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NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Acting Vice-President

Sandy Thomas

Included with this Newsletter are a number of amendments to the By-laws for which we are seeking approval of the membership. The majority of these refer to Membership fees. It has been increasingly difficult over the past years to collect membership fees and the resulting income has been very low. The amount of time spent by the Convenor trying to collect is disproportionate to the amount collected. In order to be fair to every member who is diligent in paying their annual fee, it is proposed that fees be discontinued for all members. In the event that a fee is a deterrent to someone joining, it is hoped that this change will assist in recruitment.

During CO-VID, Infection Control issues were cited in the removal of magazines and books from patient floors. Thus the future of the Library service has been brought into question. Since the infection control issues are not going away anytime soon, it is proposed that this service be removed from the list. Paperback books will still be available for free to patients upon request through the HUGS program and/or Volunteer Services.

The demand for Hair Care services for patients has been declining as the number of Alternate Level of Care patients decreased. This is likely to be decreased further once redevelopment is completed. Only 20% of the business over the past few years has been for patients and even though this is a valuable service to them, it is not sustainable. Therefore, it is proposed that Hair Care be removed from the list of Auxiliary Services.

Congratulations are extended to recipients of the Ministry of Citizenship awards: Lorraine Coull, Carol Groenewegen, Susan Kennedy and Gloria Pivnick.

After acting as your President over the past 7 months, I am very pleased to tell you that Heather resumed her duties as of October 5th.

AWARD OF MERIT

The following is an adaptation of an announcement made at the KGHA ANNUAL MEETING held via ZOOM on JUNE 28, 2021. Award of Merit is presented to MERNA MANDERS. As the Annual Meeting was held on Zoom Merna's award was presented at a later date.

Merna joined the KGHA almost 11 years ago and she has accomplished a great deal during her time of service to our Auxiliary. Her main love has been retail oriented and specifically the Gift and Tuck Shops but she has also been the Secretary of the Auxiliary since 2017 taking the minutes of many Board and Council as well as Board of Directors meetings. In the Gift Shop she has been a sewer, cashier and as well she has been our enthusiastic Convenor since 2015. She joined the Council in 2013, served as an Elected Member and with her interest and skill soon rose to the role of Gift Shop Convenor in 2015.

As well she has served on the Teddy Bear Campaign Committee since 2013 and the Policies & Procedures Committee since 2015. Other current areas of service have been at the Christmas Bazaar and the Holiday Card Delivery to patients.

In the past there have been stints as Chair of the Christmas Bazaar, volunteer on Patient Comforts and the Elder Life Program, as well as our Staff Appreciation Tea.

Congratulations, Merna.

HUGS

Gloria would like to share this photo of some of the super donations that have been received for the HUGS program along with the following message:

"I am totally overwhelmed by the amazing ladies that do this. We receive items not only from Kingston, but also Smith falls, Brockville and other areas. People are very kind.

I would like to thank all the wonderful Knitters who donate to the HUGS program."



IN MEMORIAM

Lois Corbett

Mary MacInnis

2021 Teddy Bear Campaign

Preparations are already underway for the 2021 Teddy Bear Campaign, which launches on Monday, November 1. This year, there will be no formal public launch in the Watkins Lobby as in the past. The 2021 bear, Tender Teddy, will be available until December 23. We hope to raise \$20,000 to purchase equipment for Pediatrics at KGH.

Unfortunately, due to CO-VID 19 restrictions, we are again unable to hold our Photos with Santa event. In addition, due to ongoing 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.

As last year, there 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 check 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.

THE KGH AUXILIARY OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on

Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:30 am

Via Zoom link:

If attending, please call

613-549-6666 Ext.6352 and leave a message

OR

E-mail sandra.fletcher@kingstonhsc.ca

Before noon on Friday October 22, 2021

Treasurer's Report

Mary Johnston

Surplus allocated to KGH as of August 31, 2021

\$95,534.22