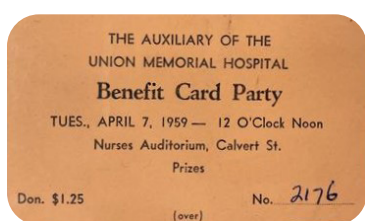


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Celebrating 70 years with the Auxiliary of MedStar Union Memorial Hospital.



Since its inception, the MedStar Union Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Inc. has been critical to the life, work, and mission of our hospital. Their inaugural fundraiser, a dessert card party, resulted in \$900 acquired for the hospital nursery. Since

then, the group has raised millions over the last 70 years, all with the goal of improving patient care. From sponsoring the hospital's Front Door Gift Shop to vendor sales, pit beef sales, and raffles, the Auxiliary's donations of these proceeds have shown their consistent and exemplary commitment. This support has included backing major projects such as the Musculoskeletal Research and Innovation Center and the Outpatient Heart Center, as well as the renovation of the cafeteria, the Curtis National Hand Center, and the Gift Shop, in addition to various other patient necessities.

Bobby Waybright, Auxiliary President and former Secretary and Treasurer, has been involved with the hospital since 2008. For her, having a heart for the Auxiliary's mission is important, as she shared, "The work is hard yet easy. Crazy, yet fun. Yet our current Board members are hardworking and really care about the hospital. ...the number one quality of being an Auxilian is that you care." When asked what inspires her to remain involved with the group, she said, "I'm always learning, and, in particular, meeting people from all walks of life in Baltimore."

Corinne Bell has been on the Auxiliary since 2005 and a board member since 2009. Her experience with the hospital has been mutually beneficial, explaining, "I feel giving back is very important, if it is good for the hospital, it is good for all. So besides helping to raise money to benefit the hospital,



I have met some great people who are now lifelong friends."

Laura Grabill, Auxiliary Secretary, first began her relationship with the hospital in 1973 as an associate, but after retiring, she wanted to

continue being engaged and started volunteering. "...I felt I wanted to give back to the institution that had given so much to me. Upon joining the Auxiliary, I found new friends and people who had a common desire to give back to MedStar Union Memorial Hospital also." Despite their different experiences, all three women share similar hopes for the future of the Auxiliary, which includes continuing to raise even more money and growing the number of members, so the goal of supporting patient care remains a priority.

From the first Auxiliary President, Caroline Buck, to Bobby, there is a decades-long history built upon critical volunteerism. Whether enlivening the halls with handbag and uniform sales or supporting associates during the COVID-19 pandemic and purchasing essential equipment, the role of the Auxiliary has been, is, and will be invaluable to our patients and hospital community. We are a better institution thanks to their hard work, generosity, and thoughtfulness, and look forward to celebrating with them at their next milestone anniversary.



Potential new Auxiliary Board members are recommended after first serving as volunteers. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact President Bobby Waybright at bawayb@verizon.net.

Congratulations to our Auxiliary on celebrating their 70th anniversary and thank you for all you do to aid and enrich MedStar Union Memorial Hospital and our patients.



Auxiliary recognized with anniversary luncheon.

A 70th anniversary luncheon honoring the Auxiliary was hosted by T.J. Senker, President; Karen Owings, MSN, RN, Vice President, Patient Care Services, and Chief Nursing Officer; and the executive leadership team of MedStar Union Memorial Hospital and MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital, as an expression of gratitude for the Auxiliary's years of exemplary service and support.

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