Kingston General Hospital Auxiliary

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Message From the President Sandra Fletcher



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E L E T Both the Christmas Bazaar and the Teddy Bear Campaign fundraisers were very successful this year. Many children will benefit from receiving the bears as well as from the use of the equipment the proceeds will purchase.

Our Café business is booming – in part due to the introduction of the credit/debit machine. Also a factor is the improved display area following the renovation which makes the items on display look even more appetizing.

The Gift & Tuck Shops are also doing exceptionally well. Christmas sales were great and capes were selling like hotcakes. Check out "Sophie La Girafe" in Baby and the cute "flippables" in Toys. The Tuck Shop is still a very popular spot for Golden Rooster pastries and sandwiches as well as those innumerable cups of coffee purchased every day. Our finances so far this year are looking great!

Do you come by bus to volunteer? If so, bus passes are available from the Volunteer Office. With the increased cost of parking, taking the bus is an economical alternative and there is no need to drive on wintry roads!

At our next General Meeting we have invited Damiano Lorrichio, Operations Manager in the Emergency Department at KGH to tell us about coming changes in that department following redevelopment. More details will be available in the March Newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

SPRING FLING!

Bridge & Lunch Thursday, April 11th 12 noon Cookes-Portsmouth Church \$20 per person

BUS TRIP STRATFORD FESTIVAL

Wednesday May 29 &
Thursday May 30, 2019
Cost: Members \$425
Non-Members \$450
Price Includes: Bus & Driver
Gratuity; 1 night Arden Park
Hotel with breakfast; Dinner
at the Steak House in
Kitchener:

PLAYS: "Merry Wives of Windsor" & "Billy Elliot – the Musical" (Matinee performance) For reservations call the Auxiliary Office 613-549-6666 ext 6352

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

March 25th, 2019 At Cookes - Portsmouth Church

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2019-20 Membership Fees

By Lorraine Coull

REMINDER!
Membership Fees
Will Be Due April 1, 2019
\$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

Les Pike

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Jean Fraser & Barb Arniel – Co-Convenors

The Annual Christmas Bazaar took place on November 28, 2018 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 as usual and the Silent Auction had many excellent items up for bid. This year, the Curiosity Table offered Christmas items, including a few wreaths and

Christmas centerpieces as well as other interesting items.

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.

2018 TEDDY BEAR CAMPAIGN

Another successful Teddy Bear Campaign ended on December 21st, 2018. To date we have raised \$33,000. Over 300 bears have been delivered to several pediatric areas at KGH and HDH to comfort young patients.

Funds raised were used to purchase weigh scales, monitors and ophthalmoscopes for paediatrics.

We are again very grateful for the support of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 560 who provided the funds to cover all the expenses of the campaign. Thanks also to so community many donors. including high school student volunteers who contributed through bake sales in the hospital and through student leadership in their schools. Also, thanks to "Santa" (Ron Manor), KHSC staff photographer, Matt Manor, and Camera Kingston for their work towards a large donation from "Photos with Santa"

In addition, we would like to express our appreciation for the donation of the beautiful new tree for the Abramsky Lobby from the McCullough family. This tree is featured on the new greeting card which was delivered to patients at Christmas.

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

Christmas cards for patients

Christmas cards were distributed to patients on Thursday December 20^{th} and Friday December 21^{st} by cheerful Auxiliary members to help cheer up those unfortunate enough to be in hospital during the holiday season. Please consider joining us next year. The more the merrier!

MILESTONES

The following KGH Volunteers and Auxiliary Members reached significant milestones during 2018.

FIVE YEARS

Helen Stowe

TEN YEARS

Valerie Bond Claudette Trudeau

FIFTEEN YEARS

Jenny Raymond Judy Strahan

TWENTY FIVE YEARS Jane Stockdale

THIRTY YEARS Alice Robertson

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

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