

VIM VOICE



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Dear Volunteers;

I recently heard a hymn about saints and immediately thought of BJVIM. Paraphrasing ... it goes something like this:

*They lived not only in ages past
There are hundreds of thousands still
The world is bright with joyous saints
Who love to do God's will.*

*You can meet them in school or on planes or at sea
In church or on trains or in shops or at tea*

And I thought a new verse might include all the saints we have at BJVIM who continue to give tirelessly to our patients in need! With vaccines and boosters, masks and precautions, this year seems to have been full of challenges, but all of you have stepped up to meet these challenges and provide quality care.

This Thanksgiving season, I once again give thanks to all the saints here at BJVIM.

Wishing you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving,
- Pam

We will close at the conclusion of Tuesday's clinic on November 23rd and reopen on Monday November 29th.



It is not too early to plan for the holidays! Hope you can attend our **Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 6th at Oak Terrace in Rose Hill.** Cost of the dinner is \$15. You are most welcome to invite a +1 and that dinner price is \$30. Dinner includes a choice of two entrees and either beer or wine. Let's get together and celebrate 10 years of quality medical care to the uninsured of our community!

We will close at noon on December 22nd and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4th.



Pledge the Pink

Thanks to Michelle Wallace who spent time helping with the Pledge the Pink Walk on Hilton Head!



Bourbon & Bubbly Update

Like the US Postal Service whose motto is “Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds,” nothing will stop our annual celebration of Bourbon & Bubbly. If you were around the clinic the week of October 25th you know it was pretty hectic with last minute preparations. Live and silent auction items were collected and categorized, changes in the method of securing the tent were designed as per Old Field, and the video of volunteers was completed. Things were ready to go, only to have the event cancelled 2 hours before the first guest was to arrive! But we regrouped thanks to the leadership of Resource Development Director, Dennis, and board members, Dot Jeger and Zina Harter. We now have a new date – **Wednesday, November 17th** and new venue – **Hewitt Oaks** just off of May River Road. We think this will be a wonderful venue and the evening is sure to be a lot of fun! Hewitt Oaks is larger than the Old Field venue and can accommodate a few more people. **We now have additional tickets available and are still in need of volunteers to help at the ticket table and silent auction.**



The Bourbon & Bubbly Committee

donated the flowers made for our gala that was to be held on October 28th to The Pines Assisted Living Center on Fording Island Rd. The flowers were the table decorations for their Downton Abbey High Tea celebration. Special thanks to Melanie Hodge for her beautiful centerpieces. Melanie has shared her talents with us for past Bourbon & Bubbly galas.



November 18th will be the last

Orientation for New Volunteers for this year. If you know of anyone interesting in volunteering, please let Shelley Martin know or direct the person to our website to complete the volunteer application at bjvim.org.



Telemedicine

Using our new telemedicine cart and computer donated by MUSC and equipment purchased with funds from the anonymous donor, we have begun a telemedicine program in Ridgeland. Dr. Evens is “seeing” patients one Wednesday afternoon once a month.

Dental News

Dental Updates

I am excited to say that we are seeing patients in the dental clinic on a regular basis! Thanks to Linda Wolff and new volunteer, Bari Younce, we are scheduling patients for cleanings, fillings, and dental examinations. To date we have seen 30 patients on Tuesday mornings. In addition, we are working with the Sea Island

Rotary Club to provide dental appointments to some of our patients and those patients referred by Access Health of the Low Country and Good Neighbor Free Clinic in Beaufort. These clinics take place on the first Saturday of each month. Once again, Linda has stepped up and manages these clinics. Dr. Ed Wise from Beaufort works in the Saturday morning clinics and is our interim dental director.

