

Presidents' Letter

We are so excited to have kicked off a fun and inspiring year of Friends activities! We are continually moving forward with our mission of furthering awareness, outreach and fundraising for White Plains Hospital and could not do it without you!

What a night at the Gala! The November 5th Black & White Ball included dinner, dancing and a silent auction. The evening honored the partners who helped plan, build and renovate the Hospital campus and was a huge success. Nearly 500 people attended and the event netted more than \$450,000 to support White Plains Hospital. It was a truly memorable evening.

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The October Board meeting featured a review of the "State of WPH" by President and CEO Susan Fox and a focus on Pediatrics by Emergency Department Director Dr. Rafael Torres. A tour of the pediatric areas of the Hospital followed. This will be the priority focus for funds raised by the Friends in 2016-2017.

A Friends of WPH Club at Scarsdale High School has been established. The officers of the club serve as members of the Friends of WPH Junior Advisory Committee. We hope to establish similar clubs in more high schools soon. Please let us know of teens from your local high school who would like to participate. Right now the club is busy helping us put together *Comfort Kits* for pediatric patients and planning the 2nd annual *Bowling for Bears* event in January.

Please reserve space on your calendar for more Friends service projects and

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Gala 2016–The Black & White Ball

On November 5th, the Friends of White Plains Hospital held its annual fall Gala at Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase. This year's event, The Black & White Ball, celebrated the Hospital's remarkable transformation over the past five years and recognized the lead partners and supporters who helped make that possible. Congratulations to our honorees: AP Construction, Gilbane, Perkins Eastman, Posen Architects and Posen Construction Services!

See page 2 for additional pictures and visit our website for the full album.



The Black & White Ball



Friends of White Plains Hospital ByLaws Revisions

The following revisions to the ByLaws will be voted on at the March 6th meeting:

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

Refer to page 37, Friends of WPH 2016-2017 Membership Directory

Section 4: *The Treasurer(s) shall be the chief fiscal officer(s) of the Friends in conjunction with the Foundation office. He or she shall oversee all transactions in the name of the Friends in such banks as the Hospital governing board may designate from time to time. He or she shall develop and present in conjunction with the Foundation a yearly budget for adoption by the Board of Directors by the beginning of the accounting year. He or she shall submit for processing all invoices for payment through the Foundation after these invoices have been certified and approved for payment by the Chairman of the committee incurring the invoice and by the President(s). He or she shall communicate monthly with the Foundation office for the detailed accounts of the assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements of the Friends. He or she shall present a monthly report and render an annual report. He or she shall submit the Friends annual donation to the Hospital to the Foundation office after the Friends annual meeting.*

Section 5: *The Assistant Treasurer(s) shall send out all bills for membership dues and communicate with the Foundation office concerning the payments.*

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fundraising activities. Check your email and social media for details.

On January 29, 2017, reserve a lane and bowl with your children and grandchildren at the *Bowling for Bears* event.

The annual *Mah Jong and Martini* night, renamed *G³ – Girls Got Game* night, will be held on Thursday, March 30 at Metropolis Country Club. The evening will include dinner, dessert and raffles along with bridge, canasta and mah jongg.

Additionally, we hope to see you at the *Spring Luncheon* on April 27. We will be featuring some dynamic speakers!

As always, don't hesitate to contact us with ideas for activities, fundraisers and service projects, as well as any thoughts you have on speakers and programs. We hope to see you at our upcoming monthly meetings.

Wendy Berk & Kathy Winterroll
Co-Presidents

*Please note that we will not be holding meetings during the months of January and February, 2017. Continue to check your email for updates during this time.

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Comfort Kits

The Friends funded *Comfort Kits* for pediatric patients. The kits are designed with activities and items to keep children occupied during their hospital stay. A team of Friends, led by Suzy Waxenberg, assembled the first 200 kits in October and the Junior Board put the most recent batch together in November. They will meet regularly to replenish them. Funds for this project were raised at The Capitol Steps event last April.





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See what we’re up to, register to join us or pay your dues on our website at: www.givetowphospital.org/volunteer-opportunities/friends.



On November 15th, Friends Board members took a tour of the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) to see their Pediatrics program.



Friends Board members unveiled the new plaque honoring our support of the Center for Cancer Care after the November 7th Board meeting.

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 29th
Bowling for Bears

Thursday, March 30th
G³ – Girls Got Game

Thursday, April 27th
Spring Luncheon

MEETINGS*

Mondays at 9:30am

December 5th
March 6th
April 3rd
May 1st
June 5th

*No meetings in
January or February

Thanks to Friends Board member Polly Wolff who has dedicated more than 50 years of service to the Friends and to the Blood Pressure Screening Program!

- Individual and group tours of the Hospital are available for interested community members through the Friends and are led by Barbara Schwarz. Please call (914) 681-1040 for more information or to schedule a tour.
- Please report any corrections of names, addresses or telephone numbers to Amy Geiger at lampg@aol.com.