

July 2013

The V.I.A. Board recently approved two recommendations as presented. The first was to increase the amount of our three annual Education Scholarships from \$1,000 each to \$2,000. The 2013-2014 budget will allocate \$6,000 to education. The board also approved a motion to hold the New Member Orientation prior to the member meeting on October 1st. Orientation will begin at 11:30. In past years, the New Member Coffee was a separate function held in September.

The end of May brought to a close the very successful 38th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens. Congratulations to Chairman Jo-Ann Cunning and Vice-Chair Joyce Hanson. Sincere thanks to all of you who served on the committee and those who volunteered at the house during the twenty-nine days it was open to the public.

June opened with our annual member luncheon, chaired by Marilyn Mele and Anne Sweeney, held again this year at Doylestown Country Club. It was marvelous to have so many attending to support the annual Education scholarship winners. Best wishes to the students and their proud parents. The HOBY scholarship winner spoke of her eagerness to participate in the HOBY leadership-training weekend later in the month. Community Recognition honored CB Cares Educational Foundation, represented by Director Kimberly Cambra, and Bucks County Children's Museum, represented by Director Kelly Krumenacker and their guests.

We invited Committee Chairs, Co-chairs and selected members to meet with the officers on June 19th. This was a follow up to our first meeting in January. We found it rewarding to once again discuss ways to improve the workings of the organization. Concepts to be developed are the formation of a marketing committee, better communication with hospital associates, and expansion of our membership.

As we end our member year and break for the summer, I want to acknowledge the contributions of two women who completed service on committees: Barbara Botto for her many years as Chairman of the Membership Committee and Jane Lester for her creative contributions to the Floral Arts Committee. Once again I encourage all members to work on committees or take part in purely social activities through the gourmet, literature, theater and fundraising committees.

Volunteers needed! VIA member Heidi Phillips, United Way of Bucks County, has invited our members to participate in the Knock Out Hunger project on Friday, August 9th at Ann's Choice Keystone Ballroom, Warminster. The goal is to pack 64,000 meals. Shifts are 10-11:30 and 12-1:30. Please contact me at 610.585.5489 to sign up. It's very satisfying to work with other organizations for the good of the community. You never know who will be blessed by your good deeds. For example, a young couple recently expressed their gratitude to the V.I.A. for awarding a Community Response grant to Special Equestrians. They described the joy their autistic son experiences when riding at the equestrian center. The special connection between boy and horse has brought improved speech, balance and confidence. This is another one of the many ways the V.I.A. reaches out to fill the needs of those around us.

Happy summer!

Marianne Chabot

V.I.A. President

Fundraising Committee

Sharon Orr

The Committee has been very busy planning some wonderful activities for next year. We are planning a trip to the Barnes Museum on Thursday, October 24th. The cost of the tour is \$60.00. We plan for the group to travel by train at 9:45 a.m., out of Doylestown. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see the Barnes with a guided tour. Send your check to the VIA Office/Barnes Museum, 595 W. State Street, Doylestown, Pa. 18901. Reservations are coming in so don't be left out.

We are planning a day trip to Bethlehem, Pa., on Sunday, December 8th; this is a great way to get in the Christmas spirit. We will have a tour of the Christmas lights, dinner at the Arts Quest Building in the Blast Furnace Room, and shopping at Christkindlmarkt. Come! Bring a friend! Bring your husband! The trip includes: motor coach transportation, tours, and dinner, cost of \$120.00 per person. More information will be coming in the fall. Save the date.

Hostess Committee

Mary Lou Gehring & Rosemary Burrage Co-Chairman

Thank you to all our members who were so kind to give up their personal time to hostess at the 38th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens. Without the support of so many volunteers this event would not have been possible.

JLMH

Phyllis Morris

Hopefully you are enjoying a relaxing summer. During the month of July our 50 year old auditorium restroom will be updated to a 2013 design. Our members and all those who have events at the JLMH will be very pleased.

Beginning in September, the committee will be busy planning a 2013 house tour and a fundraiser as well as how to proceed with house maintenance.

We are also eager to officially welcome three new members: Kathleen Landis, Suzanne Pollard and Jeanne Sandusky. They will be a wonderful addition to our committee.

For now stay cool and have a fun summer.

Theater Committee

Janet Punzak

The return of the Bucks County Playhouse is most welcome. This Spring, along with the 40's musical revue, we were treated to a superb performance of "Mame" starring Andrea McArdle.

For Fall, the Theater group decided on a musical instead of a play.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical is scheduled for Sunday, Nov 24th @ 3:00 p.m., at The Media Theatre in Media, PA. This musical tells the Biblical story of Joseph, the son of Jacob, and his jealous brothers. High energy choreography is a highlight of this show with a musical dance number after the finale. Our group ticket price is \$29.

If interested, call 215.230.8873 or e-mail janetpunzak@gmail.com, and mail your "V.I.A. of Doylestown" check to the V.I.A. office to my attention.

Website Photos Wanted

Photos of V.I.A. group activities such as trips, gourmet luncheons, parades or any group gathering are wanted to add to our website. If you would like to share your photos please contact Nancy Gimbol at ngimbol@eastburngray.com

Membership

Lee Scheeler

New Member Tea will be at 11:30 on Tuesday Oct 1st before our general membership meeting at the JLH. If you know anyone interested in joining the VIA please contact me @215.348.4466.

Veterans Committee

Jan Cope

This year, we will celebrate veterans at our November Petite Luncheon. Our guest speakers will be representatives of the Horsham Air Guard Station’s Family Readiness Program. The program is one of our two charities for this V.I.A. year. You can also learn more about the base at their free “**Hometown Heroes Family Day**,” Saturday, October 5th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., rain or shine. The event features food, games, raffles, entertainment, and military exhibits. Come out and see the new base!

Please help us support the base and our second charity, the Bucks County Veterans Van, which provides free transportation to VA medical centers. **We will collect donations at the October and November general meetings, or you may use the enclosed mail-in donation form.** And, as always, thank you for your care and generosity!

V.I.A. Veteran Families

We are collecting these family stories for use in our November 2013 meeting. If you would like to add your family’s story to our list, please send it to jancope@verizon.net. Thank you!

Janet Linsenmaier: My husband, Dick, was an aviation seaman 1/C on the USS Princeton, which was sunk by Japanese bombs. Dick escaped over the side. He was burned, but recovered. When he returned to active duty, part of his re-qualification was to jump into a pool from a high dive. He just glared, refused, and said, “I’ve already done that for real.” [Janet proudly displays Dick’s Purple Heart and other medals. Copies of their letters show just how important support from home was. Dick said they were what kept him going.]

Mary Bachman: Mary’s cousin Chris was raised by his father after his parents’ divorce. An Eagle Scout, he put himself through school with help from the Army’s ROTC program. He finished his B.S. and then took a Masters degree. He taught at West Point and was deployed to Afghanistan as a hydrology expert. Last May, he was granted his PhD from the University of Wisconsin. Doctor/Lt Colonel Gellasch and his family are now stationed in the Washington, DC area. Needless to say, we are very proud of them!

Ruth Doyle: During WWII, I had about 6 or 7 cousins who actively served in the Army. One was lost over Burma. My husband, Jack, served in the Korean War. Our son graduated from West Point and arrived in Iraq within months. On arrival home, he got his law degree, and today is in the JAG Corps/Army Reserve. He has a command in Pittsburgh. So far, so good!

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Note “Veterans Committee” on the memo line!

Education Committee

Mary Ellen Stanton

The V.I.A. annual June luncheon was the setting for the presentation of four scholarships. The **V.I.A. Ruth Boland Memorial Nursing Scholarship** was presented to William Harrison Clooney, a graduate of Central Bucks High School South. Kathleen Boland represented the family in awarding the \$2,000 scholarship. Billy will major in nursing at Temple University.

Three \$1000 scholarships in honor of sisters Hannah Pollock and Laura Haddock were awarded to David Weinstein, Timothy Schisselbauer and Erin Ross. David is a graduate of Central Bucks High School East and will attend the University of Michigan to major in biochemistry/pre-medicine with the goal of becoming a neurosurgeon. Timothy is a graduate of Archbishop Wood High School and will attend Temple University to major in bioengineering/pre-medicine and plans to become a surgeon. Erin is a graduate of Central Bucks High School South and will attend St. Joseph's University to major in chemical biology and will pursue a career as an orthopedic doctor.

President Elect

Linda McIlhinney

June continues to be a very active month as preparations for our 2013-2014 member book are being finalized for the printer. Thank You to everyone who have responded to requests for the many details that are needed for this annual updating of our V.I.A. membership book. Special Thanks to Mary Gerczyk for her invaluable help in helping to pull this project together. Look for your new book in mid September.

Many Thanks also to the Program Committee who have been busy this spring with contacting presenters for our exciting and diverse 2013-2014 Program agenda. Mark your calendars for our "Welcome Back Social" on Tuesday, October 1st at a new time of 12:00 noon. We'll all be welcoming and greeting our new members from the previous 12 months, viewing a new and improved V.I.A. video presentation as well as celebrating the disbursement of the Bucks County Designer House Check to our Hospital President and CEO, Jim Brexler.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Email Etiquette

Email is becoming the primary method of communication between the V.I.A. membership and its committees. Here are some simple etiquette rules to follow to create a more effective email message.

- Use the subject field to indicate content and purpose.
- Keep messages brief and to the point.
- Don't type in all capital letters. This is considered shouting, angry and rude.
- Use the Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) when emailing a large distribution list so recipients won't have to see a huge list of names.

A Note of Thanks

I wanted to thank everyone for all the phone calls and cards wishing me a speedy recovery. I am feeling great and getting around easier every day. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Gerrie Hinkle

HEALTH SYSTEM REPORT

While I hope all of you are enjoying a relaxing summer, I can assure you that our Doctors and Associates are not. They are working as hard as ever to bring the best of health care to our Community. Case in point: our AFib Center is one of only a few select heart centers in the country to have the experience and expertise to treat this growing cardiac problem. Our team offers Radiofrequency ablation, Cryoablation and Convergent procedure. Cryoablation uses freezing cold energy to destroy heart tissue where the problem originates. Doylestown Hospital is one of the top 10 facilities in the country for volume in this therapy and is a national training site for the procedure. For especially hard to treat AFib, our Center offers Convergent Procedure which is done in only a few institutions in the country which have the expertise to perform this procedure.

I am happy to tell you that the Hospital earned an A from the Leapfrog Group which is an independent, non-profit that grades hospitals based on preventable errors, etc. Corporations often use these scores to base their recommendations for their employees.

Dr. Dinesen, D.O. performed the first single site robotic hysterectomy in Pennsylvania. He is one of only 25 U.S. physicians selected for training in this procedure. Hysterectomy is one of the most common surgeries and with this procedure there is little scarring or blood loss and the recovery is quicker.

For the eleven months ending May 31st. we show an improvement from operations of 80% over last year with an excess of revenues showing an improvement of 123%. Keep in mind that this is based on the impact of new services such as Moss Rehab, the Surgi Center and The Wound Care Center.

At the annual meeting we recognized Dr. D.L.Smith for his time on the Foundation Board. He will now be coming onto the Hospital Board as the President of the Medical Staff. Dr. Greg Gallant is leaving the Hospital Board after 4 years as President and immediate Past President of the Medical Staff. Dr. Derrick will remain on the Hospital Board as immediate past President. I have enjoyed working with them and thank them for their input and advice.

Good news for HQP, Medicare has extended their funding for an additional 18 months. It seems to me Medicare should be trying to extend the proven success of this project to more chronically ill people and then maybe we'll see some really amazing results.

Well it is summer and I am keeping this short. If I've missed anything I'll catch up in the Fall.

Carolyn Della-Rodolfa



Jean Leister	7/01	Helen Hammes	7/26	Gail Weber	8/30
Mary Lou Gehring	7/01	Irene Remphrey	7/28	Maureen Chadwick	8/31
Sally Steinbach	7/02	Lynn Lewis	7/28	Carmen Topper	9/01
Tina Mazaheri	7/03	Jane Leimkuhler	7/29	Barbara Buckham	9/02
Jo-Ann Cunning	7/06	Betty Simon	7/31	Gita Jani	9/02
Jean Rospond	7/08	Judith Mann	7/31	Grace McGinniss	9/02
Margie Brookstein	7/08	Lisa Albert	7/31	Barbara Botto	9/03
Joyce Anderson	7/09	Margaret Rex	8/01	Barbara Thompson	9/06
Sandra Fickes	7/09	Mary Beth Perisho	8/02	Thilde Schleeweiss	9/07
Connie Ocelus	7/10	Barbara Kieffer	8/03	Ann Marie McEvoy	9/08
Victoria Kahhan	7/10	Joy Levy	8/05	Karen Simon	9/08
Kathryn McKenna	7/11	Lucille Frey	8/06	Carolyn Della-Rodolfa	9/09
Karen Young	7/13	Terrie Mooradd	8/07	Carel Ann Taylor	9/10
Mary Van Pelt	7/14	Betty Belle	8/09	Patricia Berry	9/11
Marie Wagner	7/15	Carol Small	8/09	Mary Corini	9/12
Valerie Gardner	7/15	Joanne Fay	8/11	Sharon Fetterolf	9/13
Marion Shetzley	7/16	Elizabeth Sporer	8/12	Judith Oaks	9/14
Sharon Orr	7/17	Judith Melson	8/13	Victoria Poretta	9/15
Dona Duncan	7/18	Lillian O'Connor	8/15	Marie Garner	9/16
Janet Pool	7/18	Cory Schroeder	8/17	Jo Page	9/17
Jane Fox	7/19	LaFaun Reed	8/17	Beth Gittlen	9/18
Rosemarie Molyneux	7/19	Ada Gauvreau	8/18	Lee Scheeler	9/18
Whitney Chandor	7/19	Bert Molloy	8/18	Karen Brenner	9/19
Ginny Vandegrift	7/21	Susan Pajer	8/19	Phyllis Morris	9/20
Roylene Wahler	7/21	Zoe Combs	8/20	Iona Staples	9/21
Joyce Dougherty	7/22	Elaine Reimet	8/22	Jo-Anne Atwell	9/21
Maureen Casey	7/23	Sally Hess	8/22	Mary Jane Mims	9/23
Nancy Erb	7/23	Patricia Yaroschuk	8/23	Jean Chubb	9/24
Anne Sweeney	7/24	Mary Covino	8/28	Ruth Maxson	9/26
Mary Bachman	7/24	Charlotte Keenan	8/29	Nicole Boytin	9/27
Dorothy Sterner	7/25	Kathryn Lambert	8/29	Thelma Casale	9/29

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August

V.I.A. Board - Summer Vacation

September

4	Newsletter Deadline		noon
11	Welfare Committee Meeting	Conf. Room "B"	9:00 a.m.
17	JLMH Committee	JLMH	10:00 a.m.
24	V.I.A. Board Meeting	Conf. Room "K"	9:30 a.m.