

# HOSPICE AUXILIARY

## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

### President's Message

Sincere thanks to the Hospice Auxiliary Board and all members in support of the mission of Hospice. It is gratifying to see the success of the fundraisers; Dine Out, Mum Sale and Fashion Show that help enable us to provide support and enhancement of patient care in homes and at the Kaplan Family Residence.

An initiative has begun to assist families with the "Auxiliary Family Needs Fund." Current needs identified are extra-long twin bed sheets for hospital beds in homes, quilted waterproof under-pads, and soothing music CDs. Thanks to Bonnie DiLorenzo for volunteering to be the liaison with the social work department.

In addition to home needs, the Auxiliary donated replacement couches and the reupholstering of a coordinating bench in the great room at the Kaplan Family Residence. This was accomplished by Colleen Fogarty, who also replaced the silk flower arrangements with funds donated by the Auxiliary. Plans are underway to repair and enhance the fountain outside the Residence as well. Mary Bonura is coordinating this project with funding from the Auxiliary and a generous donation from Hudson Valley Pool Doctors.

We do plan to improve communication with each member. The Auxiliary is undertaking an initiative to send an e-newsletter to the membership four times a year. We are grateful for all the support of the Dine Out, Mum Sale and Fashion Show, in addition to annual dues. Many thanks again for all you do as we continue supporting the mission of Hospice.

—Sue Najork  
*Hospice Auxiliary President*



### "Autumn In Style"

The Auxiliary's major fundraiser, *Autumn in Style* Fashion for Compassion Brunch and Fashion Show was held in September. Co-chairs Marilyn D'Ambrosio and Helen Richards led a committee of 26 women in even preparations at Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg. Models looked wonderful in designs provided by First Class Formalwear and Menswear, Helen Morrell Fashion Boutique and Style Counsel, and hair and makeup by Creative Hair Salon and Jennuine Hair Designs. The silent auction and ruffled added to the day's fun and financial success. A wonderful and entertaining day!

### 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 these dedicated Hospice Auxiliary members.



### Finances

\$17,822 was turned over to Hospice from the Auxiliary at the end of 2011 to purchase material for patient gowns and bags for the Kaplan Residence.

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

### Fundraising

Dine Out—\$5,457  
Mum Sale—\$2,204  
Fashion Show—\$15,115

*Submitted by Marilyn D'Ambrosio  
Fundraising Committee*

### Membership

A Membership Reception was held at Anthony's Pier 9 on May 25, 2011. As of December 31, 2011, we had 115 members.

*Submitted by Carol Ziegler  
Membership Committee*

### New Officers Announced

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers:

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

*Submitted by Janet Sullivan  
Chair, Nominating Committee*

### Community Outreach Committee

Our 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, their services, the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence, and how to contact Hospice.

The Community Outreach Committee worked with Janice Valentino to spread the word by manning a Hospice informational table at events and presentations at Mount St. Mary College, the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, and local business expos.

A "friend-raiser" (not a fundraiser), was planned to bring a small group together in a casual setting to talk about Hospice, it's role, answer questions and listen to the attendees. Unfortunately schedules and commitments did not work well for us, but **if we do not succeed at first, try, try again.**

*Submitted by Bonnie DiLorenzo and Judy McLaughlin  
Community Outreach Committee*

### Annual Report of the Kaplan Residence Liaison 2011

The work of the liaison continues to be to provide a conduit from the Residence to the Auxiliary so that current needs may be addressed and help provided as appropriate. Support of the Kaplan Family Residence remains a major focus of the Hospice Auxiliary.

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 12 new end-of-life CDs which contain soothing music to be played during a patient's final hours.

A request was made by the Residence staff to replace the flower arrangements in various locations throughout the Residence. Colleen Fogarty arranged for the purchase of flowers from Auxiliary funds and created the new arrangements. She was also responsible for directing the replacement of the couches in the great room and the reupholstering of the coordinating bench.

During 2011 initial plans were considered for the repair of the fountain outside the Residence with additional steps to be taken in 2012.

*Submitted by Helen Richards  
Liaison for the Auxiliary to the Kaplan Family Residence*