

VIM VOICE



December 2021



Volunteers of the Year

Congratulations to the following for sharing their time and many talents:

2020

Linda Weisman - Nurse and photographer whose work is found on our clinic walls.

Lynn Stanley - WelVista Coordinator

Carol Giorello - Administrative help

2021

Kate Mace - Nurse and fundraising help

Linda Wolff - Dental Clinic Coordinator

Bill Campbell - Administrative help

Martha Girardi - Administrative help

Please go to the BJVIM website to view our volunteer appreciation video at www.BJVIM.org.

Dear Volunteers;

What gifts we have at BJVIM. So grateful for your support, love and caring for our patients and staff! This has been another challenging year as we have been working around the effects of COVID, but true to form, we have adjusted in our services and carried on. As I look back on 2021, I am amazed at all we have accomplished: opening the dental clinic, expanding services in Ridgeland, and hiring additional staff! As we have celebrated our 10-year Anniversary and explored our past, we can only imagine what the next 10 years will bring! All that we do is the direct result of our caring staff and volunteers.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and Happy Holiday Season! Wherever you will be over the next few weeks, please be safe. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2022!

- Pam



Holiday Hours

The clinics will be closed at the end of the day on Tuesday, December 21 and reopen on Tuesday, January 4th. Paid staff will return on Monday, January 3rd for a half a day to prepare the clinics

Bourbon & Bubbly Update

Much work goes into the planning and carrying out our annual gala so you can imagine the strain we all felt when two hours before the event it was canceled. What a day we had, but with the help of volunteers Vickie and Bill Anderson, board members Zina Harter, Dot Jeger and her husband Gary and resource development director Dennis Toney, Bourbon & Bubbly took place on November 17th. We had a record number of tickets sold prior to the cancelation and an additional 20 tickets were sold for the new date.

What a fun evening was had by all at Hewitt Oaks in Bluffton. It had been chilly the days before the event, but that evening it was warm and clear. Thanks to: Linda Wolff and Terry Rowe who filled in at the last moment to organize the presentation of the silent auction items; Bill Anderson and his group of “helpers”; Karen Walker, Michelle Wallace, Vickie Anderson and Kathy Cooper who did an amazing job of coordinating the bidding sheet; Kate Mace, Martha Girardi, Carol Giorello, Bill Campbell and Gail Thompson who helped with the live auction; and David Faas, Raquel Solano and Zina Harter who operated the check-in table! Once again, none of this could have happened without the help of so many! **We raised over \$42,000 for patient services!!**



Always something new at BJVM...



Meet the OWL

This new piece of equipment is a combination 360-degree camera and speaker system all in one. Many of our meetings and training sessions are done via ZOOM. The “OWL” will allow us to better connect and respond to the facilitators. In the past, we have had to interact with presenters using a cell phone in addition to a laptop. The OWL will eliminate all the extra equipment needed for these meetings!

Holiday Dinner



Great Holiday Dinner!

It was great to see so many staff, volunteers, doctors and spouses attend the dinner. Special thanks to Lee who awarded yearly pins and gave special recognition to those volunteers who have shared their time and talents with us for 5 and 10 years! If you were not at the dinner, please check with Lee for your service pins, commemorative 10-year anniversary bandana and annual report.

See you all in 2022!!



Volunteers in Medicine®



As we go into the New Year, please remember our Covid protocols

1. If you feel at all ill, please do not come to the clinic.
2. Be sure to check and log in your temperatures when entering the clinic.
3. Wash your hands frequently.
4. If you are having trouble wearing your mask over your nose, face shields are available.

Just a note: We are also entering flu season, so these steps will help us tackle the flu too! Flu shots are available for our patients at both clinics.

Dental News

Dental Updates

We now have three new volunteers at the dental clinic: Nancy Martin, hygienist, Cheri Miller, receptionist and Anna Perez, dental assistant and interpreter! It is so very exciting to see how the dental clinic is expanding. We are continuing to host the “Smile” Dental Clinic one Saturday a month for Beaufort County. This program is made possible with help from the Rotary Club in Beaufort and Access Health of the Lowcountry.