



Vendor SPOTLITE

Ben Peachey, Vendor of Goods from Amish Country

Ben Peachey comes to us three times a year from Milford in Northern Pennsylvania. It takes over five hours to get here. Ben has a large farm and also owns a bakery.

In the spring he brings tomatoes, along with his pies, breads, fresh eggs, homemade butter, whoopee pies (a best seller) and a complete selection of noodles, jams, syrup and honey.

In the summer months Ben sells his wares at outdoor venues like farmers markets.



2018 LOBBY SALE DATES
February 16th • April 6th • November 9th

Upcoming News and Events

Be on the look out for information about our annual Auxiliary Auction

Hospital News

A new 10-bed unit designed to reduce wait times in South Nassau's Emergency Department is open following a \$4.5 million renovation, completing the first phase of a multi-year construction effort to expand a critical area of the hospital. The newly renovated Emergency Department annex, which previously was used for storage, will help maintain emergency services to the community as other parts of the Oceanside Emergency Department are renovated and expanded. The new treatment bays are equipped with monitored beds, cardiac monitors, bedside laboratory testing capability and furnished with individual high-definition, flat-screen TVs. Additional features of the extension include a dedicated waiting area for families and loved ones, restrooms and access to free Wi-Fi.

South Nassau's Emergency Department is the only Trauma Center on the South Shore of Nassau County and is one of the busiest hospital emergency rooms in Nassau County serving over 900,000 residents of the South Shore from Queens to Suffolk. The Emergency Department is really the hospital's front door with some 75 percent of all our inpatients come through the ED.

When the multi-phase expansion is completed, the 16,000-square-foot Emergency Department – which was built to accommodate 35,000 patients a year but is currently serving 65,000 patients annually – will nearly double in size to the size of a football field and have the capacity to see approximately 80,000 patients annually.

Be a Lifesaver

For more information about the Emergency Department Expansion campaign visit www.southnassaulifesaver.org

THE AUXILIAN

"Nothing teaches hope, kindness, courage and compassion like helping others"

- Unknown



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the winter issue of the Auxilian. I'm pleased to report that the vendor sales for 2018 are complete: we have booked 170 sales for the coming year, being careful not to book vendors selling similar merchandise during the same week.

In 2015, we pledged \$100,000 to support the creation of a behavioral health area in our Emergency Department. We are happy to announce that we have our pledge. We are now looking forward to fundraising for a new pledge, which we will discuss in detail at our upcoming meetings.

On December 6, we held our holiday celebration at Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead and had a great time. Our Special Events Committee was able to secure 21 raffle prizes and 24 door prizes. In addition, we played Bingo, which helped double our profits over last year. Special thanks to Vita Engellis, Mary Fran Romano, Judy Franzo, Helen Weber, Maryanne Kaiser, Phyllis Frishling, Randi Bernstein and Patty Gollin for their assistance.

Our committee is in the process of planning our next event: the third annual Auxiliary Auction on March 9, at South Nassau Communities Hospital. We are always looking for fresh ways to fundraise, and we look forward to your feedback at our next meeting.

Beginning Jan. 1, South Nassau volunteers and auxiliaries will be monitoring our lobby sales in the Lotty Schamroth Conservatory to ensure that a professional set-up is maintained at all times. As you're aware, all vendors are required to have floor-length black tablecloths on each selling table. We are also requiring that additional boxes, bags or any storage items be stored out of view and under the tables. If a violation is observed, a written warning will be issued to the vendor.

I hope your holiday was peaceful and joyous and that you are looking forward to an exciting 2018.

See you soon,
Sally

My advice for 2018 would be...
Holiday has come and gone
Stop and reflect
Think introspect
Look at the future
Let go of the past
Take a deep breath
You'll find peace at last.

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2017 Auxilian Holiday Celebration

On December 6, we held our holiday celebration at Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead and a great time was had by all. Our Special Events Committee was able to secure 21 raffle prizes and 24 door prizes. In addition, we played Bingo, which helped to double our total proceeds over last year's.



Person of the Quarter

Anne Fernandez
Director of Volunteer Services



Anne Fernandez, Director of Volunteer Services has sparked pride and participation in her department's volunteers. This pride is marked by close collaboration between the volunteers and hospital staff, resulting in deep appreciation of the meaningful work that volunteers do, day in and day out.

Since taking over as director of volunteers in 2013, Anne has managed a staff of more than 400 highly motivated volunteers. And while she oversees their efforts, she is quick to offer her time and talents to benefit other departments, from Human Resources to Patient Care Units to External Affairs. Like her volunteers, her generosity and dedication knows no boundaries.

Anne has extensive experience in Human Resources and has held positions at several reputable organizations, including NYU Medical Center, Doubleday and Barnes and Noble. Anne first worked at South Nassau from 2009-2011 on a per diem basis in Human Resources. After a short stint elsewhere, she returned in 2013 for the opportunity to lead Volunteers Services. "I was very excited to become Director of Volunteers and enjoy working with a variety of age groups and skill sets, she said." The work our volunteers do for the hospital is vital and provides an overall better experience for our patients and visitors. I am proud of the 400 volunteers and four therapy dogs that serve our hospital seven days a week."

"South Nassau has been my family's hospital when medical attention is needed. Having an extensive number of family members residing in the surrounding area, South Nassau has become their hospital of choice, too. I have always been impressed by the wonderful care all my family members have received here at South Nassau." "It is an exciting time to be part of South Nassau and I look forward to partnering with the Auxilians to embark on new initiatives that will benefit the hospital," said Fernandez who noted that she is currently working with The Auxilians to develop a brochure that features information about the Auxiliary as well as Volunteer Services.

Fernandez, a native of Great Neck lives in Malverne with her husband of 22 years and three daughters.