



A word from our Executive Director:

At a grant presentation recently, an attendee told me of **Scott Lindsay** passing. Some of you might remember Scott as one of the original members of BJVM Board of Directors. Not only was Scott a board member, but he and his wife Scottie were loyal volunteers at the clinic for many years.

Scott called me for an interview in December of 2013. At that time both children were living in South Carolina, and I was excited about the possibility of returning to a state our family had called home for many years. Scott had a wonderful North Carolina accent and spoke of the exciting opportunity I would have at BJVM. Over the years Scott would often remind me of those opportunities and how our volunteers would make them happen.

In 2017 Scott and Scottie moved back to their hometown of Charlotte. I would forward our monthly newsletters and eagerly await his reflection on how BJVM was growing. He was excited to know that the clinic in Ridgeland was expanding, that we had a dental clinic and chuckled that it was located in what was once two bathrooms. He was pleased that we had multiple medical specialties and was truly amazed that our annual budget was now over one million dollars.

Often, I would return after a weekend or extended holiday to see that I had a message from Scott. I was always pleased to hear his encouraging words, and his true pleasure in knowing our mission to ensure that those in need were continuing to receive wonderful medical and dental care. I will miss Scott a lot, I will miss his words of encouragement, his gentle teasing and his kindness, but am pleased to know he was so very proud of all that BJVM has become thanks to the wonderful work of our staff and volunteers!

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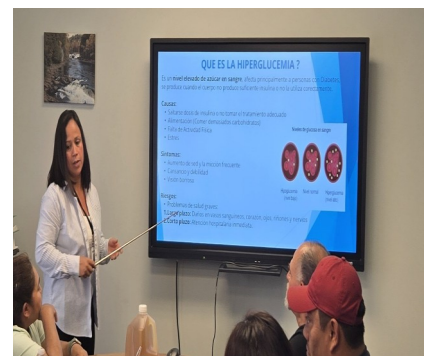
Program Update!

The **Diabetes Education Class** originated in October 2025 when BJVM began participation in the Road Map to Health, a national initiative to track patient care and hire a Community Health worker—Maribel Luna Sanchez. The program has continued to grow through the dedication and passion of the team and community participants. A key foundation of this initiative has been Berenice, whose more than 10 years of experience as a Community Health Worker in Mexico brought valuable health education expertise to the program. Together, she and Maribel have worked to provide meaningful diabetes education and support to our communities.

What began as a monthly class in Bluffton quickly expanded to Jasper due to growing community interest and participation. The Bluffton Diabetes Education Class is held every third Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM, while the Jasper class takes place every third Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM. To date, 49 participants have attended one or more of the classes and 38 others are in the engagement process!

The positive feedback and enthusiasm from patients highlighted a strong desire for continued educational opportunities. In response to this demand, we launched additional education classes covering Understanding Diabetes, Vision, and Nutrition.

These growing attendance numbers and continued engagement reflect the community's commitment to learning more about diabetes management and improving overall health outcomes!



Welcome to the team Dr. John Adams!

Dr. Adams will be working the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening from 5pm to 7pm. He's already booked into October!



When Stephanie and Barb cleaned out the closet, they found some scrubs Pam will be ordering scrubs soon please check out the sizes we have in stock before you let me know what you need. Also, they found some BJVM t-shirts, if you don't have one or need another one, please see Barb.

Congratulations Michelle Wallace who was once the nurse at the Ridgeland Clinic. Michelle and her family moved to the Philadelphia area four years ago, but she regularly keeps in touch. Recently I received an email from her to say that she had been accepted into the Nurse Practitioner Program in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. Not only was she accepted into this program, but she received the Leonard A. Lauder Community Care Nurse Practitioner Scholarship for her books and tuition. Our staff and volunteers are always doing great things!

Congratulations Michelle!!

Special thanks to Stephanie for all her hard work in creating Bourbon & Bubbly 2026! The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Final numbers are not available yet but once again

Bourbon & Bubbly proved it was an event not to be missed! Special thanks also to staff and volunteers Barbara, Raquel, Terry (R), Linda, Kim, Sandy, Maribel, Carol, Maria, Sinikka, Liz (M), Analia, and Lyn for all their hard work the Night of the event. We couldn't have done it without you!



Meet Marielena DiMatteo. **Marielena is a Licensed Professional Counselor**, and beginning Thursday, June 4, she will be seeing BJVM patients at our Bluffton location. She will be available every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will continue using the same in-house referral process, and her schedule will be available in Practice Fusion.

June is the sixth month of the year and is famously named after Juno, the ancient Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth.

- It is the only month with 3 birthstones: Pearl, Moonstone, and Alexandrite
- June's full moon is traditionally named after the season for harvesting wild strawberries—**The Strawberry Moon!**
- According to historical data, more Nobel Prize winners were born in June than in any other month.
- In the United States, we celebrate World Environment Day on June 5th, our flag on June 14th, the emancipation of enslaved African Americans on June 19th (Juneteenth) and Father's Day on June 21st.



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!

Remember the clinics will be closed on July 2nd in observance of July 4th!