

FRIENDS *of* STRONG VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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volunteers of Strong
Memorial Hospital

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Welcome to the Friends of Strong 'TAR' Secretaries!

This August we welcomed two new secretaries to our team! Javon Armstead and Deb Yendrzski have joined Andria White as 'time as reported' secretaries. TAR, or time as reported, allows us to bring paid staff in as needed for certain special projects or programs that do not need staff attention year round. These wonderful ladies will be assisting the office during our peak volunteer recruiting times in the spring, summer, and fall (about 6 months out of the year.) The TAR's have a dedicated office space located in Joyce Stadtmiller's former office. If you see any of these gals in the next several weeks, please say hello and give them a warm Friends of Strong welcome! By the way, Deb will still be volunteering on the SICU when she is not working with us in the Friends office!

Friends of Strong Council Allocates Funds

At its yearly funding meeting on July 29, the Friends of Strong Council voted to purchase capital equipment and other items for the hospital. Some examples of the capital equipment funded include an infant radiant warmer, a tissue processor, and a bedside ultrasound machine.

Friends of Strong also funds scholarships for nurses, diaper bags for Obstetrics, booklets & memory boxes for the Pregnancy Loss Program, Palliative Care Program support, layette items for babies, coffee for the Lobby (nights and weekends) and Family Waiting Room, and carnations for discharged patients.

These purchases were made possible by the fundraising efforts of Friends of Strong including the Beer Tasting, Gala Wine Tasting, SMH Gift Shop, the Specialty Shop, Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters, Our 365 Infant Photos and donations.

Volunteer Celebration Luncheon

Our Friends of Strong Celebration Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 1st. This year's presentation is a preview of the new Golisano Children's Hospital. Guest speakers will be Liz Lattimore, Administrative Director of Clinical Services; Sue Bezek, Associate Director, Pediatric Nursing; and Wendy Lane, Child Life Program Coordinator.

Welcome New Council Members

Friends of Strong (FOS) welcomes several new members of its Council and has bid farewell one. New officers were also elected. The FOS Council advises on issues and initiatives currently facing volunteerism and decides how to allocate funds raised annually.

New Members:

Sean Kavanaugh is a public relations associate in Public Relations and Communications department in the UR Medical Center. He comprises and organizes all media for Friends of Strong. He will also serve as our volunteerism advisor.



Sean Kavanaugh

Joan Romano is assistant quality officer at SMH. She has a nursing background and, prior to her current position, served as nurse manager on the transplant in-patient unit.



Joan Romano

Newly-Elected Officers:

Cheryl Gioia, President
Rose Faucette, President-Elect
Cherie Kiefer, Treasurer

Returning Members:

Sandra Arbasak, Director
Jim Farnham
Don Gaudion
Dwight Hettler
Meredith Hurley
Luis Perez
Maureen Randall
Ann Savastano

In addition, we want to thank Council member, Sharon Nazarian, who has served out her term as immediate past president. We very much appreciate her support of Friends of Strong.

Welcome New Volunteers

Adler, Timothy	Dambra, Sarah	Kenney, Howard	Retz, William
Austin, Erin	Dar, Qurratul-Ain	Kowalczyk, Cristina	Rice, Marissa
Balasubramaniam, Mithun	Dean, Christopher	Lott, Miley	Rosner, Racel
Barnes, Eliza	DeCaro, Ryan	Mariotti, Brandon	Saladino, Lisa
Beikirch, Kristen	Dillenbeck, heather	McKay, Adam	Sforza, John
Boehm, Sarah	Dihn, Lisa	Meleo, Andrew	Sotannde, Tobi
Bourne, Katherine	Dyakiv, William	Menting, Adriana	Speranza, Alyssa
Brand, Erin	Farrell, Caitlin	Misch, Haley	Summers, Brian
Burke, Anne	Gao, Shawn	Modeste, Maia	Suskin, Rebecca
Callaghan, Mikalia	Gerwig, Elizabeth	Morphet, Brooke	Villeneuve, Candace
Champlin, Amber	Guarino, Christina	Muuse, Janelle	Wall, Kelsey
Clauser, Austin	Hollenberg, Alex	O'Neill, Jennifer	Zent, Sara
Crevison, Mariana	Huetas, Emylsie	Paris, Angelea	Zyla, Michael
Cruz, Jesse	Johnson, Cameron	Parmar, Poonam	

Flu Vaccination Campaign Begins September 2

In September, Employee Health / Occupational and Environmental Medicine will launch their yearly campaign to vaccinate all hospital faculty, staff, students, and volunteers against flu. Influenza causes, on average, more than 200,000 hospitalizations each year and 36,000 deaths. Healthy adults can be contagious as early as one day before the onset of symptoms, and up to seven days after. Unknowingly, this illness can be transmitted to patients, family members, and co-workers. Therefore, it's important to take proactive measures with a simple vaccination.

To comply with New York State requirements, we are asking ALL volunteers to do ONE of the following:

- **Receive a flu vaccination through Occupational and Environmental Medicine—vaccine is free through Strong Memorial Hospital.** You will receive your Flu sticker when you get your vaccination.

Or

- **Complete and return an Influenza Vaccination Status Form to the Friends of Strong Office Receptionist by Friday, Nov. 21.** If you are vaccinated, you will receive your Flu sticker for your ID badge when you turn in the status form. *If you received a vaccination from another venue (primary care physician, drugstore, etc.) on or after Aug. 1, 2014, you will need to provide documented proof—the consent form you signed when you received your vaccination. If you declined a vaccination or do not intend to receive one, you must complete the form and include written documentation from your physician if you have a medical contraindication to the vaccine.*

To receive a **free** vaccination from UR Medicine, check the list of upcoming clinics posted in the Friends of Strong Office or call (585) 275-2420 to inquire about dates and times. (If you received this notice via mail or e-mail, look for an enclosed list of clinics.) **Show your Friends of Strong volunteer badge at the clinic when you receive your vaccination and there will be no cost for the immunization.**

If you are unable or unwilling to receive a vaccination, please note the NYS masking requirement:

Per New York State law, **UNVACCINATED staff, faculty, students, and volunteers at URM hospitals and clinics (offsite and onsite alike) will be required to wear surgical masks for all patient contact when flu is declared widespread** (the specific dates will be declared by the State Health Commissioner or by our hospital leadership).

If you have any questions about our flu program for volunteers, please contact the Friends of Strong Office at (585) 275-2420. Thank you in advance for your partnership in helping us protect our hospital community against flu.



Donations

To Friends of Strong

The Rain Group

In Honor of Sandy Munson

Richard & Jane Clair

Just a Reminder ...

Friends of Strong will be closed on Monday, September 1st in honor of Labor Day. Enjoy the long holiday weekend!