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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEBBIE-RAND MEMORIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

VOLUNTEERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DEBBIE-RAND MEMORIAL SERVICE LEAGUE'S

## Celebration of Service and **Annual Meeting**

Join us for the awarding of service hour pins, our annual League meeting and a buffet luncheon on Wednesday, May 23 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Dawson Theater.



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# MEMBERS CORNER

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

JANUARY 2018

#### **Active Members**

General: 387

TAV: 142 | College: 65 | Life: 16

Inactive Dues-Paid Members General: 95 | College: 80

Life: 166

Total: 951

#### **Hours Report:**

#### **TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS (TAV):**

1,970.55 hours 139 TAVs

#### **COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS:**

729.95 hours 54 volunteers

#### **ADULT VOLUNTEERS:**

9,497.80 hours 371 volunteers

#### TOTAL:

12,198.30 hours 564 volunteers

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

FEBRUARY 2018

#### **Active Members**

General: 387

TAV: 125 | College: 63 | Life: 16

Inactive Dues-Paid Members General: 104 | College: 89

Life: 166

Total: 950

#### **Hours Report:**

#### **TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS (TAV):**

1,551.60 hours 128 TAVs

#### **COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS:**

763.19 hours 65 volunteers

#### **ADULT VOLUNTEERS:**

9,945.76 hours 381 volunteers

#### TOTAL:

12,260.55 hours 574 volunteers

#### March Volunteer of the Month



Ilse has led an interesting life. She was born in Vienna, Austria, leaving the country when she was twelve years old, and eventually relocating to England. She met her husband during WWII when working as a RAF Flight Mechanic. Her

son and daughter were born in England. A move to the United States in 1956 brought her and her family to Detroit, Michigan. She received training and certification as a dental assistant and served as President of the Michigan Dental Assistant Association.

Ilse and her husband moved to Boca Raton in 1983. She began her D-RMSL Volunteer service in January 1992 and has earned over 5,400 hours. Ilse volunteers on the 6th and 8th floors, helping the nurse assistants with a variety of duties and making up discharge folders. She chose to volunteer out of gratitude for the care her husband received, for the interaction with people, and because she likes helping others. Her other volunteer experience includes providing office support services for her Temple, and taking students to the March of the Living.

Ilse has two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She used to enjoy a game of golf and still enjoys reading in her spare time.

#### **April Volunteer of the Month**



Andrew is a native Floridian, born and raised in Boca Raton, and the middle child of five siblings. He is a junior at Nova Southeastern University majoring in neuroscience with a double minor in chemistry and business. His goals and aspirations include admission

into Florida Atlantic University's medical school. Toward that end, Andrew is doing genomic and pancreatic cancer research at Nova, and has over 900 hours as a D-RMSL Volunteer. He wants to specialize in anesthesia and practice one day at Boca Regional.

Andrew volunteers in the Hospital's Emergency Department. He began his volunteer experience as a D-RMSL Teenage Volunteer in his junior year in high school. Shortly after becoming a volunteer, he reached out to practitioners to shadow, accruing 300 shadowing hours to date. He volunteers as a peer mentor for other freshmen in college, tutors elementary students in science subjects, and is involved in nonprofit community service projects. He has also volunteered with the Give Kids the World, a foundation which helps terminally-ill children.

#### **Welcome New Volunteers**

Francia Alexis Alexandria Alonso Susie Alzate Alex Antiqua Andrea Carriles Michelle Chaban Jena Chatlos Ayse Demircan Ashley Diaz Gabrielle Dixon Suzanne Fisher

Alexis Foxman Else Francois Evelin Garcia Jessica Gutstein Paula Hemmings Cindy Hiskell Autumn Hromada **Brittney Jones** Ashley Kash Helen Klebanoff Skyler Leaphart

Harry Levy Alexandra Made Moselie Metinor Elmanny Mondesir Joan Owen Kathleen Parisi Miredith Pimentel Silva William Ragusa Neal Ramim Mary Ellen Roderick Carolina Rodriguez

Sydney Rotman Sondra Servais Jared Shouppe Ana Torres Eileen Veloz Valelrio Marckyana Vesseau Gabrielle Webb Irene Wiener Mark Wilcock



Making Headlines

Making Headlines is an effort to keep all of our employees, physicians and volunteers informed about news regarding the Hospital.

This section provides you with a list of recent press releases that have been submitted to the media, as well as to our local civic leaders and government representatives.

To review any of our press releases online, visit BRRH.com. You'll find all of our current announcements on the home page.

#### February 12, 2018

FAU Approved for Neurology Residency Program

#### February 14, 2018

Mindful Boca 2018 Kicks Off the Year to a Sold Out Crowd

#### February 20, 2018

Lynn Cancer Institute Director of **Oncology Support Services Receives** National American Cancer Society Honor

#### February 21, 2018

Physical Therapist at Boca Regional Receives Recognition from National Multiple Sclerosis Society

#### March 8, 2018

Boca Raton Regional Hospital **Announces Potential Partner List** 



#### A Message from **Your President**

April is National Volunteer Month. Throughout the nation we will pause to recognize and celebrate individuals who

donate their time and energy in the spirit and tradition of volunteerism. Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League volunteers carry on that tradition. Through your service, you are continuing the extraordinary legacy of our founder Gloria Drummond and her dedicated volunteers who raised funds to build a hospital for its community. That Hospital has grown from a capable community healthcare provider to a nationally ranked medical center with 400 beds, over 2,800 employees, 800 primary and specialty physicians on staff and 600 plus active volunteers.

Our volunteer program is second to none. We take great pride and find satisfaction in our service. Boca Raton Regional Hospital recognizes the remarkable contributions of our volunteers in many ways. On April 17, the Hospital will host the annual D-RMSL Luncheon at Boca West Country Club where we will celebrate our Volunteers of the Month and the announcement of Volunteer of the Year. Last June the Hospital established a steering committee to explore the possibility of a strategic partnership with a major healthcare provider. The committee includes hospital board members, community and medical staff leaders and volunteers. I am honored to represent the League as a voting member of the Hospital's board of trustees and steering committee. Only one other known hospital in Florida has a volunteer as a voting member of its board of trustees. Potential partners that have visited the Hospital in recent weeks have all commented on our outstanding community culture of care. As volunteers, we are part of that community. We are part of the team.

In our role as volunteers, it's the small things that make a difference. You may well be a patient or visitor's first or last contact with the Hospital. Let's continue to ensure that those contacts are always positive and upbeat with a smile on our face and in our voice. Strive to always reflect the spirit of volunteerism with kindness, compassion and selflessness to those we encounter in service. Thank you for all you do.

- Sherry Thomas, President of the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League

#### **Board of Trustees Nominees**

The Nominating Committee has selected for election, the slate of nominees listed below for election by the D-RMSL Board of Trustees for service on the 2018 - 2021 Board:

Neil Olmstead Ben Biordi Nona Goldstein Michelle Kirkendall Ilene Gleicher Debbie Leising

# CONGRATULATIONS

#### Volunteer of the Year Nominees

Congratulations to all of the 2017 Volunteers of the Month. The Debbie-Rand Board of Trustees, along with the Volunteer of the Month committee will select a winner for the Volunteer of the Year, to be announced at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 23 at Boca West Country Club.



JANUARY 2017:

#### Dolores Del Raso

Dolores became a D-RMSL volunteer in 2012 at the suggestion of one of the

nurses after her husband Vincent passed away while he was a patient at Boca Regional. She has worked in the Patient Library and as a Secretary in the Volunteer Office. Last year, Dolores was elected to the D-RMSL's Board of Trustees.



FEBRUARY 2017:

#### Howard Yenke

Howard joined D-RMSL in 2014 and began volunteering on the eighth

floor. He works on Wednesdays in the Surgi-Center waiting room. According to one D-RMSL volunteer who spent time as a patient, "Howard was always very professional, running the entire eighth floor."



MARCH 2017:

#### Ben Biordi

In October 2015 Ben moved to Boca Raton. Wanting to get involved in

volunteer work, he chose Boca Regional. Ben works wherever necessary, including Volunteer Services, Visitors Passes and IV Therapy. He has over 700 hours of service.



APRIL 2017:

## Jim Murphy

Jim and his wife enjoy traveling, especially since he retired last year. He

joined D-RMSL in July 2016 and has already given over 500 hours of service working Monday and Tuesday mornings in the Surgical Center Waiting Room.



MAY 2017:

#### Mary Zibelli

Mary Zibelli joined D-RMSL in 2002 and has logged over 2,000 hours of

service. She has volunteered in several areas around the Hospital including the Front Desk, IV Therapy, Endoscopy, Emergency Department and the Rockwell Suites. Mary currently enjoys working at the Surgi-Center.

PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE JUNE 2017:

Jean-Ellen Riess

Jean-Ellen Riess joined D-RMSL in September of 2014. She currently

volunteers at the Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute in the Radiation Oncology department and has logged over 700 hours of service.



JULY 2017:

#### Emon Alavi

Emon joined D-RMSL in May 2014 and has earned almost 600 hours of service.

She works in IV Therapy on Sunday mornings and Volunteer Services transporting patients on Friday nights. Emon was awarded a D-RMSL scholarship in April 2016.



AUGUST 2017:

#### Harriet Nichols

Harriet has over 7,000 hours of service, working in several areas such as the

Bistro, Surgi-Center, Scrub Shop and Gloria's Gifts. Harriet now works in the Gift Shop.



SEPTEMBER 2017:

#### Don Salas

Don began his volunteer service with Boca Regional in September of 2014.

He requested that he be able to volunteer with the doctors and nurses in the Cardiovascular ICU.

Over the past three years, Don has accrued over 1,084 hours of service and the staff have "adopted" him as one of their own.



OCTOBER 2017:

#### Nancy Coakley

Nancy began her volunteer service with Boca Regional in June of 2010. Earning

4,154 hours as a care partner, Nancy serves patients and staff in the Hospital's Emergency Room. In addition, she is a trustee on the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League Board. She has chaired the D-RMSL Anniversary Luncheon for the past several years.



NOVEMBER 2017:

#### Ruth Bonn

Ninety-one years young, Ruth has been a volunteer at Boca Raton Regional

Hospital for 27 years, accruing 5,500 service hours.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, you will find Ruth at the Hospital's Security Desk across from the Gift Shop. Her volunteer experience at Boca Regional also includes 15 years of service in the Emergency Department and the Lynn Cancer Institute. On Saturdays, Ruth also volunteers at the Mae Volen Center



DECEMBER 2017:

#### Haley Brown

Haley is a licensed Emergency Medical Technician and First Responder. Her

training is most helpful in the Emergency Department, where she serves as a volunteer. Haley also volunteers in the Nursery, assisting with the lactation program. She has accumulated over 500 hours of volunteer service.

#### TAV Spotlight

#### D-RMSL Teenage Volunteer Service Excellence Award



Margarita is a young woman who wants to save lives through a career in a medical field. She was born in Ukraine, speaks seven languages, and is interested in continuing her linguistic studies.

Margarita is a senior at Boca Raton High School where her favorite subjects are philosophy and psychology. To help her reach her medical career goal, she serves as a D-RMSL TAV in Boca Regional's Histology Lab and shadows an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Lake Worth. Margarita has been a TAV since November 2015 and has accrued over 900 service hours. She also volunteers at Morikami Park Elementary School and at a local Polish church where she tutors the Polish language. Margarita feels that her volunteer experience will help her gain the skills and knowledge

she needs to enter the medical field and to help save lives. When she is not in school or volunteering, Margarita likes to surf and draw. She also enjoys playing the piano and singing, and is a big sister to her younger sister.

## **Our Shining Stars**

Admission to Boca Raton Regional Hospital for many of our patients begins in the Emergency Department (ED). Our volunteers in ED play a vital role in supporting ED staff, focusing on the comfort of the patients and providing support to family members during what can be a stressful situation. Our Shining Stars this issue are all 30 of our ED Volunteers for making patients their priority and helping ED staff serve the high volume of patients over the past several months.



Left to Right: Marty Lambert, Sandi Eigner, Harriet Hoffman, Nancy Coakley and Andrea Morris

Manuel Ramierz

Kristian Rivera

Alonso Bolivar Nicholas Hallman Harriet Hoffman Haley Brown Patricia Horowitz Danny Bruce Vanessa Church Mervyn Hurwitz Nancy Coakley Charliz Johnson Julia Devrie Marty Lambert Susan Eigner Maria Rosa Mangino Beverly Ejhrentreu Gardenia Mayo Andrea Morris Miguel Garcia Andrew Gonedes Kristen O'Brien Flazar Greenwald Neil Olmstead

Thank you for your service to Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

Ronnie Rosen Austin Scara Joyce Schoenbaum Helen Vallerand

Mohamadhusni Zarli

Cvnthia Westman

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# MARCH / APRIL 2018 Meetings, Events & Important Dates:

PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN FRIDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

APRIL FOOL'S DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 1

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER WEEK SUNDAY, APRIL 15 –

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

**EARTH DAY** 

SUNDAY, APRIL 22



# **Urgent Care May Be An Option for You**

Boca Raton Regional Hospital reminds you that Urgent Care services can provide you with quick and convenient treatment options for a variety of conditions that require timely care but are not considered medical emergencies.

You should consider this as an option if you feel your specific problem could be cared for in an urgent care setting. Examples of when to use urgent care include: coughs/colds, sore throat, sprains and strains, rashes, lacerations, ear infections and other minor ailments.

#### Hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday: 8am – 8pm | Saturday and Sunday: 9am – 3pm.

For more information call 833.5URGENT (833.587.4368).

#### Dial 5555 for Emergencies

**REMINDER:** If you or a visitor has an emergency during your volunteer service at the hospital and a hospital staff member is not available, please dial 5555, NOT "0". The 5555 number is a dedicated emergency line and should be used in these situations. This information is also available on the back of your volunteer badge.

## Handwashing Reminder

Reminder, it is the expectation that all staff and D-RMSL volunteers must wash in and wash out of all patient rooms (even if you did not touch a patient). Regular handwashing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others. It's quick, it's simple, and it can keep us all from getting sick. Handwashing is a win for everyone, except the germs.





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#### Safety Matters: Volunteer Trivia

D-RMSL is committed to ensuring our volunteers have the knowledge needed to keep themselves and our patients safe. As part of this commitment, we will provide a safety question in each edition. These questions represent what a volunteer may be asked by The Joint Commission surveyor during a visit.

Congratulations to Rose Yarema, who correctly answered last month's question: What does the acronym P.A.S.S. stand for? The answer is Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep. Contact Aimee Yahn-Carmichael for your prize!

This edition's trivia question: What do the following acronyms stand for: H.O.B.S. and E.A.R.? The first person who emails Aimee at <a href="mailto:ayahn-carmichael@brrh.com">ayahn-carmichael@brrh.com</a> with the correct answer will win Cinemark Platinum Supersaver movie tickets. Good luck!



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