

Foundation Focus



Among those attending the 90th anniversary celebration for the Methodist Dallas Auxiliary are (back row, from left) Darlene Williams, Betty Binion, Lois Hesse, Joan Quiett, and Joyce Lloyd, (front row) Joyce Whiteley, M. Ellece Reese, Janice Brown, Cleo Holden, and Sylvia Wayne.

Happy anniversary!

Methodist Dallas Auxiliary celebrates 90 years of hospital service

Organized in 1922, the Methodist Dallas Medical Center Auxiliary celebrated its 90th anniversary this year. A spring celebration, themed “Continuing the Dream ... 90 Years Later,” allowed members to reflect on past accomplishments, recognize former and current officers, and envision new goals and dreams for the future.

President-elect Sylvia Wayne points to faith when asked what inspired her to begin her work and volunteer services with the Methodist Dallas Auxiliary many years ago. “Wherever people are in need, I want to be there

to provide my service,” she says. “The Lord is my inspiration and has always been my calling to volunteerism. The Auxiliary is the perfect vehicle to give back to the community.”

The work continues

Continually seeking ways to raise money for Methodist Dallas is a primary goal and focus of the not-for-profit, self-funded Auxiliary. By circulating a Blessing Basket at each meeting and hosting various fundraisers (Texas pecan, jewelry, and book sales), the

organization is able to help fund much-needed equipment and services. Major gifts for this year include a \$25,000 donation to the Methodist Dallas Emergency and Trauma Care Center Campaign for Support and five nursing scholarships totaling \$5,000.

The Auxiliary also donates 8,000 volunteer hours annually.

LEARN MORE. For more information about this organization, call Auxiliary President Sylvia Wayne at 214-374-3014.

Love lived out loud



Dear friends,
Numerous blessings
have come to Methodist
Health System

through the generous Auxiliaries
at Methodist Dallas, Methodist
Charlton, and Methodist Mansfield
Medical Centers and the Methodist
Hospitals of Dallas Guild.

Central to the fabric of our Methodist
culture, these volunteers and their
gifts — totaling more than \$3.2 million
over the years — have contributed
to a variety of projects, including the
level III neonatal intensive care unit
at Methodist Dallas, the Methodist
Mansfield Women's Pavilion expansion,
and the Methodist Charlton telemetry
unit, and have purchased valuable
equipment to enhance patient care.

This year special congratulations
go to the Methodist Dallas Auxiliary,
as it celebrates 90 years of such
continued service.

National youth advocate DeAnn
Hollis has said, "The heart of a
volunteer is not measured in size but
by the depth of the commitment
to make a difference in the lives of
others." Judging by the difference
our Auxiliaries and Guild make
in patients' lives and physicians'
work, it is clear their commitment
runs deep. We are so grateful for
their compassion and support.

Best regards,

April Box Chamberlain

April Box Chamberlain, CFRE
President and CEO
Methodist Health System Foundation

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Jerry Joyner, Kimberly Gabrysch, and Megan Lapham of Health Care Art Consulting received the award for "Table I'd Most Like to Visit" at the Methodist Charlton Auxiliary's World Tour of Tables.

Tour of Tables: Help for hearts at Methodist Charlton

The Methodist Charlton Medical Center Auxiliary held its second annual World Tour of Tables luncheon and preview party June 28 and 29.

The exciting event brought together community leaders, hospital vendors, hospital staff, and Auxiliary members to benefit the new Methodist Charlton Heart and Vascular Institute. In fact, the World Tour of Tables was the first fundraiser to support this new, developing program at the hospital.

Cardiology is a top priority at Methodist Charlton because this specialty comprises the majority of inpatient and outpatient care needs in the community. Recently the hospital welcomed two additional interventional cardiologists into its program, supporting round-the-clock, on-call interventional cardiology and an open heart surgery program.

The Auxiliary's mission is to support with compassion, integrity, and respect the programs of Methodist Charlton. Through successful events, such as World Tour of Tables, the Auxiliary members are able to connect with the community and involve individuals on a unique level.

LEARN MORE. For more information, call the Methodist Charlton volunteer department at 214-947-7676.

How the Guild gives back

Organized in 1932, the Methodist Hospitals of Dallas Guild serves with the purpose of assisting Methodist Health System, primarily Methodist Dallas and Methodist Charlton Medical Centers.

The Guild raises funds to support a variety of programs, equipment, and capital improvements for the hospitals. Currently, there are about 45 members who meet monthly from September through May.

One of their biggest fundraisers of the year is the annual Luncheon and Style Show, which features hospital administrators and wives of physicians on the medical staff as models.

Funds that go far

This year the Guild contributed a total of \$50,000 toward two projects: \$25,000 for the Methodist Dallas Emergency and Trauma Care Center Campaign for Support and \$25,000 for the Heart and Vascular Center at Methodist Charlton. It also gave a \$1,000 scholarship to each campus' Junior Volunteer program.

"The Guild is a wonderful way to raise money for the various needs at Methodist Dallas and Methodist Charlton, support the community, and have fun working with others, all at the same time," says Patty Moody, 2012–2013 Guild president.

GET INVOLVED. To learn more about the Guild, call 214-941-9537.



In the Guild's annual style show, Methodist Dallas President Laura Irvine (left) is a vision in violet, and a model showcases a wedding gown designed by Shemara Jeyarajah, owner of Shemara Couture and wife of Dhires R. Jeyarajah, MD, independently practicing physician on the Methodist Dallas medical staff.



The founding members of the Methodist Mansfield Auxiliary are (back row, from left) Pam Rudnicki, Gayle Lambert, Janet Mundt, (front row) Vice President Pastoral Services Carole Somers-Clark, and founding Auxiliary President Pat Miller.

Methodist Mansfield Auxiliary: Taking initiative

The Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Auxiliary was established in the summer of 2006 with an objective of assisting the new hospital in becoming the best health care facility in the state. Since that time, numerous influential men and women from the local community have joined to help further organize the Auxiliary and refine its mission.

The volunteer program was introduced in 2007, and today it has more than 130 active members serving 14 different departments. They willingly give of their time and talent to patients, patients' families, and staff members. The volunteers have contributed 76,000 hours since the hospital opened its doors.

Doing more

The Methodist Mansfield Auxiliary continues to add projects to its efforts. Not only does the group run the hospital's Gift Shop, but it also hosts a variety of sales and auctions throughout the year.

Since its inception, the organization has contributed \$153,605 to the hospital. In 2011 it committed \$150,000 over five years toward the new Women's Pavilion expansion and has already made two \$30,000 installments toward that commitment.

GET CONNECTED. For more about the Methodist Mansfield Auxiliary, call Mary Ann Moore at 682-622-7301.

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Service: The secret to success

In the lottery of life, I have been fortunate to have parents who modeled for me the importance of serving others, and my years with the Junior League of Dallas have taught me about the great needs and great works of this city. Service has come to be a main part of my own life, and I always seem to receive far more than I could ever possibly give.

I have found that successful institutions, like successful people, always look for opportunities to help others. Methodist Health System is no different. I really admire how, since 1927, it has maintained a steadfast commitment to the Dallas community.

That commitment extends to the Methodist Foundation board and staff.

A tenet of my faith is that we are accountable for the things we do with the resources entrusted to us. Methodist has stewarded its resources so carefully and can rightly claim to be doing more with less in many important ways. During my first visit as a Junior League volunteer, I realized that the hospital and those who work here were committed to providing innovative, compassionate care for patients and their families.

Dallas is a great city, I believe, because of the spirit of the community and the dedication of civic and community leaders. Methodist is one of our finest institutions, and I am delighted to join its Foundation board and help ensure that the highest-quality medical care and the warmest personal interactions are provided to those who come to Methodist for care.



Susan Wells, Junior League of Dallas volunteer.

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