

Partners of Stoughton Hospital Newsletter

November 2025

Our Newly Elected President - Brenda Klitzke



We all have different reasons for joining Partners of Stoughton Hospital... you want to get to know more people, a 10% discount in the gift shop, or just to be a

part of a group that does so much for so many. Whatever your reason, we are so happy you decided to join us in our mission to support the hospital and our local communities.

To be totally honest with you, my reason for becoming a Partner was simple. My Mom (Sandra Maerz) has supported this group so whole-heartily for so many years that I kind of felt an obligation. She had worked at the hospital for over 30 years and loved the people and what the hospital stood for. My role-model for everything, I felt that if I could do as much "good" as she had done that maybe I could make a difference, too.

I have been a Partner since 2012 and have had the pleasure of working with flower sales, the card party, the bake sale and in the gift shop. On the Board, I have served as membership chair vice president. As president I would like to see if we can get as much participation in activities as possible by offering things that both the younger new members will be interested in as well as things that traditionally could still be offered to our more experienced folks. I also would like to expand our membership for both male and female Partners.

So here I am, still trying to make my Momma proud. But I need your help (every Partner) to do that. Whatever you feel to be your specialty – whether that is being a member of the board, helping with flower sales, volunteering at the



2025-26 Officers: Deb Ready-Secretary, Lori Moe-Kittelsohn-Vice President, Vickie Goplen-Assistant Secretary, Donna Strandlie-Treasurer, Jeanne Gilbertson-Assistant Treasurer, Brenda Klitzke (seated)- President

Wellness Center, working in the gift shop, making walker bags or twiddle muffs, cookie bakes, providing treats for the bake sale, Love Light or just showing up to support any or all of these things or give us new ideas...WE NEED YOU...ALL OF YOU!!

Let's work together to keep Partners of Stoughton Hospital working for all of us.

Membership Dues

If you haven't already paid your dues for the 2025-26 year, please do it today. The rate remains unchanged at \$10 for the coming year. Members are welcome to [pay online using a credit card](#) or by cash or check. Dues must be received by November 1 to be included in our Directory of Partners. For cash or check payments, (please write your check to Partners of Stoughton Hospital) place it in an envelope with your name and the word "DUES" on the front, and leave it in the hospital gift shop or it can be mailed to Sandra Maerz, 1522 Buckingham Rd, Stoughton WI 53589.



Peace, Unity, Compassion

By Trisha Rorvig

The 2025 Love Light Celebration, an event sponsored by Partners of Stoughton Hospital, will be on Thursday, December 4, at 4:30 pm, in the Stoughton Hospital Bryant Center. The theme of this 2025 traditional tree lighting ceremony is, "*Peace, Unity, Compassion*", and will be honoring and recognizing those who have touched our lives. The proceeds of this year's celebration will go towards a new NuStep Cross Trainer for the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. Partners would appreciate your support by attending the celebration, so come and listen to the wonderful music by Richard MacDonald, have some coffee and refreshments, and unite with a caring community.

If you wish to make an online donation please go to [https:// stoughtonhealth.com/partners-of-stoughton-hospital](https://stoughtonhealth.com/partners-of-stoughton-hospital). The last date for online donations is November 21, 2025. You can also make, or drop off, an in person donation at the Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop. Questions about donations please contact [Donna Strandlie](#). Other questions, contact [Trisha Rorvig](#).



Partners' Community BINGO Party Wednesday, December 17, 1:00 PM Senior Center

Partners of Stoughton Hospital will again host a Community BINGO party at the Stoughton Senior Center. This popular event promotes a connection between Stoughtonites, Stoughton Health and Partners of Stoughton Hospital. This year's event will be coordinated by Roger Odalen.

We are asking Partners to donate holiday treats and small wrapped gifts that can be used for bingo prizes. No time to bake or shop? Gift cards make great prizes! Please bring treats and prizes to the gift shop before Wednesday, December 17 or drop them off at the Senior Center the day of the event by 12:30 PM.

As always, we appreciate the generosity of our members as we support Stoughton Health and our community.

Special Partner Members

Information provided by Carol Deneen

Back in the day... when Partners of Stoughton Hospital was newly formed and still known as the "Hospital Auxiliary," residents were "*invited*" to become a member of the group. Once a new member was accepted, they were given a choice of paying annual dues or a one-time fee of \$100 to become a **Lifetime Member** without additional annual dues. This plan worked well for a couple of years, but it soon became obvious that this concept was not the best for the auxiliary bank account. The idea quickly became obsolete. Today we still honor those lifetime memberships. There are 13 lifetime members within the organization today.

After abandoning the opportunity for lifetime membership, the Hospital Auxiliary Officers came up with another idea. Any member who was in good standing for ten consecutive years became an **Honorary Member** of the organization. Though we no longer offer new honorary memberships, we are happy to have five members who are considered honorary members. Check your Partners' Annual Directory. These special memberships are listed at the end of our member roster. You will see (L) or (H) behind each name. We are proud to honor and include these important members.

2025 *Holiday Bake Sale*

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer at the annual holiday Bake Sale sponsored by Partners of Stoughton Hospital on December 9, 2025! This festive event kicks off at 8:00 AM, in the hospital lobby and offers a delicious array of homemade treats while supporting a great cause. **Appreciation goes to Joanne Peterson and Luanne Jansen for coordinating this event.**

Please plan to contribute a food item. Baked goods should be dropped off in the hospital lobby or Central Conference room on Monday, December 8th from noon to 4:00 PM or Tuesday, December 9th before 8:00 AM in the hospital lobby.

Please bring all foods wrapped and ready to sell on plates or boxes that do not need to be returned. Cookies, bars, candies, etc. should be packaged in groups of six.

Please attach a label or tag to your food item identifying the item. Example: "Chocolate Chip Cookies" or "Cranberry Orange Nut Bread."

We welcome a delightful assortment of baked goods including cookies, traditional Norwegian treats like krumkake and rosettes, Chex mix, pies, candies, chocolate-covered pretzels, breads and more. Let your creativity shine - think outside the box with unique packaging and eye-catching presentations to make your contributions truly stand out! Your food donations (monetary donations also welcome) will not only make our event a sugary success but also bring joy to many. Thank you for your generosity in supporting Partners of Stoughton Hospital!

Partners' *Holiday Bake Sale*



**Tuesday, December 9
8 a.m. until sold out
Stoughton Hospital Lobby**

Enjoy a delightful assortment of
baked goods while supporting a
good cause.



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*It's beginning
to look
a lot like
Christmas!*

There are lots of exciting things happening in the Partners of Stoughton Hospital Gift Shop in November! Our holiday merchandise will be revealed on Monday, November 3, followed by our holiday open house on Wednesday, November 5. Shop while the selection is great, enjoy some refreshments and take a fun selfie photo for the holidays.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Partners of Stoughton Hospital annual meeting was held in the Bryant Center on Friday, October 17. Attendance of over 50 members was much appreciated as we heard hospital updates and news from Michelle Abey and Laura Mays. Our business meeting resulted in approval of updated bylaws and election of officers. This was followed by lunch served by the Close To Home Café.



Calendar of Events

Nov. 4 - Memory Café, 9:00 AM
 Nov. 4 - Mindful Holiday Spending, 12:00 PM
 Nov. 5 - Cookie Bake in Hospital Lobby
 Nov. 5 - Holiday Open House in Gift Shop, 9:00 AM
 Nov. 5 - Medical Advance Directives-What You Need to Know, 6:00 PM
 Nov. 10 - Plug In: Get Grounded For the Holidays, 6:30 PM
 Nov. 11 - Save a Life With COCPR, 1:00 PM
 Nov. 11 - Flu Clinic, 4:00-6:00 PM
 Nov. 12 - Memory Screenings
 Nov. 12 - Men's Heart Health, 5:30 PM
 Nov. 12 - Planning For Your Future, 1:00 PM
 Nov. 14 - Meet & Greet Cariologists Dr. Raaid Museitif and Dr. Michael Kreager, 12:15 PM
 Nov. 14 - Safe @ Home, Oregon

Nov. 15 - Safe Sitter, Fitchburg
 Nov. 17 - Hormone Therapy: Thriving in Your 40s and Beyond, 5:30 PM, Virtual event
 Nov. 18 - Employee Discount Day in Gift Shop
 Nov. 19 - Flu Clinic, 4:00 PM
 Dec. 4 - Love Light Ceremony, 4:30 PM, Bryant Center
 Dec. 8 - Bring bake items to the hospital lobby
 Dec. 9 - Holiday Bake Sale in Hospital Lobby
 Dec. 17 - BINGO at the Senior Center



For additional information about classes and events go to
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