# Kingston General Hospital Auxiliary

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## A Message from The President Sandra Fletcher

A very successful AGM was held this year at the Travelodge Inn. Over 50 people attended and we had several guests. These included David O'Toole, KHSC Board Chair, David Pattenden, KHSC Board member & Liaison to the Auxiliary, Karen Humphreys-Blake, Acting President and CEO to UHKF, and Carol Hazell, President of Volunteer Services to KHSC Hotel Dieu Hospital site. Since this was a new location with a different format for the meal, a survey of the participants was conducted. The results are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a cheque to David O'Toole for \$461,481 on behalf of the Auxiliary. This includes the second installment of \$435,000 towards our pledge of \$2.5 million for redevelopment at the KGH site. The Social Work Patient Fund also receives \$4,500.

Our congratulations go to our five members who received the new Award of Merit, which replaced the Provincial Life Membership. We congratulate and thank all our Award recipients for their services to our Auxiliary. Those who were unable to attend the meeting will receive their awards on another occasion.

If you would like a printed copy of the Annual Report or the Auditor's financial statement, please contact Theresa by email at <u>Theresa.Hill@Kingstonhsc.ca</u> or phone 613-549-6666 ext.6352.



#### Certificates of Appreciation <u>Members</u> Susan Geier <u>Non-Members</u> Brenda Kennedy (Gift Shop) Ron Manor (Santa) McCullough Family (Christmas Tree) Elham Rizk (HUGS Sewer)

## O/S pins

Cheryl Turner (Gift Shop) Vinod Vohra (Lottery)

Mrs. J.C. Connell Award Sandra Fletcher

Honorary Life Membership J'Neene Coghlan (Former CFO KHSC)

## **Honorary President**

Bev Fluhrer

## Award of Merit

Ron Pushcar (Leadership) Dona Riddell (Leadership) Fran Berrigan (Long Service) Susan Kennedy (Long Service) Betty Ann Wilson (Long Service)

#### **Flowers and/or Gift Certificate**

Dona Riddell -Ron Pushcar Fran Berrigan -Betty Ann Wilson Susan Kennedy -Bev Fluhrer Sandra Fletcher

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019/2020

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Sandra Fletcher Heather Breck Jenny Raymond Mary Johnston Merna Manders Lorraine Coull Gloria Pivnick

# Survey Results from the AGM

Since we had a new location and a different format – buffet style – a survey was conducted at the AGM to gain an opinion on the change. Of the 36 members present, 23 completed surveys were received.

21 liked the location.

12 liked the buffet but 9 did not as they preferred to be served.8 preferred a hot meal and 8 did not.

14 were okay with the cost - 6 were not.

No-one wanted an increase in price.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to find a suitable "special" location that serves a meal at the table at the price our members seem willing to pay. In this case, the cost of the room rental of \$200 was covered by the Auxiliary and the \$25 fee charged to our members was for the meal only and included taxes and gratuity. For the 2020 AGM, other suitable "special" locations will be checked out but, if the meal is served at the table, this will likely mean an increase in price. Thank you to all who responded.

# 2019 Award of Merit Recipients

Five of our members were the first to receive the new Award of Merit. The criteria for this award are identical to the previous Provincial Life Membership award.

**Ron Pushcar** became a member and a volunteer at Kingston General Hospital in 2009 when he took over the position of HELPP Convenor. He became the Paymaster in 2010.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded in 2012 and an Outstanding Service pin was given in 2015 in recognition of his ongoing and dedicated service to our hospital and organization.

Ron received his award in the Leadership category

**Dona Riddell** became a volunteer and KGH Auxiliary member in 2006 when she became the Treasurer for the Gift/Tuck Shops. She is a member of the Finance Committee and the Gift/Tuck Shop Committee.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded in 2010. An Outstanding Service pin was given in 2013 in recognition of her ongoing and dedicated service to our hospital and organization.

Dona received her award in the Leadership category

**Fran Berrigan** became a member in 2004 when she joined the Cash Draw Committee, where she served until its demise in 2008. She is a reliable volunteer in the Tuck Shop and serves on the Family Service

Committee. She has volunteered in other areas and is a dedicated member of the hospital community.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded in 2008. An Outstanding Service pin was given in 2010 in recognition of her ongoing and dedicated service to our hospital and organization.

Fran received her award in the Long and Reliable Service category.

**Susan Kennedy** joined the Auxiliary in 2003 and has volunteered in the Gift Shop since 2001. She received her Certificate of Appreciation in 2009 and her Outstanding Service Pin in 2018.

Susan received her award in the Long and Reliable Service category.

**Betty Ann Wilson** joined the Auxiliary in 2004. She has volunteered in many areas and, for the Auxiliary, serves on the Family Service committee since 2015, assists at the Christmas Bazaar, the Teddy Bear Campaign and is a Member at Large on the Board & Council. Betty Ann received her award in

the Long and Reliable Service category.

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> AT COOKE'S PORTSMOUTH CHURCH IN CALVIN PARK

More details to follow in the Fall Newsletter