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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



*Kathy Wagner, President
Volunteers of Watertown
Regional Medical Center*

It is a pleasure to greet you as the new president of the Volunteers of UW Health Partners Watertown Regional Medical Center. I retired in 2006 after 36 years in the field of education and 26 of those years were working in the Watertown School District. My introduction to active volunteer duties came at the hands of Nancy Gillingham as I became a member of the staff at the Women's Center Boutique. I asked Nancy a couple of times if they ever fired a volunteer when they "goofed up" the cash register. She reassured me that it would become friendlier with time and I admit that the cash register and I have reached a good understanding. I enjoy the many people I meet that work and visit the Women's Center. It is a beautiful building that provides excellent care for women and their families! However, my husband continues to ask me each day I return from the boutique, "What did you buy today?"

Then I was honored to be asked to become President-elect. It was early enough in my retirement that I thought I would have the time to give - although now I find it is surprising how quickly your time fills. Again, I have met a wonderful group of people dedicated to the leadership of our organization on the Board. It also gave me the opportunity to meet volunteers from around the state at regional and state meetings. Joy Caine mentored me into this President role and I thank her for all the time and wisdom she has offered me. So I begin my duties as President with enthusiasm and respect for the people who make up our membership. I'm sure it will be an exciting year of support for health care in our community.

*One kind word
can warm three winter months.*

~ Japanese Proverb