

## Plan your Fall Shopping at the KDHA Gift Shop



Gift Shop co-manager Joyce Charter setting up fall displays.

The KDH Auxiliary Gift shop (lower level in the new wing of the hospital) has taken on a new look with the arrival of fall and winter merchandise. The windows are alive with colour in purses, shawls, scarves and other exciting accessories.

Fashion jewelry is playing a large role in style in 2012, and the gift shop has many choices in design and colours for all.

We carry a large selection of hand knit socks, mittens, scarfs and toques for children and adults, as well as baby blankets and sweater sets. Also visit our Second Hand Rose section for special items.

The coffee bar continues to serve soups, sandwiches, wraps, yoghurt and salads as well as coffee and other beverages. We are open every week-day from 10 am to 6 pm.

### Open House Nov. 18-19

The gift shop will be holding a Christmas Open House in November.

Purchases are not required, but you'll find it hard to resist our varied merchandise for gift giving — we have something for everyone: Christmas shopping at its best!

Plan to visit the gift shop on Friday November 18th (1.00 pm to 6.00pm) or Saturday Nov 19th (10.00 am to 4:00 pm).

Refreshments will be served. Bring your friends and neighbors — all are welcome.

## HeyDay 2011 had near-record results

This year's HeyDay — the giant yard sale that fills the North Grenville Curling Club arena on the second weekend in June each year — resulted in the second-highest sales figures of the 51 years this event has been running. (It was only exceeded in 2010, HeyDay's fiftieth anniversary year, by a small amount.)

The KDH Auxiliary is grateful to the volunteers, donors and shoppers, as well as the many businesses and groups that contributed to this year's result.

The funds raised at HeyDay over the years have, along with other projects, enabled the Auxiliary to donate over \$830,000 to purchase equipment for medical care at the Kemptville District Hospital.

Hey Day convenor Lillian Leonard said "The sale was a success for sure. We really appreciate the help of the many volunteers and the support of our community."



Gilles Racine of Kemptville won \$3,382 at this year's 50-50 raffle draw at HeyDay

## Volunteer Voices - #3

This is the third in a series of articles profiling the activity of KDH's various volunteer teams. The piece below is by Bev Carson (KDH Auxiliary President) and Peggy Richardson (Team Leader for ER volunteers at KDH).

The new Emergency Room is one of the highlights of the new wing of KDH, which opened in October 2010. It is a big improvement over the previous ER, providing not only more space but better oversight by nurses and much more modern facilities to support efficient patient treatment. The volume of patients seen in the ER continues to grow, yet average wait times at KDH are usually much lower than in the city.

Volunteers in the ER make a big contribution to patient safety and satisfaction.

## APPLY NOW TO VOLUNTEER AT KDH

We welcome new volunteers to help with patients (ER, OR, long term care), in pastoral care, in the gift shop, or in other KDHA activities.

Volunteers must fill out an application form and attend an orientation.

To apply, please submit your application, and you'll be contacted to let you know when the next orientation session will be held.

Application forms are available at the Gift Shop on the lower level of KDH, or from the hospital's HR department.

For more information, contact Helen Rough at 613-215-0571.

## TRIBUTE FUND

Make a tax-deductible donation to the Auxiliary to honour the memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion. All Tribute Fund donations are used for the direct benefit of patient care at KDH.

Send your donation, marked "Tribute Fund" and with the name of the honouree, to the KDH Auxiliary—see address on front cover.

Or donate online at [kdhauxiliary.ca](http://kdhauxiliary.ca) (click on the "donate now" button and select *Tribute Fund*.)

## Volunteering in the Emergency Room

Volunteers at the Emergency Room at KDH are there to help the nurses and the admitting clerks.

Some days it is quiet (a word you are not supposed to use in case you jinx it), some days it is steady and some days it is crazy busy — you never know when you arrive to do your shift what sort of day you are going to have.

The duties are varied. We clean and change the beds between patients, stock the blanket warmer, linen cart and linen cupboards in the treatment rooms, visit with the patients and do whatever we can to make them comfortable.

If asked to by the nurses, we take patients from the waiting room into the various treatment rooms.

We may be asked to go to records to get charts of a patient's previous visit, or to deliver paperwork to the Medical/Surgical floor for a patient who has been admitted.

If a meal is required for a patient we may be asked to go to the hospital kitchen to pick one up, or if only a snack is required we may make toast and tea in the ER kitchen.

Occasionally, we will even move a car to the parking lot if it was left at the ER doors.

Some patients require assistance to find their way from the ER to the clinic rooms located in the old wing of the hospital.

If someone is having problems with the parking kiosk or the check in kiosk for day surgery we are there to help them out.

Most of the volunteers work a three or four hour shift during the day. However,



Peggy Richardson, Team Leader of ER volunteers, in the new Emergency Room at KDH. Note the curving hall, which allows nurses to see every patient bay from the nursing station.

this summer there was one volunteer who worked in the evening, and volunteers on the weekend would also be welcome.

## Acton's Corners Quilt Raffle tickets on sale now

The Acton's Corners unit is once again raffling a beautiful handmade queensize quilt created by Heather Hughes, with hand quilting by Thelma Bender.

The pattern, called "Star Light," is done in off whites with red accents.

Tickets will be sold throughout the North Grenville community this fall, with the winner's name being drawn in early December.

To find out more, or to volunteer for ticket sales, call Eleanor O'Neill at 613-258-2790 or Cecile Prodonick at 613-258-5716.

All proceeds from the quilt raffle support Auxiliary work at KDH.

## KDH Auxiliary Walker team exceeds fundraising targets

On June 4-5, 2011, the 14 members of this year's KDH Auxiliary Breast Cancer Walkers took part in the Weekend to End Women's Cancers -- a two-day, 60 km (or one-day 32 km) walk through the neighbourhoods of Ottawa.

It was a big challenge, but we had trained throughout the spring and were prepared. Every one of our team members completed the walk and crossed the finish line.

And thanks to our many supportive friends, colleagues and family members, the team

raised over \$36,000 — \$27,000 of which will be directed to Kemptville District Hospital's mammography campaign. This will bring



Our walker team on Saturday morning, June 4, before the walk started. From left to right, back row: Linda Cruz, Barb Potter-Angus, Patricia Evans, Millie Mirsky, Brigitte Diogo, Lillian Leonard, Jennifer Bradshaw, Roxanne Buist, Lis Angus. Front row: Jennifer McKenna, Cathy Sheppard, Lisa Raymond, Melanie Savoie. Missing: Denyse Denny, who walked on the Sunday.

us a significant step closer to meeting the Auxiliary's \$100,000 pledge toward the campaign.

## KDHA walker team receives special recognition plaque

On July 22, the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation awarded a plaque to the KDH Auxiliary Breast Cancer Walkers, acknowledging the efforts and fundraising of our team over the past two years.



## Kemptville area volunteers recognized for their efforts



Eleanor O'Neill



Lucy Lloyd



From left: Fran Parfitt, Bertha Tenbult, Wanda Tenson, Catherine Brunton, Margaret Rupert, Mary Seguin, with their PLM certificates and pins.

This spring, ten longtime KDHA members received Provincial Life Membership pins and certificates from the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO).

Eleanor O'Neill and Catherine Brunton received theirs at the HAAO Ontario East conference on April 20 in Morrisburg, while Fran Parfitt, Bertha Tenbult, Wanda Tenson, Margaret Rupert and Mary Seguin received theirs at the April 26 Volunteer Tea in Kemptville. Kelly Pinhey and Evelyn Dangerfield

received theirs privately, as they could not attend either event.

Joyce Charter and Teresa Harrison received V-pins at the Volunteer Tea.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Community Living, as well as to Katie Pominville (see next page), Douglas Southcut, Patrick Bruneisen, Mamie Johnston, Faith Nelms, Barb Morris, Elaine Martin, Joan Valstyn, Ruth Earl, Rebecca Dukes, Arlene Rutter and Chris Churchill.

## SECOND HAND ROSE

The "Second Hand Rose" section in the KDH Gift shop offers a range of gently-used (and still-beautiful) jewelry, china and other items at terrific bargain prices.

Joyce Charter, co-manager of the gift shop, encourages area residents to donate jewelry and other small treasures that they are no longer using. "These items can bring pleasure to a new owner, and can benefit the hospital too."

To donate items for Second Hand Rose, please call Joyce at 613-258-6706, or bring the items to the gift shop during open hours (every weekday from 10 am - 6 pm.)



Bev Carson gives Kyla Horne (right) her bursary cheque.

### 2011 Bursary winners

Kyla Horne (NGDHS) is attending U. of Guelph for a BSc. Honours in the Molecular Biology & Genetics program.

Hilary Berger (St. Michael's) is attending U. of Ottawa for a BSc. in Nursing.

## Oldest Volunteer Honoured

At 103, Katie Pominville may be the oldest active hospital volunteer in Ontario. For at least the past 30 years, Katie has knitted socks, mittens and scarves all year long, and has donated a huge bag of them each year to the Kemptville District Hospital Auxiliary gift shop and to the local Salvation Army.

At this year's Volunteer Appreciation Tea in April, the KDH Auxiliary awarded Katie a special Certificate of Appreciation and a Local Life Member pin in recognition of her longstanding contributions. Several



Katie Pominville receives Certificate from Bev Carson

family members attended the tea with her. And as they proudly remarked, "She's still knitting!"

## CALENDAR

### Auxiliary Meetings:

7 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in month in KDH Board Room (no meetings July, August or December):

- September 19
- October 17
- November 21

### Other Events:

October 12: **HAAO Ontario East Spring Conference**, Smith's Falls.

November 18 (1pm-6pm) and November 19 (10 pm to 4 pm): **Open House, KDHA gift shop.**

November 6-9: **HAAO Convention**, Toronto

## FREE SUBSCRIPTION

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**If you move - please let us know your new address!**

## IN MEMORIAM



Maggie O'Brien

Last November, Maggie O'Brien took on the task of managing KDHA's new coffee bar, which she handled with her characteristic verve and energy, despite a nagging cough. Sadly, that cough proved to be lung cancer and she died on April 23 after a short, coura-

geous battle.

Following a long career at the Bank of Canada, Maggie was not only an avid golfer but was very active in her community, volunteering at KDH as well as taking on leadership roles in Victoria's Quilts and other organizations. She is much missed.