



# Creative Caring Hearts

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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:**

*Tuesday, August 14, 2012  
6:30 p.m.*

**Park Vista Retirement Community  
950 County Road QQ, Waupaca  
For directions, call 715-258-2524**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Saturday, September 8, 2012 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 13, 2012 9:30 a.m.

*NOTE: In September, we start back on our second Saturday of the month schedule. Hope to see you there!*

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**THE FUNNY (maybe) TALE OF 5 S's**

At both hospital visits (see article to the right), nurses mentioned that their units are using a 5S method of cleaning and inventorying what they have. I was curious, so I looked it up on Internet. There are lots of 5's, but I thought you might find it interesting. I know I could use a bit of each of these (well, maybe not the calming babies one)!

- **Hospitals:** Sort, Straighten, Shine, Standarize, and Sustain
- **Housekeeping at home:** Sort/dispose, Storage places, Scrub/clean, Set standards (color coding was suggested), Self-discipline/accountability.
- **Calming babies:** Swaddling tightly, Side/stomach position, Shushing sounds, Swinging/swaying, and Sucking.

Note: If you want to have fun on Internet, look up 5 S's. There are ones for organizing just about everything, from manufacturing to babies, from the military to your home. I guess the hardest part would be the initial doing of them! Guess that's the "self-discipline" part in the Housekeeping S's! (OK, maybe I have a weird sense of humor on this!)

**NEED OF THE MONTH**

Sweaters and afghans, please, will be greatly appreciated. I think most of us have steered away from knitting this summer so our supply is getting low. Thanks so much!

**VISITS**

In early July, *Sue Hackbarth* and I met with Patti Peterson and Ellis Long at the Riverside Family Birth Center. We met to discuss what is working well from CCH and what we can change, add, etc. It was a productive meeting.

- They love and appreciate everything we do for the babies;
- We will continue with the layettes, the hat-of-the-month, and donations toward the community gift bag each newborn receives;
- We will pursue a project grant with Riverside Foundation;
- We will provide them with more receiving blankets;
- We will provide books for older siblings to enjoy;
- They will hold an internal hospital drive for hygiene items and infant toys (already set for August 1 – 14).

Later in the month, I met with Cindy Weisbrod at St. Michael's Women and Infants Center in Stevens Point. Again, it was a productive meeting.

- They love and appreciate everything we do for the babies;
- Our contributions are known about across the hospital staff;
- We will continue with the layettes, but hold on the hats for a while because they have built up a reserve supply;
- They will help us pursue a grant through the St. Michael's Foundation;
- We will provide some books for older siblings to enjoy.

The biggest impression we came away with was that Creative Caring Hearts is an integral part of the way these wonderful nurses are able to provide the best service and care for their newborns and their families. CCH is appreciated and valued! Your talents and efforts are appreciated and valued! Thank you so much for all you do!

**July 2012 TOTALS**

Donations given to:  
Private Requests (1).....29  
Riverside Hospital.....273  
St. Michael's Hospital.....378.  
**TOTAL 680**

Donations In.....191  
Volunteer Hours.....528

Bags given out:  
**8 boys, 13 girls**

**Running total of layettes this year:  
62 boys + 63 girls= 125 layettes**

**BOPPEE WORK DAY**

We have a project to make approximately 20 boppees for Riverside Family Birth Center. Many hands will make quick work of it. Please join us if you can:

Wednesday, August 8  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Camp Cleghorn Activity Center  
Call for directions if you need them

**RENI'S HAT CORNER**

We have finished the hats for September for all the little future Packer Backers. They are made of lightweight gold color knit fabric with green and gold pom poms - Packer colors! Now the next ones coming up are the October pumpkin hats. What fun!

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH  
ARLENE UNERTL AND CAROLE  
HANSEN**

*Arlene* is recovering slowly but surely. Her 2 week check-up was very good, but she continues with lots of restrictions. Her 6 week check-up in late August will hopefully take away the collar she wears (even in this heat) and give her back her driving rights!

*Carole* will have partial knee replacement on August 9 on her left knee. We hope it goes great—the right knee awaits its turn!