Partners of Stoughton Hospital

November 2026 Newsletter



Officers: Jeanne Gilbertson-Treasurer, Cheryl Hanson-Assistant Secretary, Brenda Klitzke-President, Lori Moe-Kittelson-Vice President, Luann Alme-Assistant Treasurer, Deb Ready-Secretary, Judeen Reese-Past President

A MESSAGE FROM BRENDA KLITZKE, PRESIDENT



From sweet treats & fruit from the hospital café
Apples with potion to dip and say, hey!
We all worked together on this special day,
Including adopting a witch to name "Faye".





Our "Near Halloween" themed annual meeting, held in the Bryant Center on Friday, October 23, met with great success. We heard latest hospital updates and officers for the upcoming year were elected and installed. Attendance met our quorum.

Members Judeen Reese, Becky Greiber and Claudia Quam made us all smile with this coordinated effort. Thank you! Decorations on each table from our own Gift Shop were a wonderful invitation to stop in and see what's new and exciting for the holidays. Thanks goes to Bonnie Anderson, Debra Ready and Peg Close for coordinating them.

With the 2025-26 fiscal year end, we want to graciously thank two of our officers who have completed their term on the Board: Vicky Goplen as Assistant Secretary and Jan Walker as Treasurer. Your expertise was greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing to work with you in our events and activities.

We are pleased to welcome Cheryl Hanson as Assistant Secretary and Luann Alme as Assistant Treasurer. Thank you both for agreeing to help lead the Partners of Stoughton Hospital in its mission of service and support. Our Board also includes committee chairs, who are appointed by the president; I will be filling those roles soon.

Thanks should go to all members for believing in us as a Board, supporting us in big ways as well as little ways. With all of us working together Partners of Stoughton Hospital will soar!

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2026 Holiday Bake Sale

Tuesday, December 8

8:30-12:30 pm

Stoughton Hospital Lobby

This is a great way to begin the holiday season. Share your spirit by donating food items to our annual bake sale. Bring your baked goods to the Stoughton Hospital Lobby (North Building) on:

Monday, December 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Any and all wrapped foods will be welcomed.

Festive packaging is a bonus! Please add the name of your food item, i.e. "Chocolate Cookies."

NEW THIS YEAR: for each food item you donate, your name will be added to a drawing for a fabulous prize. The more you donate, the better your chance.

Also new this year: some smaller selections offer you the option to"Grab & Go." These smaller options will also be available in the Outpatient Center.

Best sellers in the past have been small breads, holiday cookies and candies, variety plates, cookies and bars, Chex mix and puppy chow and especially Norwegian goodies!!

Sales begin promptly at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

No early sales on Monday.

Please do your part! Support Partners of Stoughton Hospital and Stoughton Health. Donate and win a lovely gift basket.

Be A Winner!!



This beautiful basket can be yours just for supporting the Partners of Stoughton Hospital Holiday Bake Sale!!
For each item you donate, your name will be entered in a drawing for this fun and useful basket full of goodies. Bring baked goods to the Hospital Lobby Conference Room on Monday, December 7 from 1:00-4:00 PM. See details on previous page.



Partners **Linda Schaefer, Brenda Klitzke, Judeen Reese and Helen Sumwalt** represented Stoughton Health by working at Culver's. Thanks to Culver's for donating 10% of sales to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and Alzheimer's Association.





Partners **Jody Kumlein** and **Roger Odalen** will again be calling numbers at the annual holiday **BINGO** party at the Senior Center. The event will begin at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 16. Partner members are asked to donate small items to be used as prizes. Items may be dropped off in the gift shop or take them to the Senior Center on the day of the event and stay to play BINGO!

And In Her Spare Time...



Partner **Sandy Vike** is an accomplished knitter and quilter among other things. Sandy has started knitting "Twiddle Muffs" in the evening while watching television. She uses yarn left over from her other projects to create the muffs. Manipulatives will be added to each one before they are ready for use.



Partners of Stoughton Hospital 2026 Holiday Project



They glitter! They shine! They dangle and spin! These pens are the 2026 Partners holiday project. They are perfect for stuffing stockings or gifting a co-worker, teacher, or just anyone who loves something a bit different.

Get yours before they sell out! They are available in the gift shop now for just $5.

Support Partners of Stoughton Hospital and give a gift that will bring a smile.



Following the success of their September 9, 2026 used purse and book fundraiser, **Debra Ready** and **Vicky Goplen** of the Partners of Stoughton Hospital recently donated 30 purses to a local women's shelter. The donation is a meaningful way to extend the generosity of the community beyond the fundraiser and provide practical support to women in need.

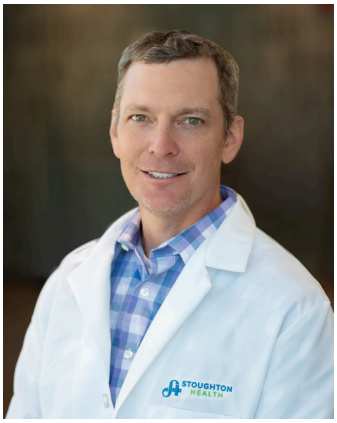
The Partners are grateful to everyone who helped make the September fundraiser a success. Through efforts like this, the organization continues to support Health while also giving back to the local community.

Partner Members Wear Pink to Support Breast Cancer Awareness



Front: Brenda Klitzke, Vicky Goplen
Back: Judeen Reese, Sandra Maerz, Susie Ramberg, Lori Moe-Kittelson

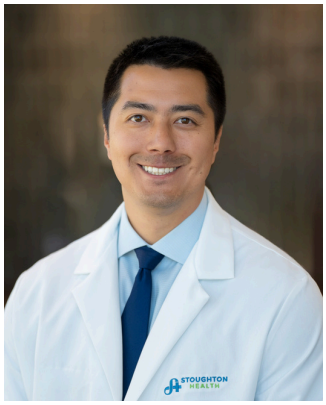
Two New Surgeons Join Stoughton Health



Dr. Aaron Perme joins Stoughton Health as a board-certified general surgeon with more than 15 years of experience providing comprehensive surgical care in hospital and community-based settings. He earned his medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean and completed his General Surgery residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he also participated in surgical research.

In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Perme has a strong commitment to education and professional development. He has served as a physician assistant student preceptor, taught anatomy and physiology, and led CPR lectures and suture workshops. His professional experience has also included surgical quality review, wound care, operating room performance improvement, and EMR implementation.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Perme enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and their German Shorthaired Pointer. They enjoy hiking, biking, and traveling. His personal interests include golfing, fishing, and hunting. He especially enjoys spending time at his family's farm in northwestern Wisconsin, where he continues to enjoy the outdoors and hunting with family.



Dr. Jonathon Kuo is a general surgeon with comprehensive training in broad-based general and minimally invasive surgery. He completed his General Surgery residency at Franciscan Health Olympia Fields, where he served as Chief Resident during his final year and gained extensive experience in both clinical and operative settings.

Dr. Kuo earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. His surgical expertise includes advanced laparoscopic and robotic procedures, diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy, complex hernia repair, breast surgery, thyroid and parathyroid surgery, colorectal procedures, emergency general surgery, and trauma surgery. He is also certified in robotic surgery, Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS), and Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES).

In addition to his clinical experience, Dr. Kuo has a strong commitment to education and mentorship. During residency, he regularly instructed medical students and junior residents in surgical anatomy, patient evaluation and treatment, and basic surgical techniques, while also presenting formal lectures across a variety of surgical specialties.



Our Autumn Card Party

Lori Moe-Kittelson and Steve Kittelson hit one out of the park with the Autumn Community Card Party held at Christ Lutheran Church. With record attendance, the addition of sponsors, great prizes and delicious food, our card party has become one of the highlights of our events. Plan to attend the next one to be held in the spring. You'll be glad you did!

Planned Parking Structure





Calendar of Events

Nov. 2 - Balance Class (McFarland 11:30 AM), 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Nov. 3 - Stoughton Memory Café, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Nov. 4 - Monthly Board Meeting, CHWC
Nov. 4 - Advance Care Directives: Learn, Plan & Prepare, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Nov. 5 - Safe@Home (Oregon), 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Nov. 9 - Parkinson's Support Group, 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM
Nov. 10 - Hip Pain Relief, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Nov. 11 - Save a Life with COCPR, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Nov. 11 - Cookie Bake, North Building
Dec. 2 - Monthly Board Meeting, CHWC
Dec. 3 - Love Light Ceremony, 4:30 PM, Bryant Center
Dec. 8 - Holiday Bake Sale, Hospital Lobby, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Dec. 9 - Cookie Bake, South Building
Dec. 16 - Community BINGO party – Senior Center, 1:00 pm



Wishing You and Your Family a Wonderful Thanksgiving!