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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fontbonne Friends,

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I have to start by saying that it is truly my privilege to share with you the recent happenings within the Fontbonne Auxiliary. By way of introduction, and for those of

you I have not had the privilege to yet meet, it is truly my honor to serve as the new Fontbonne President for the next two years. You may be aware, but prior to transitioning from the board of directors to the role of President, I served St. John Hospital & Medical Center in an "employed" capacity for 32 years. I began work in January 1983 as an executive assistant to the Hospital Administrators. When I left St. John, some of those same administrators were my peers and colleagues, when I served as Vice President, Clinical and Support Services. I can say for certain that I truly "grew up" at St. John!! It has been such a privilege to work with such a talented group of executives, physicians, leaders and hospital staff. All of my experiences and relationships are held close to my heart. Some of the best times of my life have been here, while establishing the most meaningful and treasured friendships. I am beyond grateful for that.

Namely, one of my most treasured experiences was to serve as the administrative liaison to the Fontbonne and The Guild. It was there that I also established meaningful relationships and treasured friendships with so many. I eventually joined the Board of Directors for both of these fine organizations. Together we were able to raise millions of dollars for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. I am so proud to have been associated with the Fontbonne and The Guild for so many years and I look forward to our future work.

So here I am. I am truly humbled and so appreciative to serve in an equally meaningful way for the hospital where I was born and came to love through the service and leadership of my St. John family. Thank you for your confidence in me to further the great work of the Fontbonne Auxiliary.

Our May General Meeting was held on May 13, 2015, at The Hill Restaurant in Grosse Pointe. A most sincere THANK YOU to Andrea Soave Provenzano and Alicia Krall for your hard work in hosting a great luncheon. It was at this meeting that our transitioning board members were honored and I and my most dedicated board of directors were sworn in for our service for the next two years. Most importantly, all the fruits of our labor for the previous years was provided with a check to the hospital President, David Brooks, in the amount of \$233,343.

In September 2015, Camille Cracchiolo and Mary Ghanem planned and hosted our First Annual Fontbonne Golf Outing at Lochmoor Club. Originally the golf outing was scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2015, but due to inclement weather, we had to postpone it. So with the help of the Auxiliary team and under Camille and Mary's leadership, we were able to reschedule this event very quickly and have it follow my first board meeting. In spite of having to cancel, we were still able to secure most of the golfers, and the ladies who participated had a great morning of 9-holes of golf, followed by a wonderful luncheon, with awards and prizes! Thank you so much, Camille and Mary for your great work on this new event. I look forward to the second annual golf outing next year!!

At our Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, I shared my vision for the next two years. My hope and one of my goals is to further engage the leadership of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, and the St. John Providence Health System. We are looking to host a membership campaign tied to a fun event, inviting leaders and other employees from the hospital. I would also like to plan more social events that we have not done before, in an effort to further our relationships and meet new Fontbonne friends. We are so blessed to have such dedicated women in our community wanting to contribute, while networking with others and having fun! We discussed the need to perhaps change up some of the times for some of our events so that others might be able to participate. I would also LOVE to bring back the annual Fashion Show that so many of us remember and miss....Stay tuned!

I am pulling together an advisory committee to assist me in preparing our strategic plan for the next two years. If you are so inclined to participate, please contact Raegan Movinski, as soon as possible to get added to our committee. I am looking to pull together a diverse group of individuals to represent the interests and demographics of the Fontbonne Auxiliary in order to offer events where everyone has an opportunity to participate, while raising much needed dollars for our great St. John Hospital!

I look forward to our upcoming Holiday High Tea and Strolling Fashion Show. This year, my dear friends, Liz Mitchell, board member and Linda Trevillian, manager of Le Fontbonne Gift Shop, will be planning this event. We have decided to change things up a bit and kick-off the holidays a little earlier (just before Thanksgiving) on November 19, 2015 at the County Club of Detroit. We will have Fontbonne members and some of our guests model some of the great finds from Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. Attendees can shop during the networking portion of the day, and receive a 25% discount on items sold in the gift shop. You won't want to miss this event. They have a great day planned. Consider bringing a friend.

And finally, our traditional and largest event, The White Christmas Ball will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015, at Cobo Center. Our dear Amy Danna, most recent past president, has graciously accepted chairmanship of this wonderful event. I am so grateful to Amy for all of her hard work and dedication to the Fontbonne for so many years. She and her dedicated committee are planning a BEAUTIFUL event with a theme of "Heaven and Nature Sing". Look forward to more information soon! Another event vou don't want to miss!!

I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your relationship to and support of the Fontbonne Auxiliary and St. John Hospital & Medical Center. It's because of you that St. John continues to thrive, and I look forward to our future work.

Blessings to you always,

Debbie Condino, Fontbonne President

Fontbonne invites members and guests to a

itish Traditional "High Tea"

The Fontbonne Auxiliary is planning a unique and exciting general membership meeting with its "Holiday High Tea and

Strolling Fashion Show" on Thursday, November 19th at the Country Club of Detroit. The social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by the luncheon and High Tea and fashion show. Co-chairing the event are the ever-creative Liz Mitchell and Linda Trevillian.



Our Fontbonne members will be modeling, casual style, the latest fashions from Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. The other Co-Chairs Peggy Davis and Patty Stumb have contacted numerous members and hospital friends to strut the Great Hall of the Club with fashionable sweaters, pants or tights, dresses and jewelry and handbags for accessories. Liz Mitchell will be the commentator for the outfits that are modeled.

A delightful lunch is planned with the High Tea to delight the palates of those who attend. The menu will consist of Squash Soup with Candied Pecans and the club's famous Michigan Salad with dried cherries and green apple slices. Next will be assorted Tea Sandwiches with a garnish of skewered fruit. Orange and cranberry scones with clotted cream and lemon curd will add to the culinary pleasure. Red, green and gold colors provide the ambience of the afternoon. Presentation of the desserts takes the form of three-tiered centerpieces embellished with holly and ivy and filled with assorted tarts, madeleines and petit fours. The decorative centerpieces are being created by Liz and Linda with the assistance of our very creative Fontbonne member JoAnn Miller.

Don't miss this luncheon experience with High Tea fashioned after the English tradition. Coffee and tea will also be included, along with soft drinks and cocktails available with cash or credit card. Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe will display holiday gifts and fashions before and after the luncheon and meeting. Luncheon attendees will receive special discounts.

MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FONTBONNE AUXILIARY

We hope that you will enjoy the short bios of our new Fontbonne board members. As you can see, they come from all walks of life, all ages, some are mothers; some are grandmothers, but they all share one common theme, "their passion for helping is the hospital's passion for healing".

LIZ BSHARAH, VICE PRESIDENT

I am from Grosse Pointe and went to Northwood University and studied advertising and marketing management. I have three kids 15, 13 and 11. I love to play tennis.

CAMILLE DEMARIO

Education: Nazareth College, BA, Eastern Michigan University, MA, American Montessori Society, Certified.

Most recent employment: Grosse Pointe Academy. Principal of the Montessori Early School and Lower School.

Extra-Curricular Activities: Past President of Michigan Montessori Society, Leadership Detroit, Detroit Strategic Plan, Crime Task Force, Member of the committee for school affiliation and board member of Wayne County Child Care Council.

Debra Van Elslander

I live in Grosse Pointe Shores. I have two married daughters. Tara Blake lives in Grosse Pointe and has three children. Jennifer Goodman lives in St. Louis, MO and has two children. I love spending time with them. I attended Dominican High School and some college. I worked at Art Van Furniture for 25 years. Currently, I manage family properties. Board affiliations are The Parade Company and previously Holy Cross Children's Services. I enjoy travel, boating and golfing.



THE BEAUTY OF HEAVEN AND NATURE ABOUNDS WITH THE WHITE CHRISTMAS BALL

On a beautiful summer day, "Heaven and Nature Sing" was launched at the lovely Lakeshore home of Tammy and Joe Haney. Chairing the luncheon was Maureen Gleason with Tammy hosting the day's event. A wonderful lunch overlooking Lakeshore Drive was provided, and Fontbonne members had a chance to sign up for the committee where they could help in planning our 62nd White Christmas Ball.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the photo shoot of our committee members for the Ball's program book was held on the beautiful and scenic Belle Isle. Peggy Davis, Camille DeMario, Pam Meyer and Patty Stumb, who were chairing the photo shoot, had previously surveyed the island, along with our photographer Karl Ford, to see the locations which would provide the best and most scenic sites for the numerous photos to be taken. The Casino, several bridges, meadows and lagoons provided the backdrop for our committee members. The Committee then gathered at the Detroit Yacht Club for a delightful lunch.



The celebratory Kick-Off Cocktail Party for our underwriters and committee members is being held on

Wednesday, November 11

at the beautiful Lakeshore home of Jenny and Paul Silva. It should be a very fun evening with all of the excitement growing with the White Christmas Ball.

The renovated, expansive and marvelous Cobo Center, Detroit will be the venue again this year for the ball. Scarlet Poppy is the design company that will transform the ballroom into a joyful "Heaven and Nature Sing". As guests arrive the entertainment will be provided by The Noteworthy, a very popular a cappella women's singing group. Music for the evening will be provided by the renowned band, Skyline & The Back Street Horns. The favors are so generously donated again this year by edmund t. AHEE jewelers.

The funds raised from the underwriters, patrons and attendees at this year's ball entitled "Heaven and Nature Sing" will be dedicated to the Child Life Program at St. John Hospital & Medical Center. The program provides academic support, pain management, cancer care, play therapy and bereavement support to pediatric patients and their families who are coping with medical treatment, diagnosis and hospitalization through play, preparation, education and self-expression. Funding will help children deal with the numerous emotions that they may experience during a hospitalization and medical procedures. The outcome from this program's support will improve the comfort and care provided to the more than 1,600 pediatric patients and their families that are seen each year at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Corresponding Report

March

13th~Thinking of you to Patty Stumb

26th~Sympathy to Marilyn Bartley on the death of her husband 26th~Sympathy to Barbara Bartley on the death of her son

April

- 1st~Sympathy to Debbie Condino on the death of her mother-in-law 1st~Sympathy to Susan Marie Rinke on the death of her uncle 1st~Sympathy to Janice Rinke on the death of her brother-in-law
- 1st~Sympathy to Marilee Rinke on the death of her brother in a

June

30th~Get Well to Kim Bill

August

4th~Congratulations Joan Gehrke on the birth of her granddaughter

September 16th~Sympath

16th~Sympathy to the family of Joan Gehrke 16th~Flowers to the family of Joan Gehrke 18th~Flowers to the Van Elslander family for Kayleigh Webb 18th~Sympathy to Mary Ann Van Elslander on the death of her granddaughter 18th~Sympathy to Debra Van Elslander on the death of her niece 18th~Sympathy to Kim Van Elslander on the death of her niece

New Annual Members-

Shannon Andrus Christina Craparotta Kelly Houseman Elizabeth Knowlton Nanci Mercer

New Life Members-Annmarie Schaden Erin O'Mara Gina Paschke Nan Schneider Faye VanMeter

Julie Wesley

2015 FONTBONNE AUXILIARY NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS "Not all angels have wings; some have scrubs!"

Because of a special endowment established by our Fontbonne Auxiliary in 1989, we are able to award annual scholarships to our nurses who are enrolled in the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Nurse Extern Program each summer.

Each year in July, a Fontbonne Selection Committee, along with hospital educators, gather to read each application (10-18), personally meet and listen as they proudly present their personal required projects and share their dreams for the future. What follows is the most difficult challenge – choosing 4-6 applicants (depending on the growth of the endowment) to receive a scholarship.

This year our committee included Peggy Davis, Camille DeMario, Jocelyn Dombrowski, Phyllis DeMars, Kim Hinton, Patty Stumb and Lorna Zalenski. As they read the values essays and listened to their clinical improvement projects, they discovered words like mission, community, relationships, compassion, creativity, responsibility, dignity, comfort, passion, dedication, service and integrity, values aligned with the St. John Health Care System.

This year we awarded 5 Fontbonne Nursing Scholarships each in the amount of \$2,150.00. Choosing five winners out of 18 applicants proved to be a real challenge because each of the nurse externs were so special in the hearts and minds of their mentors, preceptors, and floor managers with whom they work each day at the hospital and most especially to the many patients whose lives they touched while at St. John.

A big thank you to our committee who were so impressed with these "angels in scrubs."



Peggy Davis (Fontbonne), Patty Stumb (Fontbonne), Rachel Sabbath (University of Michigan), Saran Naqshbandi (Eastern Michigan University) Andrew Casinelli (Wayne State University), Michelle Bretz (Davenport University), Samantha Olmstead (University of Michigan) Phyllis DeMars (Fontbonne), Camille Demario (Fontbonne)

Tell the little ones that the cherry halves are in honor of Rudolph's nose!

Rudolph's Delights



1 cup butter 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup light corn syrup 2 eggs, separated 2 1/2 cups flour 2 cups finely chopped pecans

candied cherry halves

Dough must be chilled.

- 1. In a large bowl of electric mixer, or in a food processor, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add corn syrup, egg yolks and flour, mix well and chill.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease cookie sheets.
- Lightly beat egg whites. Shape dough into one-inch balls: dip in egg whites and coat with nuts. Press cherry half, cut side down into each cookie.
- 4. Place cookies 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 20 minutes or until edges are browned.

FONTBONNE AUXILIARY GIGGLES -N-GALS

"It's not the years in your life that count, but the life in your years!" With this in mind, plans for our Fontbonne's annual Girls' Night Out began on February 10th when the committee met at the Atwater Brewery in the Park. Sheri Rieth and Liz Bsharah, chairs for the event, hosted us for a fun and ambitious planning meeting. It was decided by all that we wanted to "mix things up a bit" for this year's event on April 29th at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Cultural Center. Thus we renamed the event Giggles-N-Gals and went with a "Comedy Night".



Co-Chairs: Liz Bsharah and Sheri Rieth

Heading the

evening's hilarious entertainment were Heather Jay and Brad Scott along with headliner, Dave Landau. We attracted a fun group of Fontbonne members and quests of all ages who enjoyed a "plethora" of giggles and gab time, a few signature drinks, a tasty, strolling dinner, a wonderful assortment of raffle and door prizes and a lovely array of decadent desserts. There

was definitely a lot of life and laughs in all our years!

Quotes to Ponder and Enjoy!

"A falling leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave good-bye."

> "Aspire and Inspire before you Expire."

"It's not the years in your life that count, but the life in your years."

"There are too many people whom we let sleep; awaken them and help them grow."

"For all that has gone before, we say "thank you". For all that is yet to come, we say, "Yes, Lord".

"If you live to be 100, I want to live 100 minus one day so I never have to live without you!" (Winnie the Pooh)

"Sometimes what we believe in our hearts is far more important than what we can figure out in our minds."

Past Presidents' Luncheon Honoring Amy Danna

It was a lovely, cool, sunny spring day on June 5th, when 9 past presidents came together to honor our past Fontbonne president, Amy Danna and to welcome her into the special camaraderie shared by this illustrious group of women. They gathered in the Lakeshore Room at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon followed by one of Amy's favorite desserts, a hot fudge sundae! Sharon Burke, Pat Ostosh, Victoria Young, Santina Fulgenzi, Ardis Gardella, Jean Azar, Peggy Davis, Aspa Raphtis and Patty Stumb were delighted to be able to celebrate Amy's past two successful years as our Fontbonne Auxiliary president. Everyone shared their own fun and unique memories of their special two years. Two of our past presidents, who were not able to travel, sent their love and warm wishes across the miles to all. Maria Valente called from Florida where she lives now and Lee von Berg from Arkansas where she has settled. Peggy Davis said, "Membership in the Fontbonne Auxiliary fosters meaningful and lasting friendships with the common goal of fund-raising and friend-raising for St. John Hospital & Medical Center." We are a unique group whose passion for helping so generously supports the hospital's passion for healing.



Front row (I to r): Sharon Burke, Ardis Gardella, Santina Fulgenzi, Amy Danna, Victoria Keys-Young, Pat Ostosh Back row (I to r): Jean L. Azar, Aspa Raphtis, Peggy Davis, Patty Stumb



Back: Paul Treder, Kate Gavagan, Sara Serota, Marino Santi, April Hill, Peter Cueter, John Adamo Front: Rhonda Schervish, Bridget Backer, Stuart Fletcher, Elissa Rextor



It was a brisk, chilly and windy morning on Saturday, October 3, but the weather didn't deter the Fontbonne Auxiliary, The Guild and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club from sponsoring the second 5K Run/Walk along Lakeshore Drive. All ages enjoyed the fun fundraiser, and our Fontbonne members volunteered to ensure its success.

the entertainment for the event again this year. Wally's Custard Truck is always enjoyed no matter what the age of the participants, spectators and volunteers. 5K Entertainment and Bafflin Bill the Magician dazzled the crowd, and What Up Dough provided flavored fresh baked cookies for all to enjoy.

Other Fontbonne members who participated whether in the 5K Run/Walk or to cheer the walkers and runners on were Debbie Van Elslander and her granddaughter Claire. children and grandchildren came to enjoy the entertainment and treats. Many thanks go to our Fontbonne/Guild Coordinators, Raegan Movinski, Pauline Hemmingsen and Kathy be proud.

Viva Le Gift Shoppe!

It's almost time to "deck the halls", and that is what Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe is doing. You are sure to find an unusual decoration just perfect for that spot in your room. Looking for a gift for the person who has everything? Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe suggests giving a gift card. They can be purchased for any amount you wish. While you are there check out the great fall fashions that have just arrived along with gloves. hats, scarves, and a large selection of handbags. Don't pass up those deep discounts on Halloween decorations All Fontbonne while they last. members receive a 15% discount. See you soon!

Jo Ann Miller



Le Fontbonne Gift Shop Farewell and Marm Melcome

Le Fontbonne Gift Shop bid a sad farewell to our beloved Shirley Saylor for her 18 years of dedication to the shop and St. John Hospital & Medical Center. She has been such a wonderful and familiar face with her knowledge and skill in coordinating sales for our shop. We wish her a joyous and relaxed retirement.

A huge warm welcome to Betty Davenport who was recently appointed Coordinator - Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. Betty began her affiliation with St. John Health in February of 2012, first serving as a cashier to then being made Coordinator - St. John Macomb Gift Shop. Betty is the proud mother of two children and four grandchildren. She states that she absolutely loves working with volunteers and, they hold a very special place in her heart. Betty has also volunteered for Battered Women and Children in Detroit and also volunteered doing fundraising for a visually handicapped group.



Fond Farewell To Amy Danna Enthusiastic Welcome To Debbie Condino

Changing of the guard happens every two years with the Fontbonne Auxiliary. Wednesday, May 13, 2015 was the date for the luncheon and annual meeting at The Hill Seafood & Chop House. Alicia Krall and Andrea Soave Provenzano chaired the special day featuring the retiring of board members, election of new board members and the swearing in of our new President Debbie Condino and her board for the years 2015 - 2017.

A gourmet luncheon was enjoyed

by all, and the menu consisted of The Hill Salad, Chicken Breast in a tomato Beurre Blanc with Basmati Rice and Assorted Vegetables with a delightful Hummingbird Cake for dessert.

Nominating Chair Patty Stumb bid a fond farewell to President Amy Danna for her very successful two year term. President-Elect Deborah Condino was installed as our 30th president. The departing Fontbonne Auxiliary members were presented with angel pins with their names and dates of dedication to the Fontbonne as members of the board of directors. Pat Connelly, Mary Ellen Dakmak, Amy Danna (emeritus), Marie DeLuca and Kathy Driscoll were thanked.



Also Christine Drummy, Cristina Garberding, Mary Ghanem, Wendy Koster Relich and Alica Krall were honored for their service. Lastly Lauren Marchal, Andrea Soave Provenzano, Mary Ann Van Elslander and Nawal Zayat were recognized as retiring board members.

A warm and enthusiastic welcome was given to our new Fontbonne Auxiliary board members. They are Wendy Bellard, Camille DeMario, Jocelyn Dombrowski, Tammy Haney,

Kim Hinton and Phyllis Howard. Also inducted to the board at the annual meeting were Gail Howe, Bonnie Jobe, Mado Lie, Elizabeth Mitchell, Madeleine Phillips, Tricia Schaden and Jennie Silva.

Amy Danna presented St. John Hospital President David Brooks with a check for \$233,343 for one year of fundraising and Betty Granger, CSJ accepted a check for \$10,000 for the Sisters of Saint Joseph. During Amy's presidency a total of \$519,207 was given to St. John Hospital and \$20,000 to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Congratulations to Amy for a very successful two years of serving at the helm of the Fontbonne Auxiliary.

Fontbonne Sponsors First Golf Outing for Members and Friends

"Girls Gone Golfing" merged with the September General Membership Meeting of the Fontbonne Auxiliary, and they were both held on Thursday, September 3, due to the inclement weather which cancelled the August 30th golfing event. A continental breakfast began the day at 8:00 a.m. at Lochmoor Club followed by a Shotgun Start at 9:00. Many Fontbonne members and their guests participated in the golf outing which was chaired by Debbie Condino, Camille Cracchiolo and Mary Ghanem.

A delicious luncheon followed the golf, beginning with the option of a Mimosa cocktail to accompany the culinary delight of a salad, Chicken Capprese and mouthwatering Cheesecake for dessert. Following the luncheon the winners of the 9 hole golf outing were announced. The winners were Debbie Van Elslander, Christy Torgler, Janet Gadette and Leah Cracchiolo.

Fontbonne President Debbie Condino opened the general meeting with announcements from the various committees. The holiday meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 at the Country Club of Detroit chaired by Liz Mitchell, JoAnn Miller and Linda Trevillian aided by Peggy Davis and Patty Stumb who are coordinating the models' outfits from Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. An update was given for the 62nd White Christmas Ball chaired by the immediate Past President Amy Danna. "Heaven and Nature Sing" will be held at the Cobo Center, Detroit on Friday, December 11, and all attending the luncheon were urged to attend this yearly event held by the Fontbonne Auxiliary.



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REMINDER: Reservations for Fontbonne events will only be honored if they are prepaid by credit card, check or cash. Thank You!

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White Christmas Ball (Cobo Center, Detroit) Friday, December 11, 2015

2015 Fontbonne Upcoming Events