



Volunteer Update

December, 2016

Featured Volunteer—Philanthropy

Nominated by Rebecca Rogers and Nancy LaSelva

Rebecca Rogers nominated our December Featured Volunteer, “Bob’s commitment to our mission of providing exceptional, compassionate end-of-life care to our community is evident in his involvement with our Veteran patients, our Philanthropy initiatives, and our mail services.

Bob is a kind-hearted, smart, innovative, and gentle soul. He elevates Hospice of Marion County to its best version.”

Nancy LaSelva also wanted to support his nomination, “Bob is a Marine. All the Marines I know are always stepping up to help out. Bob has a passion for Hospice and he goes well out of his way to help in any way he can. He does Veteran Pinning’s and is the Courier on Thursdays. When Tami and I hear Bob say “Avocado-pork-amazalea” it gives us a smile to start our day. Thanks Bob!”

In the past two years, Bob has given nearly 1,000 hours and has initiated outreach efforts in his community, coordinated parkers and even golf carts for the Patsy Cline event, and continues to share his contagious enthusiasm with everyone he meets.



Bob Levenson

Save the Date

Dec. 5, Sewing Workshop 9 to 12 Room C

Dec .9, Holiday Lunch, Admin. Building, 11:30 am

Dec. 12, Holiday Lunch, Summerfield, 11:30 am

Dec. 15, Pet Peace of Mind Volunteer Meeting, 11:30 am See back for details.

Dec. 20, Dealing with the Holiday Blues, 2 pm, Rm. C, See back.

Dec. 24, Stores 1,2, 3 close at 3 pm, Stores 4&5 close at 4 pm.

Dec. 25, Christmas & Hanukkah. Offices and stores closed.

Dec. 26, Offices closed, stores open.

Jan. 1, Only stores 4&5 open

Last call for reservations for the Volunteer Holiday Lunch—Due 12/5

Looking Toward a Year of Bright Tomorrows!

Friday, Dec. 9, Elliott Center, Admin. Bldg., Ocala

Mon., Dec. 12, Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Summerfield

Both of our locations are almost full, so call today at (352)873-7419 if you have not signed up and still want to come as Dec. 5 is the final deadline to RSVP. If you registered and something comes up, please call and cancel as someone may be waiting for a seat.

Our theme is New Year’s, so arrive by 11:30 am. Damian Romano will be our warm-up DJ with holiday music. A “12 o’clock” toast will be followed by a sumptuous holiday feast of beef brisket, sides and apple torte for dessert.

Rebecca Rogers will share the vital role volunteers play in communicating about our Philanthropy efforts and Tomorrow fund. Volunteer Services Director, Connie Storms will preview what’s in store for 2017. See you soon!!



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Dealing with the Holiday Blues

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one or friend this year, the Holidays may be especially difficult for you. Jessica McCune is offering a special session just for our volunteers on Dec. 20th at 2 pm in Room C. Call (352)873-7419 to sign up so we know how many to expect.

Pet Peace of Mind Meeting

On Dec. 15 at 11:30 we will have a "souper" lunch to plan for 2017. Our grant funds have run out and we have several fun ideas to consider including doggie fashion shows, magnet sales, and dog biscuit sales to support our program.

Hospice in the Community

Dec. 5, Marion Senior Services Meal Site, 1101 SW 30th Ct., Ocala, Jessica McCune, "Advanced Directives," 11:00 am

Dec. 13, Transitions Support Group, Education Center, 11 am to 1 pm

Dec. 14, OTOW Master the Possibilities, Mike Sever, "Medication and Food Interactions—Things to avoid." 10 am

Dec. 15, Sr. Wellness Community Center, Ocala Health, Amy Rath, "Managing the Holiday Blues," 2:30 pm

Dec. 22, Alzheimer's Support Group, Summerfield Suites Assisted Living, 11 am.

Dec. 27, ORMC, Dr. Mery Lossada "Preparing the Family for Hospice" 9:00 am

Volunteer Needs

Journey singers: Need Alto and Base who read music. Audition and training required.

Parkers: for special events, usually one hour at the Admin. building.

PIC Volunteers for events and visiting children with life-limiting illnesses.

Upcoming event on Dec. 19th.

Brandley & Sylvia's Houses Greeters: 1x/week for 2 or 3 hour shift

Patient Support Volunteers: Volunteers needed to spend time with patients, **especially subs or one time to fill in over holidays.**



Scott Traxler (in his Army uniform) salutes a veteran at The Bridge. Air Force Veteran Nancy Ott assisted and the Trinity Catholic School band provided patriotic music.

Volunteers Honor Veterans with Group Pinnings across Marion County

We pulled out the "Big guns" to launch a massive recognition effort Nov. 10 and 11 in honor of local veterans. A total of 11 volunteers pinned over 160 veterans in 12 facilities. Bob Levenson is shown at The Club presenting a cherished proclamation to a veteran in honor of his military service.



Holiday Décor Sale

Jasmine Thrift Store Holiday sale is in full swing with lovely trees, creative ornaments, wreaths, and more. New items will go out every week. **All of our stores** will feature special discounts and holiday sales.

transitions  **Transitions News:**

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Starting Jan. 2017, a second Support Group will be held on the 1st Thursday of the month.

"Thank you" to all the Transitions Volunteers from Donna and Patty.