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A Message from The President Heather Breck

Due to Covid-19, our first Zoom AGM was held on September 21. Welcome to the newlook KGH Auxiliary, 2020 style! The meeting was attended by 25 members, hosted by Director of Volunteer Services, J. Holland-Reilly. Despite a few glitches, all business was completed efficiently.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on the Board and Council. I am grateful for the support of so many experienced members as I begin my term as President.

A highlight of the meeting was announcing that our donation to KGH this year was \$554,684. This includes our 3rd installment of \$500,000 towards our pledge of \$2.5 million for redevelopment at the KGH site. We have now donated a total of \$1,335,000 in three years!

Our congratulations go to this year's recipient of the Award of Merit, Shirley Hicks, who received the award for her leadership as Cafe convenor. Also, congratulations to Barb Arniel, our 2020 Mrs. J. C. Connell recipient. Both are well-deserved.

Thank you to all our members who are working remotely to meet their commitments to Auxiliary activities. Sandra F. and I are monitoring the telephone and email messages and we are in the office on Tuesday mornings to attend to tasks which need to be completed on-site. Board and Council Meetings, General Meetings, and most committee meetings will be held on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

SAD NEWS: Unfortunately, there will be no Christmas Bazaar this year due to COVID-19. **GOOD NEWS** - You can now buy products that are available in the Gift Shop on-line - Google:

shop.kingstongeneralhospitalgiftshop.ca/





Owing to CO-VID 19, the number of Awards this year was limited to the following:

Mrs. J.C. Connell Award Barb Arniel

Honorary Life Membership Theresa Hill

Honorary President

Bev Fluhrer (2nd year)

Award of Merit

Shirley Hicks (Leadership)

Flowers

Barb Arniel Theresa Hill Shirley Hicks

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020/2022

President:	Heather Breck
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Mrs. J. C. Connell Award 2020

This year's recipient of the Mrs. J. C. Connell Award was long time member, **Barb Arniel**. This is the highest award that our Auxiliary bestows and is given to a member who has given exemplary service to the Auxiliary, has demonstrated commitment and has been actively involved in Auxiliary affairs. It is usually kept as a surprise for the recipient until it is announced at the AGM and we managed to pull it off again this year, despite Barb being a member of the Awards Committee!

Barb has been an Auxiliary member since 1999 and has given over 4000 hours of service. She was already volunteering here at KGH before becoming an Auxiliary member. In her early days as a volunteer, she worked in the same day surgical suite and did this work from 1997 until 2013. She was a committee member for the Millennium Golf Tournament for 6 years, the Marathon Bridge Committee for 5 years, the Staff Appreciation Tea Committee for 11 years including several years as Chair. She worked on mailing out the Newsletter for 5 She was co-chair of vears. Membership for 9 years and was on the 100th Millennium Anniversary Committee for 3 until that celebration took place. She sold tickets for the Millennium quilt Raffle and she served on a Recognition Task Force Committee in 2019 which was formed across all Kingston hospitals.

Regarding her current activities, she has been on the Fund-Raising Committee since 2002 and in 2003 she joined the Awards Committee as well as the Nominating Committee. She chaired the Awards Committee for 7 years. She has also been a member of Board and Council since 2003 and is currently a Member at Large. She has volunteered at the Bazaar since 2007, mostly managing the baked goods section. She has been a member of the Teddy Bear Committee since 2013 and has even found time to deliver cards to patients at Christmas for the past 3 years. All these activities both past and present represent a real commitment to our Auxiliary.

Award of Merit 2020

The Auxiliary is especially happy to award **Shirley Hicks** with the Award of Merit in the Leadership category.

Shirley has been very active in our business and fund-raising efforts as Convenor of the Café since 2010. She took on this role with some trepidation as she had not yet volunteered in the Café or served on the committee. She has, since the beginning, jumped in with both feet and supported this very important endeavour enthusiastically. Shirley is also a champion in her support of fair wages for the Café and our other Auxiliary staff, strongly believing in providing a fair wage for all our employees.

Shirley is a most entertaining and amusing speaker at committee meetings and when she reports to Board and Council. Her reports are always enlightening and thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

Shirley has also been, in her role of Café Convenor, Chair of the Café Committee, a member of the Policies and Procedures Committee, as well as a regular Café Hostess. She was previously a "Helping Hearts Program" volunteer for 3 years and we are fortunate that her successful cardiac surgical intervention has made her well enough to do this work as well as continue to enjoy her family life.



Preparations are well underway for the 2020 Teddy Bear Campaign which launches on Monday, **November 2.** This year, of course, there will be no formal public launch in the Watkins Lobby as in the past. The 2020 bear, Dean, will be available until December 23.

We hope to raise \$25,000 to purchase equipment for Pediatrics at KGH.

Unfortunately, this year, due to CO-VID 19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our Photos with Santa event. In addition, due to visiting restrictions, it will not be possible for sponsors to come into the hospital to make their donation. These can be made by phone or by mailing in the donation form.

New this year is the opportunity for you to sponsor the bear by donating on-line through Canada Helps. https://www.canadahelps.org/en/cha rities/kingston-general-hospitalauxiliary/. Please note in the Comments section on the site that your donation is for the Teddy Bear Campaign. Canada Helps will issue your tax receipt and send it to you by email.

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