



WINTER 2023



President's Message

Time has flown, and we are nearing the end of 2023. As I write this President's message, I can't help but think of how lucky I am to be leading such an impactful organization as the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary. I am grateful to all my fellow Auxiliary members, members of the Board, and many generous people and businesses who support our initiatives.

After consulting with Hospital management, the Board voted on the following strategic direction for the Auxiliary:

One in person fund raising event a year
Daffodil Day
Raffle Calendar
Annual Meeting in June

Our first in-person event since the Winter Affair of 2020 took place at Vesper Country Club in October. (*More on Casino Night in this newsletter.*)

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It is difficult to say goodbye to Taste of the Town, our signature event for almost 50 years, but the time has come. I want to thank all the restaurants, caterers, food service vendors, and volunteers who supported Taste of Town. You all made those events special, and I got to try dishes I likely never would have ordered.

As you will see in this Newsletter, 2024 is shaping up to be a great year for the Auxiliary. We thank you for your continued support!

Happy Holidays,

Molly Woodland



Congratulations Jody, Pam, & Amy

At the end of September, long term Lowell General Hospital C.E.O, Jody White, retired. He was always supportive of our initiatives and always made time to attend our events.

You can't mention Jody without thinking of Pam White, a long-time member of the Auxiliary and our Treasurer for years. Thank you, Pam White. We will miss you.





Congratulations to Amy Hoey, President, Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital now has the reins. We are delighted to congratulate Amy on her promotion and look forward to working with her.



Congratulations Jody on reaching this milestone! It's been great to work with you!







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Roll the Dice, Spin the Wheel, Deal the Cards

After a three and a half year hiatus due to COVID, the Auxiliary held its first in-person fund raising event on Thursday evening October 26th at Vesper Country Club.



Guests were greeted at the door with a glass of champagne donated by Jimmy Young. Old friendships were renewed, and new friendships made in the lobby where passed hors d'orves were served. Gamblers and non-gamblers anxiously waited for the Casino doors to open. Each guest was given \$1,000 in chips to wager as they saw fit.

The ballroom doors opened and within minutes spaces at the blackjack table, roulette wheel, and poker table were at a premium. Guests were also treated to a variety of food offerings that lined the walls of the ballroom. Desserts were donated by Tavern in the Square.

When the gaming stopped, winnings were exchanged for raffle tickets and the drawing to see what was won began. All proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of an isolette for the Hospital's Special Care Nursery. An isolette, is a specialized crib for infants that allows medical staff to continue to work on the infant while the infant is being transported from one department to another. *(see photo below)*

The Auxiliary is most grateful to Grant Thayer and Casino Night Boston for his guidance in hosting this event. Special thanks to Anne Marie Sousa and Susan Dionne for co-hosting this event.

This was our first Casino night and based on the feedback we will be hosting another next September 2024. Stay tuned for more details!

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Isolette for the Hospital's Special Care Nursery



Auxiliary Board Members

Molly Woodland, President Alison Burns, Recording Secretary Paula Leavitt, Corresponding Secretary Deborah Trull, Treasurer

Mary Bennett Alysha Cardinale Susan Dionne Christine Fraser Maureen Howe Margaret Leighton Rebecca Reid Anne-Marie Sousa

We are always looking for good people to join the Auxiliary and for people interested in serving on the Board. If you know someone who would like to join the Auxiliary, please encourage them to do so. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary's Board please reach out to a current board member.

Annual Meeting

The Auxiliary's annual meeting was held on May 24, 2023, via Zoom. Among the business conducted at the meeting was the election of board members.

Please join us in welcoming Maureen Howe to the Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Board.



Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary Board at Casino Night 2023



Save the Date!

Please save the date for our 2024 Annual Meeting. More details to follow.

> Thursday, June 6, 2024 Vesper Country Club



Welcome New Board Member Maureen Howe



Maureen has lived in Chelmsford for 28 years with her husband and 2 daughters. She has been a realtor for 22 years and works for ERA Key Realty Services. Her commitment to community service has been an integral part of her life.



"The pivotal role that Lowell General played in my life came through my mother's journey at the Cancer Center. For three years, she received exceptional care, and witnessing the compassion, expertise, and unwavering support the medical staff provided left an indelible mark on me. Their dedication not only impacted my mother's life but also profoundly influenced my perspective on healthcare and the significance of quality treatment during challenging times. My mother's experience at Lowell General imbued me with a profound appreciation for the importance of accessible and compassionate healthcare. It ignited a desire within me to give back to an institution that not only supported my family but continues to assist countless others in their times of need.

Lowell Auxiliary Board presents a unique opportunity for me to merge my passion for community service with my admiration for Lowell General. I am eager to contribute my skills, experiences, and dedication to further the board's mission of enhancing patient experiences and supporting the hospital's vital initiatives."



Lowell General Hospital Auxiliary





January Raffle Calendar

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Perfect for gift giving or treating yourself while supporting Lowell General Hospital!		8 \$100 Cash Donated by Renee Psoinis	9 \$75 Owen & Gift Ca Donated by Molly Woo	
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8 \$100 Cash Donated by Renee Psoinis	9 \$75 Owen & Ollie's Gift Card Donated by Jason & Molly Woodland	10 \$100 Cash Donated by Brenda Baxter	11 \$50 The Establishment Gift Card & \$50 Ruffina's Gift Card Donated by The Establishment & Ruffina's	12 \$100 Cash Donated by Margaret Leighton	13 One Month Membership to Yoga on Central Square Donated by Yoga on Central Square	14 Bianco's Valentin Dinner for Two Donated by Ray Paula Leavitt
15 \$100 Cash Donated by Matt & Becky Reid	16 Irish Aran Throw (\$109 Value) & \$50 Gift Card to Good Thymes Donated by Maureen McNiff and Good Thymes	17 \$100 Cash Donated by Matt & Becky Reid	18 \$50 Evviva Gift Card & \$50 Gift Card to Max & Leo's Donated by Andrea Jackson and Max & Leo's	19 Gift Basket Donated by Chateau Merrimack Hotel & Spa	20 Bowlero Gift Voucher - Two Hours of Bowling for Five People Donated by Bowlero	21 Two Bruins Tick for 2/15/2024 @ 7 PM Donated by Tuf Medicine
22 \$100 Cash Donated by Mark & Susan Dionne	23 \$75 Burton's Gift Card Donated by Burton's	24 \$100 Parlee Farms Gift Card Donated by Parlee Farms	25 \$100 Dream Diner Gift Card Donated by Maureen McNiff	26 Stir Gift Card & Wish Boutique Gift Card Donated by Stir & Wish Boutique	27 Yeti Cooler Donated by 3rd Ave Burlington	28 \$100 Graze Gif Card Donated by Jason Molly Woodlan
29 \$100 Cash Donated by Bill & Mary Bennett	30 \$100 Market Basket Gift Card Donated by Pauline Lambert	31 \$500 AMEX Gift Card Donated by the Lowell General Hospital Executive Team				

January Raffle Calendars are now available and they make wonderful stocking stuffers! Calendars are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. They can be purchased online using this link: <u>www.lowellgeneral.org/rafflecalendar</u>

Our goal is to sell 1,000 January Raffle Calendars. Please do what you can to help us reach, or better yet, exceed our goal.



Thank you and happy holidays!



