President’s Message

Fellow members as I write this, I was thinking how different this March 2021 is to March 2020. This time last year the Covid-19 pandemic sent many of us inside to work remotely from home, school from home and socialize virtual (Zoom, Google Meet) to be safe and lower the risk of exposure to the virus. Many friends, family and acquaintances were on the front line risking their health. It was only a year, but a very long year and scary year. Now as we head towards summer we are seeing nationwide rollouts of vaccines, positive cases of the virus are declining, restrictions on businesses are being lifted, all hopeful signs going forward.

This year's CAHHS Volunteer Leadership Conference was conducted via Zoom, the two-day event discussed the state of California Hospitals, covid-19 impact, changing volunteer programs to fit need, definition of workplace protection, volunteer vs employee, joint commission. The motivational speaker at the conference was Shola Richards who spoke on Unstoppable Resilience, some may remember Mr. Richards as the guest speaker at the dedication of the Maloff Center. We will be sharing some of the comments and ideas in future Barometers.

I am very proud to say that even though 2020 had limitations, our members contributed over 2319 volunteer hours. Hopefully the positive data we are seeing concerning the reduction in virus cases will result in our coming back into the hospital. Returning will be in stages; we just need to be patient.
For now, we need volunteers at ATTIC TUESDAY, the Attic is closed to retail business and there are two shifts, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. As of today, we are able to have six volunteers a shift. If you have available time, think about joining your fellow members. I would like to thank Linda Coffman for all the work she does scheduling Attic Tuesday, I know it would make her day if we had full crews at each shift. Thank you to all who volunteered at the February Blood Drive, another successful event and excellent turnout.

I was a volunteer in the staff tent at the last community vaccination drive through clinic at LTCC, it was an experience. I was very proud of what Barton and the county did in such a short time of planning, 3 weeks. Volunteers from Barton Healthcare, Auxiliary and community were able to inoculate 1300 people. The day was busy in the morning as many showed up earlier than their appointment time, people lined up prior to the 9am start, Al Tahoe and Highway 50 got back up. Afternoon ran smoothly and the clinic closed at 5:30. Felt good to be a part of that day, but more importantly I saw folks I haven’t seen for almost a year, filled my heart.

Make a note on your calendars that the next zoom board meeting will be April 14th, 10 am to 1pm. We would really like to see you at our board meeting and hear any ideas or comments, or just come and see your board work. Till we see each other stay safe.

“Unity is a beast in itself. If a wolf sees two little boys playing in the woods on one side, and a big strong man on the other, it will go to the one who stands alone.” - Suzanne Kaz

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**Barton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board Meeting**

**March 10, 2021 Zoom Meeting 10:00 - 12:00pm**

The meeting was called to order by President Vikki Egry at 10:08am. Maria Lundholm read the Auxiliary Prayer. Motion made by Louise Mitchell/Maria Lundholm/approved to accept the agenda as presented with one correction that the next board meeting will be on April 14 not March 14 as written. Motion made by Larry Coffman/Maria Lundholm/approved to accept minutes from 2-10-21 board meeting as presented.


Chris Proctor reported that the community outreach program with help from the Foundation is distributing about 275 Safeway food cards a week to the community. Safety precautions at the Attic have been taken after one of the employees tested positive for Covid. Should be able to resume Auxiliary Tuesdays at the Attic next week. El Dorado County allowed Barton Health to administer 1300 vaccines on February 26. Johnson & Johnson vaccine (one and done shot) is perfect to administer to our under served population and homeless.

Elizabeth Stork from Human Resources shared the procedure to obtain new ID badges thru Security. You will need to go online to request a new badge and submit a photo for the badge. Contact person for TB testing is Jennifer Mixsell, Home Health Nurse at Barton. Vikki will send out the information to obtain your new ID badge.

Jenny Taylor from the Foundation reported that their magazine “Elevations” will be out this month. The leaves for the Tree of Life in memory of Barbara Ritchin, Blair Bolles and Marjorie Daum are in and will be put up as soon as possible. The Foundation is planning on a golf tournament late summer or early fall and will need volunteers to help with this event. The Foundation has given out 1,500 food cards totaling $45,000.00 starting 1-25-21 thru this week working in conjunction with Chris Proctor and his team.

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Sue McLaughlin expressed her gratitude for help with the set-up of the vaccine clinic held in February to Larry Coffman, Carol McInnes, Ann Dee Hafner and Linda Coffman.

Chris Proctor reported that Barton Health has seen a drop in Covid cases locally. What has helped is the availability of the vaccine. He shared facts about Barton Health’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic. There is a probability of a booster shot in the fall.

President Egry complimented Larry Coffman on the article in the Barometer about Emmie Sue Parman who passed away recently. He will mention accepting donations in her memory in the next Barometer. She provided a re-cap of the CAHHS convention virtual meeting on February 16 & 17 that she attended.

1st Vice President Maria Lundholm reported that the new roster is almost ready to be sent out. We have 64 members in the Auxiliary including 3 sustaining. We have 2 potential members in the pipeline. 24 Barton Certificates have been sent out by Karen DeVos totaling $415.00 for recorded hours in 2020.

2nd Vice President reported that she attended the CAHHS convention as well and found it really different but very enjoyable.

Barometer Larry Coffman shared deadline for submissions will be 3-16-21. He reported on the recent blood drive: registered 116 participants, collected 110 pints of blood and 11 first time donors. Thanks to Cathy Vogelgesang, Cindy Moore, Larry Bernard, Barbara Lederman, and Joyce DeWitt for helping out.

Historian Mary Jackson profiled two of our members for the March Barometer. Look for the articles in the Barometer.

Safety George Ramirez reported that the 3rd vaccine from Johnson & Johnson (one shot and done) should help with herd immunity.

President Egry reported that there was 1 employee who tested positive for Covid, so Skilled Nursing Facility is more restrictive at this time.

ADJOURN: 11:33am, submitted by Linda Coffman, Recording Secretary

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vikki Egry and Maria Lundholm for asking me to be the new Historian for the Barton Auxiliary. This something fairly new for me to do as a Volunteer. I hope as time goes on; I can try to fill the shoes of previous Historians. I welcome any suggestions you may have. I’m sure we will all be happy when we can get back to reasonable “normal” volunteering with each other in familiar areas.

PROFILE-BRIDGET O. RICHMOND: Joined the Auxiliary in 2014. She is a “Snow Bird” who lives in San Diego during the winter months and travels back to Tahoe for the summer. She has the best of both worlds so to speak.

When Bridget walked into the hospital for the first time, she said she “was very impressed that it reminded her of Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego” where she worked for many years. She “felt right at home and knew that she wanted to volunteer at the Front Desk”.

Bridget said she has had some indoctrinations with Tahoe bears. For exercise she enjoys running and her first encounter when was running up hill when several men started yelling at her. She couldn’t hear what they were yelling until she got closer and encountered Momma bear with her two cubs. Needless to say, she didn’t waste any time turning around and running back downhill. Her second experience with a bear was when one entered her house (uninvited of course) but helped itself to newly purchased Nature Valley nutrition bars recently purchased from Costco that were still in the box.

Bridget falls very much at home in Lake Tahoe with the beautiful surroundings and scenery. She is very impressed that everyone in the Auxiliary is very helpful, respectful to one another and all the people who enter the front door.

PROFILE-JULEE DELACOUR: When Julee joined the Barton Auxiliary sometime between 2017 and 2018 she checked all the boxes on the membership form and is willing to volunteer in most of the areas. She retired in 2016 and is the daughter of Auxiliary member Shelley Piscitelli. She enjoys the nice people she has met so far and looking forward to the Auxiliary permanently opening back up.

Julee has a 24-year-old daughter who went to college and graduated from the University of Hawaii in 2019. Her daughter is visiting her family in Lake Tahoe with her fiancée and hopes to go skiing while here.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jackson
## Community Care

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## Vaccines

**Employees Vaccinated:** 798  
**Community Vaccinated:** 1,745

## Surge Plans

- **Total Acute Beds:** 150  
- **Beds for Intensive Care (ICU) Patients:** 25  
- **Medical Corps:** 140  
- **Ventilators:** 9  
- **Emergency Rescue Ventilators:** 8

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A herculean effort - thank you to so many who contributed.
AUXILIARY TUESDAYS AT THE ATTIC
If you would like to volunteer at the Attic on Tuesday’s, the hours are 9-12am and 1-4pm. Sort and tag cloths, linens, kitchen items and shoes. Contact Linda for scheduling at taholass@aol.com or phone her at 530-577-0328.

All Minutes from the General Membership meetings and the Auxiliary Board meeting will be published in the newsletter prior to their approval. Be sure to keep a copy for voting on approval at the next meetings.

REPORT ANY CHANGES
Any time you or you know of a member who has a change of address, phone, email or other information please let Maria Lundholm, 1st Vice-President or Larry Coffman, Newsletter editor know so changes can be updated for mailing information to members and making updates to the roster as needed. Also, if you know anyone who is not receiving the newsletter please let Larry know.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS
Barton Auxiliary Hours Certificates for 2020 have been mailed to you. Be advised that the Attic will accept all certificates that would have expired in 2020. This means they would have been issued in 2019 and maybe early 2020.

1 BARBARA LEDERMAN, 2 RUTHE SEGAL, 7 MARY SNYDER, 13 MARGARET ANTON, 15 PATI COBEL, 20 JULEE DELACOUR, 27 NANCY MULLER, FERN RILEY, AND 29 EMILIE LORENZ

Barton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
South Lake Tahoe Community
Vitalant Blood Drive
FEBRUARY 26, 2021
We registered 116 and collected 94 whole pints of blood + (8 double red cells X 2+ 16) = 110 pints of blood. We also had one donor do an automated donation and donate plasma. There were also 11 first time donors. Our goal was to collect 94 pints of blood so we came in 16 pints over the goal.

SUNSHINE REPORT
Our Sunshine Chair is Louise Mitchell.
If you know a member who is ill, please call Louise 530-544-2010 so she can send a cheerful note.
Starting in March 2020, my life as a volunteer changed. I was confused and scared, not knowing what was happening at Barton Hospital. As a volunteer, I was told to stay at home until further notice. We were cut off from all our friends and family. Thru Zoom meeting the Barton Auxiliary, we were informed how the Barton Hospital was doing, the struggles, the loneness, the long hours, the hard work our doctors, nurses, and the hospital staff was doing at the hospital. This was a Heroic Job! “Thank You”.

This year February 16 -17, 2021, the Barton Auxiliary was invited to attend the California Hospital Volunteer Leadership Virtual Conference on a Zoom meeting. I learn the current state of the California Hospitals in the Los Angeles, San Diego and the Sacramento areas, how they were dealing with the Coronavirus, getting volunteers back in service and bring back the feeling back to normal, again. They are also worried about another surge of the virus and the defend need for the public to be given the vaccine.

On our second day (February 17th) zoom meeting, I heard about our volunteer work force compliance, human resources and legal issues (unpaid volunteers vs donate their service) volunteers do not replaced paid employees, gift shop worker are classified as employees and adapting your volunteers program to meet the current needs for the hospital. Although there are many grey areas, we were advice to help prevent problems before they occur.

Our key note, speaker was Shola Richards “Unstoppable Resilience” in his book, if we don’t have resilience, we could have a burn out and depression, both at work and at home. The feeling over whelms us, and draining us mentally and emotionally. His quote: “Please take responsibility for the energy you bring into this space.” The CAHHS conference zoom meeting ended with, STAY SAFE. I’m looking forward to coming back as a Barton Auxiliary Volunteer.

Sincerely, Joanne Donmoyer
BARTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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