

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

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## President's Message - Ellie Randol

Spring is finally here and the first day of summer is only about a month away! This is a quiet time at The Cast Off so we should take advantage of it and do some spring cleaning to prepare for our busy summer months.

Let us all remember to thank and honor our military service folks, both those retired and on active duty, this upcoming Memorial Day Weekend. We have much to be grateful for in this great country we call home.

I visited Bonnie Zwart in Bishop at Sterling Heights on Friday, May 4th. She is very happy there and has nothing but praise for the good care she gets. She is planning to start coming back to The Cast Off on Tuesdays when her neck gets better and she is able to ride the bus up here again.

We have no general meetings in May, June or July, but you all are welcome to attend our Board Meetings at 10:00 am on the second Wednesdays of the month. Then you can observe first hand how we make decisions for our loyal members.

Note that for June only, our Board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, June 6th at 10:00 am. Then we will return to the meeting schedule for the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual picnic on August 8th at Shady Rest Park starting at noon. We will have our wonderful root beer floats once again!

Hope to see you there!

Big hugs to all! - Ellie



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## Treasurer's Report

- Barbara Brown, Treasurer

**As of April 30, 2012**

Revenues . . . . . \$22,293.88  
Expenses . . . . . \$64,229.26  
Net Revenues under  
Expenses . . (\$41,935.38)

The high expenses last month are due to the Capital Outlay payment to the Hospital.

UBC Acct. Balance 04/30/12  
. . . . . \$70,481.48  
Morgan Stanley Liquid  
Asset Account 04/30/12  
Total . . . . . \$ 95,657.67

Memorial Contributions  
. . . . . \$745.00

## Cast Off Update

-Kathryn Adkins

There is not a whole lot new at The Cast Off lately. Business and donations have been a bit slow recently and will hopefully pick up soon for the summer months. The back rooms are looking clean and well organized thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

The good news is that the new cash register has arrived and was put to good use immediately. We can now issue receipts again and tally our daily sales.

Please remember to turn off the lights. As an added reminder, Items from Katie's Korner and merchandise over \$50 must be paid on the date of purchase and cannot be put on charge slips. Please give Community Service forms to Ellie.

If you see people dumping stuff in the back that we cannot sell, please advise them that we cannot accept certain items and ask them to remove it. It is costly to the Auxiliary to have to haul these things away.

The price book is being updated so that items are not being under priced. It is important to price appropriately so ask the Day Chairperson or an experienced volunteer if you have any questions.

Thanks again and again to all who work so hard to make The Cast Off an amazing success! We sure do appreciate you and it sure has made a huge difference in our community and the hospital!

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### Thanks from Mammoth Hospital

We recently received a very nice thank you card from Mammoth Hospital for the recent purchase of the Pulse Oximetry Monitoring Machines. They really appreciate all of our hard work and generosity!

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## Membership Updates - Ellie Randol

Please note the following address change for your 2012 Roster:

Ann Louise Mims  
24415 Village Walk Place, Apt. D-314  
Temecula, CA 92562  
951-249-9695

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### Member Updates

-Ellie Randol

Jeanne's Standley's 92nd birthday is Saturday, May 26. Since she works at The Cast Off on Saturdays, I will be taking her out to lunch on Friday, May 25th at Rafter's Restaurant at 11:30 am. If you would like to join in on Jeanne's Birthday Fun and take advantage of Rafter's half price menu, please sign up at The Cast Off by May 23rd so we can let them know how many to expect. - Ellie

### HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY JEANNE!

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### Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships

The Scholarship deadline has past and our Committee will be awarding the scholarships in June. Awardees will be notified by the end of June. Thanks very much to those who volunteered to be on the Committee. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Suzanne Stokes at 760-934-5645.

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### Annual Blood Drive

By the time you get this newsletter, the Blood Drive will already be over and will have been yet another smashing success! Thanks so very much to all who baked delicious cookies and volunteered time at the Fire Station to assist the donors and United Blood Services personnel.

If you have any questions please contact Darlene Joerger at 760-920-1609 or send an email to darlene@kittredge.net.

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**Martha Stewart says:**

To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.

When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.

Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

Cure for headaches: take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.



**Maxine says:**

Buy Hungry Jack mashed potato mix. Keeps in the pantry for up to a year.

Go to the bakery!  
Hell, they'll even decorate it for you!

Celery? Never heard of it!

Take a lime, mix it with tequila, chill and drink!  
All your pains go away!

**Leftover wine??????? HELLO!!!!!!**

# Volunteer's Voice

## THE BRICK

Author Unknown

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared.

Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door!

He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister. . . please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded.

"I threw the brick because no one else would stop . . ." With tears pouring down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car.

"It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts.

A quick look told him everything was going to be okay . . . "Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

Much too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message:

"Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It is our choice to listen or not . . .

## *A Mother's Day Poem*

*- Nicholas Gordon*

*A mother's love determines how  
We love ourselves and others.  
There is no sky we'll ever see  
Not lit by that first love.*

*Stripped of love, the universe  
Would drive us mad with pain;  
But we are born into a world  
That greets our cries with joy.*

*How much I owe you for the kiss  
That told me who I was!  
The greatest gift--a love of life--  
Lay laughing in your eyes.*

*Because of you my world still has  
The soft grace of your smile;  
And every wind of fortune bears  
The scent of your caress.*

## *A Father's Day Poem*

*- Nicholas Gordon*

*Before I was myself you made me, me  
With love and patience, discipline and tears,  
Then bit by bit stepped back to set me free,*

*Allowing me to sail upon my sea,  
Though well within the headlands of your fears.  
Before I was myself you made me, me*

*With dreams enough of what I was to be  
And hopes that would be sculpted by the years,  
Then bit by bit stepped back to set me free,*

*Relinquishing your powers gradually  
To let me shape myself among my peers.  
Before I was myself you made me, me,*

*And being good and wise, you gracefully  
As dancers when the last sweet cadence nears  
Bit by bit stepped back to set me free.*

*For love inspires learning naturally:  
The mind assents to what the heart reveres.  
And so it was through love you made me, me  
By slowly stepping back to set me free.*

I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me and I'll proudly stand up next to him to defend her still today because there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA.

-Lee Greenwood, country singer songwriter

On Memorial Day, let us never forget to honor and remember those who lost their lives at war along with our veterans and those currently on active duty.



## Change Your Thinking!

Author Unknown

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room.

One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the gentleman by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the man by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days, weeks and months passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall..

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, count all the things you have that money cannot buy. Today is a gift that is why it is called the present.



## June Birthdays

- 06/03 Mary Jo Bauer
- 06/04 Tim Smirich
- 06/05 Edyth Irvine
- 06/06 Peggy Rogers, Lenore Lemon,  
Michael Bornfeld
- 06/08 Kathryn Adkins
- 06/12 Gloria Clarke
- 06/14 Paloma Ramirez
- 06/15 Laverne Austin, Katie Ritter
- 06/20 Louray McGrale
- 06/24 Gail Miller
- 06/26 Barbara Hope, Mary Jane Thomason

May you all have  
many, many more!

Happy  
Birthday



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## DAISIES

-Ellie Randol

Daisies go out to two of our faithful members!

If you come into The Cast Off on any Monday, you will find Barbara & Dennis Brown working hard as regular volunteers. They met at Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach, CA in the 1950's and were married in 1959 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. They have three children, six grandchildren and one brand new great grandchild.

Barbara joined the Auxiliary in 1998 and Dennis followed suit in 2002. Barbara has been on our Auxiliary Board for many years and has a lifetime total of 3840 volunteer hours. She was 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President in 2001, the recording secretary in 2002 and is currently serving as Treasurer. We are a big business and it is nice to have Barbara as our Treasurer and keeping accurate records of our finances. She is also a regular Monday cashier and sometimes helps with cashiering on Saturdays. Dennis can be found working in our electronics room using his skills to check out all sorts of electric and electronic items that have been donated.

Barbara and Dennis have been coming to Mammoth for many years and finally settled here in 1996 after Dennis retired from McDonnell Douglas as an Electrical Engineer. They built a beautiful home on Ranch Road and have hosted a few of our potluck lunches there. They have another home in Palm desert and take off every now and then to enjoy a different landscape, especially during the winter. Barbara is known for her Broccoli Salad which she often brings to potlucks and parties. Many of us have tried to duplicate that salad but somehow hers always tastes better. They enjoy traveling with Penny and Paul Burdeno and have presented some interesting programs from their adventures together at our general meetings on occasion.

Our thanks and gratitude goes out to Barbara & Dennis for all they do for the Auxiliary!

## Katie's Korner

- Ellie Randol

Katie's Korner keeps on rolling in good revenues and April brought in \$1261.50.

We appreciate all those who contribute to making Katie's Korner a great success.

As always, please continue to sort and set aside collectibles and antiques to be priced and displayed.

Thanks for your hard work and making an important difference!

## HOSPITALITY

- Bonnie Zwart

There is not much to report in regard to hospitality this month and there won't be for a while since there are no general meetings in the summer anymore. We can all look forward to our annual picnic in August at Shady Rest which will be a tasty potluck.

## Inspiration

You can be a better you than a pretend someone else.

Luck is preparation meeting the moment of opportunity.

Looking at your life as a class, what would you most like to teach?

Pain is an opportunity. You think you are being broken but you are being broken open.

These quotes are excerpts from Oprah Winfrey's Life Class Television Series on OWN - Cable Channel 44 in Mammoth.

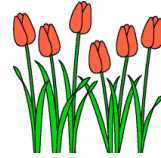
## Dates to Remember

## May 2012

### May 2012:

May 26, 27, 28:

Memorial Day Weekend!



### June 2012:

Wednesday, June 6:

Saturday, June 9:

Sunday June 17:

Wednesday, June 20:

Monthly Board Meeting at The Cast Off at 10:00 am  
 Newsletter Articles Due in Volunteer Voice Mailbox at  
 The Cast Off or by email to: [kathrynadkins@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynadkins@hotmail.com)  
 Happy Father's Day  
 Summer Solstice

### July 2012:

July 4:

Three Cheers for the Red White & Blue! Happy 4th!

### August 2012:

Saturday, August 8:

Annual Picnic at Shady Rest Park at 12:00 pm.

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