



# Member Newsletter

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## Highlights of the Year President's Report 2017—2018

It has been an honor to serve as the president of



Donna Gilger presents a check for \$30,000 for uninsured hospice patients to Donna Ball-Martin.

Friends of Hospice for the 2017-2018 year. The excitement of working with the board and membership on all our special events and education lecture was so rewarding and fruitful. This year our goal

was to raise over \$200,000 for uninsured hospice patients.

Friends of Hospice is a partner in the Tricentennial. Every event in 2018 will be highlighted in their publications and social media. It is an exciting time for the San Antonio community and we are delighted to be a partner in the celebration.

The Fall Coffee at the beautiful home of Tricia and Jim Heck had 80 people attend. A special thank you to Helen Bryan and Donna Vaughn who chaired this event and to all who helped them by providing the delicious food. A big thank you to Barbara Lozano of andie & barbara and her beautiful fashions modeled by our members.

The 29th Poinsettia Ball at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on December 14, was chaired by Derrick Dodge, Kelli Grant and Carol Kumler. The elegant evening, with music by the Nash Hernandez Orchestra from Austin, was attended by 225 guests. Receiving special recognition that evening were Valero Energy Foundation and Dr. and Mrs. Fernando Guerra. The Ball leadership worked hard with their

committee members and the event was a huge success. Sandy Ryan and her committee did a beautiful job decorating the ballroom. The highlight of the evening was presenting a check for \$50,000 to the CHRISTUS Health Foundation for uninsured hospice patients.

I would like to thank Ruth Nixon and Gis King for taking care of the Angel Trees at the Sister Mary Hospice Inpatient Center. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Card project!

On February 10th, we had our annual Valentine Luncheon at the San Antonio Country Club. Julian Gold sponsored the style show again this year and provided gorgeous fashions and models. The majority of the models came from our membership. We would like to thank Sally Forester and Sandy Ryan who were the co-chairs of this event. The auction was a huge success raising over \$14,000. Kudos to the auction committee: Lois Amor, Joanne Cox, Cynthia Duvall, Patti King, LouAnn Noll, Beverly Pace and Kenda Willoughby

The BIG GIVE, a 24- hour online giving to non-profit organizations, raised \$1,200 for uninsured hospice patients. Many thanks to those donors who supported this event.

The Spring Educational program was April 5th at the San Antonio Marriot Northwest. The speaker, Dr. Jason Morrow, presented "Ethical Considerations: Healing, Suffering, and End of Life Challenges". CE's for nurses and social workers were given. Joanne Furtek Cox put together a wonderfully organized and educational program.

We participated for the first time in Birdies for Charity. This is a fundraiser in conjunction with the Valero Texas Open golf tournament in April. We anticipate raising \$4,100 plus from this new event.

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**RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP DUES IS JULY 1, 2018. IF YOU DON'T GET A RENEWAL NOTICE LET US KNOW.**

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# ANNUAL MEETING/SPRING PARTY SPOTLIGHT



(l-r) Dr. Mahendra and Kirti Patel with hosts Lupita and Armando Medina



(l-r) Alfred Flores, Pat Jonietz and Toffe Satel



(l-r) Tookie Spoor, David Johnson and Betty Ferrell



(l-r) Jennifer Mueller, Rita Bragg, Sue Dullnig and Suzan Taff



Above (l-r) David and Liz Jauer, Julie Bray Patterson and Mike Cave



(l-r) Stacey Darr, Kenda Willoughby, Ruth Willoughby and Diana Ridgway.



(l-r) Becky Schweers, Cynthia Duvall, Anne Ownby, Marti Raba, and Shary Smith.



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Finally, I would like to thank Lupita and Armando Medina for hosting the Annual Meeting & Spring Party May 10. Pat Jonietz and Sherry Satel and their volunteers prepared a wonderful fun evening.

It has been a pleasure serving as your President this year. The dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make every event a success are to be commended for their hard work.

*"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

-Martin Luther King

Gratefully,



Donna Gilger  
President 2017-2018



(l-r) Joanne Furtek Cox, Dr. Jason Morrow and Donna Gilger at the Spring Lecture.

End of Life Nursing Care:  
Ethical Considerations  
*Healing, Suffering, and  
End of Life Challenges*

Jason Morrow, MD, PhD  
*Board certified in internal  
Medicine and Hospice and  
Palliative Medicine*

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*Executive Director/Editor*

Over 60 guests attended the lecture and gave over 94% excellent reviews of the speaker and his topic. Dr. Morrow described the role of hospice in end-of-life care and all the staff involved with the patient and family. He stressed good communication with the patient and family were essential in order to evaluate their progress using the hospice model of care. This would include ethical decisions and nursing care decisions.

Joanne Furtek Cox and her committee did a wonderful job of planning the lecture and recruitment of the speaker. Part of the Friends' mission is to educate the community about hospice care and end-of-life issues.

Nurses and social workers were able to get credits for the lecture. Some 83% said they would be making changes in their professional practices after attending the lecture.

CALENDAR 2018-2019

MEMBERSHIP DUES

JULY 1, 2018

FALL COFFEE

OCTOBER 2018

POINSETTIA BALL

DECEMBER 13, 2018

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 9, 2019

SPRING LECTURE

APRIL 2019

ANNUAL MEETING/SPRING PARTY

MAY 2019

**The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc. is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.**