

UConn Health Center Auxiliary



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## DIRECTLINE

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It is with great pleasure and pride that we dedicate this issue of the Directline to our facilitator, Irene Engel. On Wednesday, May 20, 2009 Irene was honored at the YWCA New Britain *Women in Leadership* Luncheon.

Irene was nominated for the honor by Senator Joseph Lieberman who, in his letter of recommendation, cited that she “has promoted the YWCA’s values through her volunteerism and numerous contributions to the community. Since retiring from the medical field, Ms. Engel has served as a leader within the University of Connecticut Health Center Auxiliary. Her work with UCHC Auxiliary has established the W.H.A.L.E. (We Have A Little Emergency) program, which helps notify first responders of car accidents in which children are involved; and another program that provides nearby housing for families with a newborn in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the UConn Health Center.

“Ms. Engel’s dedication to her community is exemplified in her volunteer work within countless Connecticut organizations, including Riverfront Recapture, Hartford Symphony, Hartford Ballet, Farmington Senior Center, Connect of Farmington Woods and American Cancer Society. Ms. Engel’s membership with the Farmington Valley Women’s Club shows her commitment to the empowerment of women and civic affairs... She is a role model for her community and women throughout the nation.”

## **Annual meeting 6/23/09**

The following scholarships were awarded by the Auxiliary for the year 2009:

**Nursing** , presented by Ellen Leone, director of nursing:

- Donna Adams
- Katarzyna Tesz

**Dental**, presented by Dr. Art Hand for Dr. Monte McNeil

- James Heidenreich
- Tiffanie Waldeck

### **Master of Dental Sciences**

- Marie Elena Falcone
- Aditya Tadinada

### **Master of Public Health**

- Lwendo Moonzwe

### **Medical Scholarships**

Dr. Cato Laurencin accepted those awards on behalf of the students who were out on assignments at the time.

- Lindsay Brown
- Paula Lucuara
- Renee Robinson
- Allison Zanno

### **Medical Student Merit Award:**

- Amy Tolsdorf

Dr. Larry Klobutcher spoke in appreciation of the \$5,000 travel money for graduate students and one of the recipients spoke of what she was able to do because of that funding.

\$5,000 in educational travel money is available for Ph.D students in biomedical science who attended advanced short courses.

Dr. Marc LaLande appreciated the funds which were used to purchase equipment for the core labs.

### **Dental Student Merit Award**

to be presented in the Fall.

### Membership:

There are, as of June 23, 2009, 103 lifetime members of the Auxiliary. All those names have been etched on the windows of the Connucopia Gift Shop.

### Other commitments:

The Homewood Suites contract has been renewed for another year. *'The Family Place'* has housed 59 families in our first year; 23 from Connecticut, 3 from New York, and one family each from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Tennessee. The penny boxes that are around the Health Center have brought in over \$2,180.

W.H.A.L.E. has been in place for one year and we have sent out kits with 567 babies from UCHC into 80 towns in our state. We have given out another 500 kits to other interested sources.

**Scholarships and other Auxiliary commitments are funded by the Connucopia Gift Shop and the UConn Health Center Auxiliary Thrift Shop and other activities.**

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IMPORTANT TO US**

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## CONNUCOPIA GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop has had many interesting sales throughout the summer months. Keep on the lookout to watch for what Debbie and Alison will think up next.

The 2010 Entertainment Books will be in the Gift Shop soon, at the same price as last year.....\$30.00.

Vendor sales have been going well – and the fall schedule is included in this Directline.

## THE UCONN HEALTH CENTER AUXILIARY THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop has done well with its extended hours on Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There have been some very interesting donations that have brought in additional money and buyers. Four special Monc Blanc pens were donated and sold, and there has also been a collection of art from all over the world that varies in price depending on type, size and medium, that has been selling well. Twelve handmade quilts have been donated and appraised which may possibly be auctioned in October. Check the Auxiliary website (<http://auxiliary.uhc.edu>) for more information.

The Thrift Shop will be closed for the last two weeks of August for cleaning and restocking. It will reopen on September 2.

Come to the  
**Open House on Thursday evening, September 3**

**YOUR SUPPORT OF THE GIFT SHOP AND THRIFT SHOPS HELPS TO**

**SUPPORT THE AUXILIARY**

**THANK YOU**

## VENDOR LIST FOR CONNUCOPIA GIFT SHOP

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 20-21, Camellias Natural Products** will be set up in the *food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00. These are all natural products for the body and the environment. Choose from aromatherapy body products, unscented and scented candles and salt lamps.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**, the Auxiliary welcomes **Classy Crafts** to the Health Center. They will be showing their line of products in the *food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 brings Jazz Mi Taz** back to the *food court lobby*. Cindy will be selling her spectacular collection of fashion jewelry – sterling silver – watches and rings. Stop by between 9:00-3:00.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, Comfy Touch** will be back in the *food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00. Whether you suffer from pain or stiffness due to injury, fatigue, muscle-related illnesses or just plain stress... comfy touch has comforting, allergen-free, handcrafted grain filled hot/cold packs to help ease it away!

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, brings Quilbet** into the Health Center. They show their own line of fashion jewelry. Stop by *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**, everyone's favorite...**The Apple Lady** will be selling her gourmet apples in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-2:00.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, Wire Designs** is back to the Health Center. Stop by and see her line of jewelry in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, brings Sparkle Jewelry** back into the Health Center. Tracy will be selling her fashion jewelry in the *food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, Patricia's Presents** will be set up in the *food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00. Patricia sells an eclectic assortment of gifts.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, brings Much More** back into *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00. Much More sells their own line of sterling silver necklaces and earrings.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, Eastern Caps** will be selling sports apparel. They sell everything from hats to jerseys for your favorite ball teams. Stop in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, Leather Bag Outlet** will be back. Elliot will be selling his line of fine handcrafted leather handbags, luggage, totes and briefcases in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**, everyone's favorite, **Precious Cargo** is back. Choose from their beautiful Pashmina Shawls, Venetian glass jewelry and Russian handicrafts. They will be selling in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, Designs by Diana** will be set up in *the food court lobby*. Stop by between 9:00-3:00 and choose a new piece of jewelry for yourself!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, The Proud Peacock** will be selling their line of beautiful shawls in the *food court lobby*. They will be set up from 9:00-3:00.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, The Apple Lady** will be selling her gourmet apples in the *food court lobby* between 9:00-2:00.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, Rachel Girshick**, of the Silver Web will be showing her award winning jewelry designs in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, Craftworks** will be selling their variety of products in *the food court lobby* between 9:00-3:00.