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Volunteer Spotlights



Pat Owings and Her *Amazing Gift*

We've all seen stories on the network evening news – desperate appeals being made to find a life-saving kidney for someone suffering from severe kidney disease or failure. YRMC volunteer, Pat Owings, recently be-



came involved in such a story. When a friend needed a kidney, she decided to see if she could become a donor. After extensive medical and psychological exams and testing, Pat (even at age 73) was considered to be a good candidate for donation, though not the perfect match for her friend. However, through a paired exchange program, she and her friend were able

to take part in "donor chain" surgery with three donors providing compatible kidneys to three needy recipients. Surgeries all took place at the same hospital (The Kidney Transplant Center at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco) on the same day, with hospital stays for donors and recipients ranging from three to five days. Pat's recovery has been relatively easy, and after six weeks she was back to normal activities including her volunteer job in HR at YRMC. Pat's friend and each of the other donors and recipients are all progressing well too.

Donating a kidney can be a daunting prospect and should only be entered into with complete understanding of the living donation process. However, as Pat discovered, it can also be one of life's greatest experiences knowing that the gift of a kidney can touch the lives of so many.

Things that make me think

.....like how many times I have woken at 3:00 in the morning and have thought to myself "I wonder how many miles our courtesy cart drivers drive in a given four-hour shift?" Great question! Let's think here, the carts are driven all around the YRMC parking lots, picking up passengers. Over and over this continues on a daily basis, five days a week. Sometimes a guest, unaccustomed to this service, gets out of the car, and then music from



"Jaws" is heard ... dum,.dum, dum dum, dum dum. What could be lingering behind my car, they ask? Oh thank goodness it's only a courtesy cart driver waiting to take me to the hospital's main entrance. When this mission is accomplished, it's time to

move to the next needy passenger. Whoa, this must really accumulate a lot of miles. Oh wait, let's get back to the original question how monutower.

to the original question, how many average miles does a courtesy cart driver drive? Allan Steves, a cart driver shared that he clocked 18.94 miles during one of his volunteer shifts, and that was on a good day. It would probably feel like 50+ miles on a cold, blustery winter day. Sleep well tonight, our question has been answered.





Martin & Shirley caught peeking with hopes to see the staff practicing their dance routine for the luncheon. The staff was suspicious of their antics and placed paper over the window – the secret remained a secret!!!

In Memory of our Former "Pulse" Newsletter Volunteer, Liz Briggs Who Passed Away on March 3rd



This newsletter was created with a bit of sadness with the recent passing of Liz who previously assisted with its publication.

Liz enjoyed all of her volunteer areas of service and each quarter when she was asked if she was willing to assist with the next newsletter, she'd reply with a resounding "YES!"

We have fond memories of Liz's behind the scenes work on this publication and her great spirit.

On this same topic, our thanks are extended to Janet Santiago who will now take on this task.

Volunteer Uniforms

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that volunteers are asked to wear volunteer-issued shirts and vests with white or light tan slacks.

Additionally, for those of you who are wearing vests, please wear *only* white or light tan tops under your vests (no other colors or printed apparel).

Following these guidelines will continue to create a sharp, consistent and welldefined look for our volunteers.

Take a break from your "volunteer-blues"

Exceptions to our Uniform Policy



Memorial Day May 20 - 27 Wear red, white and blue



Rodeo Days July 1 - 9 Wear your western attire





To safeguard our patients and visitors' privacy ... do not take any pictures while you are volunteering. This is a HIPAA guideline.



100 Hour Pin Annabelle Brigante Kevin Campbell David Cannan Marshall Case Diana Chapman Jake Chase Laurie Crimmins Mark Dawson Linda Fisher Ray Lee Jo Marsh **Bonnie Marshall** Linda McKee Laura Molinaro Judy Mortensen Stan Schambach Jan Seewald Shell-Be Shroeder Karin Schultz Faye Sipple Kayla Stinchecum **Rusty Thompson** John Tipton Marsha Weiss Sally Wilson

200 Hour Pin

Lewis Aul **Barbara Bartels** Gayle Beaumont Mary Bell Julie Cutler Jan Dacy Don D'Angina Liberty Darnick Liz Davidson Gary Duemling Jerry Jackson Didi Johnson Janet Johnson Oralia Kaufman Shirley May **Bob** Meadowcroft Laura Meek

AWARDS LIST

Volunteers Awarded During January, February, March 2019

Larry Neece Ron Nevin Sandy Schmutzer Chevelle Stanley Allan Steves Sandra Stoner Sue Stratford Kenny Vaughn

350 Hour Bar

Shirley Atencio Debbie Behrends Elizabeth Bower Katie Bower Jerry Ellington Fran Hattendorf Kirk Johnson Mary Kelly Bob Krause Peggy Littrell Janie Phare Rosalie Pszenny Shirley Sakaguchi Debbie Zdanowicz

<u>500 Hour Bar</u>

Rob Charette Marianne Creighton Peggy Dority Juaketa Hancock Gary Jenkins Carole Kooistra Debbie Morreim Dan Olsen Maria Sancho C'Ann Simpson Rick Smith Stephanie Voss

<u>850 Hour Bar</u>

Barbara Hein Steve Joannes Carol Kay Michael LeBlanc Vicki Petosa Jarie Roe Hal Rosenwasser James Stoner Pat Ullmann

1000 Hour Bar

Dennis Filiger Don Hesson Luana Mangold Don Packard Judy Ritti Joy Stoltzmann

1500 Hour Bar

Kathy Avery Karyl Colozze Fred Garzone Bob Hayes Anna Jensen Jan Luke Lynda Matakovich Dee Tomlinson Yavapai Toymakers

2000 Hour Bar

Linda Baker Dorinda Hanna

2500 Hour Bar

Larry Christensen Mary Howland Chuck Matthews Greg Piehl

3000 Hour Bar

Norma Bauer Susan Cholewa Don Foster Tom Hubbard

3500 Hour Bar

Linda Davidson Mariann Ohlson

4000 Hour Bar

Doris Hayes Gunnar Ohlson

4500 Hour Bar Thad Vaughn

<u>5000 Hour Bar</u>

Susan Anderson

5 Year Pin

Philip Bird Micki Freshour LeeAnn Kipp Chris Pierce Dorothy Skura Dee Tomlinson

<u>10 Year Pin</u>

Harley Danner Linda Davidson Richard Drake Michael Hayden Ellen Klein John Peters Greg Piehl Frank Postuma Gary Roberts Martin Stan

<u>15 Year Pin</u>

Jack Hoeft

<u>20 Year Pin</u>

Harriet Cooper Jamie Fox John Miller

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