

# HOSPICE AUXILIARY

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

### President's Message

The over 100 members of the Hospice Auxiliary, founded in 2008, continue with their mission to promote and advance the purpose of Hospice.

Throughout the year, the Auxiliary supports many different patient and family needs that arise. The Auxiliary provides flannel and other sewing supplies for volunteer sewing groups who make warm and comfortable gowns for patients in their homes. The Auxiliary also purchases mattress pads and sheets for patients in need who receive hospice care at home.

The fourth annual "Dine Out for Hospice" was held on November 7, 2012 in recognition of Hospice Awareness Month with 34 local restaurants participating. Our major Fundrasier for this year is the Hospice

This year Auxiliary has adopted the Children's Grieving Center as their 2012-2013 Fundraising Project. The Children's Grieving Center provides services to children ages 4 – 18 years of age who have lost a loved one and are in need of bereavement support.

A very special **Thank You** goes to **Marilyn D'Ambrosio** for her hard work and dedicated service as a Founding Board Member since the inception of the Auxiliary. She will be stepping down from the board. Marilyn served as Secretary in 2008 and 2009 and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Fundraising Chair in 2010 and 2011 and currently holds the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position. We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys some much deserved downtime. Marilyn will continue to be a member and offer support with committees.

*Barbara Naru  
Hospice Auxiliary President*



Helen Richards, Sue Wilk, Marilyn D'Ambrosio, Mary Bonura and Janet Sullivan

### "HOSPICE HOEDOWN"

The Auxiliary's major fundraiser this year is the **Hospice Hoedown** on June 9, 2013 at Billy Joe's Ribworks on the waterfront in Newburgh from 1 – 4pm.

The cowgirls are working hard on the ranch so round up your posse and mosey on down for great grub, music by CJ from 97.3 The Wolf, line dancing, face painting, caricatures a GREAT RAFFLE and a whole lot more!

### BOOTS & HATS WELCOME



For More Information go to <http://hospiceoforange.com/auxiliary/>



**Mum's the Word!**

The annual Mum Sale was held under the direction of Auxiliary board members **Pam LaLonde** and **Mary Bonura** in Orange County, with **Eileen Ernst** and **Rachelle Klugman** in Sullivan County. It was both profitable and rewarding, thanks to the generous support of **Hoeffner Farms, Monticello Greenhouse**, and the work of dedicated Hospice Auxiliary members.



**Fundraising**

Dine Out \$3,800  
Mum Sale \$2,600

**THANK YOU**—in addition to our fundraising efforts, your contributions (membership dues, participating in Dine Out and the Mum Sale) during the past year helped make this possible.

*Submitted by Helen Richards  
Fundraisina Committee*

**Membership**

The first annual Auxiliary Membership Drive was held in November in recognition of National Hospice Month. Thirty four new members were recruited and as of this month we have 130 Auxilians!

If you are interested in becoming a member please go to our website page [www.hospiceoforange.com/auxiliary/](http://www.hospiceoforange.com/auxiliary/) to download our membership form or email [auxiliary@hospiceoforange.com](mailto:auxiliary@hospiceoforange.com)

*Submitted by Sue Wilk  
Membership Committee*

**Officers**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                      | Barbara Naru       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Marilyn D'Ambrosio |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Helen Richards     |
| Recording Secretary            | Pam LaLonde        |
| Corresponding Secretary        | Eileen Ernst       |
| Treasurer                      | Ellen Jaffe        |
| Immediate Past President       | Susan Najork       |

**Community Outreach**

The goal for 2012 was to continue to reach out to organizations, local businesses and communities to spread awareness and education about Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties and their services and the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence.

Over \$900 was spent on special mattress pads and sheets for hospital beds for patients in need who receive hospice care at home.

As historian I am creating a scrapbook of our events, newspaper clippings and photographs. If you have anything of interest to add to this scrapbook please forward them to me through the auxiliary or drop them off at the Stony Brook Office. Thank you.

*Bonnie DiLorenzo  
Historian*

**Annual Report of the Kaplan Residence Liaison**

The work of the liaison provides a conduit from the Residence to the Auxiliary so that current needs may be addressed and help provided as appropriate.

The Auxiliary has continued to finance supplies such as aprons for the volunteers, tote bags for family members to use for taking personal possessions home and coffee pods for the coffee maker for the Residence. The Auxiliary also purchased CD's of soothing music to be played during a patient's final hours.

A request was made by the Residence staff for Sirius XM service for the hallways to help provide soothing sounds for patients and visitors. The project was initiated by Auxiliary board member Cathy Wood. Cathy made a generous donation by providing payment for the first year of service.

In 2011 initial plans were considered for the repair of the fountain pool outside the Residence. These plans came to fruition in 2012 with the pool getting a brand new beautiful fountain along with color lighting inside the pool.

*Submitted by Mary Bonura  
Liaison for the Auxiliary to the Kaplan Family Residence*

