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The Fountain Clinic

FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Changes in Fountain Clinic staff

Summer fundraising recaps

Looking ahead to future fundraisers

Thank you to all of our great volunteers, fundraiser committee members, and donors.

February By Candlelight books

What's New With Us?

WHAT A SUMMER! Lots of bright, sunny days, lots of heat and a lot of changes for us at The Fountain Clinic.

One of the nicest changes has been the addition of Kelly Media to our staff; Kelly is our new Administrative Assistant and she started at the end of June. She is a recent graduate of Michigan State University. She is full of energy and has transformed our files, closets, and pharmacy. Kelly has taken over Santa's Bag and is doing a great job of filling the booths and doing the publicity. I feel she has already been a great asset to the Clinic.



Debbie Frey, Kelly Media (back), & Donna Barry

happy for her! Fortunately for us, she promises she will return to us part time in January.

We have hired Deb Frey, who will be replacing Adrienne part-time, and she has already started with us. Deb has a long history of nursing and is

Our wonderful nurse Adrienne Solis-Sherman will be left us this fall. She had her first baby and we are all so excited for her and her husband Derek. Adrienne and Derek had a son, Harper, September 15 and we are so

doing a great job with our patients. Another new face is Donna Barry, a nurse practitioner who recently joined our staff. Both of these talented women will help us to carry out our mission to treat the uninsured.

Fundraising Update

Our fundraisers went extremely well this summer. One of the key reasons being the weather. Once again, despite a dismal forecast, the Night at the Louvre was a beautiful evening. Storm clouds threatened in the

morning and afternoon but the rain held off until right as we finished cleaning up the event.

And Reubenfest, although very warm, was also a beautiful day!

With The Louvre and Reubenfest behind us we are now looking ahead to Santa's Bag, which is November 13, 9 am to 4 pm. In addition, we have February by Candlelight and the Chili Cook-Off to get us through the winter.

Reubenfest

Reubenfest had its best year ever! This year we did not have professional eaters but we had 23 celebrity eaters who were so entertaining and funny that no one seemed to notice.

Beth McCarthy was again our wonderful chair. As al-

ways, Beth kept her committee, who consisted of Lois Zuelke, Liza Sayre, Kathy Tarr, Kyle Maurer, Nicole Westrick, Heather Luciani, Tracy McCarthy, Matt Davis, and Ian Schnaitman, in line and on task with her amazing organizational skills.

But once again, it wouldn't be Reubenfest without two very generous people, Mike and Libby Caron. Their tremendous commitment to the community and this Clinic is truly amazing!



Thank you to all of you that helped us in anyway during this fundraising season. From setting the tables to cleaning the bricks to judging the “best schtick,” we are grateful to every one of you.

Night at the Louvre

Night at the Louvre was chaired by Mary Brown this year. She did a fantastic job directing her hardworking and fun loving committee. Committee members included: Kathy Tarr, Dar Neidlinger, Carolyn Palchak, Scott and Clare Loughrige, John McCann, Dick Brown, Barbara Cooke, Judy Byam, Cathy Galloway, and Liz Brotherton.

We began on a cold, dreary Wednesday in January and ended with a great potluck picnic in June at Mary Brown's house. I am so grateful to every single one of them but I want to especially thank Cathy Galloway and Sue Wallace who stepped in and did our catalog. It not only got done on time but it looked better than ever!

Of course The Louvre would not be the magical evening it is without Oak Hill. Once again Tom Franke graciously opened up his home to us. We cannot thank him enough. You would think after all these years he would want to get rid of us, but he is already asking me to set a date for next year!

Kelly's Korner



Greetings from my little corner of the Fountain Clinic! Mary Jo has given me this space to update you all on my doings around the clinic, but since many of you probably don't know me I will start my telling you a bit about myself.

I graduated from Michigan State in May, majoring in Communication. I have always had an itch to help people and have always wanted to make a difference so I started thinking about joining the non-profit

world. In a nutshell, that is how I ended up here.

My first official day of work for the Clinic was at The Louvre, which was slightly overwhelming. To say that I didn't know what was going on would be an understatement, but I did as I was told and everyone told me if I could survive the auction I could survive anything.

So far, a lot of my time at the office has been spent do-

ing “house cleaning,” organizing, and making things my own. With the help of very kind co-workers I felt comfortable here within the first week and have been having a lot of fun!

I have been spending a lot of my time getting myself acquainted with Santa's Bag. I have created all new flyers and put a couple of ads in the newspaper. Here's to hoping we have a full show and it goes off without a hitch!

The Books are Here!

Several years ago Cathy Galloway started the fundraiser February By Candlelight; it has been very successful. Over the last few years she has wanted to publish a book about the event. With the help of her committee, Cheri Riser, Lois Huever, Carol Riggs, Janet Schoenemeyer, Sue Wallace, Mary Brown and Brita Blue, we now have "Tablescapes and Recipes."

The books are beautiful! They feature pictures of many of the tables as well as some of the recipes that made the food on those evenings so special. The book sells for \$10.00. They can be found in many stores in the area, as well as at the Clinic.

Mark your calendars now because the date for the next February by Candlelight has already been decided! The event will take place on Sunday, February 20, 2011.



Whether it was a doctor visit or a medication pick-up, since January we have seen approximately 550 patients at the Clinic; this has resulted in over 2,500 total patient visits.

The Fountain Clinic Staff

Mary Jo Byrne, Executive Director

Kelly Media, Administrative Assistant

Linda Brown, RN

Adrienne Solis Sherman, RN, BSN

Debbie Frey, RN

Donna Barry, ANPC

Diana Toney, Registration/Senior Millage Specialist

Maria Miller, Dental Hygienist

In Memoriam

We hope you all had a relaxing summer but we know for many of our friends this has been a difficult spring and summer. Our community and this clinic lost many good friends in the

last several months. We thank those of you who have made donations in memory of your loved ones and we continue to pray for the families that are left behind.



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Fountain Clinic Events
You Don't Want to Miss!

- Santa's Bag: November 13, 2010
- February by Candlelight: February 20, 2011
- Chili Cook-Off: March 2011
- Night at the Louvre: June 2011
- Reubenfest: July 2011