

VIM VOICE



September 2021

NOTES FROM PAM



Dear Volunteers;

The need to cancel our Annual Volunteer meeting for the second year in a row was very disappointing. Not only was this meeting to celebrate all our wonderful volunteers but was also a celebration of 10 years of quality, free medical care to the uninsured of greater Bluffton & Jasper County! To those of you who have been with us since the beginning—Dr. O'Malley, Debbie Hicks and Gail Thompson and those that joined shortly thereafter—Dr. Cross, Dr. Irving, Donna Rhodes, Gail Templeton, I cannot thank you enough for your dedicated service. Opening the clinic in 2011 took a lot of hard work and dedication. You have seen the clinic grow and change and I hope you are proud of those changes. To all of our volunteers, you are BJVIM! Thank you for your service!

— Pam



Covid Update

In continuing to ensure the safety of both BJVIM clinics to include employees, patients, and—we **are requiring facemasks must be worn when in the clinic.** In addition, please check and log in your temperature when entering the building and remember ...

Stay home when you are sick

Wear facing coverings when out in public

Social distance when possible

Frequently wash your hands

Clean/disinfect workstations often

Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing

Get tested if you are experiencing any symptoms



Softball at Sun City

Special thanks to one of our donors who lives in Sun City and organized a softball tournament over the Labor Day Weekend in honor of BJVIM! The club presented us with a check for \$1,001! What a great way to spend the weekend and help our patients. Thank you to Kate Mace who represented us at the tournament!



Bourbon & Bubbly is right around the corner!

Our signature fundraising event will be held on Thursday, October 28th at Oldfield on the river. Nurse Vickie Anderson and her husband Bill are overseeing the silent auction and need 10 people to help. Duties include helping with auction items, taking payments for items purchased and collecting and delivering items to the attendees. Many of you helped two years ago and perhaps remember our challenges. Vickie and Bill have been working hard to eliminate those challenges. If you are interested in helping, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the back entrance to the Bluffton clinic. The entire event will be held outdoors!

Tickets for Bourbon & Bubbly

This event will feature bourbon and champagne tastings, both a silent and live auction, jazz music and fabulous food! Tickets are \$150/person or a table of 8 for \$1,000. Tickets are now available at the Bluffton Clinic. Get your friends together for a fun evening in celebration of our 10 years of medical care to the underserved in our communities!



Italian Heritage Festival Tickets

The Hilton Head Italian Club is selling tickets to their festival on Saturday, October 23. Tickets are \$6 and we will receive \$4 for each ticket sold. Tickets may be purchased from Pam. If you can't go, perhaps you can purchase a ticket for a friend or to give to one of our patients? **Thank you Joe Pantano** for help in getting this donation from the Italian Club!



We are expanding our services to now include podiatry.

Dr. Larry Hufford has joined our staff and will be seeing patients on alternate Thursday afternoons and also will participate in the diabetic walk-in clinic on the last Wednesday afternoon of each month.



We are hopeful that in the near future he will also be seeing patients in the Ridgeland office. **Volunteer David Faas referred Dr. Hufford to the clinic, thank you David!**

Dental News

Dental Updates

So excited to say that Dr. Barry Chudnofsky assisted by Linda Wolff and Bari Younce saw patients at the dental clinic on September 21! The patients seen were referred by the hygienist who examined and cleaned their teeth prior to seeing the dentist. Thanks to the help from Linda and Bari—we are beginning to see more patients!



Dr. Chudnofsky is originally from Massachusetts and he also volunteers at VIM-Hilton Head in their dental clinic. **Welcome “Dr. Barry!”**

Pledge the Pink

For the past 5 years, BJVIM has been the recipient of over \$25,000 in grant funds for our Women’s Health Program. This year, the local foundation has asked if we would help volunteer at the event. Pam has signed up and hopes many of you will too!

Go to pledgethepink.com/event to find the Hilton Head location and sign up! The event is October 17-21 with plenty of opportunities to work.

Pledge the Pink spokesperson said “Enjoy behind the scenes shenanigans while helping us bring this huge event to life. We have jobs for everyone, including those with disabilities (and we have fun tasks that our walkers/runners can do, too!)”

“We need about 400 volunteers for our 2021 event in Hilton Head and you can sign up for as many shifts and jobs as you want. Choose the day(s), the time, the type of job you’re most interested in doing, and you can even select by the location.”



Welcome new volunteer ...

Linda Aragon



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