

**COUNCIL ON VOLUNTEER SERVICES GEORGIA HEALTH CARE, INC.**

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**THE COURIER**

**A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT**  
**MARTHA GREENE-TUCKER**



It is a new Council on Volunteer Services Georgia Health Care, Inc year along with a new calendar year. I as your new President am excited about moving forward.

My theme this year is **“Volunteers are Shining Stars”**.

Many of us have become discouraged in our volunteering service because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Some volunteers are still not allowed to return to their hospitals. This will change soon, hopefully.

We must stay focused on our purpose as a volunteer, which is to serve others. This can be done in many ways, with phone calls, cards, and emails to our fellow auxiliaries. Making brownies, cookies, cakes, and cheese straws to take to our hospital staff will let hospital employees know we care.

Plans are being made by the COVS 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Conference Chair, Linda Holloway, for the 2021 Conference, which will be held October 4-6, 2021, at the Anderson Conference Center in Macon, Georgia. Mark your calendar and plan to come. Linda will be getting more details out to you.

If I can be of service to you, please feel free to call, text, or email me. I would love to hear from you.

Stay safe.



*Cathy Hefner- President-Elect*



Since my installment as President-Elect, I have had a moment to catch my breath and watch, with amazement, at what is happening in the COVS community.

The Board of Management is an amazing group of men and women, busy as bees getting ready for an exciting year for the COVS. Not a step has been missed during this whole pandemic!

I have spent a lot of time on YouTube learning the ins and outs of the world of ZOOM. We've all been able to get on the site, and I've made sure we remain there during meetings. A GREAT relief! It's almost like I went back to school to learn ZOOM 101. Believe it or not, it has all paid off, and we've had quite a few very successful meetings. Feeling VERY blessed to have this option. I can't imagine what we would be doing without ZOOM! It's enabled me to sit in on a couple of President/President-Elect meetings that were held on Zoom. How encouraging to see our members have not let that nasty COVID virus dampen our drive as volunteers!

I would like to congratulate **Mary Lynne Cochran**, our Vice President/Membership and Webmaster, for a job well done creating the new website. She has spent many hours learning and working with our website team H2O to make sure we have the best ever site!

**WTG! Many thanks to Mary Lynne!**

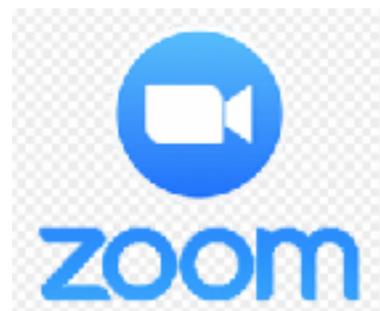


I will miss visiting all the districts around the state with Martha and Linda to attend Spring District Luncheons, but I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Meetings held on ZOOM in March.

This will be a REAL treat and quite the experience for all of us. Never let it be said that just because we are retired we can't adapt to change or have lost the ability to learn!!! Volunteers are a force to be reckoned with!

See you all in March on channel COVS ZOOM!!

Stay healthy!



***Linda Holloway - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Conference Chair***



***SHINING STARS MOVING FORWARD TO CONFERENCE 2021***



I am so excited!!! And I hope you will be, too, as we move forward with optimism, planning a conference for this year. The year 2020 had us face many changes and challenges, but let's work to make 2021 a year of unity and pulling together to regroup and reorganize. After much dialogue about whether to have a conference, the Executive Board has voted to move ahead. We have hopes to see a decline in COVID cases as more people are vaccinated and new methods of treatment are found to be successful.

There will be many changes from the conference you've grown used to.

First, we are changing the location. It will be held at the **Anderson Conference Center in Macon October 4-6**. Over the years I've heard many express a wish to meet somewhere more centrally located. So, now we are getting that chance. I've spent hours searching for a location that would meet our needs and fit our budgets, and I think you'll find this venue will do that. It is located just west of I-475 at the Eisenhower Parkway exit across from Middle Georgia State University. They have offered us a contract at a small fraction of what we have paid in the last several years.

Second, it is just as the name says, a conference center. They do not have guest rooms for overnight stay. So, you will have to book rooms at nearby hotels. District directors have been given a list of 4 hotels that are within six minutes of the venue and appear to be in safe neighborhoods. You are free to book elsewhere if you have a particular chain you prefer.

Third, we will not begin registration until after lunch on Monday around 1:00 p.m. We will also have our final session ending around 5:00 p.m. You will have time to check into your hotel before dark.

Fourth, the only meals served at the venue will be lunch and dinner on Tuesday. Since most hotels offer a free breakfast, and we are having an abbreviated day on Monday, you should have less expense for meals. We plan to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

We are continuing many of the features you've enjoyed in the past. There will be a Vendor Show, Silent Auction, and Raffle.

Entertainment is already being scheduled along with speakers and workshops. As in the past, we will have the election and installation of officers along with the presentation of awards for CEO, DVS, Community of Conscience, and Achievement. Make your plans now to attend, meet new friends, and learn new things.

(We may have to limit the number of conference attendees, and I know you won't want to be the shining star that was left behind.)



## 2020-2021 COVS Awards

### Betty Walls – Awards Chair

The Council on Volunteer Services will again be honoring an outstanding DVS/Volunteer Coordinator of the Year award and honoring an outstanding CEO/Administrator of the Year award. Also, there will be awards given for the Community of Conscience Outreach award for Small, Medium-Size, and Large Hospitals. Small hospitals consist of 1-50 beds, Medium-Size 51-199 beds, and Large 200 + beds. Prior winners of the DVS/Volunteer Coordinator and CEO/Administrator are not eligible to receive these awards again.

Criteria for these awards are on the COVS Website ([www.covsgeorgia.org](http://www.covsgeorgia.org)) along with the necessary forms to be filled out. You may print these forms and get a head start on nominating your DVS/CEO, or a project that you have been doing at your hospital.

We hope that all of you will participate.



*Elizabeth Wilmot Bull Scholarship – Anita Barnes - Chair*



The EWB Scholarship was established during the 1962-1963 Council Year as a memorial in honor of Elizabeth Wilmot Bull, who had served as COA/V President during the 1960-1961 Council year. Mrs. Bull and her entire family were lost in the crash of a Concorde jet at Orly Field, Paris, on June 3, 1962.

Each year the Bull Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to students in the healthcare field. The award winners are determined by a COVS Board of Management Committee from applications submitted by the local auxiliaries/volunteer groups.

All information and forms are easily accessible from our Council website, which is [covsgeorgia.org](http://covsgeorgia.org). If you know of any student who may be eligible, please be sure to contact your local Scholarship Chair, local President, District Director, or the Council Scholarship Chair.



*Jean Corey Scholarship – Wanda Sellers –  
Chair*

**JEAN COREY YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Jean Corey volunteered at Chatuge Hospital in Hiawasse, Georgia, in 1985. She became a North East District Director of COVS and served on the board. Jean served as COVS President from 1994-1996.



During this time Jean observed high school youth volunteers serving in hospitals throughout the state. She recognized these students were the future leaders of the medical community and worked diligently to establish a Youth Conference that was first held in 1996. In 2018, after 22 years of hosting this conference, a decision was made to take a new approach in supporting youth volunteers by investing more funds to increase the number of scholarships throughout the state. The Corey Scholarship was awarded to one or two students each year during the years a conference was held. Jean provided the money for those scholarships. In 2020, COVS decided to offer the opportunity to local COVS groups to contribute to the scholarship. Five scholarships were awarded in 2020.

We are so grateful that Jean provided a scholarship every year for over 20 years, and she continues to donate to this fund. Just think of the students she's assisted during these years. For further information about the Jean Corey Scholarship Program, please see the COVS website at: [COVSgeorgia.org](http://COVSgeorgia.org). Click on Jean Corey Scholarship from the main COVS page.

Each COVS local organization that contributes to the fund has an opportunity to submit three students for the scholarship award. This year the applications are due by April 10. The scholarship committee consists of Betty Walls, Linda Holloway, Cathy Hefner, and Wanda Sellers. The committee will read each application and carefully select the winners. The awards will be announced as soon as possible after selection.

If any COVS organization wishes to receive additional information or ask questions, please contact Wanda Sellers at: [wks7324@bulloch.net](mailto:wks7324@bulloch.net). We welcome your responses.

