



Volunteer Update

A Newsletter from *Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital*
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In Our Hearts....

In the past several weeks, we have lost 3 members of the Friends of Strong (FOS) Family:

Daniel “Dan” Reagan was an Information Desk volunteer for 14 years. Twice every week you could count on seeing Dan bright and early in the lobby. He arrived at 7:00 a.m. and helped early-morning patients and families find their way to the Operating Room and other procedure areas. He also answered phones and transported our guests to wherever they needed to go. He was a recipient of the FOS Elizabeth Crozier award which recognizes volunteers for their long-standing service.

Dan was a Korean War Veteran and was retired from both Kodak and Lawyers Co-op. He was also a 37-year participant in community theater productions. We send condolences to his wife, children and grandchildren and will miss him greatly.

Mildred “Millie” Huey volunteered in several areas of the hospital for 21 years. She was a greeter in the Cancer Center, a patient advocate, an Emergency Department volunteer and an escort in the Pediatric Surgical Suite. Millie was known for her friendly personality and her calm, quiet demeanor.

Millie was a retired postmaster of the North Chili Post Office and was active in animal rescue organizations. She leaves 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Patricia “Pat” Kavanaugh was a member of the FOS staff for 12-years. She was a cashier in the Gift Shop from February 1999 until December 2011. We first met Pat many years ago when she was a volunteer. She made us laugh and was a committed member of the team! She leaves several siblings and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. We will miss Pat greatly.



Congratulations Joanne!

In May, Joanne Wales-Smith, manager of the Specialty Shop at Strong, received the Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society’s 2013 Henrietta Woman of the Year Award. She was recognized for her long-term commitment to making a difference in the lives of her neighbors and the hundreds of children that have benefited from her dedication as a volunteer in the Fresh Air Fund.

Over the last 43 years, Joanne has been accompanying children from New York City to the Rochester area and back each summer! She mentors Fresh Air Fund volunteers, helps recruit host families, and chairs the committee that selects host families. In 2010, Joanne received the URM C Staff Community Service Award for her dedication to the Fresh Air Fund.

Summer High School Volunteers to Start on Monday June 24!

Close to 300 high school students have signed on to participate in the summer volunteer program here at Strong Memorial Hospital and it's off-site affiliates. The Friends of Strong volunteer team (Sandra Arbasak, Amy Burt, Joyce Stadtmiller and Andria White) have been busy meeting with and orienting these students prior to their selecting one of 27 possible activities for the summer program. Many of the positions involve interacting with patients and others, providing support such as delivering flowers, helping at the Information Desk, and assisting with patient and family centered care in the clinic areas of the hospital and off-site locations.

Ambassador volunteers from the main information desk and Friends of Strong staff will be assisting with getting the students to their destinations during that first week of July. Many thanks to those volunteers and the ambassador program for their assistance during that very hectic week!

The students will wear burgundy golf shirts with the Friends of Strong logo and will also have a University volunteer ID. All of them are very excited to join our program, so you if see one of them, please say "hello" and welcome them to Friends of Strong!

Twelfth Annual Rochester River Run



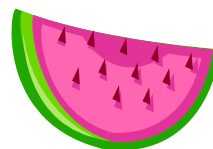
Thank you for supporting the Twelfth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5k on Sunday, April 21, at Genesee Valley Park. The event was our most successful run/walk ever with almost 400 participants! Everyone enjoyed the cool spring weather and refreshments. Prizes were awarded to the top pledge collectors and runners in various age categories.

We were fortunate to raise \$16,000 to benefit transplant patients and their families. The Thirteenth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5k will be held in April 2014. Details will follow in future *Volunteer Update* newsletters.



Mark your Calendar for Lunch in October

On Wednesday, October 2, we will host our Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in the Flaum Atrium in the MRB. Details about the luncheon and awards ceremony will be included in the August issue of *Volunteer Update*.



Welcome New Volunteers



Brittany N. Andruszko

Alyssa L. Ashworth

Gretchen E. Blackmer

Hans Boateng

Sarah T. Brodzik

Erin L. Candella

Eileen Carter

Charles J. Cutaia

Jessica R. Dunbar

Cynthia S. Hayford

Daniel T. Kubit

Jeffrey Lai

Alec N. Levesque

Tia Lum

Theresa E. May

Curtis Nelson

Tony B. Poole

Sandy W. Poon

Keith W. Prouty

Cheryl A. Reisdorf

Whitney L. Rodak

Nicholas T. Rozestraten

Michele L. Sanford

Megan M. Saraceni

Robert M. Sold

Laura C. Stachnik

Vanessa G. Vanzo

Edward J. Vargas

Amy L. Wujastyk

Bingfeng Zie

Michele L. Zaepfel

New Merchandise in Specialty Shop

Along with items for new mothers and cancer patients, the Specialty Shop at Strong is now offering the following items for sale:

- Drainage Bulb and G-Tube Holders (latex free) to secure and contain feeding tubes and suction reservoirs.
- Post-Surgical Camisoles.
- Custom ordered hand-crafted canes and walking sticks.

For more information and appointments, please call Joanne Wales-Smith at (585) 273-1276.



Did you know ...

... that every year since 1975, Friends of Strong (FOS) has "given back" in several ways:

Many volunteer hours enhance the superb medical care given here at Strong. Each year in recent memory, 130,000-150,000 hours are given to over 100 departments and areas.

In 1975, \$8,880 was given to the Emergency Department for items such as a portable cardiac monitor defibrillator and a trauma stretcher. Every year since then, varying sums of money have been given back to purchase a variety of items. The amount of funding given reached \$831,971 and the total for the 38 years, topped \$11,900,000!! This was made possible by our on-going fund raisers (Gift Shop, Specialty Shop, Coffee Kiosks, and Infant Photos) and our special-event fund raisers (currently Gala Wine Tasting, Rochester River Run, various drawings, Beer Tasting, etc.).

Since 1988, The Friends of Strong Endowment has grown from \$1,000,000 to over \$3,000,000.

What's Inside

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Donations

Friends of Strong

*In Memory of
 Daniel Reagan*

Robert and Judith Burkman
 Clinical Practice Evaluation Office

John Dailor

David and Rhetta Greenman

Don and Bev Wallace

Patricia Webster



To Celebrate Independence Day . . .

. . . the Friends of Strong office,
 Specialty Shop, Gift Shop and Family
 Waiting Room will be closed on
 Thursday, July 4.

