January 4 – 7 am – 1 pm

19th Annual Mystery Malt & Merlot
Friday, April 7, 2017 – in the Grand Ballroom
Marriott Syracuse Downtown
(former Hotel Syracuse)





The Vice Presidents Reports



FUND DEVELOPMENT

Macy's: This year's Macy's "Shop-for-a-Cause" fund raiser was most successful, surpassing last year's total with \$2,440 worth of passes sold (488). This money will be given to Golisano's Pediatric Surgery Center in October. It will be used to purchase items for "teen goodie bags" for teenage boys and girls about to have surgery to help occupy their time and lessen anxiety.

Appreciation to all those who sold passes and special thanks to Judy Carr and Debbie Bogan.

We held a "Back to School" pencil sale again this year and sold 50 sets of pencils for a total of \$300. Thank you, Bonnie!

Mystery Malt and Merlot Reminder: Initial planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 5 pm at the Downtown Campus, room 1403. We hope to see you there!

Karen Goldman

Donna Breen, VP Fund Development

SERVICE

The Service Committee had a busy summer assisting with Beautification of Community Campus by planting flowers in the garden area in front of the hospital and Blood Drives at both campuses - Downtown in July and Community in August.

Blood Drives are scheduled at both campuses in the month of October - Downtown Campus is Thursday Oct 13 and Friday Oct 14 and the Community Campus is Wednesday Oct 26 and Thursday Oct 27. Please consider donating!

Decorating Community Campus for the Holidays is another event coming this Fall. Advocates and Volunteers place Wreaths and Christmas Trees throughout the hospital for the Holidays.

Other events are being planned as well and will be announced.

If interested in helping on any of our projects, please contact me at jean.pirozzi@gmail.com.

Jean Pirozzi, VP Service

MEMBERSHIP/MARKETING

To learn more about becoming a member of The Advocates go to "Become a Member" on our website www.upstate.edu/advocates/member.php

MEET THE ADVOCATE – JANE HORYL

Jane Horyl may not be quite as familiar to many of the readers of this column as the members of The Advocates that have been previously profiled here. But make no mistake, Jane Horyl is an important contributor to the success of The Advocates for Upstate Medical University.

The timeliness of this article is important because Jane is a vital member of the Golf Committee which was recently held at the West Hill Country Club. She works tirelessly in preparing for this event, golfs in it and was probably one of the last people to leave the post play luncheon.

Jane's membership in The Advocates stems from her role as a volunteer at the Community Campus. She works at the Diagnostic Desk helping to check in, direct



and transport patients to appointments and procedures. Jane joined The Advocates when the hospitals merged and has since been on the already mentioned Golf Committee, the beautification committee, the service committee working on Community blood drives and helps at the Macy's Shop For a Cause event. Jane considers The Advocates to be "a wonderful group of people who work extremely hard to benefit the hospital patients and the Syracuse community." She further states, "I'm glad I can be part of this worthy organization."

Jane's leisure activities reflect her pre-retirement professional life as a health and physical education teacher at Jordan-Elbridge High School a position she held for 33 years, retiring in 2007. She states she is involved in a golf league, bowling league, loves gardening and babysits her grandchildren at least one day a week. She describes being a grandparent as "the best thing ever" and is lucky to have her children live locally so her husband Vlady and she can enjoy them.

In reflecting on the future Jane states, "I hope for good health for myself and my family. I hope The Advocates continue their worthwhile work for the hospital for many years to come." The help of dedicated and energetic volunteers like Jane Horyl will help to make that wish a reality.

Jane Forstadt, VP Membership/Marketing

Advocates Nellie Hurley Scholarships were awarded to:

Mohammed Ashkar (Volunteer)
 Jordan Barnett-Kradjian (Ophthalmology/Lab Work Study)
 Danielle Bishop (6B Medicine/HCT)
 Lily Brown (Emergency/Registered Nurse)
 Kelly Conley (6A/Registered Nurse)
 Linda Curry (Dean's Office/Secretary 1)
 Christine DeMato (3N/RN Pediatric Operating Room)
 Christopher Felter (OR/Registered Nurse)
 Janelle Gage (IntraOp MRI/Nurse Manager)
 LeeAnn Gallardo (Quality Services/RN Data Coordinator)
 Shayna Green (Health Info. Mgmt./Med Asst. 2)
 Jason Lam (Volunteer)
 Melissa Martin (3N ICU/ Manager)
 Igor Melnichuk (Medicine 10G/Registered Nurse)
 Lisa Mitchell (Pre-Testing/Nurse Manager)
 Josh Onyan (Stroke Program/Outreach Coordinator)
 Jerusha Owusu-Barnie (Pharmacy/Pharmacy Assistant)
 Karen Sochia (NSS/Clinical Training Specialist/RN)
 Joseph Sullivan (Volunteer)
 Nicole Rahalski (Emergency/Registered Nurse)
 Jolene VanAntwerp (MICU 6H/Registered Nurse)
 Virginia VanDusen (Neurology/Medical Secretary II)
 Lilya Yatsyuk (6B/Registered Nurse)

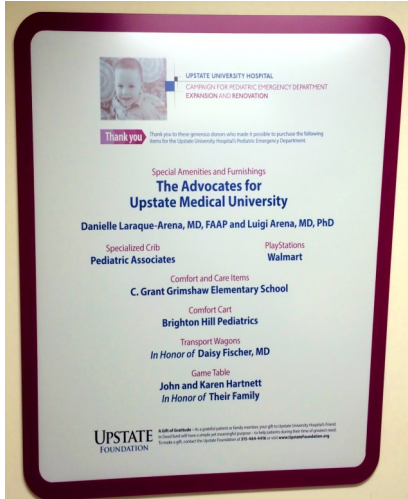
Total amount awarded was \$30,000



NEWS



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT



I'm starting my 7th year of working for The Advocates and as the years pass, my respect for this organization grows! Thank you for this opportunity!

On August 4th, several members of The Advocates attended the Pediatric Emergency Room Celebration & Tour. At our Annual Meeting & Luncheon, Eileen Pezzi was presented with a check for \$30,000 from The Advocates for this incredible project. Here is the plaque that greets everyone as they enter the site.

A special "thank you" to EspressoOasis for their generosity during Downtown's October blood drive - Wear your "donated blood" sticker to the EspressoOasis coffee bar for a \$1 off on an item at the coffee bar. Valid October 13 & 14 only.

As always, when you are in the hospital, I encourage you to support all of our vendors. This will directly benefit The Advocates.

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FROM 2000-2016, THE ADVOCATES HAVE GIVEN BACK TO THE HOSPITAL \$2,329,072
The Advocates have sponsored the UpState blood drive for the last 15 years for a total savings to Upstate of \$1,875,000

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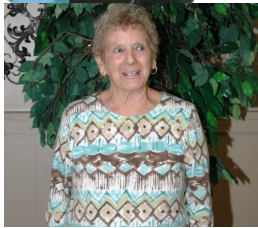
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