

VIM VOICE



April 2019

Patients Seen in March

Bluffton 276

Ridgeland 42

Notes from Pam



Celebrate Service

The solution to each problem that confronts us begins with an individual who steps forward and who says, 'I can help.' " — President George H.W. Bush, Founder of Points of Light. Do you know you are a "Point of Light" in our community?

National Volunteer Week, organized and sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, the Foundation shines a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

The Points of Light Foundation was created in 1990 as a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. to promote the spirit of volunteerism described by U.S. President George H. W. Bush in his 1989 inaugural address, "I have spoken of a thousand points of light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good."

As a national organization, Volunteers in Medicine was established emphasizing the use of retired medical and community volunteers within a culture of caring to improve access to health care for America's underserved and uninsured. As a community free clinic, our Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine is sustained daily by our amazing group of volunteers. It takes 67 volunteers weekly to operate our clinic. This does not include the grant writers, fund raisers and board members. Thank you for all you do for our clinic and our very grateful patients! You all certainly are points of light in our community!



Sun City Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Thanks to Cater Hicks for helping to secure a booth at the recent

Sun City Volunteer Recruitment Fair. It was a great time and many potential volunteers stopped by our booth to learn more about BJVM. Special Thanks to Gail Thompson, Gail Temple, and Martha Shipley, who worked the booth, and to Ruth, Nancy Harris and Rosalie Bernick who stopped by to "mingle". Volunteer orientations are held at the Bluffton Clinic on the second Thursday of each month.



Spring Fling!

Once again, the Spring Fling Fashion Show was a huge success! Very special thanks to Linda David, wife of Board Chairman George David and Susanne Keil, wife of Dr. Keil for making this event the very best ever! Linda and Susanne have been the co-chairs of Spring Fling since its inception four years ago and each year it has grown and gets better and better! Thanks to Melody Irvin, Andree Godbout, Mary Jane Richardson and Marian Crapanzano for their help during the event and also special fashion models Hannah Sanderson and board member Zina Harter and all the volunteers who attended.

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Welcome Back, Dr. Evans

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Evans back to the clinic. He assures us he is feeling much better!

Belfair Charitable Foundation BlueCross/BlueShield Foundation of SC & Lions Club of Hilton Head Grant Awards

March has been an exciting month. We recently received word that the Belfair Charitable Foundation has

awarded us a grant to continue membership in the Dispensary of

Hope pharmaceutical program. This year they also awarded us extra funds to purchase some much-needed pneumonia vaccines.



In addition, the BlueCross/BlueShield Foundation of SC awarded us a grant to continue our dental referral program and the Lions Club of Hilton Head is providing a grant allowing us to refer patients for treatment for those diagnosed with retina issues. Special thanks to the grant committee who has written the grant requests.



New Donor Management System

We are now able to send out mass emails to our donors thanks to the implementation of our new donor management program. If your email is in our data bank be on the look-out for these emails!



We will have a site visit from the SCFCA on Friday, April 26th. This visit is for recertification. Staff and volunteers have been preparing for this evaluation. Special thanks to Dr. Smith, Ruth, Hannah, Donna Rhodes and Nicolle Thaller for all their help.



Mark your calendars!

July 25th Christmas in July
Palm Key, Ridgeland

October 24th Bourbon & Bubbly Gala
Oldfield, Okatie

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Thank you to our Volunteers!

April was National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Special thanks to Hannah for designing all the wonderful treats that appeared in the breakroom during the week of April 8th. The work and dedication of all of our volunteers is what makes our clinic so very special. You will be happy to know we received our certification status. It takes 67 volunteers to operate our clinic each week! Many of our volunteers work multiple shifts. Thank you for your continued care and support!

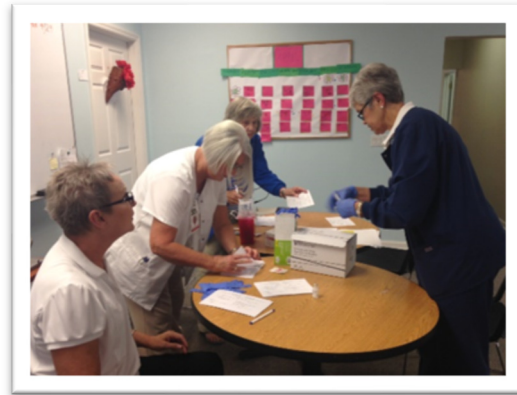


BJVIM Honored with Nomination



In April we were nominated to receive the Golden Oyster Award from the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. While we did not receive the non-profit

award, we were very pleased to be nominated and receive recognition from the Chamber. At the dinner we had a table displaying all the amazing work BJVIM does for our community. Special thanks to Dennis and Alan for their help with the display.



Programs for Exceptional People

BJVIM is always eager to collaborate and help others. Recently Ruth, Lynn, Carrie and Rosalie went to the office of Programs for Exceptional People to administer 50 PPD tests and then returned two days later to read the results. PEP kindly made a donation to the clinic thanking us for our care.



Welcome Dr. Casey & Dr. Epps!

This month please join me in welcoming Dr. Kathleen Casey and Dr. William Epps to our staff. Dr. Casey, an infectious disease specialist has recently moved from New Jersey and Dr. Epps, a cardiologist, recently retired from practicing here in Bluffton. We are excited to have these two new doctors with us!



Summer Volunteer Shifts Needed!

As the summer months arrive, many of our volunteers go north to escape the warmer weather. Please remember to check with Sing-Up Genius to see if all shifts are covered. While our volunteers my leave, our patient load remains the same. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Would you consider adding another shift to our schedule??



Hotdogs for the Heritage

The Lions Club continues to help us with funding for our ophthalmology needs. On Thursday of the Heritage Golf Classic week, a group of us helped out at the concession booth operated by the Lions Club. Ruth and her sister Flo were responsible for getting the hotdogs to the customers!!



Dates to Remember

Saturday, June 1st

Raffle tickets go on sale for the fabulous weekend at Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the front desk.

Friday June 14

Blues & Brew at Bluffton Oyster Park. We need help at our information booth and to serve drinks. See Dennis in the resource development office to sign up to help!

Thursday, July 25th

Christmas in July, Palm Key, Ridgeland. Dinner tickets are \$50.00 each and may be purchased in the Resource Development Office.

Friday September 27

Annual Volunteer Meeting at Palmetto Electric in Hardeeville

Thursday, October 24th

Bourbon & Bubbly Gala at Oldfield Plantation

