

VIM VOICE



July 2022

NOTES FROM PAM



With Summer quickly slipping by and plans being made for vacations in the fall, please mark your calendars for our annual VOLUNTEER MEETING to be held on Friday, September 30th at the Bluffton Rotary Community Center at Oscar Frazier Park. This will be a wonderful time to celebrate your accomplishments, learn of new programs, hear from community leaders, and renew friendships! We have not had a large group meeting in three years so this will be a very special day for sure! A light breakfast will be served from 8:30 -9 with the meeting beginning at 9. Downtown Deli has designed a very special lunch menu with foods to meet everyone's taste! The afternoon program will include team meetings and a clinic project to benefit our BJVM Patients.

65 volunteers, staff, and board members came together in 2019, let's increase that number this year! Please mark September 30th from 9-3 on your event calendar! To best plan, a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Looking forward to seeing you!

-Pam



Special Thanks to Camden & Birklee Wallace, children of our very own Michelle Wallace. After learning of a special need of a Ridgeland patient, these two caring teens raised funds at their recent yard sale to purchase an oversized wheelchair. We are extremely proud and grateful to Camden & Birklee for caring enough to make a difference in the life of our patient!!

**Volunteer Meeting
Friday September 30th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



Message from Dr. Cross to all at BJVIM

Dear Pam & Staff

Words can not express the joy and peace that I experienced seeing you all at the Celebration of Life of Alice. So kind – such compassion. Certainly, this BJVIM is a team -that I am thankful to be part of.

The beautiful flowers were appreciated by us - David, Sue, the great grands!

I look forward to being back “on the scene”.

Cordially,
Dr. Cross



Our patients are

very special in so many ways. Recently, Victor Wilches asked how he could help us to lighten our load. For many months a wall in one of the bathrooms needed to be painted. True to his word, Victor

arrived at the clinic one Saturday morning to paint the bathroom!! Special thanks to Victor for his help in keeping our clinic clean and beautiful!!



We received \$20,000.00 from the Town of Bluffton for additional medication expenses because of DHEC’s ban on allowing us to take donated medications from the public.

Thanks to a lady's club in Sun City, and grants from the Bluffton Rotary and the Long Cove Charitable Foundation, we can purchase a podiatry exam table.

Ruth and Lee received new all in one PC and monitor units. We hope to replace more units over the next year.

Michelle participated in a Mental Health workshop recently.

Dr. Casey spoke at the Coastal Carolina physicians meeting in Berkely Hall emphasizing the need for additional doctors. She said many doctors commented on the good works of our clinic!

Please remember that volunteer shifts are four hours in length. If the shift quiets down the phone still rings, the rooms still need to be made ready for the next patients, filing needs to be done and papers need to be replaced in exam room files. Without volunteers at the clinic many of these jobs fall on the hands of a few.

We are still unable to take medications from the public. Boxes of gloves, and wound supplies must be in their original containers not in plastic bags. We do not take adult diapers or any orthopedic supplies.



Ranae Young & Lynn Stanley, July 9
Dr. William Epps & Dr. Nancy McHale, July 10
Sara Carley, July 18, JoAnn Lillis, July 19
Terry Rowe, July 25, Sandy Foreman, July 30
Mary Doyle, Aug. 4
Dr. Anastacio Herrera, Aug. 5
Diane Cibulsky, Aug.6, Debbie Hicks, Aug. 8
Martha Girardi, Aug.11
Dr. James Kondor, Aug. 15
Vicki Anderson & Judy Gough, Aug.18
Cheryl Miller, Aug. 21 Lynn Weisman, Aug. 31



We have been most fortunate since purchasing our Bluffton Clinic in 2018 that we have not had any major expenses until recently. On Monday, July 18 the heat pump unit for suite 2 which heats and cools the exam rooms, pharmacy and BCN office stopped working. It has been temporarily fixed and a new heat pump has been ordered. (\$10,500.00) I am hopeful that the temporary “fix” will last until the new heat pump arrives. We have now come to realize that the other three heat pumps ranging in age from 11 -15 years might also require additional services. It is extremely important that we do not change the thermostat setting as multiple changes results in additional stress to the units. All thermostats are set at 73 degrees. Please help to reduce cost by not altering the settings. I know this might be difficult but my suggestion is to dress in layers or bring a sweater as I do because my office at 73 degrees still get very cold in the afternoons. Thanks so much for your help and understanding!

- Pam



Connie Francis has joined our team of scanners. You can find Connie in the scanning room on Wednesday afternoons. Stop by and say Hi!



Dr. Roger Sorg, interim medical director from 2014 -2016 , died on March 27, 2022 on Hilton Head. Dr. Sorg filled in at a most critical time and we will be forever grateful for his professional help and friendship.

Jennifer Brown, founder of the Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine, died on July 6,2022 in Washington, Illinois. Jennifer, among others, had the vision and determination to open a clinic serving Greater Bluffton & Jasper County. Jennifer was born in India and served in the British Navy. Her life’s mission was in helping others.



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