



Message From the President
Sandra Fletcher



Since we have news of interest to our members, which could not wait until the March letter, we are issuing a January Newsletter.

The winner of the Quilt raffle, licence # M777967, was our own Mary Walker with ticket #12. She says it looks great on her bed!

Both the Christmas Bazaar and the Teddy Bear Campaign fundraisers were extremely successful this year. In November, we had great media publicity for the Teddy Bear Campaign, which included being on the CKWS Morning Show.

The Staff Appreciation Tea will be held on Thursday February 16th; from 1 – 3 pm with a Valentine theme. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Theresa at the Auxiliary Office.

Many of you may know that our long time member and supporter, Shirley Abramsky, has relocated to Toronto to be closer to her family. A farewell event was held to say “Bon Voyage” and all our good wishes go with her. She assures us she will be back to visit and likely will go on the annual Stratford Bus trip by joining the bus in Toronto!

Please see the note from Jenny Raymond in the next column about the General Meeting in March. I hope you will continue to join us.

COMING EVENTS

18th ANNUAL STAFF APPRECIATION TEA

Thursday, February 16, 2017
Burr 1 from 1.00 – 3.00

SPRING FLING!

April 2017

**Cookes -Portsmouth United Church
BUS TRIP**

STRATFORD FESTIVAL

Wednesday May 17 &
Thursday May 18, 2017

Cost: Members \$375
Non-Members \$400

Price Includes: Bus & Driver
Gratuity; 1 night Arden Park
Hotel; Dinner at the Steak
House in Kitchener;

PLAYS: “Guys & Dolls” and
“HMS Pinafore” – both
matinee performances.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

March 27th, 2017

At Cookes - Portsmouth
Church

We received some negative feedback about the lunch and the facility at Cooke's Portsmouth United Church after the last meeting. The volunteers at the church were very aware of this and I have been in contact with them. They were very apologetic and are anxious to keep our business. I have made the conditions for the next General Meeting to include coffee being available at the beginning of the meeting and that the hall be warmer. Lunch will be soup and sandwiches with squares for desert so there will be no confusion about vegetarian diets. Please give them a second chance and join us.

Jenny Raymond,
Hospitality Convenor

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MEMBERSHIP

By Lorraine Coull

Welcome

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Membership Fees

REMINDER!

Membership Fees

Will Be Due April 1, 2017

\$15.00 single

\$20.00 family

\$150.00 life membership

Fees may be mailed to the Auxiliary Office or may be paid at the registration table at the General Meeting

Please notify the Auxiliary Office of any changes of address, phone number or email address. If we are kept up to date, it saves money and time. A quick phone call or a short email will do the job.

Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Cogan

Norm Robinson

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Jean Fraser & Barb Arniel -
Co-Convenors

The Annual Christmas Harvest Bazaar took place on November 30, 2016 in the Old Cafeteria, Connell 3 and was a huge success. There were tables from the Gift Shop - Lingerie and Toys. Shoppers also enjoyed a 15% discount in The Gift Shop while the Auxiliary Cafe offered a special lunch menu. The Bake Table and Candy tables sold out early and the Silent Auction had many excellent items up for bid.

Used jewelry, used books and the wreaths were big sellers.

Total receipts from the day were over \$6,000.

We would like to extend sincere thanks to all who participated: volunteers, donors, bakers, and the visitors who joined us. It takes the co-operation of all our members to achieve such excellent results.

**2016 TEDDY BEAR
CAMPAIGN**

Another successful Teddy Bear Campaign came to a close on December 21st, 2016. To date we have raised over \$25,000 to purchase the two larger-sized cribs and Hi-Lo exam table for pediatrics. Over 250 bears have been delivered to several pediatric areas at KGH and HDH to comfort young patients.

We are grateful for the support of Royal Canadian Legion 560 and the Legion 560 Ladies Auxiliary who provided the funds to cover all the expenses of the campaign. Also, thanks to "Santa" (Ron Manor) and staff photographer Matt Manor for a large donation from "Photos with Santa".

Thanks to everyone on the committee for all their help and, especially, to Theresa who kept everything organized and was always there to help.

**LONG TIME VOLUNTEER
LEAVES AFTER 57 YEARS
OF SEVICE TO KGH**

A short while ago, Shirley Abramsky quietly moved from Kingston to Toronto to be closer to her family.

Shirley joined the Auxiliary in 1959 and has been a dedicated and diligent member of our team since the first day. She received her 55 year pin in 2014 and is our longest serving member.

Perhaps her greatest achievement is the creation of the Family

Service Area in 1992 - 25 years this year and still going strong! Shirley was a member of the committee, which looks after the area, from the beginning until she made her move to Toronto. She also worked tirelessly on the Cash Draw and the Golf committee drawing on her contacts in Kingston to ensure their success.

Another venture for Shirley was the formation of the Millennium Committee in 1999 the primary purpose of which was to raise sufficient monies to endow a Bursary to enable KGH staff to further their education. The goal of \$200,000 was reached 5 years later and the Bursary established. The first bursaries were granted in 2004 and over \$75,000 has been awarded to KGH staff to date.

Shirley was the President in 1988 and also served on the KGH Board of Directors. She received her Provincial Life Membership in 1993 and the Ministry of Citizenship award in 2009. In the same year, she was awarded the Mrs. J. C. Connell Award in recognition of her services to the Auxiliary.

Shirley is a formidable lady and her presence will be missed here in Kingston. No doubt she will soon find something to do in Toronto!

**Christmas cards for
patients**

Christmas cards from the Auxiliary were distributed to patients on Friday December 23rd by cheerful volunteers. The visits were much appreciated by the patients who had to stay in hospital over the holiday season.

For information or reservations for any coming Auxiliary event call Theresa at the Auxiliary Office

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