

# Newsflash



March 2021

## A Volunteer's Experience

Judy Brown is one of our wonderful Los Gatos. We wanted to share below her recent experience in the LG hospital recently!

Due to an unfortunate experience with Celebrex, I was admitted to the LG hospital and spent 6 days there with 3 of those days in ICU due to an internal bleed caused by Celebrex. While that was traumatic, I was amazed how many of the nurses/staff recognized me as being a volunteer. My first one was Dan at ER who greeted me at the door and said "I know you"!! That made me relax and then there were the ICU nurses and OR nurses that recognized me also which made me feel that I was in very safe hands. (I kiddingly told them I was a "secret shopper").

I only work at the hospital Monday afternoons and felt that no one ever really noticed me but I can attest that they do see us and they repeatedly said how much they appreciated all of us for what we do.

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## In Memoriam Richard Smith

Dick Smith has lost his short battle with Leukemia on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Dick and his wife Donna owned and operated Wyant and Smith Funeral Home in Sunnyvale for 35 years. They purchased the business in 1970 and operated it until his retirement when Spangler Mortuary took it over.

Dick was known for his kindness, generosity and a big help for those in need. Dick was a two-time president of the Sunnyvale Rotary Club and he would feed the homeless regularly as part of the Sunnyvale Community Services. He was a member of the El Camino Hospital auxiliary committee. After retiring, he was active in the San Luis Obispo County community by being a docent at Hearst Castle and on the Volunteer Sheriff Patrol.



Richard Smith, 1939-2021



Betty Bowers, 1924-2021

## Betty Bowers

Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and Friend, passed away on the Afternoon of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 at the age of 96. Betty was a woman of great Love and compassion who placed family as her top priority.

Once a Princess in the Idaho State Fair, she met her Husband Lester Leroy Bowers during their studies at the Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon and the two were married in 1945. Betty majored in History and Psychology earning a Bachelor's degree. Betty and Les created a rich life together. Betty spent the 70s and 80s volunteering in the El Camino Hospital Auxiliary, working her way up to the position of President of the Auxiliary in 1980/81.

Betty's Family will miss her dearly. She deeply touched the hearts of all who knew her. The Family requests donations in Betty's name be made to: El Camino Auxiliary, Alzheimer's Disease Research, or Canine Companions.

## President's Message

Judy van Dyck

Dear Friends, time seems to be zipping by so quickly. I miss seeing you and your smiling faces around the hospital.

I have some good news to share. I heard from Administration that the Escort office in Mountain View may return to service! They will start volunteering with reduced hours this Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Mother Baby, Endoscopy and Java Junction will also open soon and LG volunteer services are slated to resume in April.

Many thanks for your patience as we sat out the lockdowns and waited for the all clear to return. Continue to take care of yourselves.

## Announcements

- **Thank You Brenda!**

Brenda is no longer with the Auxiliary but she is working in another department in the hospital so you may bump into her. We are grateful for her excellent service to the Auxiliary office and wish her continued success in her career at ECH!



- **Volunteer Positions**

We have immediate openings for senior volunteers in Mountain View in Escort daily from 10 am to 2 pm, and in the Office Monday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Office duties include answering the phone, greeting visitors, and light computer work. If you are interested, please respond to Janice Smith's email or call the office at (650) 940-7214.

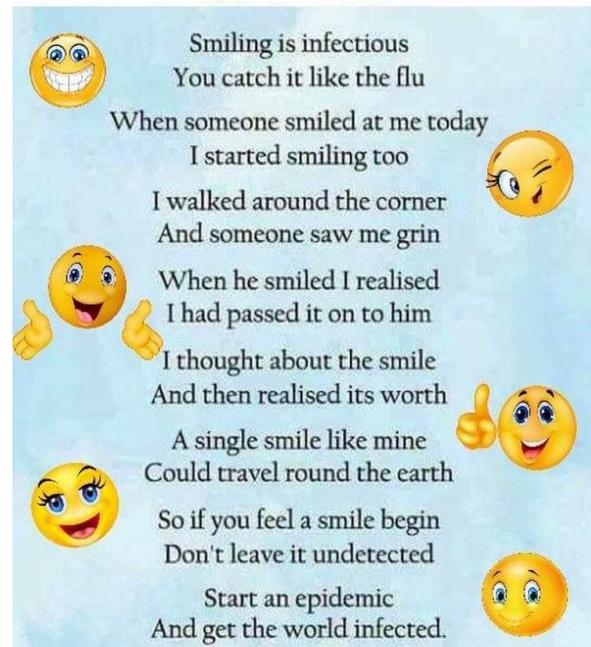
Los Gatos will have some positions available in a few weeks.

If your status is active and you do not plan to return once you feel safe and your position reopens, please respond to this email or call the office (650) 940-7214.

## Office Picks

Check out this poem!

### What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu  
When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too  
I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin  
When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him  
I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth  
So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected  
Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.

Oh the wonderful way you'll feel, you hear?  
If you just go out and volunteer...

A bird... a worm... a guzzle-bivvit,  
Could all use some help if you'll just give it;

You might say "No! Not!! No Way!"

"I've nothing to give - not today anyway!"

But you'll see if you look deep inside of you,

You've lots to give!

It's true! You do!

