

VIM VOICE



April 2018



<u>Patients Seen in March</u>	
Bluffton	319
Ridgeland	46

Thank you to our volunteers

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers of the Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine!

The week of April 15-21 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week and while we appreciate our volunteers every day we would like to take this time to especially thank everyone for all their contributions to the clinic and our patients. With all that goes on daily in the clinic, we never want to forget that without the time and talents of our volunteers we would not be able to care for those in need. You all are so appreciated not only in April but all year round but we especially want to take this month and, specifically the week of April 15-21, to give you an extra big **THANK YOU** for all that you do!

Pam, Dr. Smith, Ruth and Hannah



Together for SC Conference

Pam had the opportunity to attend the “*Together for SC*,” formally known as the *SC Nonprofit Association’s*, annual conference in March. She received a scholarship from the Community Foundation of the Low Country to attend this conference. Workshops were held on Board Development, Best Practices of a Nonprofit Organization, Communicating Your Message from Within, Using Your Financial Statement to Send a Message, Donor Giving and Staff Retention. A continuing take-away is the need to understand and articulate our mission, the need for those involved to believe in the mission, and the need for board members and volunteers to understand their importance within the organization.

New board member

Welcome new BJVIM board member Anna Kendrick, stylist at *A Beautiful U Salon* in Bluffton. Anna became the 13th member of the Board of Directors at the March meeting. She joins George David (Board Chairman), Barbara Elbertson (Vice Chair), Deborah Burt (Treasurer), Joe Pantano (Secretary), Renty Kitty, Martin Saul, Patsy Hodge, Rich Reed, Tom Upshaw, Danny Henderson, Dr. Ron Smith and Pam Toney in helping to oversee the organization and development of the clinic.



3rd Annual Spring Fling Fashion Show

Special thanks to Susann Keil and Linda David for all their hard work in making the 3rd Annual Spring Fling Fashion Show such a success. It takes a huge amount of work to organize such an event and this year was even more successful! Spring Fling 2018 certainly kicked off our fundraising events season with a big BANG!

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Christmas in July!

Our Annual Christmas in July Fund Raiser will kick off this year on June 1st! Raffle tickets for a three night holiday stay at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville will go on sale at that time. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at both clinics. On July 26th we will celebrate a Christmas in July Dinner at Palm Key resort in Ridgeland. Join us for a delicious Cajun dinner, Christmas music, and a visit from Santa who will draw the winning ticket for the fabulous weekend stay at the Biltmore Estate! Elvis will once again join in the festivities! Tickets for dinner are \$50.00 each.



Upcoming Events

We have three fundraising events on the horizon; Christmas in July; July 26th, Chippin' In for BJVM; October 1st and Bourbon & Bubbly; November 3. We are looking for volunteers to help out at each event. If you have an interest and time, please sign up under an event. Sign-up sheets are in the kitchen.

So long, not goodbye!



It is always difficult to say good-bye but we are excited for Alan & Carol Metevia as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. Alan & Carol have been active members of the Grant Writing Team for the past three and a half years. Together with Tom Blake, David Pike and Nancy Harris this dynamic team has raised almost one million dollars for our clinics! Alan & Carol are actually going "home" to New England to be closer to their family including one grandson and the soon to be born number 2! We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their adventures as both Alan & Carol have promised to help out from a far.

Summer Time!

Not sure why but we have lots of volunteers that go north for the summer! Could it be the hot temperatures or the influx of tourists in our wonderful community? In any event, we seem to have some holes to fill in schedules. If you have any extra time, please check the schedule to see where you could help out! Also, please remember shifts are a four-hour commitment. If you are a nurse and the clinic closes before your shift is completed, Ruth could use your help either filling prescriptions or calling in prescriptions to CVS, etc. If you are an administrative person, there are always jobs upstairs that need to be completed.

Did you know??

- We received a grant from Friends of Callawassie for Patient Services!
- Belfair Charitable Fund gave us a grant to continue membership in the Dispensary of Hope for pharmaceutical needs!



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Bluffton	392
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Notes from Pam

Lots going on this spring! See our staff and volunteers in action. As always we appreciate and value all that you do for our patients and clinic!



Hannah representing BJVIM in a Spartina Fashion Show at Shelter Cove.



Gail Thompson at the Bluffton Health Department Health Fair.



Dr. Smith & Pam receiving a check from Subaru for \$22,570.00.

National Volunteers in Medicine Conference



In May, I had the privilege of attending the National Volunteers in Medicine Conference in Washington DC. While at the conference, I presented a program on our wonderful BJVIM Volunteers! I will share some of this presentation with you at our Annual Volunteer Meeting on Friday, September 21. This year's meeting will once again take place at the Palmetto Electric Building in their Community Room.

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BJVIM was the recipient of the **Zenie Ingram Community Service Award** for 2018. This award was given by the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of medical services we provide to the community.



Christmas in July

Count-down for our annual Christmas in July event has officially begun!! Raffle tickets for a three-night holiday stay at the Biltmore Inn in Ashville are now on sale for \$10.00 each. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for this special get-away which includes a deluxe room, breakfast and dinner each day, a candlelight tour of the estate and daily tickets to the beautiful grounds. Tickets may be purchased at both the Bluffton and Ridgeland clinics, so get your tickets early.

Also on sale are tickets for our annual Christmas in July 26th Dinner to be held this year at Palm Key Island in Ridgeland. A delicious Cajun dinner will be served and once again, Elvis will attend. The evening will end with the drawing of the winning ticket to Biltmore Estates Holiday Stay.



Did you know??

The Ridgeland clinic now has eight administrative volunteers.

Big thanks to students from USC-B who came to the clinic to help organize the upstairs resource closet.

Wendy Barrett, our diabetic nutritionist, comes to the clinic on Thursday afternoons to help patients newly diagnosed with diabetes. She is also helping patients with weight management.

We received \$3,500.00 from *Women in Philanthropy* for a women's wellness program.

Save the Date Volunteer Meeting Friday, September 21 in the Community Room of Palmetto Electric in Hardeeville.

We are in desperate need of interpreters. If you have a friend that speaks Spanish, please send them to us!

Thanks to the Barber Shop Singers who held a concert in honor of Dr. Jack McConnell we received a check for \$600.00!

Anna Kendrick and Dot Jeger are the newest members of the BJVIM Board of Directors. They join George David, Barbara Elbertson, Deborah Burt, Joe Pantano, Rich Reed, Danny Henderson, Martin Sauls, Patsy Hodge, Renty Kitty, Tom Upshaw, Dr. Smith and Pam Toney in working to support our BJVIM mission.

The clinic will be closed on Wednesday July 4, and Thursday July 5 in observance of the 4th of July Holiday!