



April 2010 Newsletter

“Presidents Message”

Welcome to the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Spring Newsletter.

"I stuck my head out the window this morning and spring kissed me bang in the face." -- Langston Hughes

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful spring weather we are having with summer just around the bend...

The annual Auxiliary event *“Daffodils and Desserts”* continues to bring spring to the Hospital year after year. This year was no exception. The lobby was filled with beautiful baskets of spring flowers and more. Decorative wreaths, candy and tasty desserts were also sold at the event. One lucky winner took home the raffle basket filled with many spring items for the home. The event chaired by Pauline Lambert rose close to \$3,000. A donation was made to the *American Cancer Society*, and the other portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase a flat screen TV and DVD's for the *LGH Cancer Center* which will be presented at the annual meeting.

In February, the Auxiliary launched its first *“A Winter Affair”* event which was a huge success. This event was held at Vesper Country Club, which was beautifully decorated with many candles and valentine accents. Guests enjoyed a wine & micro brew tasting, fresh rolled cigars sporting the LGH Auxiliary logo, dinner and a putting contest. Local florists donated beautiful arrangements that were given away at the end of the evening. We also held a silent & live auction which was very successful. A big thank you goes to all who made this a special evening. This event will be back next year by popular demand – we hope to see you there.

The Auxiliary is busy planning the 2010 Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 24th. Following a fabulous lunch, *Fresh of Nashua* will be presenting a special fashion show. Auxiliary members will be modeling both casual and dressy outfits. *Fresh of Nashua* is a “casual chic boutique” with a collection of stylish yet comfortable clothing for ALL ages. This is a treat you won't want to miss. There is a special gift for all who attend.

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Have you met the new Assistant manager of the Gift Shop? Donna Thoene has teamed up with Ron Thibideau, Gift Shop Manager in continuing to make the *LGH Gift Shop* a unique shopping experience for all of its customers. Some new exciting merchandise including jewelry has been introduced to the shop. *Viva Beads* are the newest addition. This jewelry which includes necklaces, bracelets and rings which are made from handmade patterned beads are one of a kind and very attractive. Come and see these and other new items being offered at the gift shop.

I would like to conclude my message with a sincere farewell as my two year tenure as the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary President comes to a close. During my time as your President, I have learned so much, and I am still amazed at the generosity and support the Auxiliary board and its members give the hospital. LGH is blessed to have you as part of their family.

I hope to see all of you at our annual meeting at which I will be welcoming your new President, Tarina Mansur. As I pass the "*Auxiliary Gavel*" onto Tarina, I look forward to continuing my support to the Auxiliary and Lowell General Hospital.

Debbie

Deborah Lemos
President, LGH Auxiliary

January 2010 Raffle Calendar

After the holiday decorations were put away and everyone had recovered from the New Years' Eve party, those who had purchased (or received as gifts) the first annual Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary January Raffle Calendar had a little something to look forward to every day. The prizes ranged from restaurant gift certificates to Red Sox tickets to the grand prize of \$500 – not a bad way to start off the year. The calendar raised over \$4,000 for the LGH Auxiliary. Look for the January 2011 Raffle Calendar next fall!

Daffodil Garden

With the imminent groundbreaking and construction at the hospital, what will become of our beloved daffodils? Have no fear, the Auxiliary is here. Plans are underway to rescue and store the bulbs until they can be safely relocated. Further details will be announced at a later date.



Daffodils and Desserts

Daffodils, the symbol of hope for cancer patients, heralded the arrival of spring on March 25th as "Daffodils and Desserts" was held in the main lobby. Auxilians, hospital staff and volunteers very generously donated gift baskets, daffodil flower arrangements and baked goods to be sold for the benefit of the LGH Cancer Center. Fresh cut daffodils and potted plants as well as special edition Boyd's bears were sold for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

Everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated! Proceeds for the benefit of the American Cancer Society totaled \$1,130. The auxiliary table raised over \$2,300—a new record. This amount will be donated at our annual meeting to representatives of the LGH Cancer Center. At their request, it will be used to purchase a high definition flat screen TV, a DVD player, a video cart, and we will provide them with a gift certificate to purchase videos with the remaining amount.

To all who helped in any way by contributing and supporting this project, we say: "THANK YOU!"



*Celebrating the arrival of spring were the following:
Pauline Lambert (Chairman of Daffodils and Desserts),
Amy Werner, Debbie Lemos (Auxiliary President),
Debbie Trull, Lynn Chaput, Jan Demetriou and Paula Leavitt.*

New Board Member

The LGH Auxiliary is thrilled to welcome Paula Leavitt of Tyngsborough, MA as our newest board member. She is a retired teacher having taught for thirty-six years in the Chelmsford public schools. During the summer and fall, she can be found at Parlee Farms either in the farm stand or outside conducting field trips for children.

Paula serves as co-chair of the Windows of Faith, a campaign that raises funds for the restoration and preservation projects at the historic Pawtucket Congregational Church in Lowell. She also serves on the board of the Protestant Campus Ministry at UMass Lowell.

Paula and her husband Ray, who works at the MITRE Corporation, enjoy vacationing at Fortunes Rock in Biddeford, Maine. They also enjoy their subscription to the Broadway series at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium where they attend plays and concerts throughout the year. Paula enjoys babysitting her great-nieces, Brooke and Kara.

During the last five years, Paula has had many family members at Lowell General Hospital in the ICU, IMC and the Transition Unit. In recognition of the excellent care that was received, Paula is proud to serve on the Auxiliary Board as a way to give back to the hospital.

Winter Affair

On Thursday, February 11, 2010, the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary launched a new event—the first annual Winter Affair. The event took place at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro and was attended by over one hundred guests.

The enjoyable evening was filled with delicious food, a wine and micro brew tasting, and a putting competition. Paul Lambert of Chelmsford graciously accepted the trophy for the putting competition but donated the \$150 cash prize back to the LGH Auxiliary. The silent and live auction had many beautiful items including a Valentine dinner for two by Bianco's Catering, a basket of wine donated by Harrington Liquors, and two tickets to the James Taylor concert donated by Trinity Ambulance.

The beautiful snow-covered Vesper Country Club was enhanced by red and pink decorations and the lovely floral arrangements donated by Belvidere Flowers, Blossoms, Classic Flowers, Flowers by Steve, Les Fleurs and Scent of Flowers. At the end of the evening, the fresh floral arrangements were raffled off.

The Winter Affair raised close to \$9,000 and proceeds will benefit the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary. We would like to thank the following sponsors:

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A Belvidere Florist
 Bianco Catering
 Blaise MacDonald
 Blossoms
 Boston Cigar Factory
 Catherine Ryder
 Classic Flowers
 Courtyard Marriott, Lowell
 Daniel and Tarina Mansur
 Flagship Press
 Flowers by Steve
 Graphlex Visual Communications
 Harrington Wine & Liquor
 Homa's Skin Care Salon
 Jimmy Young & Martignetti Liquor

Les Fleurs
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 Lowell Cooperative Bank
 Lowell Five
 Lynn Chaput
 MEC Electrical Contractors, Inc.
 MEC Technologies, LLC
 Nancy Julianello of Ambiance Designs
 Norm and Joy Deschene
 Richard Jump
 Scent of Flowers
 Terry O'Connor
 Trinity E.M.S. Inc.
 Vesper Country Club
 William and Deborah Lemos



One of the lovely floral arrangements donated by local florists.



*Auxiliary Board Members enjoying the Winter Affair:
 L to R: Paula Leavitt, Pauline Lambert, Mary Bennett,
 Carol Gilchrist, Linda Carson and Julie Ackley.*



*Two more Auxiliary Board Members:
 Carrie Meikle & Pauline Beaulieu*

*Jody White &
 Jim Moriarty
 also enjoying
 the evening*



The Lowell General Hospital
GIFT SHOP
would like to invite
you to a very special

"Mother's Day Event"

Thursday, MAY 6
10 am - 4 pm
Main Lobby



- ❖ Exclusive Women's Accessories Trunk Show
- ❖ New Jewelry (some just for mom)
- ❖ The latest in Vera Bradley Designs
- ❖ Lake Champlain Chocolates
- ❖ Gourmet Fortune Cookies
- ❖ New Viva Bead colors
- ❖ Plants and Flowers
- ❖ Homemade Goodies
- ❖ Raffles and lots of surprises....



On Main Street in the center of Nashua, located near a plethora of cute stores, restaurants and coffee shops, is a casual chic boutique—Fresh of Nashua. Store Manager Cheryl Plunkett has a collection of beautiful clothes for the stylish woman from twenty to eighty years old. She carries fashion fixes, tummy-tuck jeans, comfortable sleepwear and fashion jewelry—some made by local artisans.

The clothing at Fresh is not your typical chain store at the mall wardrobe. Popular items include Not Your Daughter's Jeans, Ecu pants, Testament T shirts in a very comfortable fabric and Arianne camis and lingerie. I personally loved the Miss Me jeans and an adorable peacock design shirt.

Fresh Fashion Advice

- Skinny jeans are back—big time.
- The eighties are back.
- But say “NO” to shoulder pads. They are all the rage in the upcoming fall fashions, but Cheryl advises that they are not worth the investment.
- Pants are available in a variety of cuts—straight leg, high waist, boot leg—work with what flatters your body.
- No clothing line cuts the same, so there are no true clothing sizes. Don't be frustrated, but try on different sizes to find the best fit.

Fresh Party Idea

Fresh of Nashua will host private shopping parties. Wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages are provided. Extras such as manicures or psychics can be added for a minimal or no additional cost. This is a fabulous idea for private birthday parties, groups such as teachers, nurses, or young professionals. The party could easily continue to dinner at one of the nearby restaurants.

Fresh Fashion Show

Fresh of Nashua will be providing the clothes and jewelry for the Fashion Show at the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Annual Meeting on Monday, May 24th at the Lowell General Hospital Clark Auditorium. (

You can find Fresh of Nashua at 178 Main Street, Nashua, NH. (603) 821-9888 www.freshofnashua.com
Plan a little shopping day with the girls to freshen your wardrobe.

