



## A Word from Your Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Coombes

I hope you enjoy the beauty of our area as much as I. The Olympic Peninsula is undoubtedly one of the most incredible places on earth and I'm thrilled to be here. Our auxiliary and volunteers have been very busy this quarter and I am so proud to be working with such a dedicated, wonderful group of people.

In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, OMC treated volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on April 12 to recognize and give thanks for their hard work and dedication to OMC. The Season's Café was beautifully decorated, the view was spectacular and the food was extraordinary! Heartfelt thanks goes to the Nutrition Services team for such a lovely presentation. Our guests included CEO Eric Lewis, President of the Board of Commissioners John Beitzel and Board Commissioner Jim Leskinovitch, Chief Nursing Officer Lorraine Wall and Patient Relations Manager Liane McGarvie. We can't thank our volunteers enough for everything they do for OMC.



The auxiliary is already hard at work forming committees and improving the annual December Holiday Artisan Market. We are looking for a few more people to help. If you would like information on what you can do, please contact me.

**Did you know?** People who volunteer – even once a month- have a 44% lower risk of a major disease than those who don't, according to the Buck Institute for Age Research reports. **Why it works:** Volunteering boosts

dopamine, a brain chemical that enhances feelings of pleasure and reward. All those good feelings fire up your body's protection of antibodies that fend off illness!

**Volunteer Hours January through May 2010:  
5,335**

## AUXILIARY 2010 DONATIONS

April is the time of the year the auxiliary presents the fruit of their labor and awards fundraising proceeds from our hospital gift shop to OMC departments. This process is taken very seriously by a committee who ultimately choose where the proceeds should be awarded. Since 1980, the auxiliary has contributed more than \$360,000 for the purchase of medical equipment or enhancement of services at OMC. This year we are proud to present to three departments.

**Disaster Preparedness Department** received \$8,202 to be used for medical surge pods. This will benefit the entire community should an emergency arise. The pods are portable and can be set up anywhere on a moment's notice. Presenting the award to Tom Oblak, disaster preparedness coordinator, is Auxiliary President Patty McCarty.



**Medical/Surgical/Pediatrics** received \$4,500 to be used for AccuVein AV300, a lightweight portable tool that uses infrared light to illuminate peripheral veins for venipuncture resulting in more effective care being provided to OMC patients.

Accepting the donation from Patty McCarty are Renee Sommerfeld, RN and Robin Burse, RN.

**Laboratory Administration** received \$7,913 for a table top centrifuge. The centrifuge is used on a daily basis to process specimens for the histology department. The centrifuge will be used to benefit the patient testing process and will reduce the noise level in the lab. Presenting the award to Steve Blackham, Laboratory Director is Patty McCarty, Auxiliary President.



## Scholarship Recipient



Each year the OMC auxiliary awards a \$2,000 scholarship to a student in the medical field. This year, the auxiliary's scholarship committee received and reviewed 24 applications. The committee awarded the

2010 OMC auxiliary scholarship to Ute Dedmore.

The scholarship award is based on the student's academic record, goals and recommendations of professional colleagues. Having chosen nursing as a career because she likes helping people, Ute takes her education very seriously and is a worthy scholarship recipient. Presenting the award is auxiliary member, volunteer and committee chairperson, Bonnie Hardman.



## Auxiliary Secretary

**Ann Thomas** has been a volunteer and auxiliary member since 2002 and was elected as Secretary of the OMC Auxiliary in 2003 after

taking over the vacant position. As secretary Ann keeps minutes of the auxiliary meetings, maintains current address lists, monthly schedules and documents hours monthly. In addition to the many hours Ann works from home, you will also find her at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital every Wednesday morning. She greets our customers warmly and always goes the extra mile in making sure their needs are met.

Ann's positive attitude makes her a joy to be around. Ann is also a willing participant in fundraising events and is an all around outstanding volunteer. We thank you, Ann, for your continued dedication to OMC.

## Auxiliary Treasurer Jim Flaming

has been a volunteer and auxiliary member since December of 2003. Jim brought with him 50 years of experience in the accounting field, which made him the perfect choice to handle the auxiliary's finances. Jim is the bookkeeper for the hospital gift shop and works closely with gift shop manager, Pat Hammel in making sure invoices are paid and the fundraising funds are processed in a timely manner. In a word, Jim is invaluable to the success of the OMC auxiliary and we are so lucky to have this knowledgeable person on board. Jim officially retired in April of this year from his long and rewarding career.



## KUDOS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The following volunteers received KUDOS cards this quarter commending them on a job well done: Joyce Madison, Al Miller, Abe Ringel, Michael Whitlock, and Bill Whitten. Even our gift shop received a special card saying our gift shop is wonderful but not large enough! Way to go volunteers!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The auxiliary is in need of an **assistant treasurer**. Previous accounting skills are preferred along with knowledge of Microsoft Excel and QuickBooks. If interested, please call 360-565-9110 for a complete service description. We are also in need of **gift shop sales clerks**. Remember, funds from the gift shop are used for medical equipment for OMC.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In our continued efforts to make sure our volunteers have ongoing training I would like to thank Sharon Bartlett, RN, MSN, Clinical Educator, for Wheelchair and First Responder training at our June Auxiliary meeting. We all learned something new which will enhance our customer service at OMC.

Thanks to each and every volunteer for their dedication and commitment to the many hours they give to make our hospital the best it can be.