



Volunteer's Voice

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Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary is a fellowship of volunteers dedicated to supporting each other, the hospital, its patients and the community.

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Beglau

June 1—30, 2020

Revenue:

Cast Off (open 4 days)	8,061.11
Rental	1,218.29
Membership	1,360.00
Donation Jar	65.00
Interest Income	1.23
Total Revenue:	10,705.63

Expenses:

Cast Off	1,524.59
Administration	193.11
Total Expenses:	1,717.70

Net Income: 8,987.93

Union Bank: 28,890.88

Money Market: 30,551.58

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President's Message — Karen Curry

We are beginning a new fiscal year, 2020/2021, for the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary, and under extraordinary circumstances. Never before have we dealt with a Pandemic that closed our business for three months and we survived it because we are financially strong. Judy led us through this most difficult time with such bravery and she communicated with the membership on a regular basis.

When it finally became apparent that we could reopen the Cast Off, Patti Heinrich shared with us information that is required by Mono County. Thank you, Patti! Then, Diane took the bull by the horns and filed with the county and so many things had to come together in order for us to reopen. Thank you, Diane!

We are up and running! What I find so amazing is that we are open two days a week and our staffing is really strong. This new process requires so much more work, but we are managing well. Like the cliché, "this is the new normal!"

One of the requirements for reopening is a special Plexiglass shield at the register to protect our cashiers and keep them safe. Shirley Parker provided us with a brand new piece of Plexiglass! Thank you, Shirley! E.L. Smoogen built us the most beautiful shield, so custom and

so perfect! It accommodates the credit card machine while fully protecting our cashiers. Thank you for your expertise and craftsmanship, E.L.!

We had a Clean Up Day just prior to reopening and I want to thank everyone who participated: Carolyn, Sharon, Cindy, Diane, Alisa, Kat, Penny, Paul, Dick and me! The store sparkled when we finished!

I also want to thank Scott for being there nearly every day and taking care of little and big things during our closure! You're the best!

And, finally, our Installation Luncheon and General Meeting was a splendid affair held on the patio of Rock 'n' Bowl. We all social distanced and wore masks! (See photos on pages 7 and 8.) We had the most delicious lunch following the meeting prepared by our very own Chef, Jan McPherson! Kudos and a big thank you for such a wonderful and delightful time!



Outgoing President's 2019—2020 Year-End Report — Judy Bornfeld

I would like to THANK each one of our dedicated and generous MHA volunteers for their continued commitment in completing another successful and challenging year. Talk about challenging...scary and frightening...the strength and grounding of oneself to the "NEW" normal has and is a continuing challenge for each one of us. We are a cornucopia of life; we fuel ourselves with giving and receiving the strength, support, energy and genuine caring of each other. Your dedication, outpouring of caring, support and love this past year have meant the world to me and it is greatly appreciated! You've ALL been there for me and the Auxiliary when I've needed you the most. I will continue to be there for each one of you. You have given me the opportunity and the gift of being your President these last few years. I have been honored and grateful for each one of you. We continue to live up to our Mission Statement: ***"THE MAMMOTH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY IS A FELLOWSHIP OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING EACH OTHER, THE HOSPITAL AND ITS PATIENTS, AND THE COMMUNITY."***

P.S. Thank you MHA for your thoughtful note and very generous Gift Card. I've been extremely honored and feel appreciated by each one of you. Also, I want to thank Mammoth Hospital for their thoughtful note and the generous Gift Card from Blue. It has been such a rewarding experience and pleasure working with the Hospital, seeing and feeling how our relationship has grown and will continue to thrive. Enjoy each and every day. Life is precious!

Hugs, Judy

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT—Judy Bornfeld: This year has been a very challenging year for me as your President. Yet, you have each been there to pick up the pieces when I was not available to be there for you. A GIANT THANK YOU WITH DISTANCE HUGS! We've accomplished a great deal this past year. We have continued to achieve our goals and strive to be the best with the normal and abnormal COVID-19 pandemic challenges of running a business and we continue to be the cream of the crop! Just take a look at what we've all accomplished as a team. We chose to close the Cast Off for the safety of our Volunteers and the Community on March 12 due to the COVID-19 virus and to reopen with the safest of guidelines on June 20. Just stop for a moment and take a deep breath and think about what we've been and are presently going through in this worldwide pandemic crisis and how we are surviving and trying our very best to keep positive and make the most of it. Good job you ALL! I've enjoyed being your President, along with your caring and guidance. I've also enjoyed working on the Scholarship Committee, the Budget Committee, creating outdoor signs for the Cast Off, helping Jan McPherson (she's the HERO) organize our Appreciation Luncheon and hopefully, being there for each of you and a good listener. Thank you for this privilege of being your MHA President; it has been a real honor!

VICE PRESIDENT & CAPITAL OUTLAY—Lorrie Gould: Lorrie has served in this position for the past four years and she has been the liaison between the MHA Board and Mammoth Hospital. She has attended MHA Board and SMHD meetings. She has covered for me as President when I was not available. Lorrie worked with Sarah Rae, CEO assistant, Andrew Crosby, Materials Manager, and CEO, Tom Parker. This year MHA contributed a total of \$197,000.00 to Mammoth Hospital: \$175,000.00 to the hospital for Capital Outlay equipment (Video Laryngoscope \$17,698.42; Fluent Fluid Management System & Hysteroscopy tray, \$47,948.77; various lifesaving equipment and supplies to combat COVID-19, \$109,352.81); \$20,000.00 for Continuing Education Grants; \$2,000.00 for Community Health Programs. Also, Lorrie is a Saturday Cashier, a Cashier Day Floater and she coordinates our greeting cards and is a co-signer

of checks. I know that the hospital has really appreciated working with her. Thank you, Lorrie, for a great job!

SECRETARY—Sara Knadler: Sara has served as Secretary for this year. She does the monthly Board meeting and the General meeting minutes. She provided copies or emailed to all of the officers in a timely manner, as well as keeping the Corporate Record Book. Sara is the Scholarship Chair, a Cashier and a Day Floater. Thank you, Sara, for doing a great job in presenting really clear and precise minutes and coordinating the Scholarships and the committee. Terrific job Sara!

TREASURER—Diane Beglau & Assistant Penny Bourne: Diane does a top-notch job of continuing to maintain our books, pay our bills on time and provide accurate and complete reports for the Board and General membership. Penny assists Diane in some of the Treasury duties. Diane presides at our Annual Budget Meeting and she is the watch dog for all of the finances within the Auxiliary. Also, Diane is on the Scholarship Committee and has had the GIANT job of working with our credit card machines and new security system. And in Diane's spare time, she organizes and prices the jewelry for our special wonderful sales. Diane, I don't know what we would do without your talent. You're great! And Penny, thank you. I really appreciate your knowledge with numbers! Great Team!

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT—Karen Curry: Karen attends Board, General and Cast Off meetings and I appreciate her input and support. Karen is Monday Day Chair and a Saturday organizer. She is the Nominating Committee Chair and she and her Committee have been able to have the present terrific Board continue for another year, with one exception – she is stepping up to become our new 2020-2021 President. A GIANT THANK YOU KAREN. I just know you'll be fantastic! We ALL really appreciate you taking on this special job of the President. She is on the Scholarship Committee, Blood Drive, cleans all the stuffed animals, co-signer of checks for MHA and keeps track of the building's keys. Also, Karen and Roger bring items into the store after hours and break-up stuff, take blankets to the Animal Shelter and haul stuff away. Karen and Roger, thank you for you and your tireless energy and caring. Great & Incredible Team!

PARLIAMENTARIAN—Jan McPherson: Jan is one of those multi-talented people who takes on many jobs within the MHA and does them ALL well! Jan attends Board, General and Cast Off meetings, updates the Officer Procedure Books, Cast Off Handbooks, By-Laws, Standing Rules, Price Books, maintains the Membership Data Base, makes clever and clear in-store signage, sits on the Scholarship committee and makes up spreadsheets for them. Whatever needs updating, Jan sees it and completes it! Also, Jan is the Monday Co-Chair and Records Archivist. She prepares our informative and fun monthly Volunteer's Voice, prepared our Special Appreciation & Installation Luncheon on the outdoor patio of Rock 'n' Bowl and she planned and installed our new Board of Officers. Super job, Jan. Thank you for you!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE—Kathryn Adkins: Kathryn is a Day Floater and attends the Board meetings. We appreciate Kathryn very much for when she is in town. Congratulations, newlywed! You're terrific!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE—Michael Bornfeld: Michael handles and guides us with any legal questions and I really appreciate him being there for all of us. Thanks Michael!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE—Gail Miller: Gail attends the Board and General meetings and is the Saturday Co-Chair as well as a Day Floater. Also, Gail organizes the shoes, scarves, hats, and bags up our overflow of donations and takes them to the Bishop Thrift stores. Gail, thank you for your generous gift of time and energy at the Cast Off. You're the Best!

MEMBER-AT-LARGE—Vicki Mobley: Vicki attends Board and General Meetings and is on our MHA Scholarship Committee. She is a Monday worker, a Day Floater and merchandises the Cast Off with quite a Decorator's flair. She has volunteered to be in charge of the Foyer. The responsibility of keeping the Foyer a welcoming, inviting and well-appointed greeting for people, so they want to shop at the Cast Off, makes a world of difference. First impressions really count! Vicki, thank you for doing a super job!

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: We have two new Members-at-Large: Shirley Parker, who is also a Tuesday Co-Chair, and Gardiner Miller who is the new Mammoth Hospital Foundation Coordinator. We appreciate you both joining the Board and look forward to working and having fun with the both of you. You're a welcome bonus!

STANDING COMMITTEES

BLOOD DRIVE (OPEN)—Due to the COVID-19 virus we did not have a Blood Drive this year. Hopefully this will change. Of all the times to have blood shortages, we definitely need to have Blood Drives and a Blood Drive Committee.

CAST OFF—The Cast Off is run by a committee of Day Chairs and Co-Day Chairs for each of the four days its open. Presently, due to COVID-19, we are only open on Tuesday and Saturday until further updates. We meet monthly to keep our business running smoothly and efficiently. This enables us to be consistent and the BEST! Thank each and every one of you for what you do, individually and as a TEAM!

Monday: Karen Curry, Day Chair & Jan McPherson,
Co-Day Chair

Tuesday: Shannon Clark & Shirley Parker, Co-Day
Chairs

Thursday: Patti Heinrich, Day Chair, Sharon Clark &
Carolyn Cook, Co-Chairs

Saturday: Sharon Johnson & Gail Miller, Co-Day
Chairs

COMMUNITY HEALTH & BABY WELCOME (OPEN)

CONTINUING EDUCATION—Diane Beglau: As the MHA Treasurer, Diane works with, Kathy Romagnino, the Hospital Community Education Development Director, with a quarterly check to dispense as needed. Diane is also now working with Sarah Rae, Mammoth Hospital CEO Assistant and Grants Coordinator. The allotted funds total \$20,000.00. Thank you, Diane, for being on top of ALL that you do! You're great!

HISTORIAN—Penny Burdeno: Penny is our Scrapbook Specialist! Penny, with the assistance of Paul, keeps us picture perfect by taking our photos at events, at work and play so we can share them. We have a great history in our albums thanks to Penny and Paul. Penny has also taken on the responsibility of organizing the mass amount of Linens that the Cast Off receives. Beautiful job you two!

HOSPITAL SERVICE—Mary Ann Schimmel: Mary Ann heads up the Hospital Service volunteers. She maintains staffing for the Mammoth Hospital Emergency Department (ED) with a dedicated and trained volunteer staff. Mary Ann, a former nurse, is perfect for this job, so thank you! She's also a Cashier and a Day Floater. Mary Ann also takes care of cleaning and packaging the small toys for the Hospital and Dental Clinic, which is greatly appreciated! Terrific job Mary Ann!

HOURS —Franni Ferrero: Franni took this "Hours" job for this past year and has done a fantastic job of tracking and calculating all of our volunteer hours. She is also a Cashier on Thursday. Total Volunteer hours for the year 2019-2020 are 11,432 and total Volunteer hours since 1978 are 587,268. WOW! Franni, thank you for doing a great job and for honoring the Volunteers. You're terrific and appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP—Patti Heinrich & Jan McPherson: Patti and Jan share the duties of Membership. Patti orients new members, handles renewals and collects dues. Jan maintains the member database, prepares the yearly Roster and updates the Membership Recruitment Brochure. This year ended with 31 Honorary members, 5 Lifetime, 16 Patron, 3 Friend, 11 Sponsor, 40 General, 17 Supportive, 7 Junior, 4 Scholarship, 11 Hospital Employee, 11 Community Volunteer, and 4 Shadow Program. Patti and Jan, a job well done. Thank the both of you!

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE MANAGER—Scott McIntosh: Scott has been a terrific asset to the Cast Off. Whatever needs to be taken care of, we either call or text Scott! He keeps a close eye on what needs to be taken done and stops by regularly to check on the Cast Off. Scott, thank you and we really do appreciate you. You do a super job!

SCHOLARSHIPS—Sara Knadler: I want to thank Sara and her terrific committee for spending countless hours reviewing applications for the High School Achievement Awards, College

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PRESIDENT'S YEAR END REPORT (continued)

Scholarships, and the new Plum Family Scholarships. Sara's committee included Diane Beglau, Judy Bornfeld, Penny Bourne, Shannon Clark, Karen Curry, Edyth Irvine, Jan McPherson, Vicki Mobley and Pat Smoogen. During fiscal year 2019-2020 we had the honor of awarding \$15,000.00 in College Scholarships, \$4,100.00 to 41 High School Seniors, \$10,000.00 to 5 High School Seniors for the Plum Family Scholarship, and \$8,000 to 4 renewing Plum Family Scholarship recipients. Great job Sara and your terrific Committee. Many thanks to each one of you! Also, I want to send out a thank you to Kim Dudley from the High School and Sarah Rae from the Hospital for helping us with organizing all of the applications for our volunteer committee of nine. You're the best!

SUNSHINE—Sharon Clark: Sharon sends out cheery notes to those of us who are ill, injured, had surgery or have lost a loved one. She also writes a monthly Sunshine Update Column for the newsletter. Think Positive! A big thank you to you, Sharon, for your caring thoughts!

CAST OFF COMMITTEES

BOOKS—Paul Burdeno & Sterling Claus: Paul and Sterling keep our bookshelves well stocked with interesting books, CD's and DVD's. They keep the display area well organized and easy to access. Thanks go out to the two of you. Good job!

CAST OFF SUPPLIES—Carolyn Balliet: Carolyn continues to keep the Cast Off well stocked with all of our necessary supplies. She also takes some of our overflow of donations to other areas. Carolyn, thank you for all that you do!

ELECTRONICS—Al Heinrich, Dennis Brown, Dick Baggett & Pastor Toledo: Each of you bring a special talent to maintain our Electronics Testing Room. You test each piece of equipment that has been donated—cleaning, pricing and putting items out for sale to our customers. You each do an amazing job. Thank you!

GREETING CARDS—Lorrie Gould: Lorrie is doing an amazing job of organizing and keeping our Greeting Card display well stocked. Lorrie had the great idea of taking our overstock of cards and stationery to the Retirement Homes in Bishop. Lorrie, good thinking and thank you. The display looks terrific!

HOLIDAY ROOMS—Terry Sampson: Terry does an outstanding job of organizing the "Holiday Rooms." These rooms used to be a nightmare, beware! Now, thanks to Terry, they're quite manageable. You can actually walk into both rooms. Thank you, Terry. You've done a great job!

HOSPITAL TOYS—Mary Ann Schimmel: Mary Ann sorts, cleans and bags small stuffed animals for our small patients at the Hospital, whether they're in the ED, Dental Office or a Hospital room. This cheers up our tiniest patients and gives them some comfort. Mary Ann, thank you for you and your gentle, caring, wonderful job!

KATIE'S KORNER—Patti Heinrich: Patti outdoes herself with her research and pricing of the many antiques and collectibles that are donated for Katie's Korner. Patti maintains this special, very inviting room for our customers. Great job, Patti, and a big thank you!

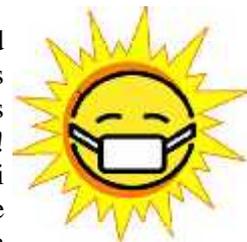
JEWELRY—Diane Beglau: Diane does an outstanding job of organizing, pricing, researching and displaying the jewelry. Diane also prepares special jewelry sales for the Cast Off at Christmas as well as other special sales during the year. I know we ALL love the special pieces that we get to buy and wear, or for a gift for someone. Thank you and your daughter Alisa, for giving us something extra special!

SHEPHERD'S FLOCK—Shannon Clark: I believe that the "The Holiday Stockings" for the babies born in December at the Hospital is beyond "Special." Can you just imagine bringing your newborn gift of life home in a giant Holiday stocking! The Flock, unfortunately, has simmered down to just a few with some moving away from Mammoth. Special thanks to Shannon Clark, Barbara Goodman, Lydia Inouye, Edyth Irvine, Pat Smoogen and Rachel Wann. Thank each one of you for what you do!

**A GIANT THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU
AND WHAT EACH OF YOU DO FROM YOUR HEARTS!!!
JUDY**

Sunshine Update — Sharon Clark

Once again, while confirmed coronavirus cases in Mammoth Lakes soar to 63, our Auxiliary Family stays well and safe....hallelujah~!! Unfortunately, one member, Franni Ferrero, did develop a miserable infection. She was prescribed a medicine that she had taken before...*but* this time her body decided the med was NOT good. Franni developed a horrid allergic reaction which put her flat on her back, in bed, for 3 days. Then she showed the bad med who was boss as only Franni can. She is once again hale and hearty. We must all continue to stay safe and stay well.

**Membership Year-End Report—Patti & Jan**

Ended the year with 127 regular members:
31 Honorary, 5 Lifetime, 16 Patron, 3 Friend,
11 Sponsor, 40 General, 17 Supportive

Ended the year with 35 other types of members:
14 Hospital Employee, 11 Community
Volunteer, 6 Shadow Program, 4 Scholarship

Hours Year-End Report—Franni Ferrero

Cast Off Volunteer Hours 2019-20	8,721
Other Misc. Volunteer Hours 2019-20	2,711
Total Volunteer Hours 2019-20	11,432
Total Volunteer Hours Since 1978	587,268

Hours by member shown on page 14.

Treasurer's Year-End Financial Report

July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020 — Diane Beglau

Total Revenue:		309,361.88
Cast Off Thrift Shop	269,451.86	
Rental Income	14,010.34	
Membership Dues	4,660.00	
Plum Scholarship	20,000.00	
Contributions	1,191.00	
Interest Income	48.68	
Total Expenses:		357,378.50
Cast Off Operating Expenses	116,131.51	
Administration	2,422.25	
Volunteer's Voice	321.76	
Restricted Gifts to Hospital	175,000.00	
Continuing Education	20,000.00	
Community Health Progs.	2,000.00	
Scholarships (includes 20,000 Plum)	33,000.00	
Student Achievement Awards	4,100.00	
Installation Luncheon (July 2019)	3,902.98	
Misc. Donations	500.00	
Net Income:		- 48,016.62

Capital Outlay 2019—2020 Year-End Report—Lorrie Gould

Video Laryngoscope	17,698.42
Fluent Fluid Management System & Hysteroscopy Tray	47,948.77
Supplies to combat COVID-19:	
2 Hamilton T1 (Ventilator)	48,882.12
5 Crossvent 3+ (Ventilator)	48,340.75
1 Case of Circuits for Crossvents	620.00
7 Caire Companion 5 (Oxygen) Concentrator	5,090.00
6,000 Surgical Masks	4,407.19
6 Cepheid SARS-CoV-2 Tests	<u>3,382.81</u>
Total	110,722.87
Auxiliary Paid Portion	<u>109,352.81</u>
	175,000.00
Continuing Education Grants	20,000.00
Community Health	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL GIFTS FOR 2019-2020:	197,000.00
TOTAL GIFTS TO DATE 1978-2020:	4,612,079.06

What's Happening @ the Cast Off?



From the Day Chairs & Co-Chairs

Monday—Karen Curry

Currently, we are closed on Monday and it has become a mini work day with all volunteers welcome. Penny and Paul come on Monday and get Linens and Books sorted, marked and put out. Paul made an improvement to the book display area. He removed the records that occupied the bottom compartments of a large display unit (it attracted dumping of trash) and built cool display racks for “coffee table” books! It looks amazing! Please check it out. Even though Monday is closed, a lot of Monday volunteers work on Tuesday. Recently, Diane collected beach themed items, like folding chairs, a hammock, and many gardening supplies. She decorated the front of the store, outside, with all of these items and it looked beautiful and so inviting! The customers who were lined up outside waiting for the store to open, sat on the chairs. Throughout the day, Diane sold many of the chairs, the hammock and other small items! Way to merchandize, Diane!

Tuesday—Shirley Parker

Tuesday is running smoothly. I so appreciate everyone who makes Tuesday happen. Al, Patti, Diane, Karen, Omi, Cindy, Carolyn, and usually Sharon, Shannon, Pat, Linda, Gisela and Dick. An amazing, hard-working crew. We had a customer on Tuesday who held the line up with all her treasures and when she was told the total she showed her fifty dollar bill and said this is all she had with 8 people in line behind her and 15 people waiting to get in. All I have to say is, Gisela took care of the situation. We still need to express the importance of no kids allowed. And volunteers, no socializing on the floor with customers unless you are maintaining a safe distance.

Thursday—Sharon Clark

Long, *long* time ago...we used to have Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat Cast Off crews. But times and life as we know/knew it...changed. Now, we have **TWO** Cast Off crews...and lots of small 'work-day' crews. Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 'work-day' crews come and leave at different hours. Working without customers, they attempt to 'catch-up' with donations left/thrown away when store is NOT open by sanitizing some good, saleable *hard* incoming items before bringing them into sorting table. Any *hard* items not worth keeping are put in dumpster. Bags of *soft* items, clothes, etc., are immediately pitched. Soft donations deposited/thrown away by irresponsible people when our sign clearly say: NO donations TODAY are obviously not worth keeping.

Saturday—Karen Curry

Since we've only been open on a few Saturdays (we closed on the 4th of July), we are finally beginning to get into a good routine. It really helps when we have a big crew as there are so many more steps that are required for handling the donations coming in: storing soft goods for 72 hours and sanitizing all hard goods. Having a small cleanup day on Friday also helps get the store ready to open. Clothing that was sitting since Tuesday can now be sorted and hung up. Same with linens! Last Saturday, all clothing and shoes were on sale for \$1.00 each and it was a very successful day!

“To wear or not to wear.
That is the question.”



Odds & Ends

From Sharon Clark:

A group of Auxiliary members, Diane Beglau, Shirley Parker, Al Heinrich and E.L. Smoogen decided we needed more stable protection for anyone working at or near the Cash Register. This project, like others that occur at Cast Off, where members see a need, they step up to the plate and make it happen. These folks got together and built a huge clear plastic protection device for Cashiers. Diane determined appropriate measurements for the shield; Shirley provided the big piece of plastic; Al took the plastic to E.L. In his workshop, E.L. designed and built a sturdy, very attractive and very effective shield. Then Al and E.L. brought the finished device back to CO and installed it. A huge *Thank You* to Diane, Shirley, Al and E.L. for a necessary project to keep our Cashiers as safe as possible.

From Suzanne Nottingham:

PLEASE WEAR MASKS PROPERLY!!! We have wonderful community support for our 'rules' to enter the store, which are in perfect compliance with all guidelines. Consistency of our efforts is keeping us, as volunteers, safe! Something I noticed when manning the front door is people pulling their masks down off their noses. Our social responsibility is not only to protect ourselves but includes protecting our customers. Brand new research has indicated that COVID-19 enters through the nose and out through the mouth. Also, we now know that loose masks with air gaps are absolutely NOT effective protecting us from the virus. We should consider not allowing customers in with air gaps. Please remember to remind everyone to pull the masks up over their noses and tighten them.

More from Suzanne:

WELCOME TO A NEW VOLUNTEER! We have a new volunteer who is proving to be a shining star of positivity, Shirley Parker! She is a match for our volunteer team, beautiful on the inside and out, just lovely to work with. She donated a painting on Tuesday. I didn't know it was from her but, when I saw it, it took my breath away so I purchased it. It's a California Western scene of cowboys rounding up bulls. With a few minor condition issues, I wish to thank her for bringing something of such quality in substance to the Cast Off. Here is a picture of it. What I love as a volunteer is when we all bring our best stuff in. Shirley represents who we all are as people and I wish to welcome her.



From Scott McIntosh, Property Manager:

Direct Connections will train us and provide written instructions on how to operate the new security system cameras. We must see the faces and the vehicle license plate in order to go after the violators. He is working with the police department to come up with an amount to fine those that are illegally dumping. It is \$100.00 to haul the items to the dump. He is also looking into purchasing an awning for the back of the building so volunteers receiving donations do NOT have to work in the hot sun.

From Michael Bornfeld:

He spoke to Dave Easterly the new Rotary president. They are looking for a summer project and will volunteer to help at The Cast Off this summer.

From Judy Bornfeld:

She has ordered sandwich board signs to be placed in front and in back of the building which states if it is an allowable day to drop off donations or not. They will be in Spanish and in English. We are having work days on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Salvadore is cleaning Saturdays after we close.

From the Kayakers:



**Can you guess who is kayaking
on beautiful Lake Mamie?
Life is good!!!**



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting and Installation/Appreciation Luncheon were definitely different this year! Due to COVID-19 we weren't sure we could actually have a meeting, let alone how or where. Then our next door neighbor, Mammoth Rock 'n' Bowl, graciously allowed us to use their open-air back deck with gorgeous views of the mountains. We were able to social distance with masks and conduct this very important meeting to elect and install our new Board for the coming year and approve our 2020-2021 budget. As you can see in the photos, the masks did come off for lunch. We were even visited by someone in an orange suit and scary face covering. With things so different this year, we somehow failed to take a group photo of the new Board so below is a composite for the Historian's Book.

Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary Board for 2020—2021



**Life & beer are very similar.
Chill for best results!**



Hospital News — Tom Parker, CEO



COVID-19 (C19)

C19 planning continues to be done by the Admin Team having transitioned those duties from the Hospital Incident Management Team.

June saw continued ramp up of non-C19 patients in every area of the hospital and clinics. Gross patient revenues increased significantly in June reflecting the increase in patient care volume.

PPE supplies on hand remain high with 60 plus days at surge use rates for all critical supplies needed to manage C19 patients. There is a supply shortage of rapid tests and conservation procedures are in place to prioritize their use of inpatients. Screening of all patients, staff, and patient companions continues at each entrance to the hospital and clinics. The PACU has been divided into zones to accommodate C19 positive, C19 rule-out and C19 negative patients. Jamie Sallee, Lab Manager, is working on new supplier options to provide rapid in-house testing.

The car clinic that was located at the new Specialty Clinic has been moved to, and combined with, pre-procedure testing being run out of the old specialty clinic. Cases have increased in Mono County reflecting the general increase state-wide and nationally. As of the writing of this report, no inpatients have tested positive since March.

Year-to-Date Financial Results

Total Gross Revenue of \$127.9 million is higher than budget by \$5.5 million and \$4.4 million higher than last year. Total Operating Revenue (collectable revenue) was \$87.9 million which is \$13.7 million higher than budget (mainly due to COVID and other supplements/settlements booked) and \$6.1 million higher than last year.

Total Operating Expenses of \$72.6 million are \$3.2 million higher than budget, and \$4.6 million higher than prior year. Professional Services (physician payments) are \$2.3 million over budget, mainly due to the first 8 months of high volume. Supplies are \$1.0 million over budget due to higher complex surgical cases prior to the COVID19 pandemic. These two above are offset by a \$354,000 favorable Salaries and Benefit net expense.

Year to date preliminary Net Gain of \$16.3 million (18.6% total margin) which is \$11.1 million higher than budget and \$1.4 million higher than last year.

Provider Recruitment

Chelsea Brown has started work as a PA in orthopedics.

Dr. Andrew McAlpin, Internist, visited the hospital and interviewed with clinical and administrative staff. Both parties continue to show interest in his candidacy for working in the Family Medicine Clinic.

Dr. Mike Bryan will join Dr. Tim Cragun starting in November 2020, and the two will provide dermatology services every month of the year.

Clinics

We have transformed the old specialty clinic into a sick clinic for all aspects of hospital operations. This clinic now serves as a location for patients to be seen through a car visit and in an exam room as necessary. The lab performs swabs for surgery patients there as well as patients referred by the public health department for tracer testing.

With the completion of the specialty clinic and the easing of restrictions on which clinic patients may be seen, it is anticipated the Bridge clinic will be able to start seeing patients. The hospital has X-waivered providers in place, behavioral health, and a substance use navigator in place.

Human Resources/Marketing/Foundation

We continue to have office staff work from home when they can. We anticipate this will continue for quite some time. We still have some departments that are heavily impacted by the school and childcare closures.

Sarah Vigilante and I have been meeting with Craig Albright and Debbie Teller from Mammoth Mountain. We are working together to create a MOU for collaboration on Kids Corner Childcare Center.

The Foundation has raised \$38,385 through the COVID19 relief fund. The Crowley Lake Run this year will raise funds to be donated to the Hospital Foundation.

The Cancer Outreach Committee has decided to hold a modified golf tournament on Friday, September 25, 2020. This tournament will have a staggered start to ensure no congregating at the start and there will be no group meals. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue to raise the funds needed for patients seeking cancer treatment at facilities outside of Mammoth.



Birthdays for August

8/2	Sue Stavlo	8/14	Helen Shepherd
8/3	Debbie North	8/18	Ron Wann
8/4	Maxine Shepherd	8/23	Karen Curry
8/9	Gisela Sellinger	8/26	Paula Plum
8/11	Kathleen Alo	8/28	Diane Beglau
8/13	Bill Curtis		

**MAMMOTH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HOURS
YEAR END SUMMARY JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

Adkins, Kathryn	83	Hope, Barbara	28
Baggett, Dick	306	Hospital Volunteers	77
Balliet, Carolyn	142	Hoy, Michelle	42
Bauer, Mary Jo	60	Johnson, Sharon	91
Beglau, Alisa	10	Knadler, Kayla	23
Beglau, Diane	148	Knadler, Sara	531
Beglau, Kat	16	Lemon, Lenore	61
Boccia, Diane	30	Mannatt, Robert	3
Bornfeld, Judy	923	McPherson, Jan	715
Brown, Barbara	72	Meyers, Donna	113
Brown, Dennis	54	Millan, Carlene	23
Buchholz, Gail	92	Miller, Gail	543
Bucknam, Linda	125	Mobley, Vicki	249
Burdano, Paul	193	Morin, Jan	14
Burdano, Penny	255	Nottingham, Suzanne	35
Clark, Shannon	203	O'Sullivan, Gail	115
Clark, Sharon	302	Parker, Shirley	133
Claus, Carole	46	Podawiltz, Cathy	47
Claus, Sterling	51	Patel, Rajenton	23
Community Vols	12	Roberts, Marianna	36
Cook, Carolyn	447	Rogers, Peggy	81
Curry, Karen	610	Sampson, Terry	17
Curry, Roger	1343	Schimmel, Mary Ann	55
Dagan, Karen	156	Sellinger, Gisela	246
Ferrero, Franni	71	Shadow Program	23
Fontana, Susy	139	Shugart, Lisa	61
Fulkerson, Dale	62	Smooogen, Pat	197
Fury, Robert	9	Solario, Jorge	45
Garcia, Etelvina	138	Strazdins, Shirley	96
Garcia, Yolanda	24	Toledo, Pastor	21
Good, Sharon Thomas	85	Tollefson, Lindsay	6
Gould, Lorrie	317	Wann, Rachel	8
Hasle, Willi	56	Wilson, Cindy	19
Heinrich, Al	350	Wilson, Sabrina	6
Heinrich, Patti	719		

Cast Off Volunteer Hours 2019-20	8,721
Other Misc. Volunteer Hours 2019-20	2,711
Total Volunteer Hours 2019-20	11,432
Total Volunteer Hours Since 1978	587,268

National Thrift Shop Day!

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

The Cast Off won't be open on the actual Thrift Shop Day but will be open the following day, Tuesday, August 18. Perhaps Tuesday will decide to do something special for the day.

A snow globe of San Francisco, a pair of barely used skis, clothing galore and enough housewares to fill a few houses with plenty left over. These are just some of the of things you find in thrift stores.

Thrift shops have existed in the world for a long time. They're usually created to assist others by offering cheaper prices on used wares and as a fundraiser for organizations. Clothing was originally the start of thrift shops, however, over time they added furniture, housewares and even toys. It's a way to make some money while still helping out those with less money so they can have necessary items in their lives. Thrift stores have been a haven for those in need, and even more so for individuals just starting to get on their feet. Furniture, clothing, dishes, pots and pans, maybe even a microwave or television can be had at a thrift store for low prices.

The biggest draw for many people is the recycling of items instead of loading the landfills. The reuse of many items, specifically electronic and household objects, has seen a boom in recent years as people are becoming more aware of the effect the items have in landfills. These small purchases help. They start adding up and, as a result, people have responded by creating worldwide movements to reduce how much is going into our landfills.

How to celebrate Thrift Shop Day? Come into the Cast Off and browse the selections, find some outfits to wear and enjoy the treasure hunt! Going into a thrift store is never the same experience, and the items change constantly, especially at the Cast Off. We get new merchandise in regularly, and stock rotates out at a fast pace. Maybe you're in the market for some more jeans, or a tee shirt to wear while working in the garage. Maybe find a pair of gently worn shoes, or a hat to wear while hiking or fishing. Find a new winter coat, back to school clothes for the kids, or a set of silverware to use for a picnic. Possibly a new grill or some patio furniture? Not much isn't going to be found at the Cast Off, and what little isn't found there, you most likely wouldn't want to buy used!

Have you checked out Yelp lately??

Thank you Suzanne Nottingham for keeping the Auxiliary and the Cast Off updated on Facebook and checking us out on Yelp! Suzanne recently posted Yelp comments about the Cast Off on Facebook. They're mostly great comments. The only negative ones are that sometimes the workers are "grumpy." Following are a few of the comments. For more, go to <https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-cast-off-mammoth-lakes>

"I love The Cast Off!! I stop by at least once a month and always leave with some awesome stuff. I bought a space heater here for \$12 that lasted all season and wasn't ridiculously expensive to run. I also bought a vcr and about 25 movies to go with it for under \$20. None of the movies I got are on Netflix! Total score! I also got a mint condition 1980s ski onesie for \$20 that would easily go for a couple hundred dollars on eBay. The staff are super nice. It's like going to a garage sale at your grandmother's house. This is one of the best thrift stores I've ever been to let alone one that's in Mammoth. The prices are spot on. Only downside is the funny hours they have but it allows them to keep the store filled with more great items." Blunt F., San Luis Obispo, CA

"I've been coming here for years. Mostly donating items and occasionally buying some things. The Cast-off is part of the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary. Its great to know that the staff are volunteers and all proceeds benefit the hospital and local community." Michael W., Los Angeles, CA

"Best Thrift store in Mammoth! I got snow boots, ski wear, socks and snow pants! All under \$50. Xmas stuff was amazing, I LOVE this thrift store can't wait until they open on Monday." Missy D., Fontana, CA

"We came here last minute because this was the only thrift store we hadn't hit on our mammoth trip. We had only 30 minutes before it closed, and as the reviews state, when they are getting ready to close, they let you know: lights off, screaming through the store, etc. but if anything it made me chuckle. THIS will for SURE be our first stop next time. Best prices, best selection, hands down." Michelle c., Hidden Hills, CA

"LOVE The Cast-Off. Great stuff and it's clean. Great prices and they always have special deals on different days. Great staff.....such nice ladies who will comment on your purchases and give you compliments. It really doesn't get any better than this!" Kelly R., Glendora, CA

"Love the store. . . . I have bought lots of items there and have also donated items as well, HOWEVER the one associate was so incredibly rude to people in line speaking loudly " ok we are closed, get in line or get out " wow ! Think she needs a different approach !!! Please urge her to seek help." Kimberly U., Silver Lake, Los Angeles, CA

"MY FAVORITE THRIFT STORE EVER!!! They have a wide selection of clothing and a cute collection of paintings. Almost all of my clothing was \$1. The workers are very friendly and help you if your hands are full. Just be sure to bring cash!" Caitlyn M., San Marino, CA

"Was in town and had to get my thrift store fix in!! Pretty nice place, everyone was very nice and helpful. Very organized too. Prices were reasonable too. Next time I come back to town I will definitely be stopping back by." Jennifer C., Fresno, CA

"Not sure why the employees are so grumpy at this place. They do have a good, wide selection of stuff. But the poor attitudes and rude employees pretty much ruin it. We found the prices to be high for a thrift shop, even for Mammoth. If I was the owner of this place I'd have a team meeting and tell the staff to greet customers, be friendly and be respectable." Colorado K. , Boulder, CO

"Everyone here is super rude and seems to have issues! I have never been so disrespected in Mammoth. Don't bother coming here. Everything is all junk anyways and over priced. I tried to see if there was any dog toys for my dog while we are staying at the Village and nothing was worth buying even temporarily. These people are not animal lovers since they tried to quick out my therapy dog multiple times. My dog was very well behaved and didn't bother anyone. So I've come to a conclusion that they are just cruel to people with a service animal. Shame on them!" Ruthie H., Los Angeles, CA

"Au contraire. The ladies could not have been nicer! Great attitudes and this place is jam packed with treasures!" Chris S., Whidbey Island, WA

COVID Contradictions

Adley Stump is a country singer and songwriter making national news for a new video... that doesn't involve singing. Stump posted a video on YouTube titled *What We Should ALL Be Doing Right Now!*." In the video, she is sporting a blazer and standing in front of fake microphones, and pretends to be updating viewers with a mock press conference on what precautions they should be taking during the coronavirus pandemic.

Adley's video has been viewed more than six million times on Instagram and YouTube and was featured on NBC's *The Today Show*. She first rose to fame as a member of Team Blake on season 2 of *The Voice*. Since then, she's opened for Blake and other stars on tour. Now she's in Nashville doing what she's really passionate about, making videos for her Facebook show, "The Adley Show." In her video Adley addresses the contradictory rules that people have been hearing on the news.

'Yeah, I really don't understand why everybody isn't following the same rules right now. They're very clear. So let's take a minute and go over them again.'

'First, you must not leave the house for any reason, unless, of course, you have a reason and then you may leave the house,' she explains. 'All stores are closed, except those that are open. And all stores must close, unless, of course, they need to stay open.'

Adley goes on to address some of the confusing misinformation about the virus, which is still a mystery to doctors and scientists around the world.

'This virus is deadly, but don't be afraid of it,' she says. 'It can only kill people who are vulnerable...and also those who are not vulnerable.'

'We should stay locked down until the virus stops infecting people, and it will only stop infecting people if enough of us get infected that we build immunity,' she continues. 'So it is very important that we get infected and also do not get infected.' But in most cases, it's days and not hours, and it needs a damp environment or a cold environment that is warm and dry.'

With parents around the country homeschooling their children during the global crisis, she also shares some information about home education.

'If you are at home, you can school your children using various portals and online classrooms unless you have poor internet, more than one child, only one computer, or you're working from home,' she explains.

'Baking cakes can be considered math, science or art,' she notes. 'If you are home educating, you can include household chores within their education curriculum.'

'And if you are home educating you may start drinking at approximately 10 a.m. every day. If you are not home educating children, you may also start drinking at approximately 10 a.m.'

During the spoof broadcast, Adley references previous beliefs about COVID-19 that have been proven not to be true.

'This virus has no effect on children except for those children in which it affects,' she says. 'The virus remains active on different surfaces for two hours or four hours — or six hours.'

When Adley addresses the use of face masks in public places, a requirement in some states, she recalls how Americans were initially told the face coverings would not protect them from the virus.



'Masks are useless at protecting you against the virus, but you still need to wear one because it can save lives. And in some cases it may even be mandatory but also, maybe not,' she says before moving on to fears surrounding grocery shortages.

'There's no shortage of groceries in the supermarket. There are simply many things missing,' she explains. 'You don't need to go buy a bunch of toilet paper, but you should buy some in case you need it.'

Adley even talks about the number of animals that have been diagnosed with coronavirus after it was previously believed they were immune to the illness.

'Animals are not affected by the virus — except for that cat that tested positive in Belgium in February, plus a couple tigers,' she says.

'The number of corona-related deaths will be announced daily,' she adds, 'but we don't know how many people are infected because we are only testing those who are almost dead to determine if that's what they will die of.'

Adley also notes that people are being told that they need to get fresh air and take care of themselves while simultaneously being warned to not go outside.

'To help protect yourself in these times you should be eating well and exercising but exercise only eating what you have at home to avoid going to the stores —unless you need toilet paper or a fence pale.'

'It's important to get fresh air but don't go to parks,' she continues. 'But do go walk in other places just don't sit down unless you are old or pregnant.'

Adley ends the press conference by saying 'no businesses will go down due to coronavirus except those businesses that go down due to COVID-19.'

'I hope this cleared up any questions about what we should and should not be doing during this time,' she says. 'Please, educate your friends and family with this information so we can remove any and all confusion.'

Adley shared the clip on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, where it quickly went viral. She made it clear that she did not write the script, which she saw on a meme. 'I had permission from the original writer of this material to adapt it for video,' she explained on YouTube. 'They did not wish to be named.'

For Your Funny Bone!

In case you have nothing else to think about.....

THINGS TO PONDER

If a poison "use-by date" expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

Why is the letter W, in English, called double U?

Shouldn't it be called double V?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

FOUR GREAT UNRESOLVED CONFUSIONS:

At a movie theater, which armrest is yours?

If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?

Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

VAGARIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

Why does the word "Funeral" start with FUN?

Why isn't a fireman called a waterman?

How come lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks have branches?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the cupboard?

Why is it called "Rush Hour" when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come noses run and feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV "set" when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Who thinks this stuff up?

I have been in isolation waaaaay too long!

Bon Appétit!

How about a cool salad on a hot August night?

Salsa Salad

2 large tomatoes, chopped

2 medium zucchini, diced

15 oz. can corn, drained

15 oz. can black beans, rinsed & drained

15 oz. can garbanzo beans, drained

1 red onion, diced

1/2 cup chunky salsa

2 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon ground cumin

2 tablespoon lime juice

1/4 cup cilantro, chopped

Combine first 6 ingredients. In a large bowl combine remaining ingredients and pour over vegetable mixture. Mix well, cover and chill 3-4 hours. Garnish with cilantro springs and avocado slices. Good with shrimp, crab or chicken added.

Shaved Zucchini with Pine Nuts & Parmesan

1/3 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon coarse salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 pounds zucchini

1/2 cup fresh basil, coarsely chopped

1/4 to 1/2 cup pine nuts

Wedge of Parmesan cheese

Whisk oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Set aside. Remove ends from zucchini. Using a vegetable peeler and working from top to bottom, slice zucchini into ribbons about 1/16 inch thick. Place ribbons in a large bowl, add basil and nuts, then dressing. Toss to coat. To serve, place on large platter. Using vegetable peeler, shave strips of Parmesan over salad.

Variation: Replace basil and pine nuts with cantaloupe and mint. Slice 1/2 a cantaloupe into ribbons and cut 1/4 cup mint leaves into thin shreds. Layer zucchini and melon on a platter. Sprinkle with mint and shaved strips of Parmesan. Add dressing just before serving.

Enjoy!

Newsletter articles are due the by the 15th of each month. Drop them in Jan McPherson's mailbox at the Cast Off or mail/email them to her at PO Box 2859, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, 760-934-5813,

Dates to Remember

August 6, Thursday	Cast Off Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Cast Off
August 11, Tuesday	MHA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Cast Off
August 17, Monday	National Thrift Shop Day
September 3, Thursday	Cast Off Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Cast Off
September 7, Monday	Labor Day
September 9, Wednesday	*MHA Board Meeting, time & location to be announced *MHA General Meeting – Annual Hospital Orientation, time & location to be announced
September 30, Wednesday	Membership renewal deadline to be included in new Roster
October 1, Thursday	Cast Off Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Cast Off
October 14, Wednesday	*MHA Board Meeting, time & location to be announced *MHA General Meeting—Capital Outlay Presentation, time & location to be announced
October 31, Saturday	Halloween

*Tentative date

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