**NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Stephanie Oiler
Stephanie graduated from the University of Maine in 1999. She worked in the banking industry as a vice president for both Bangor Savings Bank and Camden National Bank. She currently is a financial advisor for Edward Jones. She has hosted two Spanish brothers from Spain for a school year and more than fifteen British soccer coaches. She currently is the programming chair for Tuesday Forum. She lives in Hermon with her husband Joe, son Colby, daughter Mackenzie and four dogs, Striker, Willow, Stitch and Toro. She’s excited to be part of the Auxiliary. Both of her children were born at EMMC and fortunately they were not in the NICU, however, she has many close friends and family who have used the facility.

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**AWARDS**

2018 EMMC Auxiliary Nursing Awards

We are pleased to announce the recipients of two awards given to graduating seniors of the Husson University School of Nursing. The awards were presented during their pinning ceremony on May 4. The recipients were selected by the faculty of the nursing school based on specific criteria.

The first award, given to a graduating senior who demonstrates increasing self-reliance and personal and professional growth in the clinical setting was presented to Miranda Mill of Millinocket.

The recipient of the second award, was Malcolm Clough, III of Southwest Harbor, for demonstrating the highest proficiency in theory.

We wish all of the graduates the best in their nursing careers.

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**Winter Beach Ball Brings Music, Dancing, Fundraising, and Fun**

A new venue and more fun updates brought rave reviews by attendees of the 2018 Winter Beach Ball. The Anah Shrine provided the perfect setting, enhanced by food and beverages from Jeff’s Catering, and the electrifying performance of Motor Booty Affair.

Held on St. Patrick’s Day, the event had a touch of the Irish with green garb spotted amongst the Bermuda shorts and flip flops, bell bottoms and electrifying performance of Motor Booty Affair.

In the decades to come, new events may replace some of the ones we’re working on today. Our membership roster will undoubtedly be different as we welcome a new generation of Auxilians who will embrace the opportunity to become part of our rich tradition. Yet several things will remain the same. We’ll continue to be creative in finding solutions, just as the first Eastern Maine Medical Center Auxiliaries did 125 years ago. We’ll always approach our work with pride, knowing that with every event and meeting we attend we’re impacting lives in our community. The future will bring new challenges and we’ll be ready to meet them.

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**To join us, visit**

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**President’s Note Fall 2018**

This year, as we celebrate our 125th anniversary, we are updating Our Cherished Memories, a history of the EMMC Auxiliary, first published in 1994. In many ways, 1994 seems like just yesterday, yet so much has changed at Eastern Maine Medical Center since then. The last two decades have brought a new outpatient surgery center, the Lafayette Family Cancer Center, and most recently, Penobscot Pavilion. Eastern Maine Medical Center’s capabilities are greater than ever, and the hospital continues to strive to meet the needs of the community.

The Auxiliary has also changed significantly in that time. The Folies, the Auxiliary’s highest-profile fundraiser for nearly three decades, has been replaced by other highly successful events including the Kitchen Tour and Winter Beach Ball. A national vendor now manages the gift shop, with Auxiliary volunteers continuing to play an important role in its success. Years ago, the Auxiliary awarded community-focused wellness grants and raised money for cancer care and women’s services, with our support focusing on care for infants and children through our contributions to the Raish Peavey Haskell Children’s Cancer and Treatment Center and the EMMC neonatal intensive care unit. As Eastern Maine Medical Center has changed over the years, the Auxiliary has changed along with it, remaining a modern, community-focused, forward-thinking organization.

What will the future bring?

It’s hard to say for sure, but we know that the pace of change will continue to be significant, and that the hard work, passion, and experience that Auxilians provide will be needed more than ever before. The Auxiliary will continue to be an important link between Eastern Maine Medical Center and the community, just as it has been for the past 125 years. We’ll continue to provide support to benefit the most vulnerable people in our communities, engage the community in meaningful ways, and tell the hospital’s story as well as our own.

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**Jennifer Morin, EMMC Auxiliary President**
Local Homes in the Spotlight at Annual Kitchen Tour

In addition to being the 125th anniversary of the EMMC Auxiliary, 2018 is also the fourteenth annual Kitchen Tour! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 6 from 12 to 4 pm - you won't want to miss it!

This year's tour homes showcase the best that the Bangor area has to offer with an incredible array of homes. Featured are two very different homes in Little City, one of the oldest residential neighborhoods in Bangor, a town house on outer Ohio Street, a mid-century ranch off State Street, a sweet Cape in Brewer, and an expansive new home in Hermon. With so many styles, sizes, and locations, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

As always, the homes highlight the work of local kitchen designers and contractors. Whether you're in the midst of planning a remodel or just in the dreaming phase, you're sure to find many new ideas. Each kitchen will have a staff of hostesses armed with information about the materials, products, vendors, and designers used, so come prepared to ask questions and get inspired. In addition, we'll have vendors in the kitchens presenting their local-made products, which will be available for sample and sale, as well as a raffle and a door prize.

As always, this event is made possible by the support of many. We thank the gracious homeowners, who've opened their kitchens to us for this year's tour. We also thank the hostesses who volunteer during the tour and the Kitchen Tour Committee members who give so many hours throughout the year planning this incredible event. Of course, we are also grateful to each and every one of you who attend the tour this year. We hope you have a terrific afternoon!

For a full description of all of this year's tour kitchens, visit www.emmcauxiliary.org.

Friends of the Auxiliary

In January 2018, the membership committee changed its name to Friends of the Auxiliary. The new name reflects a change that eliminates a membership fee, adding the goal of attracting more community involvement and diversity.

At the same time, plans were set in motion to schedule monthly Coffee and Conversation morning get-togethers to promote a social aspect, as well as to provide an opportunity to invite prospective new Friends of the Auxiliary. The meetings take place at 9 am on the second Tuesday of each month at Logical Sip in Brewer.

This year's events have included: Our second Paint and Sip event was held on February 8, at Specialty Sweets. It was very well attended, with more than 18 creative participants. A lovely cocktail party was held at Seasons on May 9, with guest speaker Helen McKinnon, RN, who discussed EMMC’s new women's and infants' floor A Lunch and Learn, sponsored by First Advisors, was held on June 6 (see below). Our annual Tapas Party, held on August 13 at the home of Kathy Bernier, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Lunch and Learn: Eastern Area Agency on Aging

First Advisors sponsored a Lunch and Learn for Auxiliary members and friends on June 6. More than 30 people attended the event which featured presentations by experts from Eastern Area Agency on Aging and catering by Harvest Moon Deli. Kelsey Barnes gifted attendees with The File, a folder used to simplify papers necessary for estate planning. An overview of EAAA’s legal services for the elderly was provided by Julie Mallett, senior staff attorney, with Josephine Cirrinone, family caregiving specialist, presenting a dossier used to simplify papers necessary for estate planning.

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Tapas Party

From left: Libby Arrico, Kathy Bernier, and Jenn Morin pose below. Our annual Tapas Party, held on August 13 at the home of Kathy Bernier, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd.

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From left: Libby Arrico, Kathy Bernier, and Jenn Morin pose at the tapas party held at Kathy’s home in August.

Auxiliary Members Team Up to Fight Cancer

On Saturday, August 18, the EMMC Auxiliary Champions, a team comprised of Friends of the Auxiliary, continued its support of Champion the Cure Challenge. Sincere thanks to all who joined us in our efforts (despite the rain) to meet this Challenge and support cancer research at EMMC!