

Newsflash



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Hooks and Needles

Thanking our Wonderful Volunteers...

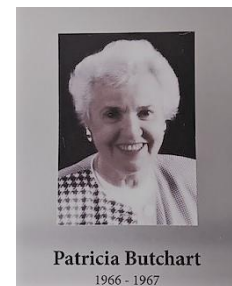
Thank you to all of our Hooks and Needles volunteers for knitting and crocheting baby caps for every baby born here at El Camino Hospital. They also make hats and other comfort items for our cancer and dementia patients.

This adorable cap was made by Paula Rodriguez. We are so thankful for the amazing work our volunteers are still doing, even during COVID times!



In Memoriam Patricia Butchart

We recently received news that Patricia Butchart has passed away. She was a past President of the Auxiliary. We will provide an obituary when we can.



Patricia Butchart, 1966-2020



Bill Scharfen, 1931-2020

William (Bill) Scharfen

Bill was born in San Francisco and moved to Palo Alto as a child. While at Palo Alto High School, he met Jane, his high school sweetheart, and they married soon afterward.

He worked for Progress and Stanford Electric for many years, then he started his own electrical business, Scharfen Electric. He worked all over Silicon Valley, on commercial and residential buildings, and installing streetlights and traffic signals.

Bill and Jane had four daughters. With a growing family they bought an acre of land, a former apricot orchard, in Los Altos Hills and built their dream house. In 2013 Bill moved to The Forum Retirement Community in Cupertino. He continued to enjoy volunteering at the Information Desk at El Camino Hospital.

Sadly, on November 15th, he passed away. He was preceded in death by Jane, his wife of 58 years. He leaves behind a loving family who will miss him dearly.

President's Message

Judy van Dyck

I miss all of you. I keep waiting for the OK to bring you safely back to your various services. Staff members always stop and ask when volunteers will be back. They say that ECH is just not the same without our volunteers. Even patients are asking where you are. You are missed!

In 1958 the CEO of ECH, Ed Hawkins asked a group of ladies to begin planning a volunteer program. It was on September 1st 1961 that El Camino Hospital opened its doors with the "Pink Ladies" welcoming patients and visitors. The Auxiliary was birthed... This year, 2021 marks 60 years that volunteers began spreading magic at ECH.

We have a planning committee working on activities to celebrate what we have accomplished over the past 60 years. Please contact Beverley in the Auxiliary office to share any comments, photos or stories to add to our celebrations.

Announcements

- **Lunar New Year**

Happy Lunar New Year to all of our volunteers who celebrate it! We hope you have a wonderful and prosperous Year of the Ox!



- **COVID Vaccine Opportunities**

We know that many of you are anxiously waiting to receive your dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. We want to remind everyone to be patient, as there are many moving parts involved in the process. There are so many people working around the clock to make sure that this roll-out is as safe and successful as possible.

For our volunteers who live in Santa Clara county, the website (<http://www.sccfreevax.org/>) is updated when things change. You will be able to view up-to-date information and criteria for getting vaccinated at different sites.

El Camino Health is also now authorized to schedule vaccinations for community members aged 65+. If you are interested, please save the El Camino scheduling site (tinyurl.com/elCaminoVaccineNewsflash) and continue to check when appointments show up. Vaccines are currently being delivered at the North First Street Clinic.

Comics Corner

Some Editor Picks

