

FRIENDS OF MERITER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2009*Summer 2009*

Front Row: Toni Rockholt, Anastasia Grindle, Kelsey Hellenbrand, Tess Becker, Kari Dolan, Christine Phillips.
 Back Row: Don Haugen, Chair, Friends of Meriter Scholarship Committee, Debra Statz, Casey Klein-Kennedy,
 Aylee Yang, Erica Gullickson, Diana Gutierrez-Mesa, April Goss, Tara Bultman, Alyssa Bulman, Zach Nelson,
 Jessica Manz, Lauren Jernegen, and Barbara Bruce, Coordinator, Friends of Meriter.



Not available for group photo: Rachel Becker

Eighteen area high school seniors will be off to school next fall with scholarships worth \$1,500 each thanks to The Friends of Meriter, Meriter Hospital's auxiliary. Tips from the Greenbush Garden Bistro and proceeds from the sale of Meriter Coffee Shop cookbooks finance the scholarship program, which aids students who plan to pursue a health care career.

The above recipients, their guests and the Scholarship Committee attended a luncheon on May 8, 2009. It was a gorgeous, sunny day for beautiful outdoor photos of each student and also the above group photo taken by Shawn and Tim of Harper Fritsch Photography. We feasted on fresh, delectable salads and specialty sandwiches and a scrumptious array of cookies and bars all prepared by the Greenbush Garden Bistro staff!! Thank you to the everyone! It was a wonderful celebration!



Scholarship Committee—Don Haugen, Chair, Kathy Bartlett, Dennis Ganshert, Suzanne Hotter, Eleanor Sather and Bob Spencer



Sue & Ken Christman with **Emma**



Tootise (handler Lynn Malayter) works the CAP Unit, Phys Medicine and does Hug/Pet on 6 Tower

DOGS ON CALL (DOC) / Pet Pals

Therapy dogs help people by providing affection, entertainment, and a special kind of acceptance that only an animal can give. A DOC team consists of a handler and a canine - usually the handler's personal pet - who are trained to work with people in a variety of situations as a certified Pet Partner® team.

DOC dogs are acclimated to conditions that may occur in a medical or a nursing home environment. They respond appropriately to unusual noises, smells, movement, and emotions. They are accustomed to working next to wheelchairs, walkers, IV hook-ups, oxygen machines and other equipment.

Dogs On Call teams participate in animal-assisted activities (AAA) and animal-assisted therapy (AAT). Animal-assisted activities provide opportunities for motivational, educational, and/or recreational benefits to enhance quality of life. Specific treatment goals are NOT planned for each visit and the visit content is spontaneous. Animal-assisted therapy is a goal-directed intervention in which an animal meeting specific criteria is an integral part of the treatment process such as occupational or physical therapy. Specific goals and objectives are SET for each individual, progress is measured and is overseen by a health/human service provider as part of their profession.

Meriter's program started back in 1998 with Lynn Malayter & Murphy working solely with Physical Therapy. There are now 10 handlers and 9 dogs. Those not pictured are Polly Cisco & Vincent, Joan Foeste & Abby, Beth Lambright & David, Lynn Malayter & Tootsie, Adam Mielke & Princess, and Sheldon Schall & Presley.

DOC Meriter volunteers currently visit Physical Therapy, 3North Rehab Unit, 1 East Adult Psych Unit, ICU, 6 Tower Medical/Pediatrics and the Child & Adolescent Psych Hospital.



Shiloh is on the left, me, & **Montana** on the right. Thank You! Carol Mahlik



Sophie loves going to the Child and Adolescent Psych. Hospital and has a way of bonding with kids. Sometimes I think they have their own language which is based on the mutual love of play! Thanks, Katie Kunz



L—**David** (handler Beth Lambright)
R—**Princess** (handler Adam Mielke)

The Gift Shop's website is up and running, and 32 on-line orders were received in the first 30 days! The site was down for almost a year to add a secured payment feature called PayTrace. Log on to Meriter.com -visitor information and check it out.



New merchandise in the shop includes the new "Earthmates Collection" from Mary Meyer. These stuffed animals have personality plus, and are made from 100% recycled plastic bottles. Priced from 12.95 to \$40, these critters make a really special gift!

It's a fun place to work!



Sue Morgan shops from the "flower cart" in front of the Gift Shop!

Welcome to new Gift Shop volunteer Betsy Truman. Betsy will bring her cashiering expertise to the shop on Tuesday afternoons. Thank You Betsy!

Development Committee Update

The **Nutman** was here April 22-24 for another successful event. Our share of the proceeds \$700. "**Frank**" will return on November 11-13 in the Atrium Alcove so mark your calendars to stock up on chocolates, nuts, and sauces for the holidays.



Bob Spencer and Carolyn Abendroth like to tend the "cash box"!!!

Cookie Baking has been well received by staff, patients and visitors! We are readily reminded that the **aroma** is irresistible! Our strongest marketing tool! The all time favorite seems to be the good all-American chocolate chip cookie! The sales are averaging \$300+ in profit for the Friends! We will be taking the summer months off and will start again on the 3rd Wednesday of each month September—December, 2009. Watch for the announcements! Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this event contact Barbara at 417-6414 or bbruce@meriter.com.



Easter Bunny & friends visited us for our holiday sale on April 8th!

Louise Hill-Strutz, Antoinette Schwoegler & Lucy Sorenson working the sale!



“Greenbush Garden Bistro”
A look inside our newly decorated area and some of the staff!



Becky Kitto
Dinning Room Coordinator



Don Tibbetts preparing
salad fixin's



Rebecca Gmur working the grill !



Becky helping out at the dishwasher



Becca McDermott serving
up some soup!

News from Greenbush Garden Bistro Manager, Nancy Thompson

On March 30th the Friends of Meriter Coffee Shop was reinvented and became the **Greenbush Garden Bistro**. Because of the hard work of Bruce Evans, our chef consultant, we have a new Menu for lunch, breakfast and just recently installed a **Grab 'n Go Menu** designed specifically for take out customers. Several new items have become hot selling items right away such as our strawberry and blueberry yogurt parfaits. Made with fresh blueberries or strawberries, vanilla yogurt and granola, we sell dozens each day. Our new Angus beef burger is a very good seller. Fraboni's sausage, purchased directly from Fraboni's deli, is featured on the lunch menu. Visit us soon to enjoy a salmon BLT, Portabella Mushroom Melt or a Chicken Belleza Salad all new items on the menu.

We also have Grab 'n Go items made "fresh" daily. The Sonoma Wrap (best seller), a Chopstick Salad, a Tuna Artichoke Ciabatta, and a Roasted Veggie Italian Sub fill our merchandiser each day ready for the customers that want to get a quick lunch.

Our new look includes new uniforms for the front house staff. They are now wearing rust colored long sleeve shirts, black pants, full length neckties and bistro aprons for a more professional appearance.. The restaurant décor has changed to include a new color for the walls and new flooring. The flooring was partially funded by Friends of Meriter Contributions. The new colors give a softer, earthier feel. Upcoming changes include a new patio area accessed directly from the Bistro with new umbrella tables and chairs giving customers a chance to dine in the open air this summer surrounded by lovely pots of flowers and herbs. This new patio service will offer new volunteer opportunities for additional wait staff and gardening for the flower pots.

Eighteen area high school seniors entering the health care profession are recipients of \$1,500 scholarships. These scholarships are funded as a result of the Bistro's employees' hard work in 2008 earning tips from service to our customers. Thank you to the staff of the Greenbush Garden Bistro for their continued efforts in generating tips for the community. The tip money is a great help for college bound seniors- especially in the current economic times. Recipients and guests were honored at a luncheon prepared by the Greenbush Garden Bistro staff on May 8th.

I hope everyone has a pleasant and safe summer. Stop in to eat with us soon. We look forward to showing off the new Bistro.



The new Victor's Coffee area!



Juliet Darken helps you at the Cashier Desk!



Grab 'n Go cooler!

Friends 4 Friends—External Committee

Friend 4 Friends is a program that supports employees, volunteers, physicians and Friends of Meriter members in their volunteer activities outside Meriter Health Services. Support, in this case, means providing financial gifts to non-profit organizations and projects that improve the health and well-being of our community. In 2008 alone, Friends 4 Friends awarded \$12,925 in gifts to a variety of area organizations in the area.

"Thank you for your \$500 gift. Specifically, we were able to provide gift cards for Kalscheur's Fine Foods to families and seniors." - Mount Horeb Area Giving Tree Coordinators

"Friends of Meriter has bestowed East Shore Adult Day Services with a very generous grant of \$500 to purchase supplies, games and activity materials. Thank you Friends of Meriter!" - Madison Senior Center

"There were 38 families (113 children) who had a better Christmas because of your generous donation." - Lodi Santa Claus Project

"Thanks to a \$500 grant awarded to the Social Action Committee from the Friends of Meriter Hospital, we were able to fill 20 duffel bags of necessities for the Porchlight Men's shelter." - Temple Beth El

Managed through Meriter Volunteer Services, Friends 4 Friends will grant gifts of up to \$150 throughout the year. The program will also consider gifts up to \$500. If you are involved with a non-profit organization or project that improves the health and well-being of our community, Friends of Meriter encourages you to apply for a Friends 4 Friends gift. The process is easy, and you may apply on-line any time at

If you have questions about Friends 4 Friends, contact Barbara Bruce at ext. 76414 or e-mail her at bbruce@meriter.com

Friends of Meriter Board of Trustee, President

Renovations at Meriter have impacted on one of the areas where Friends are involved, namely the former Coffee Shop, now called the Greenbush Garden Bistro. Changes have been color changes on the walls, new art work and new flooring. The Contribution Committee approved major funds for the new flooring. With other changes within the Bistro, many compliments have been received relative to atmosphere, service and the menu. Thanks to all the Bistro staff for making the changes so smoothly. The Bistro "tips" provide for our scholarship program each year when local high school seniors are awarded scholarships to those going into the health field. Your support of the Bistro is greatly appreciated!

The "Cookie Sale" project has been going very well and is well received by all who have partaken in the goodies. This will continue with notices posted as to dates and location.

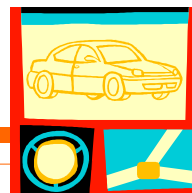
The Board of Trustees for Friends continues to monitor all requests and is well informed by management as to changes affecting our programs as well as other changes in the hospital. Management staff have been very available to attend our meetings to keep us informed.

Location, Location—where to find the best deals... Look up, look down—basically look everywhere except at eye level. Some companies pay a slotting fee to place products where customers can easily see them. Expensive brands are promoted on midlevel shelves, end caps. More affordable store brands are usually placed above or below.



Safe Behind the Wheel—CarFit

events across the state offer drivers help adjusting mirrors, seats, steering wheels, seat belts & head restraints for optimal driving safety. A team of trained volunteers walks each driver through a 12-point checklist that takes about 20 minutes to complete. AARP Wisconsin has free scheduled events. Call 1-866-448-3611 Ext. 6300 or go to www.car-fit.org to sign up.



Welcome!

New Volunteers for January—May 2009

At Your Service

Jackie Bleifuss
Lindsay Burke
Marielle Brenner
Tom Cassini
Mohammad Rahman

Children's Center

Kristin Parsons

Coffee Shop

Nancy Rane
Sue Weston

Day Rehab

Kerrie Colwell

Dental Clinic

Danielle Cianciolo
Jennifer Gardner

Endoscopy

Christina Wen
Kate Brey

Emergency Room

Allison Ussett
Amanda Bozich
Andrea Gust
David Nguyen
Emily Rothfusz
Heather Sturm
Jena Paulson
Jesse Vallera
Julia Thorsen
Kristin Czarny
Laurie Nosbusch
Steve John
Tae-Young Nam
Tom Wagner
Zeeshan Haq
Leah Mittelstadt
Tyler Schroeder

Food & Nutrition

Kayla Erickson

Gift Shop

Betsy Truman

Nursing Unit

Alexis Olson
Alex Newman

Patient Registration

Gaura Saini
Patti Baltes
Peter Yanke
Ryan Robin
Viletta Arneson

Pet Pals

Adam Mielke
Beth Lambright
Carol Mahlik

Pharmacy

Allison Gregorich

Physical Therapy

Alexandra Douglas
Deirdre O'Sullivan
Allison Aul
Chris Harty
Dan Ziebell
Devri Fisher
Dylan Van Lith
Emily Haas
Justine Newhouse
Katelin Ludwig
Katie Theisen
Lisa Pade
Michelle Kornder
Molly Isola
Nina Litton
Pamela Dachelet
Sarah Kohls
Taryn Silber
Zach Fowler
Zaheer Akhtar
Katie Rompre
Sandi Ritchey
Nicole Daehn

Recovery Room

Brittany Ulrich
Carol Cassel
Natasha Benkovich
Tyler McCoy

Spiritual Care

Ed Wisener
Joseph Buechner
Wayne Hunt

Surgical Waiting Room

Emily Grzesiak
Joe Clark
Lindsay Bowen
Stan Fox
Bibek Sandhu

Way Finding

Rod Witte

Wellness Center

Reid Granke

Volunteer Services Department News

January—May 2009 stats:

451 volunteers served a total of 22,605 hours

50 hours—Average of hours/volunteer

750 hours—Served by one volunteer

87 new volunteers started

141 volunteers inactive



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Volunteer Opportunities

Check the website, www.meriter.com/volunteer for the latest information regarding potential volunteer opportunities. Contact **Laurie Ingwell, Coordinator**, Volunteer Services, e-mail lingwell@meriter.com or call 608/417-6257.



Do You Know? If you receive SSS or SSI a federal economic stimulus package provides for a one-time payment of **\$250/individuals** and **\$500/couples** (if both receive benefits). No forms are necessary. Payments will show up by early June as an extra check or automatic deposit. Don't fall for e-mail scams in which someone offers to help you obtain the payments. Details www.ssa.gov/payment.

Upcoming Events of Interest



June 26	Blood Drive	October 6-8	Partners State Convention— Stevens Point
August 21	Blood Drive	October 16	Blood Drive
August 26	Contributions Committee	October 21	Cookie Baking-Atrium Alcove
September 2	Board of Trustee Meeting	November 11-13	Nutman & Company
September 10-11	Everything \$6 Sale	November 18	Cookie Baking-Atrium Alcove
September 16	Cookie Baking—Atrium Alcove	December 11	Blood Drive
September 23	Partners-Southern District Fall Meeting—Monroe Hospital	December 16	Cookie Baking-Atrium Alcove

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