

## *President's Message* *Fall 2010*

Welcome to the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary's Fall Newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed a glorious summer!

As the days are becoming a little shorter and little cooler, it is a great time to be part of the Auxiliary. This is an exciting time for Lowell General Hospital. I am sure anyone who has visited the hospital over the last several weeks has noticed a drastic change to the landscape, as the Legacy Project is well underway.

The Auxiliary is working hard to continue its pledge to the Legacy Fund, and as such, is working hard on our upcoming events. We had another successful Book Fair in September. Again, thank you to Linda Carson, Joy Deschene and all the volunteers who have worked so hard. Keep an eye out for upcoming book fairs. Always a fun time!

The 24th annual Taste of the Town is just around the corner. This event always sells out so if you haven't already gotten your tickets, please call soon. The Taste of the Town is October 24, 2010 at the UMass Inn and Conference Center. We will be showcasing 18 fabulous restaurants as they compete for this year's title of Best Appetizer, Best Entree and Best Dessert. We also have added a new contest, Chairmen's Choice, for the best presentation. We again will have our Raffle Baskets, filled with wonderful items including an iPad! And the auxiliary's shopping spree basket. If you would like to make a donation to this basket with a gift card to your favorite place, please contact Carrie Meikle or Mary Bennett, or the Volunteer office. Our raffle calendar will make its 2010 debut at Taste of the Town as well. It is sure to be fantastic. Hope to see you there!

As Always, please remember the LGH Gift Shop for all of your shopping needs. The shop is full of wonderful items and a great staff ready to help you find that perfect gift, or a little something for yourself! The shop is gearing up for the annual Holiday Fair coming this November at the Clark auditorium. Come and get a jump start on your holiday shopping.

With all this excitement we are always looking for volunteers for our events. If you are interested in volunteering for an Auxiliary event, please contact me at 603-321-9453 or e-mail <mailto:Tmari9083@aol.com>

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter highlighting our winter events. I hope you all enjoy a beautiful autumn.

*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."*~

Albert Camus.

Thank you,  
Tarina Mansur



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## *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town*

For the 24<sup>th</sup> year, the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary presents their ever-popular Taste of the Town, featuring eighteen restaurants from the northwest suburbs with their finest in appetizers, entrees and desserts. Where else can you taste from so many fantastic menus?

We would like to again congratulate last year's winners:

Appetizer:	Café Madrid	Coconut shrimp
Entrée:	Fishbones	Lobster risotto
Dessert:	I Dream of Jeanne Cakes	Cheesecake Lollipops

Come vote for your favorite dish. May the best chefs win!

The raffle basket selection has something for everyone. There is an iPad for the technophile, a shopping spree—just in time for the holidays, a wine lovers basket, a flat screen TV, entertainment packages, a wagon of fun for the children and much, much more. You can't win anything if you don't come and get a raffle ticket.

And we will have a fabulous holiday weekend at the White Barn Inn & Spa for our live auction item. Picture yourself enjoying a weekend of pampering, fine food and the Christmas Prelude up in Kennebunkport Maine.

This event is supported by the generosity of area restaurants who donate 100% of their time, food and efforts to the welfare of the community. All proceeds from this year's benefit dinner, held each year by the fundraising volunteers of Lowell General Hospital, will benefit the hospital.

### *2010 Taste of the Town Participating Restaurants*

Bailey's Bar and Grille  
Bianco's Catering  
Café Madrid  
Cavaleiro's Restaurant  
Centro Restaurant & Bar  
Cobblestones of Lowell  
Fireside Catering  
Gibbet Hill Grill  
I Dream of Jeanne Cakes  
L'Andana Restaurant



Moonstones  
Ricardo's Café Trattoria  
Saffron Bistro  
Sodexo  
Sprigs Restaurant & Bar  
Two Chefs Are Better Than One  
UMass Lowell Inn & Conference  
Center  
Westford Grille

*Taste of the Town Live Auction Item*  
*An Elegant Holiday Weekend at the White Barn Inn & Spa*  
*Kennebunkport, Maine*  
*December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>*

Picture a beautiful Maine seaside village decked out in holiday lights and decorations. An historic, electric trolley carts shoppers and revelers about town. The smell of cookies and hot cider wafts through the chilly air. What better way to celebrate the holiday season with a luxurious weekend at the White Barn Inn and Spa in Kennebunkport, Maine ([www.whitebarninn.com](http://www.whitebarninn.com)) and the Christmas Prelude in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport ([www.christmasprelude.com](http://www.christmasprelude.com)).



The Package includes accommodation for two nights (December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>) in a Queen Deluxe Room, Continental Breakfast and Afternoon Tea each day, a Bottle of Champagne and Chocolate Covered Strawberries upon arrival in the room, a Four Course Dinner at the White Barn Restaurant both evenings, one Swedish Massage per person and a Butler Drawn Bath during the stay.

Located on the second floor in the main house the recently renovated Queen Deluxe room is one of a kind and features a queen-size down-topped bed, gas-burning double-sided fireplace, large bathroom with heated floors, jacuzzi tub for two and separate walk-in rain shower. Soft grey bathes the Queen Deluxe room, matched by luxurious fabrics in the same palette for the feel of a sophisticated country inn with the up-to-date amenities of a city hotel. The bathroom has been completely remodeled with three types of marble and granite, as well as luxury fittings, rain shower and tub by Waterworks and Kohler.

*Save the Dates for these*  
*Upcoming Auxiliary Events 2010-11*

October 24, 5:00 - 8:00p.m.	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town
November 4 & 5	Holiday Festival (Clark Auditorium)
December 1 & 2	Book Fair
January 1-31	Raffle Calendar
January 13	Friend Raiser: New Year, New Look, New You

## *New LGH Gift Shop Manager*

Donna Thoene joined the LGH Gift Shop team this past January. Upon graduation from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Communication and Marketing, Donna worked in various retail positions and managed "The Gatepost", a women's clothing boutique for two years. She then worked for TJX Corporation (parent company of TJ Maxx), Marshall's and Home Good for five years. She held various positions there, ultimately managing the TJ Maxx Planning Division, establishing merchandise levels and mixes in all TJ Maxx stores across the country. During her tenure with TJ's, Donna designed their Buyer Training and Recruitment Program and served on the Board at Becker College in Worcester.

While raising her children, Donna assisted in the development of a catalog gift company and then she and her mother, Carole Gillette, created 'Bagables' a recyclable shopping bag company. Donna eventually developed her own business designing and painting women's shoes and accessories. She is a past Chairperson of the Chelmsford Cultural Council. Both Donna and her children were born at LGH and the entire family feels a strong connection with the hospital. Donna's mother, Carole Gillette, worked here as a Lab Technician in the 50's and now volunteers in the gift shop and Donna herself volunteered at the old gift/coffee shop as a young girl. Donna is married to Glenn Thoene, an LGH Corporator, and her father, Dan Gillette, is an LGH Trustee Emeritus. Donna and Glenn have two children: Kaitlyn, a senior at UMass/Amherst who interned in the Philanthropy Department this summer and Douglas, a sophomore at NYU, The Tisch School of Drama.

As of September 12, 2010, the LGH Auxiliary Board has promoted Donna to Gift Shop Manager. Her personal flair and style are reflected in the beautiful displays in the shop as well as the selection of fabulous products that she selects. Please drop by to say hello to Donna and her team!

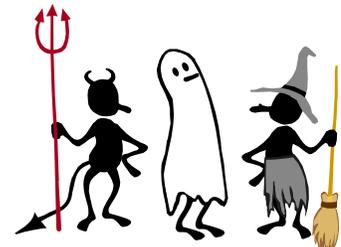
## *January 2011 Raffle Calendar*

The January 2011 Raffle Calendar will be unveiled at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's raffle calendar has a variety of fantastic prizes; one will be awarded every day in January. There are gift cards to restaurants, jewelry, a savings bond and even cash prizes. For the sports fan, there is the Trinity Triple Play. And of course, the grand prize of \$500 will be awarded on January 31<sup>st</sup>! You can't win it unless you enter.

The Raffle Calendar will be available at Taste of the Town and in the LGH Gift Shop starting October 25<sup>th</sup>. They make wonderful holiday presents!



*Two of the Gift Shop's friendly "witches" Carole Gillette and Janiece Oblak, cast their spell on unsuspecting customers with the latest in Halloween items...*



Happy

Halloween

*Lowell General Hospital*

**“Festival of Holidays”**

*A Shopping Event  
to Benefit our Patients*



*~ Clark Auditorium ~*

*Thursday, November 4 (10 am – 7 pm)*

*Friday, November 5 (7 am – 4 pm)*

- ❖ **Vera Bradley Giveaways and Raffles**
- ❖ **Luxurious Pashminas and Wraps**
- ❖ **Unique Jewelry**
- ❖ **Gifts Just for Men**
- ❖ **Festive Hostess Gifts**
- ❖ **Beautiful Holiday Decorations**
- ❖ **Delicious Gourmet Chocolates and Fudge**
- ❖ **And.....our Famous Auxiliary Bake Sale**

*Everyone Welcome!*