

March 2013

On February 21st the V.I.A. hosted a reception at the James-Lorah Memorial Home to introduce new CEO Jim Brexler and his wife Kelly to the community. Invited guests included state and local officials, leaders of various non-profit agencies, V.I.A. board members, committee chairs and co-chairs. Our guests eagerly welcomed Jim and Kelly, in fact for the first hour; the buffet was ignored, as everyone mingled and shared information of their work in the community. Jim and Kelly graciously chatted with attendees, while juggling twin daughters Delaney and Charley who charmed us all, as toddlers do. Conservatory faculty members Faye Meyer and Betsy Young provided a lively program of music.

As your president, I was gratified to hear agency directors praise the V.I.A. and in particular the Welfare Committee for its generous support of those in need. Our connection to these organizations has been mutually beneficial. The agencies do the necessary background checks to assure that needs are real, and then we provide funds to assist with rent, heat, food, clothing and often the cost of medication for emergency room patients who must have prescribed medicines when released from Doylestown Hospital.

Last month's newsletter contained a notice of proposed changes to the V.I.A. bylaws. A motion to approve the amendments to bylaws at the March 5th member meeting followed the notice. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously, giving the membership a voice in important changes to the rules of our organization.

This month, you'll see 1895 Society Chairman Joan Parlee's reminder regarding the Then, Now and Forever campaign. The campaign was created to shore up the unrestricted endowment fund and to ensure the financial future of the V.I.A.

One of the expressions of dissatisfaction that I hear is that we frequently ask for money.

Yes, we do – all too often, however our fundraisers and campaigns help us to serve the mission of the V.I.A. Please give what you can, and if you can't, we'll still love you.

We're moving into new fields of endeavor to inform others about our organization. Thanks to Sue Gordon, Director of Community Relations, our 2nd Vice President, Cory Schroeder, is now contributing informative articles to the hospital's publication. The spring issue of "dialogue" magazine contains the first "Did you know?" feature. Our membership in the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee brings our officers together with business owners who are also dedicated to serving others. Two years ago Linda Plank, Vice President, Development, introduced us to this group of dynamic women through her involvement as the hospital's representative.

You may have heard that the Empty House Party was a very well organized and enjoyable event. The committee, led by Terry Steinberg, deserves our applause.

There are many ways to help make this year's Designer House a success. You can be one of the hundreds of volunteers who enjoy being part of the project. Please give a few hours of your time. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Marianne Chabot

President

April 2, 2013 – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
JLMH Auditorium
“Planting Tips – Container Gardening Guru”

Presenter	Tina Cain –Bucks Country
Program Coordinator	Cory H. Schroeder
Greeters/Tea Servers	Ro Molyneux/ Trish Markel
Meditation	Ann Rainey
Hospitality Captains	Maureen Casey / Grace McGinniss

Program Preview

Linda K. McIlhinney

Welcome Spring! Get out your gardening gloves and containers and join us in welcoming Bucks Country Gardens for our April meeting. Tom Hebel and his master gardeners will demonstrate how to bring a "garden" to your patio containers for a show of wonderful color throughout the summer and fall months.

Save the Date

Mark Your Calendars for Monday, May 27th for the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade. Plan on joining us for a wonderful time not only with each other but with the many welcoming faces of the community cheering us on from the side walks. Details to follow....

PICK UP LOCATION

Shuttle pick up for the February membership meeting will be on **LEVEL 2** at the Broad St. entrance at 12:30 p.m.

Liz Fetterman - Coordinator

James-Lorah Memorial Home

Phyllis Morris

Thank you Terry Steinberg for the adorable Easter Baskets which were sold at the March V.I.A. meeting. All proceeds from the sale will go toward the spring clean-up at the JLMH.

April brings spring weather, flowers, green grass and our “Evening at the Theatre” event held at the Town and Country Players Theatre April 17th. Get your reservations in soon (limited seating) for this annual fundraiser. Your reservation includes the wonderful musical “Pajama Game”, refreshments, wine and a great time! Bring friends and family for a fun night out. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

I am happy to announce the winner of the beautiful quilt “Sunset In Tuscany” stitched by V.I.A. member Sally Steinbach. Gerry McGarity, another V.I.A. member, was our winner. Congratulations Gerry!

Once again thank you all for the support you give in helping to maintain our beautiful home. We wish you a beautiful beginning to Spring!

2013 Designer House Hostess Volunteers Needed

The Hostess Committee is requesting V.I.A. members to volunteer for a shift at the Clement Doyle House. Without your support, this event will not be successful. You are cordially invited for a brief hostess orientation session at the JLMH Auditorium on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend an orientation session but are willing to volunteer please call or e-mail Rosemary at 215.348.1453 lekmd@aol.com or Mary Lou at 267.247.5362 mldgrag3@aol.com

Veterans Committee

Jan Cope

Happy spring, Ladies! We're starting to file away this year's work notes and prepare for the next. We delivered 5 vacuums and other supplies to the Walker House, and are providing supplies to the Horsham Airbase's food pantry. We've begun to network with other veterans support agencies such as the PUMA warehouse, the Bucks County YMCA, and the United Way. We're getting more publicity for the V.I.A., with excellent coverage in the Herald. And we're busy! In April, we'll meet to decide on next year's charities and activities. In May, we'll hostess as a group at the Bucks County Designer House & Gardens. Then we'll walk in the Memorial Day Parade and start working for next year's patriotic-themed November Petite Luncheon. Thanks to you, it's been a productive year, and we hope to make 2014 even better.

As always, we welcome new members.

Contact Jan Cope -janbcope@verizon.net or Ginny Beyer lgbeyer@comcast.net if you'd like to join us.

V.I.A. Veteran Families

Joy Anderson: My husband, Captain George G. Anderson, served in the Army in Aberdeen MD and Fort Devens, MA and in the Reserves. Our son, Jeff Anderson, served in the Navy as a pilot of a P-3 sub-hunter.

Bernadette McEnerney: I was a VA Nurse in Philadelphia for ten years before becoming a school nurse. I retired in June 2011 with 35 years total service.

Nancy Cook: My son Gregory G. Cook, Pvt Army. Greg was stationed in Germany and headed to Afghanistan until a back injury sent him to Fort Hood TX. We talk to Greg every Sunday, thanks to Skype. We pray for him and all service troops.

Jan Cope: My husband, Bill, and I are both retired Air Force. We met when I was a new lieutenant and he was a captain. Our son, Travis is a pilot on active duty stationed at Charleston AFB, SC, flying the C-17 (the Air Force's second largest cargo plane). His wife, Adriane, is continuing the military family tradition of keeping the house warm (and the kitties and dog happy) during Travis's many long days away from home.

Fundraising

Sharon Orr

Thank you, to all the women who baked for the February membership meeting Bake Sale. It was a great success, and it is due to your wonderful baked goodies. The Fund Raising Committee thanks you for your support.

We are very happy to offer a guided tour of the Barnes Museum this October 24, 2013. We will be leaving Doylestown on the 9:57 a.m. train. When we arrive in Philadelphia, we will be going to the Comcast Center where you will have a selection of several places to have lunch before we head over to the museum for our tour at 1:00 p.m. Please send your checks in the amount of \$60.00 to: Doylestown Hospital, VIA Office, 525 W. State Street, Doylestown, Pa. 18901. Bring your friends with you; we would love to have the opportunity to meet them. Your check will hold your reservation for this wonderful opportunity to see the Barnes Museum.

Designer House Fashion Show

Robyn Shegda



Two exciting days for this year's Fashion Show at the Doylestown Country Club. Reserve your tickets early before they are sold out. The events are Mothers Day week; Thursday, May 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, May 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful Mediterranean Sampler (grilled flatbread, chicken, vegetables and salad) with desert, and a cash bar. Celebrate with mom, daughter, grandmother, aunt or girl friends on a special night or day out at our Annual Fashion Show.

The cost is \$45pp and includes meal, Fashion Show and a Designer House tour ticket. Reservations must be made in advance. Deadline is May 3rd.

Make your reservations online at:

BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org, or by mailing a check payable to: Bucks County Designer House & Gardens

Attn: Mary Gerczyk
595 West State Street
Doylestown PA 18901

April Birthday Greetings to:

4/24	Marion Chubb	4/13	Cathy Makoid
4/24	Sarah Crandall	4/25	Mary McCaw
4/26	Velma DiRoberto	4/29	Karen McCurdy
4/11	Kathy Donahue	4/22	Marguerite McGarvey
4/07	Elaine Ewbank	4/28	Jessie Meininger
4/10	Ruby Feild	4/24	Nancy Moore
4/02	Joan Foster	4/23	Jeanne Sandusky
4/22	Nancy Gimbol	4/08	Elizabeth Sigety
4/21	Marilyn Jones	4/10	Jane Strong
4/07	Jeanne Kenna	4/21	Therese Szczurowski
4/15	Joanne Leary	4/21	Karen Lee Vaccaro
4/17	Jane Lester	4/09	Faith Voit
4/24	Joan LoCasale	4/06	Florence Wright

Welcome New Members!



Deborah Cipriano 215.947.5664
 Barbara Price 215.345.0815
 Faith Voit 610.346.6897

Welfare Committee Thank You Letters

A few words from some of the thank you cards we received from recipients of the Kmart gift cards:

- “Thank you for your thoughtfulness”
- “Thank you for your generous gift”
- “Thank you to everyone involved in the effort to make things a little easier on those in need”
- “Our family really appreciates it and are so blessed to be part of a caring community”

Recap of March Membership Report

Barbara A. Kieffer

The V.I.A. is organized into committees as follows.
 James Lorah Memorial Home – with separate reporting and Financial Statements.

Welfare – with separate reporting and Financial Statements.

V.I.A. which combines the V.I.A., Women’s Scholarship, Community Response and Conservation in one Financial Statement.

The January 31, 2013 Financial Statement shows a combined assets of \$235,680.

Broken down by committee the assets are:

Women’s Scholarship	\$63,018
Community Response	\$77,532
Conservation	\$ 4,902
V.I.A	
Available for use	\$11,850
*Restricted	\$78,378

(*only income from those funds can be used)

Anticipated income and expenses:

Dues (335 paid members x \$45)	\$15,075
Expenses(Major)	
JLMH	(3,350)
Scholarships	(4,000)
Women’s scholarships	(4,000)
Programs, Newsletter,	
Membership Books	(5,200)

Contributions and Fundraisers help balance the books.

Lost

At the JLMH Auditorium on the afternoon of Thursday, February 21st, a pair of gold-rimmed aviator glasses were lost. The manufacturer is Maui Jim; the glasses were a gift from the owner’s children. If anyone has found or accidentally picked up these glasses, please contact Chris Thompson at 215.378.2734.

Newsletter Staff:

Marie Johnston, Editor	Joy Anderson
Phyllis Morris	Karen Simon
Barb Thompson	Betty Trossett

Sequestration is here and CFO Dan Upton informed the Hospital Finance Committee that while we recently received a 2% increase for both inpatient and outpatient cases, against our current payment rates the decreased reimbursement is about \$108,000 per month. Since we did not budget any increases from Medicare the impact to the budgeted goal is zero. However "it is real dollars from what we are getting now." I did read in Modern Healthcare that the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission is attempting to hold off on cuts to providers and instead is actually urging a 1% increase for hospital inpatient and outpatient prospective payments. One can only hope!!

We had a wonderful Directors Education at the February Hospital Board meeting. Most of you get the Dialogue and there is an article in there about our treatment of lung cancer that is basically the same as the program. We are doing a wonderful job of coordinating care between multiple disciplines so as to ensure the very best care. Lung cancer is the number one cause of death in the U.S. mainly because there are no symptoms. It is usually found when a patient is preparing for other procedures. Once diagnosed, they are seen by a team of specialists; including a medical oncologist, a pulmonologist, radiation oncologist, thoracic team and nurse navigator. They are seen by these physicians within the week. It is this kind of attention to detail and to our patients that recently earned the Hospital a National accolade. We were granted a three year accreditation with commendation by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.. The commendation recognized excellence in seven areas of cancer care.

In Patient Safety we again reviewed infection control with the most frequent infections being C.dif and surgical site infections. I did see an article in the Herald about our new Xenex disinfecting system. We are only the third hospital in Pennsylvania to have this system. It is part of an overall approach to controlling infections along with our very stringent sanitation protocols. Medicare also is promoting a structured program to provide the right antibiotic, at the right dose at the right time.

As you know, we are in the process of restructuring our bond debt in order to take advantage of historically low interest rates and without incurring any additional debt.. Because of this we did not get full financial statements for the month of January. The management team did review the January statements and the month had very high volumes so we expect to show a gain from operations. Pine Run results are also expected to be favorable.

Dr. Derrick asked for approval of Benjamin Noh, M.D. Dept of Emergency Medicine to active status and for Denise O'Hara, CRNP, Dept of medicine /Rheumatology. Both motions were approved. It was also recommended that Dr. Sean Harvey, who is currently on staff in the Dept of Medicine, be granted privileges in Psychiatry. This motion was also approved.

Dr. Rick Lang, Ed.D was recently recognized as one of the "100 Hospital and Health System CIOs to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review. He will give the Hospital Board's Director's Education in March.

I presume you have all seen the new ads on TV and also in the Inquirer's Heart Health supplement. I am hearing good things about them from friends in New Jersey as well as locally. They are so clever and really set us apart from the usual.

While I usually am reporting on awards for the Hospital, this time I was pleased to accept an award for the V.I.A. from the AAUW on Saturday March 2nd. It is their Equity Award given to individuals, groups or organizations that have shown by action and philosophy, that they advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, or research. It was presented in recognition of the V.I.A. contribution to the Medical Needs of the Citizens of Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. They also gave us a check for \$100.00 which I know will go to good use.

Finally, I want to thank Joan Parlee for reading my report last month while I was in Tennessee "kid" sitting. I'd forgotten how tiring keeping up with a 9 and 11 year old can be but we enjoyed spending time with them. Next month Joan will again step in for me while we are in Disney with the same family. Thanks, Joan.

Carolyn Della-Rodolfa
Vice President, Health Services

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March

14	Fundraising Meeting	Conf. Room "A"	10:00 a.m.
16	Hostess Orientation	JLMH	10:00 a.m.
19	JLMH Committee Meeting	JLMH	10:00 a.m.
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20	Hostess Orientation	JLMH	7:00 p.m.
26	V.I.A. Board Meeting	Conf. Room "K"	9:00 a.m.
26	Bylaws Meeting	Conf. Room "K"	10:30 a.m.

April

2	Membership Meeting	JLMH	1:00 p.m.
9	Designer House Meeting	JLMH	10:00 a.m.
16	JLMH Committee Meeting	JLMH	10:00 a.m.
17	Pajama Game	Town & Country	7:00 p.m.
25	Veterans Committee	JLMH	1:00 p.m.
26	Preview Gala	Clement Doyle House	6 – 9:00 p.m.
30	V.I.A. Board Meeting	Conf. Room "K"	9:00 a.m.
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