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Fountain Clinic

Annual Fall Newsletter

What's going on with us?

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Now that temperatures are finally getting a little cooler, we know that we can start looking forward to fall, leaves changing, football, and some of our fall activities like Santa's Bag. But before we look ahead I would like to spend a little time reviewing the summer fundraisers. Yes, it was warm. Yes, it was humid; but that did not deter from our fundraisers one bit. In fact, it was the most successful summer we have ever had!

There are two big reasons for the success of the Night at the Louvre and Pastrami Joe's Reuben Eating Contest. The first is their fabulous committees. The other big reason: you. Every one of you were so generous, not only this summer, but throughout the year. So much so that we here at the clinic are not only grateful, but very humbled.

The Night at the Louvre was once again chaired by the most capable and very organized Mary Brown. Her supportive cast of co-chairs included Dick Brown (of course), Clare and Scott Loughrige, Carolyn Palchak, Kathy Tarr, Darlene Neidlinger, Judy Byam, John McCann, Cathy Galloway, Barbara Cooke, and Liz Brotherton. There were many more volunteers that spent Thursday through Saturday setting up and decorating for this event. Many spouses and children (including an unsuspecting visiting

brother-in-law) were pressed into service. As always, everyone worked very hard—and still managed to have a great time. Of course, the Louvre wouldn't be the Louvre without Oakhill and the generosity of Tom Franke. The amazing thing is that after all these years, he wants us back. We have already set the date for next year: Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Pastrami Joe's Reuben Eating Contest was again chaired by another organizational genius, Beth McCarthy. Her committee consisted of Mike and Libby Caron, Lois Zuehlke, Kathy Tarr, Heather Luciani, Liza Sayre, Matt Davis, Nikki Westrick, Tracy McCarthy, Jody Lubis and Kyle Maurer. What a blast this year's event was! We had motorcycles coming down the alley to deliver Kathy Miller, a farm wagon being pulled by cabana boys delivering Kathleen Oerther, two eaters cheated and ate pie, and some *very* serious reuben eaters. The Kids' contest was revamped by Nikki and Tracy and the kids seemed to really enjoy the change.

Because we are so grateful for all that you have done for us, our Board of Directors will be holding a Donor Appreciation Reception at the Franke Center on October 5, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Please join us for a little refreshment, socializing, and information about the clinic.

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February by Candlelight

February 5, 2012 will mark the 9th anniversary of February by Candlelight, a social fundraiser for the Clinic. Each table of eight women chooses a theme and decorates their table accordingly. The evening is filled with dining, chatting, laughter, and admiration of the creativity on display. There is a short program and the announcement of how much money has been raised for the evening.

A minimum donation of \$25 is requested from each participant, paid before the event. Tablescapes and Recipes, a book created from photos and recipes from the event is offered for a donation of \$10 and is available at The Fountain Clinic. If you would like to find out more information, contact Cathy Galloway (cathydgalloway@hotmail.com)

Diabetic Classes

As with so many things that happen at the clinic, good people find us and volunteer their help. Last spring I was contacted by Barb Baggerly. Barb is a Nurse Practitioner who found she had some extra time on her hands and she wanted to volunteer. Upon learning that diabetes is our #1 disease, she decided to form diabetic classes for our patients.

So far, she has had two sessions involving fifteen individual patients. Each session consists of six classes dealing with diet, exercise, understanding the disease and daily management of the disease. In October, Barb will be conducting an evening class at the Library for patients that work during the day. If you know of a diabetic who is uninsured and low income please have them call the Clinic to enroll.

Enjoy this beautiful fall that only Michigan can offer and please note the following dates:

October 5, 2011: Donor Appreciation Reception

October 11, 2011: Flu Shot Clinic

November 12, 2011: Santa's Bag Craft Show

February 5, 2012: February by Candlelight

June 9, 2012: Night at the Louvre

Another good person who found us, or should I say "re-found" us, is our newest employee, Kim Gloar RN. When Kim was a student nurse at KCC she did a rotation here at the Clinic. She called me last spring and said she had worked at the hospital since graduation but found she missed the Clinic and the type of work we do, and wondered if we had an opening. With our "nurse with a bun," Linda Brown, getting married I knew we would need another nurse.

Kim has worked out beautifully for us and has become a part of our dedicated team of nurses. And yes, Linda is now married. She still fills in for us and we still love having her.



New RN, Kim Gloar

Santa's Bag Arts & Crafts Show

Another Santa's Bag is just around the corner and we are getting ready. We're thinking about a menu for the concession stand, thinking about enlisting volunteers, and *hoping* that everything goes smoothly at the high school. One major difference: This year I know what I am doing... I think.

Last summer I began working at the Clinic when Santa's Bag was already half way full. I

had not met any vendors—and to be honest, I had no idea what I was supposed to be doing. It could be argued that I don't do Santa's Bag the way it has been done in the past but in the last year I was able to figure out a way of doing things that works for me.

The show is close to being full—there are about 20 openings left (out of 132 booths) and we are going to start publicity

very soon. I am getting daily e-mails and phone calls from potential vendors. Hopefully we can have the show filled up by the end of September so we can just focus on the advertising.

We have several new vendors this year and I am excited about the new products!

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