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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we come into the summer months, I would like to say a big "thank you" to all the Auxiliary volunteers. We couldn't do it without you. From the ladies who give their time by working in the Gift Shop, to the volunteers who give their time in Long Term Care, to the Board member who does the treasurer's duties, to the Board member who does the secretarial duties, to the Board members who attend other non-profits and report back, to the Board members who work on the scholarship committee, to the Board member who puts together the newsletter, to the Board member who keeps the historical records, to all of you... A great big thank you! And especially, heartfelt thanks to the people who have helped me manage this position. Board meetings "go dark" for June, July and August. In September we will resume our meetings, hopefully rested and rejuvenated by the summer off. I look forward to working with you all in the fall.

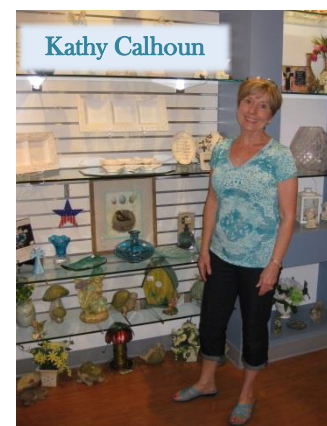
Sharon Berger, BCHA President

GOLDIE'S GIFT SHOPPE

The gift shop at Boulder City's "rural community hospital" has gone through many transitions since opening decades ago. Recently we heard that a hospital supporter, Art Olson, passed away after over a century of living. Art was one of those special people who gave from his heart – and his heart was to help the fledging hospital gift shop get its start. He did so by donating products for its shelves from his own gift shops in the Solvang California area. And the **legacy of giving** which Art helped to begin so many years ago, lives on today in our, "Goldie's Gift Shoppe." GGS gives to the community by being a rare gem of a gift shop, offering wonderful items without sales tax. GGS is the fund raising "business" of the BCH Auxiliary – it's how the Auxiliary makes money to give back to, and meet the requests of, the BC Hospital departments. We are all very thankful for the contributions of Art Olson, and many others in our community, who have given, throughout our decades of operation.

Message from Goldie's Gift Shoppe Buyer, Kathy Calhoun

Greetings from the new Goldie's Gift Shoppe located in the main lobby of the newly expanded Boulder City Hospital. We are very excited about the new look the remodel has brought. The beautiful built-in shelving and track lighting added a whole new look to our little boutique. We carry lovely home decorating items along with special occasion gifts. We have some very recognizable names such as Mikasa, Lenox and Pflatzgraff. In the Shoppe one can find adorable baby gifts and stuffed animals. We have a collection of fashion jewelry with an assortment of sterling silver items with semi-precious stones in the mix. Many pieces are a one-time purchase and can't be found again, once sold. So if you see something you love, it's a good idea to purchase it right away. We've had some heartbroken customers who come back a day or two later and their piece is gone. We will be having a "Christmas in July" sale again this year. The dates for the sale are July 25th thru the 31st. There will be many treasures available at very good prices. Shop early for the best selection. Looking forward to seeing you there. Remember, BCHA is a 501 c3 non-profit organization.



Goldie's Gift Shoppe is staffed entirely by volunteers who give of their time and talent. Without them, this jewel of a shop would not be possible. **Many thanks to every one of them.** Recently, two long time volunteers have left the gift shop; Shirley Fletcher and Marge Rohlf. Marge is moving to Prescott AZ. We will miss her wonderful display talents which were her specialty. Shirley was one of the best and most loyal volunteers and had been with the Shoppe for many years. We will miss her and her ability to sell merchandise. We are sad to see them leave, but we wish them the best and hope they are greatly blessed in their new endeavors. Ladies, your giving made such an impact on our BCH Auxiliary!



BCH AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Boulder City High School Auxiliary Scholarship recipients are McKenzie Cummings, Steven Davis and Samantha Hanson. BCHS recipients of the Goldie Begley Memorial Scholarship are McKenzie Cummings and Samantha Hanson. BC Hospital Employee, Cassandra Stevens, is this year's recipient of the Auxiliary Hospital Employee Scholarship. Congratulations & Best Wishes to all the winners!



BCHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SPRING LUNCHEON

The meeting and luncheon was enjoyed by all. President, Sharon Berger was a gracious hostess. The food, provided by Dietary, was delicious. Guest speaker, new BC Mayor, Rod Woodbury, was very informative, taking questions from a concerned, informed, and intelligent audience.



WHY DO YOU VOLUNTEER?

This is the question Heart Beat (BCH Auxiliary Newsletter) would like to ask its members. Heart Beat had the opportunity and privilege to talk with Imre Brassoi about this subject...

Interviewing Imre was an adventure in and of itself. **Imre Brassoi has been a member of the BCHA for 15 years** and always has a story and a smile to share with others. And boy what a story he shared with me in response to the question, "why do you volunteer?" Most of us would answer, "To give back." And that is so very true for many... but with Imre it was not only to give back, but to give from a heart that had learned, by example, to give, and learned, by experience, the deep, life-changing and life-saving importance giving can create. Unfortunately, due to space, this article is just the "Cliff's Notes" version of my interview with Imre Brassoi, which was nothing less than fascinating.

In 1932, Imre was born in Transylvania (Romania). Imre's father was a supervisor at a paper mill and was a skilled metal worker at home. Imre remembers when the paper mill, where his father worked, experienced a chlorine gas explosion and the efforts his father made to save the family (who lived close to the factory) and many others by taking quick action to secure the air in their home, creating homemade gas masks for the family, and then went to the factory to gather and distribute gas masks so the "first responders" could handle the emergency. The first responders were the neighbors who ran toward the emergency to help. Imre recalls, in detail, his observations that day, as a child of six, and the efforts of his father and others to save lives. When Imre was seven years of age, Germany ran over Europe, including Romania, insisting that everyone pledge allegiance to the new German government. Imre's father was able to transfer to a factory in Hungary, leaving the occupied Romania with his family and his brother's family all crowded into a horse drawn carriage. In 1943, during WWII, a young Imre (nine years old) remembers seeing the human marches of Jews through his town and recalls how he and his friends would bring bread from home and get water from the fire hydrants to give to these "marchers." Imre heard about world news by "staying up late at night and, with Dad, listening to the BBC broadcasts on a short wave radio." By fourteen, Imre and friends were still giving food to the Jews who were not allowed to buy fresh food or meat or ingredients. It would appear that nearly all of his childhood; Imre Brassoi saw both the worse and the best in human beings. His impulse reaction was to give. That "paying forward" built up a savings account that Imre had no idea would be lifesaving down the road. Imre was able to attend a trade school and learned machining. He also learned to fly gliders. Everyone was required to join the Russian military and so Imre served in their air force. After that, Imre continued in machining and also worked in research & development in precision metal machining. Imre recalls that the Hungarian revolution began when he was about 23 years old. It started as a large, peaceful, demonstration – declaring the people's desire for freedom from communism, for freedom from one political party, for freedom of speech and of religion... Suffice it to say that much occurred and eventually Imre was able to escape the regime by escaping from Hungary. Imre saw still more examples of giving by farmers who hid him and assisted him. Imre was able to reach the shores of the USA in New York at age 24 and had the opportunity to go to Michigan... where once again he met people willing to help this young man who did not speak the language, did not know the culture, but who's greatest desire was to work and live in a free country. And he did, eventually landing a job with Ford Motor Company. He also earned certifications in Computer Electronics at Wayne State University. Imre also started "volunteering" with a group that supported the US Coast Guard. He was also part of the Civil Defense Rescue teams in the area. These volunteer groups practiced rescue training in case of nuclear attack or mass casualties' events. Imre earned certifications in first aid, CPR, Jaws of Life and gave blood whenever it was needed. He eventually met and married his beautiful wife, Betty, who has also led a life of volunteering. From Michigan they moved to Arizona where Imre, in his spare time, was a volunteer instructor for Senior Education at Rio Salado College, teaching "European History from a Hungarian Perspective." When Betty and Imre moved to Boulder City Nevada, it was Betty who first volunteered with the BCH Auxiliary, although Imre was busy with the local Veteran's Home activities. Betty would ask Imre for a little help with the Auxiliary tasks and before he knew it, Imre was an active BCHA volunteer – and still is. As Imre says, 'one can never pay back the kind of giving I saw, but giving whenever one can, in the little things and the big things, makes all the difference in the world... and makes the world a better place!'



Thank you Imre!

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