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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Chelsea Reynolds

This past Fall/Winter was once again a very busy time for the Auxiliary, but it was enjoyable as well. One of the best parts for me is to see so many of our members, working together and connecting in different ways.

The Teddy Bear Campaign, which was dedicated to the memory of Marion Swan, went very well and exceeded our goal, raising over \$28,000, which is amazing. Thank you, as always, to Heather and her dedicated group of volunteers, and thanks to everyone who donated as well!

The Christmas Bazaar was back in our previous location, which was great. Thanks to Jean and many others for their baking and donations, their time in receiving and pricing donations, and working together on that day. Thank you to Alan in his support – tech and otherwise – and of course to Sandra for all the work she does well ahead, in booking the room, arranging for the set up, etc.

The Tuck and Gift shops, and Café are all doing very well. Thanks to our managers for the creativity and flexibility in adjusting to changing prices, the HST “holiday”, and to always doing their best to meet the needs of our customers. Thanks also to our staff and volunteers who keep it all running smoothly.

The lottery booth has been open all year, and now we have a kiosk in the lobby that can sell tickets even when the booth is closed. This has been a positive as it allows for a steady stream of sales, but also has required a bit of extra effort to keep stocked and working well. It has been a learning curve for us!

The next few months will be busy with the end of year audit, and meetings. I hope everyone can join us at the General meeting on March 31, and then the AGM on June 30 2025.

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Jemmett

Estelle Salamon

Christmas Bazaar 2024

The Christmas Bazaar returned this year to Connell 3 on November 6. Baking was welcomed, and this was, as usual, a great source of income. Items for the Silent Auction, pre-owned jewelry, artwork, Christmas items, hand-crafted items, and collectibles were donated and all were very popular.

For the first time in a while, we had a 50-50 draw, which yielded over \$300 for the prize winner and for the Auxiliary, and a door prize. Jewelry donated by Hilda Lake and the rings and diamond studs already in our possession were valued by Florence Kimberley at \$4,225 and we received a cheque for this amount plus another \$225 from another member who also donated her own used jewelry. All this was applied to the Bazaar proceeds which was a great boost before the actual event! In total, over \$7,000 was raised from the Bazaar.

TEDDY BEAR CAMPAIGN 2024 - Heather Breck

Thank you to all the committee members, volunteers, sponsors and supporters in the community for contributing to the success of the 2024 Teddy Bear Campaign. We raised \$28,800 toward the purchase of a point of care ultrasound machine for Kidd 10 pediatrics. We are more than half way to our goal to complete this two-year fundraising project.

Also, thanks to Marlene and Jean for helping to distribute more than 300 bears to several departments at KGH. Additional bears have been delivered to HDH and to the Weeneebayko GH in Moose Factory.

Special mention to Mary and Sandra for managing the office duties during the campaign and to everyone who decorated and undecorated trees, tied ribbons on bears, contributed to the launch and to the promotion of this important fundraiser.



THE KGH AUXILIARY MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 11:00 am (registration 10:30 am)

At Cookes-Portsmouth Church Hall in Calvin Park

Lunch (Soup, Sandwiches & Squares) \$20

Speaker to be determined

If attending, please call 613-549-6666 Ext.6352 and leave a message

OR

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Before noon on Monday March 17, 2025

LOTTERY BOOTH

The Self Serve Terminal (SST) has been a great success generating around \$15,000 in sales since being installed in the main lobby in November. The Booth is open 3 days a week from 11 – 1 and is usually busy as many people like the personal connection.

Good news is that for the first time since 2019, the Lottery Booth will be able to transfer funds to the General Fund at the end of this fiscal year. Thanks to M. Johnston and C. Reynolds for their coverage of the booth and for monitoring the SST.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It will be moved that the 2025-2026 Budget as circulated be approved.