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## Hospitals salute volunteer aid

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**SCOTTSDALE** — A sea of 300 blue-smocked members of the Scottsdale Healthcare Auxiliary recently gathered at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort, where they were honored for their thousands of hours of volunteerism.

Eighty-nine of the volunteers received recognition for serving from 5 to 45 years in various duties at the healthcare facilities. Tom Sadvary, president and CEO, commended the volunteers for helping to create "the best healthcare experience" for patients at the three hospital campuses.

Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross proclaimed March 15 as "Scottsdale Healthcare Volunteer Day," saying that since 1961 volunteers have logged more than 5 million hours in service. This past year, 937 volunteers put in more than 125,000 hours.

"We could not be a city like Scottsdale without volunteers like you," Manross said. "It's pretty extraordinary. We thank you for the difference you have made."

Chairman of the board Bob Cox congratulated the honorees "for your service always with a smile."

Volunteers received orchid corsages and a miniature gold starfish, complete with the story of the little boy questioned by an adult as to why he was throwing starfish he found on the beach back into the ocean. The man told the child there were miles and miles of starfish washed up on the beach and that he couldn't possibly make a difference. The child picked up another starfish, threw it back into the surf and said: "I made a difference for that one."

Making a difference in the lives of patients for the past 45 years have been two dedicated members, Dot Stough and Gloria Blakley, past auxiliary presidents who still give of their time and talents. Stough has logged more than 10,000 hours over the years, and Blakley is close behind with more than 9,000.

Stough, 86, who served as president back in 1967, recalled the groundbreaking for what was Scottsdale's first "high-rise" when the Osborn location, which now has seven floors, was built out to three stories.

"I also think we had the first elevator in Scottsdale," she said.

For years, Stough volunteered at

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spring training parking lots, which became a lucrative fundraising project for the auxiliary. She established the position of director of volunteers in 1974 and served in that position for two years as the first director.

Now as a semi-retired volunteer, Stough is in charge of keeping in touch with members by telephone. She will work on the auxiliary's history this year with Joyce Adams.

Blakley, 85, keeps busy volunteering one day a week at the Greenbaum Surgery Center.

"I work in the recovery room and assist the nurses," she said. "We wipe gurneys down and get them ready for the next patient. We stack blankets in the blanket warmer, we get the family and answer phones. There's always something to do. I love it."

Other longtime volunteers who received recognition included: Judy Chamberlain (35 years), Fran McCormack and Judy Owens (25 years), Marjorie Koepke, Shirley MacDonald, Pegge McGrann-Downs, Barbara Paisant, Elizabeth Surmacz, and Hank Tucker (20 years).



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For 45 years, Dot Stough, 86 (left), and Gloria Blakley, 85, have been members of the Scottsdale Healthcare Auxiliary.

Past presidents attending the recognition breakfast included Fay Schwab (1976-77), Dottie Logan (1990-91), Cille Swaback (1992-93), Mary Jane and Bill Waddell (1997-98), Helen and Ted Jarros (1999-2000), Anita Thorne (2003-04), Ellen Mutter (2004-05) Cliff Migal (2007-08), as well as Stough (1967-68), Blakley (1974-75) and Adams (2006-07).

Dick Carpenter was installed as auxiliary president for 2008-09.

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