



13th Annual Art Auction - HUGE Success!

The 13th annual “Art on the Lawn” fundraiser took place on Friday night, June 18, with over 170 people attending and almost \$30K in gross proceeds. Overall this was the most successful art auction ever! The evening began with the music of Herb Boxhorn and Klaudia Promessi while the crowd sipped champagne, enjoyed appetizers and viewed the fabulous, one-of-a-kind art work.

This year’s very exciting live auction was led by auctioneer, Dave Hammond who teamed up with local Artist Carol Sethre to set a new record for live auction sales of close to \$20K! Once again, the silent auction had attendees scrambling to out bid each other as fabulous and valuable gifts of art and services were paired making each prize a real treasure. The raffle, with prizes donated by many of our local merchants and a special incentive from Gold Mine Jewelers, raised over \$2K.



Delicious wine was donated by many of our local vintners and the guests enjoyed a light buffet dinner provided by our friends at the St. George Hotel. Special thanks once again this year to the St. George Hotel and their staff; all of our many merchants and businesses, wineries, volunteers and of course all the talented artists who generously donated their works of art.



Finally we want to acknowledge our major sponsors, Jackson Rancheria and American Legion Post 108 along with the other sponsors who helped provide an additional \$6K initial boost to this 13th annual Art on the Lawn fundraiser. Visit our website at www.hospiceofamador.org to view the program and visit our local sponsors. Please support these local businesses and tell them you appreciate their support of Hospice of Amador & Calaveras!



Photo Key: #1. Audience appreciates High School Student Kayla Fitzsimmon’s original entry. #2. Fine donations from local artists #3. Local Artist Carol Sethre, Auctioneer Dave Hammond #4. Crowd looks on ready to bid #5. Klaudia Promessi & Herb Boxhorn #6. Participants examine silent auction and raffle items.

Summer CALENDAR

Save the Dates

Grieffbusters Training

July 10th, 13th,
15th, 17th, 20th
& 22nd

Call Ann for
information,
223-5500

Plasse's Resort Auction

August 21
All day event
benefits Hospice



Sept. 11th & 12th
Hospice's team
"moovin out cancer"
will have a campsite
and booth. All pro-
ceeds benefit STARS



Labor of Love
mailing in
September!

Introducing two of our Angels...

Meet -

Kimberly Kolafa, RN

1. How long have you worked as a hospice nurse? What is your nursing background and how has this helped you with the transition to hospice nursing?

I began my career as a hospice nurse in another rural county in 2004 and worked in varying roles, as a case manager, admissions RN, and intake RN, for a little over three years. Taking a 2 1/2 year respite from hospice care, I returned to the work that I believe is truly my nursing niche, accepting a position



at Hospice of Amador and Calaveras in December 2009. My nursing background is varied; I worked in the hospital in oncology, pediatrics, mother-baby units and NICU, as an advice nurse, and in the insurance industry as a case manager and supervisor. With my background being primarily with children, I never dreamed I'd be working with adults! When working with infants and children, you really are working with the family and the patient as one unit; I think that experience has helped me immensely in my work as a hospice nurse because we also work not just with the patient, but also work very closely with the family or whoever is the primary caregiver.

2. What is it about hospice that draws you to work here?

I love end of life care. There is a beginning and an end to each human life and both can present such deep emotional experiences for all of those involved and I am honored to have had the opportunity to be a part of each end of this life cycle. It is very rewarding to know that I help patients and families through what can be a very difficult physical and emotional time in their lives. I feel truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to return to doing this type of work.

3. What are your greatest challenges working at hospice?

One of the biggest challenges is letting go at the end of the work day. In order to be fully present at every encounter with each patient and family, I believe it's very important to take care of ourselves every day, eating right, exercising and spending time doing something that brings us joy; sometimes that's hard to do.

4. What would you like every patient and family member to know about hospice?

That accepting hospice care isn't about giving up hope - it's about having hope in something different than living forever, it's about having hope in dying well. Hospice is a team of people that help patients and families manage physical, emotional and spiritual symptoms. And after a loved one has passed, it's about supporting that person through the bereavement process.

Meet -

Susan Moore, RN

1. How long have you worked as a hospice nurse? What is your nursing background and how has this helped you with the transition to hospice nursing?

I came to Hospice of Amador & Calaveras as a registered nurse/case manager in September 2009. My background is hospital nursing. In the early 80's I did med-surg nursing, then went into ICU training and stayed in ICU nursing, adult and infant until I came



to hospice. My lengthy experience in caring for the sick and elderly on a one to one basis has helped greatly in my transition into hospice nursing.

2. What is it about hospice that draws you to work here?

I am very much an advocate of the philosophy of hospice care which stresses comfort care for the dying patient who has chosen no further treatment and chooses to die in their own home rather than in a hospital setting.

3. What are your greatest challenges working at hospice?

My greatest challenge is to fine tune a unique plan of care for each of my unique patients and their family situation. Each patient is special, each family is special and they need a well thought out course of care.

4. What would you like every patient and family member to know about hospice?

That with hospice they will receive kind and compassionate care from a team of professionals that will give their loved one freedom from pain, security and peace during their final journey.

Summer MESSAGE

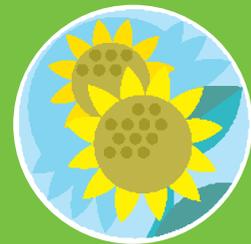
from Dan Riordan,
Executive Director:

Summertime

- Words and music
by George
Gershwin and
DuBose Heyward
from the 1935
opera, Porgy and
Bess.



Summertime
And the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin'
And the cotton is high
Your daddy's rich
And your mamas good lookin'
So hush pretty baby
Don't you cry
One of these mornings
You're going to rise up singing
Then you'll spread your wings
And take to the sky
But till that morning
There's a nothin' can harm you
With you daddy and mamma
standin' by



The lyrics to this classic aria arouse in me a sense of hope and deep support. To each of you I offer this same sentiment and a reminder about hospice care. We are here when you or your loved ones need us most. You can call on us anytime and we will do everything in our power to help you live your life to its fullest. With hospice there is hope! We offer you and your family support; before, during and after you "spread your wings and take to the sky!"

New Truck for Hospice Thrift

Hospice of Amador & Calaveras has purchased a box truck to use in collecting donations. When we opened our second thrift store in Calaveras County, we realized that acquiring the truck will facilitate the movement of goods between stores. The truck will also improve our ability to provide pick-up service for larger items. We will now be able to pick up sofas, chairs, tables, bookcases and more that are difficult for people to move, transport and drop off. It has long been our dream to be able to offer this service so we are thrilled that we now have the ability to do this. Please contact the thrift store manager in Jackson (223-4762) or in Angels Camp (736-4830) to inquire about pick-ups.



Griefbusters

Griefbusters are specially trained volunteers who respond to the needs of young people ages 3 to 17 who may need help in coping with and recovering from traumatic personal loss caused by the death of someone close.

Griefbusters listen and provide support; they are not "therapists." Conversations are private and confidential. Griefbuster training is set to begin July 10, 2010. For information about the program contact Ann Metherd, 223-5500.

With Griefbusters, Hospice of Amador & Calaveras participates in events for children, such as the "Celebrate Our Children" event on Saturday, April 17, at Argonaut High School in Jackson, and the "Children's Fair" event on Saturday, April 24, at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds.

Children of all ages gathered in our booths for creative collage-making while their parents and caregivers learned more about hospice services and volunteer opportunities. Both of these important events were free for all Amador and Calaveras County children and their families and Hospice of Amador & Calaveras was pleased to take part.

Annual Candlelight Memorial

On May 16 Hospice of Amador & Calaveras held their annual Candlelight Memorial at a creek-side setting in Sutter Creek.

It was a wonderful time for the community to remember loved ones that they have lost and to make reflections on life in a peaceful, safe environment. Hospice would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jerry & Elene Cook for hosting the memorial in their beautiful creek-side garden, and to Vicky Murphy & Liseanne Wick for the beautiful music they provided during and after the ceremony.



Top right: Nancy Carlson, Bereavement Coordinator & Caroline Garrison.



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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

Hospice of Amador and Calaveras said thank you to their many volunteers during the 17th annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held on Friday, April 23, at the American Legion Hall in Sutter Creek.

Board Chairman Paul Cherry set the evening in motion with words of gratitude and appreciation for the dinner attendees before speaking on the theme of "Volunteers Build a Better World".

The number of volunteers for our local hospice is impressive and rising. The count total increased from 123 in 2008 to 136 in 2009. This does not take into account the 45-50 new volunteers already added in 2010 as a result of the recent Family Support Training and the opening of the new hospice thrift store in Angels Camp.

One of the most touching moments at this year's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner came when the extraordinary "Gift of the Heart Award" was presented to Mary Van Zanten.

Two board members from the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association, Susan Negreen and Susan Plummer, made it a point to attend this event so they could personally present Van Zanten her award in the company of family, friends and colleagues.

Van Zanten has volunteered more than 10 years of service with the Hospice of Amador and Calaveras organization in areas of Family

Support and Hospice Thrift Store. She and her husband Jack also find unique ways to bring community recognition to the organization.

Along with many other volunteers being honored for their years of service, one outstanding accomplishment was noted when Mary Gallo was given her 20 year pin.

Dan Riordan, Executive Director of Hospice of Amador and Calaveras, said, "This is an incredible group of people and our program is lucky to have their support. During the past year our hospice has provided care to more patients and families than ever before. Without our talented and energetic volunteers, Hospice of Amador and Calaveras simply could not provide the very special services it does."



Pictured above:
Susan Negreen,
Ann Metherd,
Mary Van Zanten,
Susan Plummer



Right: Mary Gallo