



Minnesota Association
of Healthcare Volunteers

MAHV-elous Awards for Outstanding Volunteers, 2023

The Minnesota Association of Healthcare Volunteers (MAHV) was pleased to recognize 22 outstanding volunteers in 2023. In addition to the 12 volunteers listed below were three volunteers from Maple Grove Hospital.

District A

CHI St Joseph's Health (Park Rapids)

Rhonda Anderson has always been willing to help in whatever way she can. She helps with food prep for events and acts as lead person in the kitchen giving direction to others. For many years, she would recruit and assign luncheon servers for the Festival of Tables event. To add to the atmosphere, she had them dress in formal black and white outfits with black ties. At the Christmas Sweets & Treats event, Rhonda can be counted on to plate cookies and candy the day before and also to help day of the sale. Thank you so much for all you do! OCTOBER 2023



Pat Cadreau works diligently for the Auxiliary. Always reliable in her support of the organization, she helps the Auxiliary meet its goals. Pat is involved in committees and activities where she shares her leadership, creativity and quick wit. She has served as treasurer for her auxiliary group for countless years and has held a variety of other offices in the past. She has the ability to make volunteers feel comfortable and valuable when working on projects. Kudos to Pat for everything you do! OCTOBER 2023

Chris Luckeroth has been an auxiliary member since 2006. She is known as The Gift Shoppe "Card Lady" because she takes care of ordering, stocking and straightening the greeting cards in gift shoppe, *forever*, and is a faithful gift shop volunteer. Chris is a strong group member with many innovative ideas. She is always willing to share her talents and creativity whether it's making Tray Favors, appetizers for Festival of Tables, or sewing projects and bags. She tackles LOTS of new projects that involve sewing and inspires other volunteers to join in. She is a GREAT example of volunteerism. NOVEMBER 2023





Joan Mahan is a very dedicated auxiliary volunteer. She currently serves as President Elect of the full auxiliary group and Co-President of a small group. Joan attends every event and always contributes good ideas and suggestions. She has a ready smile and a welcome for everyone she meets *and* encourages new people to join. She is leader and friend to many. MARCH-APRIL 2023

For over 15 years, **Kay Naeve** has regularly volunteered. One of her favorite roles was working in the Gift Shop, smiling and happily greeting customers and showing them new merchandise. She helps at auxiliary events whenever she's available. At one time when the auxiliary group didn't have a leader, Kay stepped up to the position rather than have their group dissolve. Now their group is thriving. Kay is a leader among leaders. Thank you, Kay. OCTOBER 2023



Nancy Neal was instrumental in organizing a new fundraiser, The Garden Stroll. This all-day event has been very successful: guests seem to enjoy viewing master gardens in the area and the gourmet box lunch which is included in the event. A lot of work is involved getting volunteers to greet guests as they come to tour the gardens. Thank you, Nancy. OCTOBER 2023

Gail Peterson is always willing to help with events *and* happy and smiling no matter what she's asked to help with. Every year she decorates two tables for the auxiliary's Festival of Tables event. She winters in Arizona with her sister and brings back everything she needs for her tables. Thank you for that! OCTOBER 2023



Pat Roehl is one of those people who always comes to mine when thinking about the Auxiliary. She is one of the cornerstones of the organization, providing leadership and wisdom for volunteers. Whenever there is an Auxiliary function, Pat is always there! She has held many offices, served on numerous committees, and has spent countless hours working in the gift shop. She is extremely dedicated to the organization and continues to make a difference that all appreciate! SEPTEMBER 2023

Connie Sackett's bubbly personality is contagious! She is always cheerful, optimistic and kind. When asked to do a task, she works conscientiously until that task is complete. She looks for positive alternative ways to handle situations that arise. She has served as Co-chair of her auxiliary group and worked on several committees. When working with Connie, there is always fun involved. Connie has a "can do" attitude that serves the Auxiliary so well. SEPTEMBER 2023



Hilliary Stoltz's smile and happy greetings are the best. She's willing to help not only with auxiliary events but also the hospital-sponsored golf tournament. She took the lead and partnered with Nancy Neal in contacting prospective gardens for the Garden Stroll event. This takes time to visit the gardens, make appropriate arrangements and coordinate everything for the day of the event, which included six large and beautiful gardens this year. Thank You Hilliary for the precious gift of your time. OCTOBER 2023

When the Garden Stroll event suggested the need to recruit more gardens, **Sandy Wenner** went around the community, talking to home owners with beautiful gardens they might be willing to share with event guests. It takes a long time to visit various homes, interviewing them and touring their gardens to see if they fit into the program. Thank You Sandy Wenner, for your part is this very successful event. OCTOBER 2023



District D

MHealth Fairview Lakes Medical Center (Wyoming)



Dot Kirchmann has been steadfast in her leadership for the Fairview Lakes Volunteer organization. As president, she helped shepherd the organization through the worst of the pandemic, maintaining communication with members and the hospital. She has continued to provide leadership and support for the scholarship program, which awarded 40 \$1,000 scholarship this spring (2023). Through her efforts, scholarship descriptions, applications and the judging process were streamlined to promote online access and allow judges to review applicants and submit scores remotely. She has maintained communication with key external scholarship sponsors and encouraged the volunteer organization board to keep scholarships as a centerpiece of their program and fundraising efforts. JUNE 2023

MAHV Leadership Team



President Bev Moberg (left) presents awards to: Jane Denovchek, past president; Phil Ruggeiro, Website/Social Media Advisor; Jody Bjerke, Treasurer; Marlene Smith, Secretary; and Theora Goodrich, District A Chair. Not pictured: Linda Tezak, Membership Chair; Janene Riedeman, Administrators of Hospital Volunteers (AHV) representative. JUNE 2023

All MAHV-elous Award recipients received a certificate of appreciation from MAHV and an Outstanding Volunteer lapel pin.