

APRIL 2010

# Volunteer SCENE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR HOSPICE OF HAVASU VOLUNTEERS

*Have a  
Happy  
Easter!*



## **Please turn in your reports**

REMINDER: As previously mentioned, Volunteer Services is responsible for a number of monthly reports; one in particular gives an overview of the active/available volunteers.

With that in mind, if you are a Winter Visitor OR unavailable for more than a 30 day period of time, PLEASE call Denise or Jennifer with dates.

Accurate reporting is a must and we need your help. LOOKING AHEAD...

in August/September, Volunteer Services will be mailing a survey to each volunteer. The survey is being conducted to get your input on your volunteering experience with Hospice of Havasu.

Your name will not be required; responses are intended to be anonymous.

Your prompt and honest opinions are valuable; we appreciate your participation with this endeavor.

Also, we will plan another trash pick-up per our Adopt-A-Street agreement with the city during the month of May; the date will be announced in May newsletter.

## **Volunteers help with annual fund raiser**

Hospice of Havasu RIO-ly wants to thank all the volunteers who assisted with this year's spring fund raiser "The Happening". This year's theme was RIO and included a mask decorating contest along with the annual dinner and auction. Your help was greatly appreciated.

## **Remember our special date**

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week and to honor Hospice of Havasu volunteers, an annual appreciation event has been planned. For those eligible volunteers, you should have received your invitation in the mail. This year, we are pleased to be able to accommodate your spouse/significant other at this luncheon as well. Please RSVP by the date indicated. We look forward to your attendance!! There will be some surprises so don't miss it!!!



\*PLUS... Volunteer Services has a gift for each volunteer to show our appreciation for all that you do... distribution of the blue "gift" bags began last week at the St. Patrick's Day Party so as soon as you can, see Denise or Jennifer to get this exciting present!!!

## **Class schedule listed**

April Continuing Education: this month's Continuing Education will be provided in 2 sessions on Tuesday, April 13 at the London Bridge Meeting Room.

The morning session will be from 10-11 a.m. and the afternoon session will be from 1-2 p.m.

The topic is Pain Assessment and will be presented by an RN.

Please plan to attend one of the sessions as it is considered palliative care training and counts towards the yearly continuing education requirement for volunteers.

## **Files are being checked**

Details, Details, Details....from time to time as with most agencies/organizations, a review or audit of files, documents, and records takes place.

Volunteer Services, in conjunction with Human Resources, conducted an employee/volunteer personnel file audit to insure our records are up to date and in compliance with any number of rules, regulations, laws, and/or policies. In the next couple of weeks when you are in the main office, please contact Denise or Jennifer to see if you need to complete any missing forms; if you are unable to stop by the main office before April 15, the forms will be mailed to you...please return them by April 30.

We appreciate your understanding and attention to this matter.



It's All Green....for those of you who were unable to attend the St. Patrick's Day party, there was green for everyone. All who attended registered for a drawing for the famous pot of gold..the lucky winner was Pam Brookman; although she could not spend the "gold coins", she was thrilled they were a chocolate treat!! And again, the highlight of the refreshments was mint chocolate chip ice cream provided by volunteer Derek, owner of Coldstone Creamery. Thank-you! And, by the way, who had the greenest hair?

## New volunteers



Deborah Binko

Also: Dr. Thomas Long



Ginger Wright

## April birthdays ...

Belle Kastoll....04/02  
 Norma Nyberg....04/02  
 Patricia Wallace.04/02  
 Shirley Kraus....04/04  
 Ellen Jo Lopez...04/09  
 Tara Lough.....04/09

Sheila McDonald..04/13  
 Connie Newton...04/16  
 Lucille Gunther..04/21  
 Linda dux.....04/24  
 Pamela Swanson...04/25  
 LeVerne LaClear..04/26



In last month's issue it was announced that a new "column" would debut this month called Storey Board. This feature is for volunteers to share their heartwarming volunteer experiences. Here are the first entries...Enjoy!!

1. How we get paid..as volunteers that is. She had just been moved into an Assisted Living Facility and the only things in her room were provided by the facility..the bed, a wheelchair, an oxygen generator..none of her own things. She had asked for a few personal items such as her favorite chair, an antique table with the doily, and her TV. Not much really. I agreed to help getting these things to her new "home". When we arrived with her things, she was in bed, covers up to her neck with her eyes closed. Her eyes flickered with all the commotion, but she seemed to be sleeping. Once the room was arranged and we tiptoed out, I glanced her way, her eyes were just slits. Then my paycheck arrived..she silently mouth the words "thank-you".

2. You just never know..I had been helping caregivers by staying with patients so they could get out of the house. In this case the patient was her mother. Eventually her mother passed on and I went on to care for others. One day my son and I were in the front yard working on removing a tree stump. He was drilling holes in the stump and planned to use a product to rot the stump and make it easier to remove. A woman passing by stopped and told me she was the daughter of a patient I had helped with and how much she had appreciated my help so long ago. Not too long after she left, a man arrived with a back-hoe and had that tree stump removed in no time; it was the son of the passerby. You just never know how much it means to the caregivers we help.

3. Volunteering..it touches and does make a difference to so many....many years ago a gentleman had become a resident of a local Assisted Living Facility. During his stay he hand crafted a beautiful cabinet which housed a lovely religious artifact. The facility displayed it and each time I visited we would admire it together. Some time after his passing, the facility presented it to me for all I had done and they felt I would appreciate it and hold it dear. This was such an honor; no price could be put on such a gift. I donated this treasure to my church for all to see and let them know the Gift is in Giving of yourself.