

Newsflash



SEPTEMBER 2021

60 Years of Auxiliary

El Camino Hospital and the El Camino Hospital Auxiliary have turned 60 years old! Though our observances were affected by the pandemic, our staff and volunteers deserve to be celebrated more than ever! The celebration at the El Camino campuses included colorful balloons, a 60s themed menu in our cafés, and a special display highlighting the contributions of our Auxiliary family over the years.



Much has changed since the first Auxiliary Board, but the steadfast dedication of our volunteers has continued. Today, we stand strong at 324 active volunteers ranging from ages 14 to 90+. Thank you to all volunteers who have worked so diligently to serve our hospital and its patients.

The First Auxiliary Board

Remembering the Defrees Family

In the black and white photo of the first Auxiliary Board, the lady in the front row 5th from the left is E. H. Defrees. Her daughter, Jo Defrees came to see the 60th anniversary display and pointed out her mom to us! The longevity of our Auxiliary family is truly special.



President's Messages

Judy VanDyck

Happy 60th anniversary to all of you! September 1st, 1961 was the opening day for El Camino Hospital and the Auxiliary!

Our Auxiliary history is being written everyday as we evolve in our services to ECH.

Thank you for all that you do to keep the Auxiliary spirit alive.

Linda Heider

As I grew up in this area, I well remember when the hospital opened and the importance it played in the lives of the community. It is remarkable to be able to see the hospital celebrate 60 years of great medical care, and just as remarkable to see how the Auxiliary has participated in the well-being of this community during this time. For 60 years our service members have contributed their time, their energy, their creativity, and their commitment to enhancing the patient experience. In addition, volunteers have contributed their talents in making numerous handcrafted items, such as baby caps for newborns and comfort pillows for surgery patients. We have given scholarships, as well as training for our younger volunteers. We have partnered with many hospital areas to help staff provide the optimal hospital experience. For all these contributions, we say "bravo" as well as "thank you". We hope that as we move forward, we will continue our exemplary traditions and welcome future generations to carry on.

Announcements

- **Annual Flu Clinics Starting**

Getting your annual flu shot has never been more important! Employee Wellness & Health Services is partnering with RiteAID Pharmacy to provide on-site clinics **starting next Tuesday, September 28 (Mountain View) and Wednesday, September 29 (Los Gatos)** and continuing through the end of October. Vaccines will be provided at no charge for employees, volunteers, contractors, and physicians at both campuses. Forms will be available at both Auxiliary offices and the Escort Office in MV. **Please don't forget to bring your Health Insurance card and your ECH ID badge when you come to get the shot.**



- **Masking Guidelines**

Please note that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, must continue to wear masks while inside El Camino healthcare facilities.

- **Service Openings**

If your service has not yet opened and you are interested in volunteering, please call Corky in Recruiting to be temporarily placed in a new or additional service. 650-962-4986.

In Memoriam

Sally Bogert Mandle



Sally Bogert Mandle passed away with her family by her side in Santa Barbara, CA on June 21, 2021. Sally left a life of dedication to her two sons and their wives, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren.

After marrying John Mandle in 1954, they moved to Altadena CA, then to Los Altos before retiring in Santa Barbara. When the family moved to Los Altos in 1964, she volunteered at her sons' school with PTA and as a El Camino Hospital Auxiliary volunteer. She eventually served a term as Auxiliary President.

After moving to Santa Barbara in 2000, Sally found many opportunities to volunteer and eventually lead organizations within the retirement community. In later years, she could be found playing Bridge, Mahjong, and shuffleboard with her resident friends. She also enjoyed helping with the tending of the community rose and cactus gardens, along with other volunteer gardeners.

If you gathered from Sally's interests that she was a 'doer' you are right. She will be remembered as an unusual, outgoing, congenial and capable woman who could always be counted on to help when help was needed. Her friendly, outgoing, manner was always the first thing you noticed. She will be sincerely missed.

Besides her husband of 67 years, John, and immediate family, Sally is survived by her sister, Martha Jane (Petey) Semmens and Petey's family. A memorial will be held in Santa Barbara when the COVID restrictions have been lifted.