Advocates Review
Making a difference in the life of a patient!

**LOOKING FORWARD**

Winter 2018

**President’s Report**

I want to use this opportunity to wish all our members, contracts and friends in the Upstate community a Happy and Holy Holiday. In whatever way you celebrate, I hope you are surrounded by love and generosity of spirit. May the New Year bring you peace and prosperity.

As always, a lot going on with The Advocates. Many thanks to Doretta Royer and Jane Forstadt who have been working with Darcy DiBiase of the Hospital Marketing Department to raise awareness of The Advocates in the community - both hospital and beyond. I am grateful for their efforts and know that we will reap the results of them soon.

Many Thanks also to the terrific "village" of volunteers who conceived and executed our entry into the Everson Festival of Trees. It was a beautiful tree and now has been sent to a wonderful home!

Also, after much delay, The Cafe in the New Academic Building will be opening around the end of January. The cafe will feature Starbucks Coffee and provide an array of snack and meal options for the academic building and the entire campus. We so look forward to celebrating the opening!

Many thanks for a great year for The Advocates and continuing to look forward with The Advocates.

Judy Carr

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**Blood Drive – Community Campus**
Tuesday, January 8, 12 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday, January 9, 7 am – 1 pm

**Blood Drive – Downtown Campus**
Thursday, January 17, 8:00 am – 5 pm
Friday, January 18, 7 am – 1 pm

Tuesday, May 7, 2015 – Annual Meeting & Luncheon
21st Annual Mystery Malt & Merlot
The Oncenter – Friday, April 12, 2019
Looking forward to seeing you there!

315 may wish to help sponsor the event, should contact Jonathan Adler, knows of someone who might donate, or who knows of groups that Upstate Medical University.

Since its inception in 1999, Mystery, Malt and Merlot has provided more than $380,000 to support healthcare and scholarships at Upstate Medical University.

Anyone who has an auction item to donate to this year’s event, who knows of someone who might donate, or who knows of groups that may wish to help sponsor the event, should contact Jonathan Adler, 315-464-5610, or adlerj@upstate.edu.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Barb LaBarge, Chair & Karen Goldman, Vice-Chair
MEET THE ADVOCATE

When Maryann Newman became a member of The Advocates she embraced our organization and quickly became very active on many of our committees. She now is a VP of Service and has taken over the Downtown Blood Drive, organizing all the volunteers and helping out wherever she is needed. She especially loves knowing that The Advocates are making a difference and was thrilled with the feeling she got from parents that were helped by Snowflake Central at Christmas time.

Maryann and her husband, Corbin, have two children. Their daughter, Nicole, and her husband, Andrew, are both architects and work for Ashley McGraw Architects. Their son, Chris, works with horses at the East Coast Horse Shows.

Despite the weather, Maryann’s heart is in Syracuse. Born and raised in Syracuse, many members of Maryann’s family still live here.

Since her retirement from her stressful and dynamic job at the Onondaga County Department of Social Services, where she worked for 35 years, Maryann has enjoyed redecorating her home, gardening, sewing and cooking. She spends time with her elderly parents, helping them as much as possible. She also helps the regular Volunteer office at Upstate when they are in need.

Maryann and Corbin love taking 1 or 2 day trips around New York State. They love the Adirondacks and try to get there as much as possible. Maryann’s idea of a perfect day is to go on a hike and then a lunch cruise with her husband. She feels there is nothing more serene than food on a boat ride! Last summer they had the opportunity to go on many boat rides while seeing a lot of New York State.

The Advocates are very grateful for all that Maryann does for our organization as well as Upstate Hospital. We are happy that she is interested in the great work The Advocates do for Upstate, knowing she is making a difference, and we hope she continues to be a part of The Advocates for many years to come.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR’S REPORT

It seems hard to believe that 2018 has flown by. Before anything else, I want to wish each of you a blessed and peaceful holiday season and New Year. Let’s, together, make this year ahead one filled with fun and success as we work together to benefit patients and community.

It’s been a year of many transitions and I am grateful to each of you for helping to make my transition into The Advocates so smooth.

I know you all share my appreciation for our contracts: American Food & Vending, Café Kubal, Dazzle Gifts on the Hill, EspressOasis Coffee Bar, Lori’s Gift Shop and TeleHealth (patient TVs). The hard work of their owners, managers and staffs help us provide grants that enhance patient care, support continuing medical education, enhance community public health initiatives and offer scholarships to employees and volunteers building their careers in the health professions. Please support these businesses whenever you are at Upstate.

Grant applications for the 2019-20 year will be made available in January and will be accepted throughout February. You can find guidelines and forms on our website. If you are seeking funding for the coming year, please read the guidelines carefully before submitting your proposal.

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From 2000—May 2018, The Advocates have given $2,709,855 to the Hospital!
The Holidays at Community Campus

On December 1, members of The Advocates helped to decorate the Community Campus once again. And then on December 6, Advocates joined other volunteers in decorating cookies and caroling for patients on the Transitional Care Unit.

BACK ROW: Bob Jutton, Advocate; Jim Kilcoyne, Deb Bogan, Advocate; Jean Pirozzi, Advocate;
FRONT ROW: Donna Sims, Activity Director; Sue Edmonds, guitar; Colleen Kilcoyne, guitar, and Ed Brennan, banjo

Snowflake Central

Jean and Maryann have been working all fall with the Child Life staff at Golisano planning for Snowflake Central—providing and wrapping gifts for children who have to spend their holidays as patients. Geddes Federal Savings & Loan took up a collection to provide wrappings.

Many Advocates have also donated supplies and are participating in gift wrapping.

Advocates Tree at The Everson Museum

Theresa Devennie and Karen Goldman pooled their talents to create “It Takes a Village,” which was on display at the Everson’s Festival of Trees during the holiday season as a tribute to all the people who help Upstate Hospital serve the people of Central New York. The ornaments included paper models of members’ houses as well as other structures that comprise a village.

Donna Breen with Anthony Tringale of Café Kubal. More than 40 bags of Upstate Joe were sold at Community Dec. 12 & 13.