

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

HOSPITAL BULLETIN – APRIL

I have recently returned from our Mid-Winter meeting in Mishicot. The meetings were very productive as you can always learn something. Having said that, I learned that everyone does not completely understand some of the terminology I use.....so I will try to correct that. When I refer to "**suggested hospital donation**" it is what we used to call "hospital quota" and is \$1 per member. "**Hospital Projects**" is any money your Auxiliary can spare for the special projects that we do in each of our facilities. "**Hospital Program**" includes all of the above and any other things you might do for our hospitalized veterans including volunteering. It is very important that you earmark your checks accordingly so you receive proper credit for your donations. I hope this will help in the future.

VOLUNTEERS: They are needed! Male, female, member, nonmember and youth... there is something each and every one of us can do to volunteer. If you do not live near a VA facility call a hospital, nursing home or clinic near you to see what you can do. You can always just go and visit with a patient or resident. Some of these people don't have a family or someone close enough to visit on a regular basis. Maybe you could write a letter for them if they are unable to write, or read to them if they are not in the mood or unable to talk. Sometimes just holding their hand gives them the comfort they need. Why not ask the nurse at a nursing home if you could give manicures to the female residents. They would love it. Make sure you fill out your list of volunteers who have 50 hours or more and get them to me by May 1. Also, remember to report all your activities on your year- end report.

"Someone Needs You"

Someone needs your smile today, your hug, your listening ear.
Someone needs encouragement and gentle words of cheer.

Someone needs your helping hand, your letter—and what's more,
Someone needs your visit to make their spirits soar.

Someone needs affection when they are feeling blue.
Listen, someone's calling for a special friend like you!

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