



Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Newsletter Spring 2013

President's Message

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Dear Friends,

Our January raffle calendar was a huge success! We had 31 lucky winners to start the year.

In February, the Auxiliary hosted our *Winter Affair*. This event was held at the beautiful Stonehedge Inn & Spa which was decorated with fresh flower arrangements donated by several local florists. The arrangements were given as door prizes at the end of the evening. We also had a live auction which included tickets to Sting, with an overnight stay at the Liberty Hotel and a variety of other interesting silent auction items. Guests enjoyed a wine and bourbon tasting as well as delicious food and live jazz. Thank you to all for making this a wonderful evening!

In March, Pauline Lambert chaired the annual *Daffodils and Desserts* event. The lobby of the new Dahod Building was bursting with daffodils, centerpieces, wreaths, baked goods, and homemade candies. All proceeds from this event go directly to the Lowell General Hospital Cancer Center. Thank you to Pauline Lambert and everyone who helped to make this a huge success!

Don't forget to stop by both our gift shops and see all the new spring items. Donna, Ann Marie and their staff do a great job keeping us in style.

Our annual meeting will take place on Monday, May 6, at Stonehedge Inn & Spa. We will be enjoying lunch and a fashion show presented by Cambridge Wear from Acton. We hope to see you there.

Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary wishes to thank each and every one of you for your support. We would not be able to accomplish our mission without you. Contact us if you would like to become more involved. Again, thank you!

Happy spring,

Mary Bennett



A Winter Affair

February 7, 2013



The meteorologists were predicting two feet of snow, but the Blizzard of 2013 couldn't stop the party. One hundred and fifteen people attended the **Winter Affair** at the Stonehedge Inn & Spa in Tyngsboro. Guests were greeted with a champagne toast, entertained by jazz music performed by the Trude Witham Group and treated to a wine, bourbon and rye tasting arranged by Jimmy Young of Martignetti Companies.

The beautiful Left Bank restaurant was enhanced by the beautiful floral arrangements donated by five florists: Belle Feuille, Blossoms Florist, Classic Flowers, Flowers by Steve, and Les Fleur. At the end of the evening, the arrangements went home with some very lucky raffle winners.

The putting competition attracted a large crowd. This year's game had the added difficulty of glow ball—a little romantic mood lighting to enhance the golf experience. At the end of the evening, Maxine Derby won the trophy and the \$150 cash prize.

The silent and live auctions brought out the competitive, but friendly nature of the guests. The live auction included Sting tickets with a night at the Liberty Hotel, a wine dinner for six at the Stonehedge Inn, and an in-home catered dinner for six by Two Chefs are Better Than One.

The staff at Stonehedge Inn & Spa outdid themselves as they graciously served hors d'oeuvres of shrimp and Asian vegetable spring rolls and spanikopita. Guests dined on salad, two types of pasta and chef-carved loin of pork. Dinner was followed by a selection of desserts generously donated by three time People's Choice Dessert award-winner, I Dream of Jeanne Cakes.

Every year, it seems to get better and better—like a fine wine. The guests commented that this was a fun and elegant way to spend a winter evening with good friends, delicious food and lots of festivity. The fourth annual **Winter Affair** raised over \$18,000. Proceeds will support the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary's pledge of \$750,000 to Lowell General Hospital's Legacy Fund.





Daffodils and Desserts

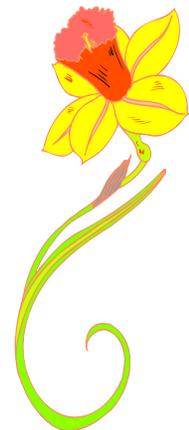
On March 21, there was a chill in the air and snow on the ground but in the Dahod Building lobby there was a sense of spring's arrival as "Daffodils and Desserts" made its annual appearance.

Thanks to the generosity of Auxilians, hospital staff and volunteers who donated baked goods, gift baskets and daffodil floral arrangements, we successfully raised \$2,500 for the Cancer Center at Lowell General Hospital. This amount will be donated at our annual meeting and used to purchase replacement executive style chairs for the family and friends of patients who undergo long infusion treatments. As we did last year, we will also be purchasing gift certificates to provide Thanksgiving dinners for cancer patients and their families.

The American Cancer Society also benefited as we sold over \$1,300 of fresh daffodil bouquets, potted bulbs and limited edition bears.

The daffodil, a symbol of hope for cancer patients, provided sunshine color and an opportunity for camaraderie for all Auxilians who participated in this event. To all who helped in any way, we say,

Thank you!



Spring is a Time of Renewal – Membership Renewal!

It's spring and time to renew your membership to the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary. The Auxiliary supports the hospital and the community through a variety of fundraisers including **The Taste of the Town, Daffodils and Desserts**, and many more. Members receive the Auxiliary Newsletter and invitations to our special events and annual meeting. Our members support events via donating their time, baked goods and other volunteer opportunities.

You will have the opportunity to enjoy rewarding work, make new friends and make a difference in your community. Please see the enclosed membership brochure for more information, or complete the renewal panel and return with your check for:

- \$30 Annual Individual Membership
- \$45 Annual Family Membership
- \$300 Lifetime Individual Membership
- \$500 Lifetime Family Membership

For more information about joining the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary, please contact the Philanthropy Office at 978-937-6430.

Save the Date! Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Calendar 2013

Thursday, April 25	Gift Shop Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Monday, May 6	Annual Meeting (Stonehedge Inn & Spa)
Wednesday–Friday, September 11-13	Book Fair (Main Campus)
Sunday, October 27	27 th annual Taste of the Town (UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center)
Thursday and Friday, November 21 and 22	Festival of Holidays (Clark Auditorium)
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11	Book Fair (Main Campus)
Tuesday, December 17	Book Fair (Saints Campus)

Gift Shop News

Main Campus

Hopefully spring has actually sprung by the time this is published! After a snowy winter, an early Easter has already passed and the shop's annual inventory is done! Even though we were closed due to weather a couple of times and certainly had many slow days due to the same, we have begun to see improvements in sales and profits and are excited to begin the new fiscal year.

Sales of Alex and Ani bracelets have continued to be staggering: If you plan to purchase one (or more) of these hot pieces, why not do it here? We receive new inventory every three to four weeks and have a large selection to choose from. For any occasion, you can't go wrong with an Alex and Ani gift.

Our Holiday Festival has already been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 21 and 22, the week before Thanksgiving. We are already busy buying beautiful gifts and planning some fun additions to this year's event. Malea Hughes will be coordinating our home-baked goodies table and we will be taking orders for delicious Thanksgiving pies. Please contact Malea at: maleahughes@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to bake and or help out during the sale.

If you haven't been in to see the new shop, please do. We are pleased to offer all Auxiliary members a one-time 15% discount on your own personal spring shopping spree. Come in anytime between now and June 21 and treat yourself! Remember we now have complimentary valet parking. We hope to see you soon!



Alex and Ani Jewelry

Saints Campus

Our Gift Shop at the Saints Campus recently underwent renovations and we are very pleased with the new lines of gifts and accessories available. There is something for everyone, whether it be a gift for a birthday, anniversary or simply to say thank you to someone special in your life.

We carry a nice selection of Yankee Candles in some great spring fragrances. Our Mangiacotti creams and soaps continue to be very popular. Many of our customers suggested that we carry the Willow Tree creations, so we listened and added a nice line to choose from.

Recently, we have added accessories for a wine tasting, including bottle bags, candle holders, wine glasses and much more. If you are looking for a perfect housewarming gift, stop by and see our lovely display.

We have jewelry for everyone's taste including Bangl bracelets, which you can mix and match, Periwinkle and of course the ever popular Alex and Ani jewelry line.

We invite you to visit our new and unique gift shop at the Saints campus and look forward to seeing you soon!

Come visit our Gift Shops and choose a gift for someone special in your life!

Vera Bradley



Yankee Candles and Willow Tree



Silvestri



Unique Wine Tasting Gifts

The Gift Shops at Lowell General Hospital

Invite You to Your Own Personal

Spring Shopping Spree

WITH 15% OFF ONE ENTIRE PURCHASE

"LIKE" us on Facebook: [Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop](#)
APPLIES TO FULL PRICE MERCHANDISE ONLY EXP: 6/21/13



In Memory of....

The Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary mourns the loss of two longtime members and supporters, Josephine Krasnecki and Mary Laganas, and a long time Gift Shop volunteer, Claire Trongone.

Josephine E. (McDonough) Krasnecki, 90, a lifetime resident of Chelmsford, passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2013. She was born in Philadelphia, PA, raised and educated in Chelmsford, and graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1940. After attending Bradshaw Business School in Lowell and Hunter College in NYC, she had an extensive career serving the United States in the Federal OPA office, Navy WAVE and the Pentagon.

She and her husband Edward George Krasnecki worked at his business The Chelmsford Newsweekly, and eventually started a printing business Northeast Offset, Inc. Josephine was an active community member serving at a variety of nonprofits including the board of the Chelmsford Senior Center, Chelmsford Alumni Association and Lowell General Hospital Gift Shop.

Josephine's daughter, Judith Carven is an Auxiliary Past President. Daughter and current Auxiliary board member, Linda Chemaly, remembers that Josephine would bring her young granddaughter Lauren Hannaford in while she was volunteering at the Lowell General Hospital Gift Shop. Lauren is now grown up and in following the tradition of her family, is also a member and volunteer for the hospital's Auxiliary.

Mary C. Laganas, 93, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on January 9, 2013. Mary was the oldest of seven daughters and the matriarch of the extended family. Gracious, thoughtful, vivacious and outgoing, Mary was well loved and well connected with her extensive family.

Mary did her undergraduate studies at Lowell Teachers College and earned a graduate degree at Boston University. Mary was a respected first grade teacher and a Reading Specialist in the Lowell School System for over 40 years.

She was an active member of many religious, educational and social organizations. She and her sisters were regular attendees of Auxiliary events. We will always remember her enjoying herself, laughing and sharing stories at an Auxiliary Annual Meeting luncheon surrounded by her sisters and friends.

Claire M. Trongone, 82, a longtime resident of Chelmsford, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. She spent a great deal of time volunteering at the Chelmsford Senior Center, St. Mary Parish and the Lowell General Hospital Gift Shop. In addition to the gift shop, Claire always helped set up the annual Festival of Holidays and was in charge of the food table. Gift Shop manager, Donna Thoene writes, "Claire was always upbeat and positive...we will all miss her very much!"