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# VOLUNTEER UPDATE

## December Featured Volunteer—Office and Clerical



### Mimi Sanders

This month, we honor Mimi Sanders, who has worked faithfully in the Volunteer office for five years.

Mimi is the primary person who assembles the Volunteer Notebooks and works on the Volunteer Update mailings. She is always helpful and comes in as much as possible when she is called to help with mailings or extra projects. Mimi treats the volunteer staff like family and we enjoy having her helping in the Volunteer office.

Nancy LaSelva complimented Mimi by saying, "Mimi is a pleasure to have in the office. She always has a story about her life in Belgium. She is a sweet lady with lots of spunk in her." Tami Bruner said she enjoys having Mimi in the office as she is dedicated to her work and always makes sure it is done just right.

Mimi, thank you for your dedication and attention to detail!

## Upcoming Events:

Dec. 4—Holiday Lunch, Elliott Center, see below.

Dec. 8—Pet Peace of Mind, Boardroom. New volunteers training at 10:30 am, Joined by PPOM volunteers at 11:30 am. Bring your own lunch.

Dec. 10—Holiday Lunch, Trinity Lutheran Church, See below.

Dec. 25—Offices and stores closed.

January 1—Offices closed.  
*No Sewing Workshop in Dec.*

## Transitions Notes:

### Monthly Caregiver Support Group:

Support group meets the second Tuesday of EVERY month 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Hospice of Marion County Elliott Center in Admin. Building.

### Quarterly Caregiver Lunch:

The next Transitions Caregiver Lunch is on January 19 at Grace Episcopal Church. This is for caregivers of Transitions clients or Hospice patients.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Donna Shaffer and Martha Dominquez, we appreciate all you do!

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Holiday Lunch: Light a Candle! Celebrating Traditions of Light: Hanukah & Advent



Volunteers will be celebrating their Holiday lunch at one of two locations this year. 120 volunteers are scheduled for the Dec. 4 at the Elliott Center and 80 volunteers are coming on the 10th. Reservations are now closed.

### Friday, December 4, 2015

Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, 12 noon, Elliott Center

Speakers: Rabbi Ze'ev Harari, Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center

The Tradition of Hanukah,

Don Hires, Grace Episcopal Church, Retired Hospice Chaplain

The Tradition of Advent

### Thursday, December 10, 2015

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 12 noon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 S US Highway 441, Summerfield, (Fellowship Hall opposite highway)

Speakers: Sheldon Skurow, Ritual Leader, Temple Shalom

by the Villages--The Tradition of Hanukah

Don Hires--The Tradition of Advent

# December Update



We would like to extend thanks to the Veteran volunteers who assisted with group pinnings at eight facilities as well as Palm Cay on November 11. Over 225 veterans were honored.

“This day was a total home run, far exceeding my expectations for a pinning! On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hospice of Marion County, please accept my sincere thanks for making Veteran's Day 2015 very special for the Veterans present as well as their families, the staff members who are Veterans and a visiting 30 Veteran, just out of the military one week. Awesome!” Kind regards, Denise Robinson, Chair of Board of Directors

We received many other notes of thanks from the Hospice Liaisons and site coordinators. We appreciate John Pockalny for the great job he did to organize all of the volunteers and prepare all of the paperwork!



**Employees—please show extra appreciation for volunteers serving in your area at this time of year. Also check with them to see if they have any trips planned or family time that will cause them to need to cancel their volunteer time.**

## Department News:

Nancy LaSelva is now the Volunteer Services Manager—the title is just keeping up with her enthusiasm as she has taken on speaking and Patient Support Training responsibilities. Nancy also received the Employee Excellence Award in November as she was nominated by Social Worker Janai Woodham.

## In the Community:

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens will have a Luminary Service, Sat. Dec. 5, 5:30 pm. This will be at 5740 S Pine Ave. If you know someone who is recently bereaved, they may appreciate this opportunity to remember their loved one at the Holidays.

## Thrift Store News:

Be sure to shop the stores for sales on Black Friday and every Saturday in December!

The Jasmine Store will have table top Holiday Trees for sale for the benefit of Hospice of Marion County for as long as they last in December. Trees will range from \$10 to \$50. Handmade ornaments will be available again from \$1 to \$5. A handmade Christmas tree themed quilt will be raffled.



## Current Volunteer Needs: Remember Staff can volunteer in areas different from their job description.

**HOME VISITS AND FACILITIES:** Respite care, lifestory, facility companion volunteers are greatly needed. We really need volunteers who are in town to take assignments in December. Call Nancy!

**LEGACY NEEDS:** CHEF ASSISTANTS: TH am, M/T pm. LEGACY GREETERS: Fri 6-8 pm, plus need subs. LEGACY PHONES: M/F 12-3, plus openings SA/SU. **Holiday decorating help on Dec. 1 at 10 am**

**SYLVIA'S GREETERS:** M/F 4-7 pm, SA/SU 4-7 pm

**THRIFT STORES:** Silver Springs Shores—9 openings, am/pm; Jasmine—3 days/week in pm; Summerfield Store—TH am/pm plus cashiers; Six Gun Store—SA/SU openings, Belleview store needs cashiers anytime.

**BRANDLEY HOUSE NEEDS:** GREETER: Need Subs and flexible volunteers, CHEF ASSISTANT: T/F 10-1, M/F 3:30-6 pm

**VET PINNINGS:** Need 2-3 Volunteers for pinnings in Belleview, NE and Central Ocala, Sylvia's/Estelle's.