

September 2019 Newsletter

“One of the biggest tools we have to fight health conditions is the power of human connection. That’s why awareness months, weeks, and days are so important: They rally us together to spread awareness and show support.”



September is full of health awareness issues. National Cholesterol, Ovarian Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Alzheimer, Women’s Health & Fitness and Heart Health Day are all health issues receiving attention this month. BJVIM diagnoses and treats all these and more issues each and every month! Special thanks to all our doctors; Dr. Smith Dr, Irving, Dr. Cross, Dr. Keil, Dr. Sunderlin, Dr. O’Malley, Dr. Casey, Dr. Frank, Dr. Evens, Dr. Cabrera, Dr. Hererra, Dr. Harper, Dr. Ulrich, Dr. Epps, Dr. Kondor, Dr. Stoller and Dr. McHale for all they do for our patients.



As I am writing our September Newsletter, the Lowcountry is still feeling the effects of Hurricane Dorian. Thankfully damage seems much less than expected but once again the danger to our volunteers, patients and clinic was a real possibility. On Friday before the hurricane started its move, a virus attacked

our computer service provider resulting in issues with both our computers and phone systems. These issues reinforce our need to always be prepared.

In the event of severe weather issues BJVIM will follow the Beaufort County School System for closings. We will reopen when we can safely staff the clinic. Every effort will be made to contact those volunteers who work on the days the clinic is closed, but please be aware that factors may prevent us from calling you. Additional safety precautions will be reviewed at our Annual Volunteer Meeting on September 27th.

Special Thanks to Vickie Anderson and the Hilton Head Island Shag Club who donated \$1,000 from their recent fundraiser to BJVIM. The money will go to help pay for in-house lab tests.



Our annual **Volunteer Luncheon and Meeting** will take place on Friday, September 27th at the Community Room of Palmetto Electric in Hardeeville.(next to the Lexus dealership) A light breakfast and registration will begin 8:30 with the meeting starting at 9. Program topics include a clinic update with presentations from the Resource Development Department, Patient Education Department and information about OPTOS Imaging. Sgt. Allen from the Beaufort Sheriff's Department will provide us with an "Active Shooter" program and Mark Cruise, Executive Director from the Volunteers in Medicine –America, our national office, will speak. Volunteer Appreciation Awards and a catered lunch provided by Hawg Wild BBQ will cap off the morning program. After lunch, specialty meetings will be held for the admin group, nurses, screeners, and BCN members. Updates on additional meetings will be announced. Please add your name to the signup sheet in the kitchen so we can make food plans.



Save the Date!

Bourbon & Bubbly

A Lowcountry dinner party benefiting BJVIM

6-9:30 pm • Thursday, October 24th, 2019
 River Club, Oldfield Plantation
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Our Annual Fundraiser Bourbon & Bubbly is taking shape thanks to the hard work of co-chairman BJVIM Board Members Dot Jerger, and Zina Harter. Lynn Blahuta, last year's chairman, has returned to help with the auction. This year, in addition to a silent auction, we will have a live auction! Items for the action include overnight trips, golf packages, trips to Daufusscie, gift baskets, dinners and art items. So get a group together for a fun night of good food, live entertainment and fellowship. Tickets are \$150.00 each or a table of 8 for \$1,000.00.

Dates to Remember

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| September 12 | Volunteer Orientation |
| September 14 | 1 in 5 Wellness Fair, Shelter Cove |
| September 18 | SC Workforce Fair- Ridgeland |
| September 27 | BJVIM Volunteer Meeting |
| October 15 | Hampton Lake Volunteer Night |
| October 21 | Say Boo to the Flu (flu shots) |
| October 24 | Bourbon & Bubbly Gala |
| October 26 | Tiger Bass Race |
| | Hilton Head Italian Club Event |
| October 27 | Tennis Tournament to benefit BJVIM |