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Newsletter of the Association of Faculty and Friends
Of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University

Just a brief AFF newsletter this month so you don't miss any of the terrific events and meetings during January. Take a look at how we're kicking off 2012!

First, a recap of the amazing way AFF ended 2011...

Tea for Toys was a lovely event - thanks Angie Dye for opening your home again this year! We collected 85 toys and 145 cans of food for needy families.

AFF was also tremendously successful collecting food at holiday parties given by HMC and its departments... 1700 food items and almost \$3000 cash!

The **Peace Tree** ceremony kicked off the holiday season with a beautiful evening of music and dance, and raised over \$5000. Thanks Marilou Espiritu-Cockroft and Marietta Mierski for all your hard work. And Jodie Firestone is donating a 16' tall Peace Tree that we can look forward to next year, set up in the Cancer Institute Lobby!

The surprise finale to 2011 was the New Year's Eve **Resolution Run-Walk** organized by brand new AFF member Michelle Webber. Almost 350 people enjoyed a beautiful winter day run and raised \$6000 for AFF!

Catch your breath from all the holiday fun... because January is packed with great events, too!

Please join AFF for a viewing of the video **Memories and Milestones**, a stunning documentary of the 40 year history of the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. And you won't want to miss the background story shared by the entertaining (and very knowledgeable) Dr. Chet Berlin. Join us for coffee and pastries at **9:30**

Wednesday morning January 25. Enter the hospital's main (east) entrance and head up the stairs to the media room. No need to RSVP and feel free to bring a friend!

Claire DeBoer, who heads the **Center Stage** cultural program at HMC is holding another orientation for volunteers to host performers at the hospital. Email Claire at cdeboer@hmc.psu.edu if you can attend **Tuesday January 10 from 9:30-11am.** Not only can you help, but you get to enjoy excellent performers at the same time!



Starting January 12, noon to 1pm, enjoy a **Literate Lunch**

The second Thursday of each month, you get 5 minutes to read your own creation aloud - or someone else's. And enjoy an ethnic lunch courtesy of the Department of Humanities and Center Stage. Head to the Library ground floor, CG624E.

This Valentine's Day,
paint a picture of Hope in someone's life.

DONATE LIFE.

DONATE BLOOD.



Association of Faculty & Friends
Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Registration located in Main Hospital Lobby
Penn State
Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Free Valentine gift to all who participate! Everyone who attempts to donate will be entered in gift basket drawings!!
Please call 1-800-771-0059 to schedule your appointment.
Walk-ins Welcome!

AFF Groups: January Meetings

Tuesday Jan. 10, 9:30am
Knitters and Crafters will meet at the home of Trish Good, who invites you to join this group. Give her a call: 583-0784.

Thursday Jan. 12, 12:30pm
Book Group is meeting at the newly-reopened Medical Center cafeteria to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Call Carol Schneidereit if you need more info: 220-1764. Even if you haven't read the book, please come for what should be a lively discussion.

Tuesday, Jan 17 at noon
Getting to Know You lunch is served at Alred's Victorian at 38 Union Street in Middletown. RSVP to Sue Demers: 566-3533.

Wednesday, Jan 18, 10am
Bridge Bunch gets together to play at the home of Esther Betley: 566-5845.

Thursday, Jan 19 at noon
The **Palliative Care** volunteers are meeting for lunch at Behjat Noori's. Call Behjat if you can come: 566-6667

