President’s Message

First Leadership Development Workshops for Volunteers
Presented in March

In March, we presented the first in a series of leadership development workshops with two sessions for volunteers. The topic “Working with Diversity” covered a spectrum of differences that affect our everyday interactions with people — diversity based on everything from race to language to age to gender to training to personal experience and even opinions.

All Auxilians in their work as volunteers need to draw on the advantages offered by diversity while minimizing the possible downside. Of course, our Auxiliary has leaders in formal roles, like Chairpersons and Board members. Yet, every Auxiliary volunteer is actually a leader in her/his role as part of the El Camino Hospital healthcare team. All volunteer team member lead because of the qualities and skills they practice in their volunteer position. For example,

- We accept responsibility and lead by our example.
- We accept training and are self-aware and self-managed in our volunteer tasks.
- We collaborate with our teammates, including hospital staff. We consult with each other, back-up each other, and even serve as “mentors” for our fellow volunteers.

Each volunteer brings her/his “diversity” to the healthcare team. Hopefully, we each value our diverse teammates as we work together to enhance the “patient experience” at our hospital.

Junior Auxiliary Recruitment

The Junior Auxiliary Program will be accepting Junior Applications at 6:00am on April 14, 2014. If you have friends or relatives who are interested, please have them visit the El Camino Hospital website for more information.

http://www.elcaminohospital.org/auxiliary

Last year, the registration for 130 junior application slots filled up in 2 minutes. Please be sure to read instructions and guidelines carefully. Students eighth grade through tenth grade may register.
Hospital Snapshot

Fogarty Institute for Innovation

Beginning with this issue of the NewsFlash, the Auxiliary will be running a column, called Hospital Snapshot, which we hope will help to educate and inspire our volunteers.

In this first article, the focus will be on the Fogarty Institute for Innovation. This truly unique organization was established in 2007 by Dr. Thomas Fogarty, world renowned cardiologist and inventor. Dr. Fogarty brought his idea for an institute to El Camino Hospital because of the hospital’s reputation for forward thinking. His intention, along with those of the hospital, was to establish a place where medical innovators could receive support in their quest to get their inventions to market, and therefore to benefit patients. Over the years, the Institute has helped mentor young medical innovators so new ideas can be realized to improve patient care for all. Currently, there are 11 companies in residence, whose ideas are designed to improve patient care, being mentored by this institute.

In addition to the projects underway, the Fogarty Institute also helps students in summer intern programs, and supports doctors on fellowships who are eager to learn more about medical innovation. These programs allow them to have hands-on experience in this area and also expose them to the Silicon Valley “eco-system” which helps achieve success in this unique area.

The Fogarty Institute has two locations: the first (and original) is in the Melchor Pavilion. That location houses many of the staff and four of the companies in residence. The space proved to be too small and in 2013 a second location was established by renovating the old El Camino Hospital cafeteria. Fondly called “the Fog Shop”, this new space houses office and lab space for the innovators.

We are hopeful that there will be many innovations to come in the future and the success of the Fogarty Institute for Innovations will depend on everyone’s support.

To learn about the past and current innovative companies, visit the Forgarty Institute website at www.fogartyinstitute.org
In-Service Training

Our two-part Annual In-Service Training for Seniors is rolling along and will continue through mid-May. The “general” part of our In-Service has been available since March 15, and nearly 200 Seniors have completed it. All Seniors who have not yet completed the “general” part should do so at their earliest convenience by one of three choices:

The Auxiliary has a new web site with on-line methodology that is intended for those members comfortable using web-based services for searching, browsing, buying, banking and the like. Just use your web browser to go to the following URL and follow the instructions there:

http://ech-auxiliary.org/Training.html

For those who wish help using on-line methods, you may access the general topics at either of the El Camino Hospital Health Library and Resource Centers in Mountain View or Los Gatos, for example, before or after your regular shift.

Alternatively, you may prefer to attend one of the “seminars” (see page 4) at which the “general” part of the In-Service Training will be presented by screen projection, and the Questions and Answers will involve only pencil and paper.

In addition, most Auxiliary Services have a “service-specific” part of our In-Service Training to cover important details of their volunteer service — check page 4 of this News Flash and see your Chairperson for details and meeting schedule.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 15 10:30-1:30
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Palo Alto
Invitations in the mail.
Senior Auxilians may register at
www.echa-agm-2014.eventbrite.com
General In-Service Training

- April 21 (Mon) MV General In-service training 10:00-11:00 MV Conf Rm G
- April 22 (Tue) LG General In-service training 10:00-11:00 LG Conf Rm 1
- April 23 (Wed) MV General In-service training 2:00-3:00 MV Conf Rm G
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Upcoming Service-Specific In-Service Meetings

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Auxiliary Happenings

- April 14 (Mon) Junior Auxiliary Sign-up (new high school applicants) 6:00am—online registration only.
- April 25 (Fri) Quarterly Chair Meeting LG 10:00-1:00 LG Conf Rm 1/2/3.
- April 27 (Sun) MV Junior Application Seminar 2:00-3:00 MV Conf Rm F/G
- April 27 (Sun) LG Junior Application Seminar 3:00-4:00 LG Conf Rm 1/2/3
- May 15 (Thu) Annual General Meeting 10:30-1:30 Crowne Plaza Hotel
- June 26 (Thu) Telecare Luncheon 11:30-1:00 MV Conf Rm E/F