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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Wishing you all a very special Holiday Season! Thank you so very much for all you do. Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine would definitely not be the same without each and every one of you! The growth of the program is the direct result of the hard work of everyone. Safe travels if you are going out of town and the very Best Wishes to you all for the New Year. (2025, can you believe it!??)
Pam

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you see that a doctor is not in on your shift please come to the clinic anyway. The phone still rings, patients still walk in and need services and Maggie needs help with some new projects. Also, please remember to check the phones at desk 1 and 2 for messages before you leave. We are still struggling with filling in nursing shifts but hope to have some new nurses soon. In the meantime, please remember to clean the exam rooms before you leave, it saves time for everyone.

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VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Gail had a good time representing BJVIM at the health fair in Palmetto Bluff. Rumor has it the food provided by Montage was well worth her hard work! Gail is always so good at attending these events. On January 14th from 6-8 we will be having a volunteer recruitment event at Latitudes, Margaritaville. Dr. Shelton has organized this opportunity for us. If you live in Margaritaville please come to the event and help us recruit volunteers, especially for the Ridgeland clinic.



JASPER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Andrew along with board members Bill Campbell and Chris Corkern joined BJVIM supporter John Reed at the Jasper Chamber Annual Golf Tournament. It was a great day of representing BJVIM, meeting new people and playing golf despite the cold weather!





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At their October meeting, the BJVM Board of Directors elected new officers for 2025. Volunteer board rep. Bill Campbell will be the new Board Chair, Jim Evans will once again be the vice chair, Kristen Bush was elected to be the secretary and Chris Corkern the new treasurer. Very special thanks to Dan Wood, the outgoing Chair and Zina Harter, outgoing treasurer who have been such valued leaders. Dan will continue his tenure as a board member, but Zina will roll off after serving 6 years in her position. We are very fortunate to have such hard-working, knowledgeable people on our Board.



RIDGELAND CLINIC

The Ridgeland clinic is set to be completed over the next few weeks. Once the remodeling is completed a group of patient volunteers headed by Ralph Kerbyson will begin painting. Please take a drive to Ridgeland to see for yourself the transformation!



SCRUBS

I have some scrubs in my office that were ordered months ago. If you ordered or are in need of one, please see if any of these sizes will work for you.

- Teal top L 1
- Blue top M 2
- Teal pants L 1
- Blue top 2X 1
- Blue top XL 3
- Blue Pants petite M 1
- Blue top L 1





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ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

What a great time we all had at our annual Volunteer Meeting held on December 5th at Downtown Deli! Volunteers made wonderful presentations representing their departments. It is always so overwhelming to hear all the accomplishments of each department. For those of you who did not present this year, we will be inviting you to speak next year! Special thanks to Peggy, Debbie, Lynn, Linda, Terry R., Teri C., Marabel, Andrew and Maggie for their great contributions.

We also heard two powerful presentations from non-BJVIM volunteers. Deb Copeland opened the morning session, speaking about the importance of volunteers. She gave a wonderfully meaningful talk that gave us much to think about. Hank Center ended our program with a heart felt story detailing his life and how Dr. Cross and Ruth helped him with his medical needs.

Debbie Cahoon, VP for Grants with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, was on hand to award BJVIM with a \$78,000.00 grant to be given over two years for the pharmacy expansion. The grant includes funding to pay for part-time pharmacists, a new computer and printer and a pharmaceutical program to handle inventory. This was a surprise to everyone and will improve the quality of care we provide for our patients. Congratulations to Andrew for writing this grant and having it accepted!!

Board Chair, Dan Wood helped Maggie present the Volunteer of the Year Awards. Debbie Fejes received her award for work with the OPTOS Program and for her help with getting our financial records stored on the computer. Beckie Nagel received an award for her translating skills, and Rosalie Bernick was recognized for her dedication to working with Dr. Cross for over ten years. Karen Guth and Debbie Vincent received awards for their dedication to the nursing program and Cheri Miller received her award for her commitment to the dental clinic. Congratulations to all these wonderful volunteers.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, December 19 - Clinic Closes at noon

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3rd - Closed for Christmas
*Staff to return on January 2

January 6 - Clinic re-opens

January 14 - Margaritaville Volunteer Recruitment Event

Thursday, May 15th, 2025 - Bourbon & Bubbly



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