



### 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 years. She was co-chair of Membership for 9 years and was on the 100<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 2020 TEDDY BEAR CAMPAIGN

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 COVID 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/charities/kingston-general-hospital-auxiliary/>. 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.