

FRIENDS *of* STRONG VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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Friends of Strong Staff Announcements

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volunteers of Strong
Memorial Hospital

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Sandra Arbasak

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Sandra Arbasak as Director, Friends of Strong.

Sandy began her career with URMC in 2006 managing support services for the Emergency Department, and became the administrator for Ambassador and Guest Services the following year. She then completed a short term special assignment with Information Systems before joining the Friends of Strong as assistant director in 2010. In the fall of 2013, she stepped in as Interim Director and has been providing leadership for our volunteer organization since then. Please join us in congratulating Sandy in her new role!

Joyce Stadtmiller

We are pleased to announce that Joyce Stadtmiller has been promoted to the position of Manager for the Friends of Strong Volunteer program!

Joyce has been a part of the Friends of Strong team for the last seven years, initially as our full time receptionist, and most recently as out part-time volunteer coordinator. Joyce has a true passion for the program, and our wonderful volunteers and is looking forward to working with all of you on a 'full -time' basis. We are excited to have Joyce's abilities and expertise as part of our 'full-time' Friends of Strong team.

Amy Burt and Shelia Cotton

You may have heard through the 'grapevine' that our beloved secretary, Amy Burt, will be easing her way into retirement by going part-time in September of this year.

We are so thrilled that Amy decided to stay and 'hang out' with us for a few more years part-time, but we really do need full time secretarial support. What to do? Luckily for us, Shelia Cotton will be joining us effective June 1st as a part-time secretary, complimenting Amy's part-time hours and days.

Shelia has been working with us for months now as a Strong Staffing temporary employee. She has learned so much about our program and the people here (including all of the volunteers,) that she's decided to stay on with us. Shelia's office is located two doors down from Amy's. Stop in and say hi! How fortunate we are to have two fabulous ladies working with us and our program!

In Our Hearts

We were saddened of the loss of former Friends of Strong staff member, **Mary Hedden** on May 5. She was a UR graduate and long-standing employee at the Medical Center, beginning her career in the chemistry labs.

Mary was Friends of Strong's evening receptionist and part-time volunteer coordinator for 22 years, retiring in 2009. FOS staff and volunteers fondly remember Mary's sense of humor. She was always entertaining to those she interacted with having a quick wit and joke to share. She is survived by six children and four grandchildren.

Thirteenth Annual Rochester River Run

Thank you for supporting the Thirteenth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5k on Sunday, April 6, at Genesee Valley Park. The event was our most successful run/walk ever with 549 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 \$18,000 to benefit transplant patients and their families. The Fourteenth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5k will be held in April 12, 2015. Details will follow in future *Volunteer Update* newsletter.



Jill in Specialty Shop

Stop by the Specialty Shop (rm. 1-1337) and meet Jill Buckman, sales specialist assisting us while manager Joanne Wales-Smith is temporarily out.

Jill has extensive knowledge on items offered in the Shop including: wigs, specialty hats, maternity breast pumps and supplies, infant swaddles, and cancer related items. Merchandise is also available for special order.

Contact Jill in the Shop at (585) 273-1276. Shop hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.



Welcome New Volunteers

Anthony Amato	Yohanna Gaim	Kristin Olbrich
Edward Arenas	Emma Gorman	Courteney Olenyk
Katelyn Armes	John Hale	Chieri Ono
Justin Bader	Fatima Harris	Daniel Parshall
Margaret Barnstein	Michael Harris	Esta Pektas
Jared Beiling	Dominique Hessert	Paula Pentoney
Sarah Berger	Michelle Horowitz	Eric Perlman
Jason Bonenfant	Amy Kamerow	Randy Perlson
Madeline Buckley	Colleen Kennedy	Pat Piersielak
Sarah Byrne	Deborah Korzun	Laura Pochylski
Jennifer Cadolino	Sarah Kotyra	Chenzira Raphael
Kushael Chakravorty	Casey Kwong	Amanda Rizzi
Debamita Chatterjee	Deborah LaManna	Marilyn Rosen
Claire Chmura	Hyun Jun Lim	Marek Sabatka
Corrine Conover	Rose Linfoot	Aaron Schmerbeck
Shannon Cook	Neville Maliakkal	Jennifer Scott
Kathleen Crosby	Bilal Malik	Bonita Seaburn
Caroline Curran	Jennifer Mark	Sandra Skiles
Lucinda Day	Joanne Marker	Jeremiah Smith
Janet DiCaro	Kelly McMullen	Samuel Steele
Camille Dunham	Isabel Miller	Andrew Van Buren
Brenna Eisenberg	Abhiniti Mittal	Jing Wang
Noah Elkins	Colleen Morris	Hattie Wells
Scott Evans	Joyce Newton	Deborah Williams
Karen Freeman	Crystal Nforbinson	Yifu Zhang
Maureen Friedman	Jill Nichols	
Stacy Gage	Fozia Nur	

Important Changes to Friends of Strong Correspondence

For the past 6 months, all volunteers are now receiving reminders for both their health update and in-service mandatory update via e-mail versus a mailed postcard. Future *Volunteer Update* newsletters will also be sent via e-mail beginning with the September issue. Please be sure to look for the sender address “volunteer job descriptions” for these notices. In the future, a new sender address will be associated with these notices and notification will be given. If you prefer a copy of *Volunteer Update* mailed to you, please contact Friends of Strong at (585) 275-2420.



High School Volunteers Start in July

Close to 300 high school students have signed on to participate in the summer volunteer program here at Strong Memorial Hospital and its offsite affiliates beginning Monday, July 7. 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!

Donations

To Friends of Strong

Liz Michael

In Memory of Mary Hedden

Scott & Dorothy Dunlap

Susan Sullivan

FOS Online Donation Option Now Available

The ability to make donations to Friends of Strong is now easier with an online donation tab. To learn more, visit our webpage at urmc.rochester.edu/friends-of-strong and select the 'make a gift' tab. Donations via mail or in person are also accepted.