



# Volunteer Update

June, 2016

## Featured Volunteer—Patient Support

Nominated by Nancy LaSelva

Rodger Cox is one of those volunteers who goes about his business with little fuss. Soft spoken and quiet, Rodger has a welcoming presence. He has been a volunteer for Hospice of Marion County since January of 2015. Rodger's focus is patient support visits in the home, Nursing Facilities or Assisted Living Facilities.

His current patient load is at 13 plus he often takes last minute requests. He is also filling in for a fellow volunteer doing pet visits at a facility with Smokey, his little dachshund who is full of energy and loves to bring smiles to patients.

In addition to his many visits to patients and Transitions clients around Marion County, Rodger also performs Veteran's pinning ceremonies for veteran patients. He seldom says no to taking on an assignment and even when he had rotator cuff surgery, he still managed to do his patient support competency test while he was recuperating.

We appreciate your time and commitment to Hospice and hope you and Smokey will be around for a long time. Thank you Rodger!



Rodger Cox

## June Events

June 7, Jasmine Holiday Project Team meets, see below.

June 10, Volunteer Lunch (see notice at right)

June 28, Pt. Support Social, look in your recent patient support newsletter for details.

>>No sewing workshop in June, look for our Summer sewing session in July.

## Volunteer Summer Lunch, June 10th



Who doesn't like sun and flowers?  
How about sunflowers?

Come to the  
Hospice of Marion County  
Summer Volunteer Lunch  
June 10, 2016, Noon

Program: "Feel Better Live Better—Pre-Hospice Services"

Speakers: Mary Bowen, ARNP, Center for Palliative Care Services & Donna Shaffer, Transitions

Lunch: Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, Rolls, Asian Cole Slaw, Fruit and Red Velvet Cake catered by our own chefs.

**RSVP by June 7th** to 873-7419 or email: [volunteer@hospiceofmarion.com](mailto:volunteer@hospiceofmarion.com)

## Christmas/ Holiday Décor Project for Jasmine Store

Volunteers are invited to join the team preparing Christmas trees, wreaths and other holiday décor for the Jasmine Store annual fundraiser. The team will meet on the first Tuesday of the month from June to October. They will meet at Denny's on Route 40 in Ocala at 12 noon on June 7 and August 2. In July, September, and October they will meet in the Elliott Center at 1 pm. Contact: Maryann Heinicke 413-454-4222, email: [mande421@cox.net](mailto:mande421@cox.net) or Sue Longley 352-291-1293, email: [ocalacat2@yahoo.com](mailto:ocalacat2@yahoo.com)

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## Group Veterans Pinnings:

Many thanks go to volunteers who conducted group pinnings for Veterans on Memorial Day at the following locations:

Bob Levenson: The Club

Tom Howard: Camelot  
Chateau

George Van Hoorebeke:  
Hawthorne Village

## Transitions Notes:



### Monthly Caregiver Support Group:

Support group will meet on **June 14**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Elliott Center, Admin. Bldg.

### Volunteer Needs:

Summerfield Suites Kitchen Help: 1x or 2x/week for 2-3 hours  
Gardener to maintain flower beds in back of Legacy House.

Patient Visitors: Due to volunteers leaving for the summer, we have an abundance of unfilled requests in the Summerfield area. Call Nancy if you can help out or be a summer sub.

Bereavement Dept.: Morning phone and mailing help needed for 4 days a week. Weekly or bi-weekly volunteers needed.

Transitions Caller: Come in 1x/week to call Transitions clients.

*Contact Volunteer Office for information on all assignments.*

## Hospice in the Community

June 7, 10:30 am, St. Joseph's of the Forest Catholic Church (Marion Senior Services Meal Site), Silver Springs, Mike West, Presentation

June 8, 10:00 am, OTOW Master the Possibilities, Donna Shaffer, Transitions

June 11, 12:00 pm, Ruby Tuesdays lunch, Nat'l Association of Professional Women, 12:00 pm, Beverly Cloud, Early Warning Signs of Dementia

June 15, 10:30 am Silver Springs Shores Presbyterian Church (Marion Senior Services Meal Site), Mike West, Presentation

June 23, 9:30—OTOW Master the Possibilities, Mike Sever, "Dying in Today's Technical World—Dying is different than Death."

June 24, 2:00 pm Forest Public Library, Ocklawaha, Mike Sever, "Warning Signs of Alzheimer's."

June 24, 6 pm Ocala Sunset Rotary Club, Amy Rath, Monarch Center Overview

## CELEBRATING STAFF RETIREMENTS

Carole Ann Sicoli was honored on May 26 with a retirement celebration at Oakhurst Center in Ocala. Mary Ellen Poe presented her with a check for her years of service and a lovely engraved vase.



Over twenty volunteers enjoyed celebrating with Carole Ann and thanked her for her care and dedication while working at the Jasmine Thrift Store.



Karen Haven is retiring from Hospice of Marion County on June 1st after 15 years in Fund Development and Events. She managed events such as the Steel Horse Stampede and Frank Polack Bicycle Ride. Karen was based in the Volunteer Department for the last 6 months and we enjoyed her enthusiasm, energy, and humor.

**Congratulations and we will miss both of you!**