

MISSION

The Pinnacle Health Auxiliary is a volunteer community organization dedicated to supporting UPMC Pinnacle in its endeavors to provide quality health care and health education in central Pennsylvania.

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President's Message

Ah, spring! As we watch trees and flowers bloom, I hope that you are all healthy and well. The pandemic is still with us, but the future is brighter. As the vaccine rollout progresses, many of you have received your vaccine. I've received both doses of the Moderna vaccine, and I found it very liberating... so liberating that I actually traveled to Utah to play in the snow. It was a wonderful feeling, lots of fun, and beautiful as I hope the photo conveys. I trust you've been able to spread your wings a bit as well.

The business of the Auxiliary continues primarily via Zoom meetings. However, with UPMC Pinnacle modifying some of the guidelines about volunteers being on site, age restrictions, and other considerations, we will look at having some in-person meetings when possible. It will be a sense of getting back to "normal."

Your Auxiliary is proud to support UPMC Pinnacle in the work they do with COVID-19 efforts. Over the last year, patient care and treatment have been the priority. As vaccine distribution started at the end of 2020, getting shots into the arms of front-line workers and essential personnel was a major focus. UPMC Pinnacle also worked with the City of Harrisburg to vaccinate police and fire fighters. Vaccination clinics have been set up at various campuses over the last few months. And as you've seen in the news, a vaccine drive-through community clinic opened at Harrisburg Area Community College. This is a collaboration among many community partners.

Since the start of the pandemic, Teri Jakob (Auxiliary Liaison), who is also a nurse, has worked in all phases of patient care. Her enthusiasm for "completing the circle" is evident as she hails "Happy Vaccination Day" at the various clinics. If you are not yet vaccinated, make your appointment today.

In support of UPMC Pinnacle's work, some Auxilians are helping out by volunteering at clinics. As you'll see in the included photo, Christy Leo (Newsletter Chair) received both of her vaccines from Teri Jakob. Christy has volunteered at two clinics since then, donating her time to improve lives in our community. This is a great way to support the community. For anyone interested in volunteering at a community clinic, contact Teri Jakob at jakobt@upmc.edu, 717-231-6320. Non-clinical volunteers are needed, so anyone who is willing to be on her or his feet can help out.

It has been an interesting year to say the least. With efforts to manage the pandemic continuing, please stay safe and healthy, continue to adapt and manage the best you can, learn more about yourself, and spread joy!

With warmest regards,

Lynn Graham



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Membership Meetings

Thanks to our Programs Committee of Ginger Zozos and Peggy Gekas, the Fall Membership Meeting and the Spring Membership Meeting were great successes being held via Zoom.

The Fall Membership Meeting was held on October 27, 2020, with two very timely guest speakers. John Goldman, M.D., Infectious Disease Specialist, UPMC Pinnacle, provided an update on COVID-19 and its impact on our community. His presentation included information outlining the background of COVID-19 and discussed the virology, epidemiology, infectiousness, transmissibility, symptoms, and the importance of mitigation and vaccination.

Our second speaker was Peggy Jennings, Ed.D., who shared a presentation about Julia Jennings, Feminist: One Woman's Pursuit of the Vote. This was an inspiring presentation taking us back over 100 years, sharing her great-aunt's story of the suffragist struggle of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

The Spring Membership Meeting was held on April 27, 2021, and featured Maria Olender, D.O., Medical Director of Hospice of Central Pennsylvania. Dr. Olender spoke on the differences between hospice and palliative care, providing insight and thoughtful points.

We hope that our future membership meetings can be in person. Watch the newsletter for information about those meetings and we hope you will join us – whether in person or via Zoom. As you can see, our Programs Committee is hard at work to provide meaningful content.

View from the Auxiliary Desk

When you write a check to the Pinnacle Health Auxiliary, it travels through UPMC Pinnacle Foundation offices before landing on our desk. Let's take the trip.

Sponsorships/Programs:

Since 2015, the Auxiliary has operated with the assistance of the Foundation staff. Checks written for events that include sponsorships, such as the gala or fashion show, go to Bev Bates, UPMC Pinnacle Database Coordinator. Bev enters the information in the computer program used by the Foundation and puts it into the designated category, such as reservations or raffle tickets. Your check then travels to Jodi Mattern, UPMC Pinnacle Foundation Executive Assistant, to prepare the deposit. After an event is over, the Treasurer (Cindy Banducci) and Assistant Treasurer (Dee McLaughlin) compare the totals and designations with Bev to reconcile an event.

Other Payments:

Checks written for things such as membership dues or smaller donations go directly to Jodi to be entered in the Foundation computer system and processed for deposit.

Coffee shop rent and vending machines proceeds pass through Jodi as well. Jodi produces a list of the checks by name, amount, and designation and makes up the Auxiliary bank deposit slip every two weeks or as needed. Jodi does this task at the request of the auditor. The deposit is kept in a locked drawer until Cindy or Dee collects it.

After the bank deposit is done, we enter the name, amount, check number and designation into our Auxiliary QuickBooks program. The income portion of the monthly Treasurer's report reflects your check's travels. If you ever have to track down a check or have questions, just reach out to Cindy or Dee. Cindy or Dee will go to the office to look up the payment and answer any questions.

Submitted by Cindy Banducci, Treasurer

Children's Health Fair

On May 6, 2021, UPMC Pinnacle and the Auxiliary hosted the annual Children's Health Fair. This day of medical and safety education has been celebrated for more than 40 years, has been held in Brady Hall for many of those years. Due to COVID guidelines, the 2020 event was converted to a video program. UPMC Pinnacle staff recorded their presentations, which were then sent to the surrounding school districts to be shown to more than 1,200 area third graders.

For 2021, the creative minds are at it again and are working to make a "TV show," with the program traveling from station to station where the volunteers will present the theme of that particular 11-minute segment. We'll share photos in the summer newsletter.



Teri Jakob (right) works at the UPMC vaccine clinics and administered both Moderna vaccines to Christy Leo (left) during a Bloom Building Clinic.

Bailey House Happenings



Rebekah Leiphart (left) presents Tania Srouji (right) with a donation to Bailey House

The Bailey House remains closed due to COVID guidelines, but needs are being met by placing family members in nearby hotels. Plans are underway for a third-quarter reopening, dependent on guidelines in place at the time. A new House Manager will be hired; repairs will be made; supplies and household goods will be replenished,

and a general refreshing will be done to welcome guests in a few months.

Tania Srouji, Bailey House Chair, gave Rebekah Leiphart, a representative from the Shipoke Neighborhood Association, a tour of Bailey House in February. Rebekah was there to present a \$200 donation from the Association on behalf of the neighborhood. The Association also did a write-up in their newsletter that goes out to every home in Shipoke, sharing information about Bailey House with the neighbors, including the need for donations of personal care items and non-perishable food items.

Thanks for making this happen, Tania!!

Luxury Raffle

Your Auxiliary held a pop-up event in February, a Luxury Valentine's Weekend Raffle. This fundraising event was made available by the generosity of Muscalus Furs, the Harrisburg Hilton, and DiaMonté Jewelers. One winning ticket was for a beautiful lady's mink jacket, a dinner and overnight stay at the Hilton, and a \$250 jeweler's gift certificate. Proceeds from this event went to the Auxiliary's general operating budget to further our good work in the community.

The drawing was held at Muscalus Furs on Friday, February 12 with the committee present and two of our generous sponsors. Teri Jakob set us up to do the drawing "live" via Zoom. The happy winner was Kelley Kauffman! This event raised \$7,200. Thanks to all of you who purchased a raffle ticket in support of the Auxiliary.

And many thanks to Ron Cohle of Muscalus Furs, Joe Massaro from the Harrisburg Hilton, and David and Leonora Bronshtein of DiaMonte Jewelers for their generosity.

The team that put this event together was Anita Rash, Dimitri Zozos, Jan Lang, Teri Jakob, and Lynn Graham. Time well spent!!



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SAVE THE DATE

CHIC PHANTASTIQUE
FASHION SHOW

Thursday, November 4, 2021

**“Where
flowers bloom
so does
hope.”**

Lady Bird Johnson

**“To plant a
garden is to
believe in
tomorrow.”**

Audrey Hepburn