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President's Message— Robert Locke, Thompson Health Guild President

Thompson Health Guild Board of Directors Has A New Look



Robert Locke

It is a unique and flattering honor to be named President of the Thompson Health Guild. It's "unique" in that I am the Board of Directors' first male president; "flattering" in that I was considered for a role which traditionally has been a woman's role in a female-dominated organization (just to let you know – much has changed over the past few years and we now have three male board members).

I am a recently-retired pharmacist whose career spanned some 42 years, 30 of which were spent as the director of Pharmacy at Thompson Health. When asked to join the Guild Board, I saw it as an opportunity to stay connected with old friends and to remain active with the organization that was the pride of my professional career. I also believe my knowledge of how the health system operates will help the board focus on how best to continue our support for Thompson Health and enhance its service to our community.

Created in 1905, the Guild has a long and generous history of supporting Thompson. Over the last 25 years, the Guild has donated \$2.5 million to the health system. Our mission is to continue that support through gift shop sales, fundraisers and special events. We also want to get members more actively involved in these efforts.

I have two requests of our membership. Encourage your friends and relatives to join us. Membership information is available on the Guild's link at ThompsonHealth.com. The second request is to help us identify new fundraising ideas. We have a number of longstanding events such as the Tree of Lights, the Fashion Show, Springtime in Canandaigua and various special events and sales. I would enjoy hearing from members with any new ideas and their willingness to help move any new ideas along to reality. I can be reached at rlocke5@rochester.rr.com.

I look forward to working with the talented and energetic Guild Board of Directors, our Guild membership and UR Medicine's Thompson Health, and I'd love to hear from you.

Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce Retailer of the Year!

Guild Gallery Gift Shops Win Award

Bonnie Dennis, Gift Shop Manager

The gift shops at Thompson Health are off to a great start for 2015. Our sales are right on target, and, in June, the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce named the gift shops its Retailer of the Year!

This is a great honor for the shops and for the Thompson Health Guild! Here are some facts worth noting:

- 100 percent of gift shop profits are given to the Guild and eventually returned to the health system.
- The shops have evolved into trendy boutiques that foster repeat customers.
- We have two locations open seven days a week.
- Our primary shop is located just off the main lobby; the second, a kiosk, is located in the Constellation Center for Health and Healing.

We are very fortunate to have 60 terrific volunteers working in the gift shops. They are the stores' smiling faces, and make possible all we do for Thompson Health and the community. I'd like to send a special "thank you" to all the gift shop volunteers past and present – your efforts are greatly appreciated!

What's Coming Up

- **Fashion Show and Luncheon**
Thursday, August 13, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bristol Harbour Resort, Canandaigua
Visit ThompsonHealth.com/FashionShow for more information.
- **Fall Luncheon**
October (date TBD)
- **CCC Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale**
Thursday, December 3, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
M.M. Ewing Continuing Care Center
350 Parrish Street,
Canandaigua
- **Tree of Lights**
Monday, December 7
at 7 p.m.
FF Thompson
Hospital, Main
Entrance
350 Parrish Street,
Canandaigua





Final Thoughts

Past President Taryn Windheim

When I was first approached to be Thompson Health Guild's President I didn't know exactly what I was getting myself into. At the time, I was a fairly new member to the Board of Directors and the entire process to become president was lengthy. Four years of serving as an officer – first as Second Vice President and then as First Vice President – would pass before I progressed to the role of Guild President. Not even 30 years old at the time, the idea of serving as president of this organization was brushed off with a very Scarlett O'Hara "I'll think about that tomorrow."



Taryn Windheim

Fast-forward six years and my term as president is already over. How can it be that something so long in planning passed so quickly? With a sense of awe, I look back over two very short years.

When I began my term of office in 2013 there were 215 Guild members, 18 Guild board members, and monthly board meetings frequently ran over three hours in length. In the past two years our overall membership has grown leaner, but it's become more active and more engaged. Our members not only attend our luncheons, dinners and fundraisers, but are active volunteers helping at our events.

We lost many long-serving board members to illness, retirement and other commitments. I miss the sense of history they brought to every meeting, but I also appreciate the new and very active board members who are a group of "do-ers" eager to take on new tasks and activities.

And yes, I managed to trim down our marathon board sessions. Other changes include revising the organization's by-laws, doing away with the lengthy officer progression process and giving our gift shop manager more empowerment to perform her duties.

We also made another historic change – we now allow men into our historically female organization. Half of our officers are now male. Wouldn't that be a shock to our turn-of-the-century founders?

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a group of amazing board members, Guild members and volunteers. Our organization has the support of the community, which in turn allows us to support our health system, its associates and the patients it serves. I am proud to be a part of the Thompson Health Guild and look forward to the next chapter in its vibrant history.

Springtime in Canandaigua

The fourth annual Springtime in Canandaigua, a juried art and craft show held during the last weekend of April, was a tremendous success thanks to the dedication of many volunteers, the artistic excellence of our artisans and the support of the business community.

Lyons National Bank continued its generous support of Springtime by serving as Presenting Sponsor for the fourth straight year. Our loyal Gold Sponsors included Wegmans, Thompson Health, Case's Wine and Liquor, Empire Appraisal Associates, Inc., Ryan's Wine and Spirits, Spring Valley Gardens, J J Wolfe Agency, QuickPrint and the Genesee Valley Pennysaver.

The event has raised more than \$60,000 over the past four years, with the funds earmarked to support Thompson Hospital's many unfunded needs. This year's proceeds will benefit the Dr. Laurie Sands and Constellation Brands Breast Imaging Center.

"We truly believe that the Guild's support for this signature event has created a new avenue for economic growth and has shown the willingness of the Canandaigua community to seek out new opportunities to attract and retain a group of innovated and welcoming artists to the city of Canandaigua," said Guild President Bob Locke.

This year's event featured 90 highly professional craftspeople representing eight states who presented a wide variety of unique handmade items, from crystal to metal.

Thank you to all the participating Guild members for your support and your amazing volunteer efforts on behalf of Thompson Health. You were rated No. 1 by all of the artists!



Guild Adds a Third \$2,000 Scholarship

The Guild's 2015 Annual Dinner in June brought together Guild members, friends and Thompson Health executives. Keynote speaker Lloyd Theiss, Executive Director of Ferris Hills at West Lake and Clark Meadows, summarized his responsibilities related to our senior living community.

As an integral component of the Annual Dinner, the Guild awards \$2,000 scholarships to two deserving high school seniors in the Thompson Health system's service area who are pursuing degrees in healthcare-related fields. The Phyllis Ehmann Memorial Scholarship and the Terry Tremblay Memorial Scholarship have been awarded annually for several years.

Beginning this year, the Guild awarded a third \$2,000 gift – the Deborah L. Kimble Memorial Scholarship – which will be given annually to a student pursuing a degree in nursing or pediatric care. The Guild extends a heartfelt thank you to the family of Russ Kimble for the generous donation to fund this third scholarship in memory of Russ's wife, Debbie.

Here are this year's recipients:

- Phyllis Ehmann Scholarship: Stephen D. Carro of Canandaigua Academy will pursue a degree in chemistry at University of Buffalo and plans to pursue a career in medical research.
- Terry Tremblay Scholarship: Emily Young of Canandaigua Academy will pursue a 3+3 program with SUNY Geneseo and Upstate Medical University in Syracuse for a doctorate of physical therapy.
- Deborah L. Kimble Scholarship: Mary Kathryn C. Riesenberger of Naples Central School will attend Elmira College to pursue a BSN degree in nursing.

Membership Matters

Members received their 2015 membership letter in January. Current members (as of May 2015) are listed below. There are five categories of membership: the Member level at \$25, Supporting at \$50, Patron at \$75, Benefactor at \$100 and Lifetime at \$500. Thank you for your support!

Membership is a primary source of income for the Guild as it is with any membership-driven organization. We have seen a decrease in membership this year and are asking for your help to acquire new members. Ask your friends, family, business colleagues, service club groups, church members or others to join the Guild so we can continue to support the health system with Guild pledges and medical equipment, scholarships for students and associates and sleepers for newborns in need. These are just a few of the things the Guild supports year after year.

If you would like to volunteer for Guild events, please call so we can add you to our team. Membership Chairperson Judy Voss can be reached at (585) 472-1772 or seamssewsimple@rochester.rr.com

If you have yet to remit your dues, please send your check to Judy c/o 6620 Route 21 South, Naples, NY 14512.



Baby Amelia, born at Thompson Health on June 15, models a onesie donated by the Thompson Health Guild.

Guild Membership 2015

Lifetime

Sally Alling
Eileen Alven
Ida Mae Becker
Katherine Brahm
Sally Braun
Martie Buttaccio
Dawn Case
Kathleen Connor
Lucy Cook
Cyndee Cutri
Bobbe Dannenbrink
Marjorie Donhauser
Mina Drake
Kathleen Duserick
Linda Farchione-Hawks
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Marianne C. Gallagher
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Peggy Kane
Susanne Kennedy
Jennifer Klein
Joan Kurtz
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Myrna Ortiz
Cindy Poole
Deborah Price
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Marilyn Sands
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Carrie Vierhile

Judy Voss
Stacie Whitbeck

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Pam Cooper-Vince
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Beth Fladd
Judy L. Herbert
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Martha Potter
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Jeanne Schenk
Beverly Ann Schroeder
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Sue Winslow

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Tally Gwynn
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Thompson Health Guild shall be to provide assistance and support to the Thompson Health System, its patients and its associates, and to act as a liaison for the community and Thompson Health. The Guild's efforts will focus on public relations, fundraising, health advocacy and related programs beneficial to the Thompson Health System.

Guild Fashion Show

Planning is well underway for the 2015 Fashion Show. The planning committee – Chairperson Tammra Schiller, Karen Dean and Gail Herman – looks forward to providing a relaxing afternoon at Bristol Harbour on Thursday, August 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Country Ewe, located on Main Street in Canandaigua, will present a women's fashion show, and, new this year, Dick Anthony's Ltd. of Canandaigua will stage a men's fashion show. Both shows will feature local celebrity models.

The boutique will open promptly at 10 a.m. and remain open until noon. Once the fashion portion of the show concludes, the boutique will re-open. A silent auction, centerpiece auction, and cork raffle will help raise funds for the Guild. This year's profits have not yet been earmarked, but will be noted on the reservation post card sent to members.

This popular event has sold out in previous years. Please do not wait to purchase your tickets. To reserve your spot at \$50 per person, contact Tammra at (585) 507-0055.



Treasurer's Report

Guild Treasurer Louis Loy recently presented a positive financial review, which was good news to the Board of Directors. Gift Shop sales for April and May increased over 2014, earnings on an interest bearing account showed steady improvement over 2013, and profits from nine additional vending sites around the Thompson campus tripled over April 2014 numbers.

In addition, the Guild Board has improved its oversight of expense lines, and audits are now reviews costing \$2,000 annually versus \$5,500 two years ago.

Fundraising activities are projected to generate close to \$30,000 this year.

At the June 2014 Annual Dinner, the Guild board presented a \$50,000 check to Thompson Health President/CEO Michael F. Stapleton, Jr., FACHE. These funds represented long-term pledges by the Guild to support Project Excel and the Dr. Laurie Sands and Constellation Brands Breast Imaging Center. The Guild also donated \$500 to the Rose Walk event benefitting the Fralick Cardiac Rehabilitation and Fitness Center at Thompson Health.

Plant Sale

The May Plant Sale, held two days before Mother's Day, was an event that dazzled the eye and the nose. Associates who visited the Thompson Conference Center were quick to mention the perfumed scent of the blooms that enticed them into the room. Spring Valley Gardens provided an exceptional variety of flowers, herbs and beautiful hanging baskets. Thank you to our customers for supporting this fundraiser.

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