

## KDH construction to start this spring



**Kemptville District Hospital expansion**, due to start construction this spring. The existing hospital is shown in light grey at the right (showing the current ambulance/ER entrance). The 2-storey, 38,000 square foot expansion will be at the back of the hospital, in part of what is the current parking lot. The Auxiliary's new gift shop and snack bar will be on the ground floor of the expansion, facing an interior garden courtyard.

Construction of the new wing of KDH will begin shortly. The expansion, several years in preparation — with fundraising as well as detailed design work— will transform the hospital, with a new entrance, new ER, new operating rooms, new diagnostic imaging, and more. (And new gift shop!)

The KDH Board has selected Vanbots Con-

struction as the general contractor for the project. Vanbots, which has substantial hospital construction experience, was one of six pre-qualified contractors that submitted bids.

Once construction begins, it will take about 18 months for the project to be completed. Occupancy is projected for Summer 2010.

### KDH Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary

KDHA President Mary Gervais says, "In 1959, a small group of Kemptville residents founded our Auxiliary. Since then, we have raised over 3/4 of a million dollars for the hospital and have contributed many thousands of hours of volunteer time. We are very proud of these contributions and are looking forward to provid-



KDHA President  
Mary Gervais

ing many more years of support to KDH."

### Fundraising for new Gift Shop nears our goal

We have nearly done it!

Two years ago we set out to raise an extra \$50,000 — over and above our normal fundraising for KDH — to pay for interior construction and outfitting of the Auxiliary's new gift shop and snack bar, which will be prominently sited near the new main entrance of the hospital.

We now have \$46,000 of this amount in the bank, and we are confident that contributions and pledges this year will take us over the top.

Many Auxiliary members and supporters rallied to meet this target by 2009, our Auxiliary's 50th anniversary.

The new gift shop will be a fitting tribute to the efforts of all the KDH Auxiliary members over the past 50 years.

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## 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 Bev Cecchini at 613-258-5719, or bring the items to the gift shop during opening hours.

## WANT TO SEE MORE KDH AUXILIARY PHOTOS?

To view the photos in this issue — along with many other photos of KDH Auxiliary activities over the past few years — go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/9054068@N04/sets>

You can click on each of the photo squares to view "sets" of photos. When you click on a set, you may choose to "view as slideshow" or simply look at the group.

You can click on any individual photo to view it more closely, or to download it.

### FOR KNITTERS:

We have a large quantity of donated wool that we can make available to anyone who wants to knit for the gift shop.



A year ago, volunteers enjoyed refreshments while CEO Colin Goodfellow explained what was happening with the hospital redevelopment.

## Attend the 2009 Volunteer Tea April 28



At this year's Tea, KDH CEO Colin Goodfellow will again thank KDHA volunteers for their contributions in the past year, and will bring us up to date on issues at the hospital.

The Kemptville District Hospital honours its volunteers each year at a Volunteer Tea.

This year's tea will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 28, at the Kemptville Legion Hall on Reuben Street.

The Auxiliary always gives out its own awards at this tea, and this year several long-time volunteers will receive special recognition for their contributions.

All volunteers are encouraged to attend this event to get filled in on what's going on at the hospital, to meet new volunteers and catch up with old friends.

## KDHA Volunter Hours in 2008

Each year we report the total number of volunteer hours contributed by Auxiliary members and volunteers to the hospital. The result in 2008 came to an impressive total.

Here's a quick summary of those hours:

patient care	3,640
gift shop	1,130
fundraising	3,360
organizing	730
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,860</b>

Thank you to all of you who contributed.

## One-Stop Shopping Day to benefit KDH

KDHA is hosting its second annual one-stop-shopping event on Saturday, March 28. from 10 am to 3 pm, at St. John's United Church in Kemptville. Find all your home-based businesses in one room — Tupperware, Pampered Chet, Avon, Discovery Toys, Mary Kay, Epicure spices, and more. A portion of each booth's sales goes to the Auxiliary.



Shopper examines displays at KDHA One-Stop Shop day in 2008.

# Get Ready for Hey Day 2009

With the weather warming up, you may find yourself cleaning out cupboards and closets, ending up with a pile of items — clothing, toys, appliances, sporting goods, furniture — that you don't want any more, but that are in perfectly good condition.

Great timing! Put them aside for Hey Day, which is coming up the second weekend in June — Friday **June 12** (7-10 pm) and Saturday **June 13** (9 am -1 pm).

Hey Day Convenor Bev Carson says "We have had record turnouts the past two years, and we hope that this year's event will be another big success."

The first sign of Hey Day is the sale of 50-50 tickets beginning in mid-April at various places in the North Grenville community. Tickets this year are one for \$2.00 and three for \$5.00. The winning ticket — winning 50% of the entire amount collected

through ticket sales — will be drawn on Saturday June 13 at 1 pm.

Volunteers will be needed to sort donated items from Wednesday June 10 through Friday June 12. Help is also needed in the canteen

to prepare the mountain of sandwiches that are devoured each year by Hey Day participants, as well as to bake pies — if you're on the regular roster you know who you are, but additional homemade pies are always welcome.



To volunteer, call Bev Carson at 613-258-5771

## Reduce HeyDay dump charges!

Last year, the Auxiliary paid over \$3,000 in dump charges after HeyDay.

This was quite a shock: though our sales were higher than in any previous year, the higher dumping fees wiped out all of the increase!

Our goal this year: keep dump charges as low as possible.

We need to be much stricter about refusing items that we don't believe we can sell.

We'll have to inspect dropoffs to make sure that people take any broken or dirty items home again.

Furthermore, there are items we can't accept for health and safety reasons.

We do not accept:

- box springs, mattresses, sofas
- refrigerators or freezers
- propane tanks
- tires or car batteries
- microwaves
- computers, monitors, printers
- television sets, console stereos
- bicycles, bicycle helmets
- strollers, playpens, carseats, high-chairs, cribs

Inevitably, there are items that remain unsold at the end of Hey Day. We find outlets for as much of these leftovers as we can, but items for which we don't have

an alternate outlet must be dumped, as we can't store them from one year to another.

This year we'll be stepping up efforts to find outlets for good-quality unsold items: preferably with someone who will take the items away at the close of HeyDay. Destinations for books, toys, small and large appliances, furniture, dishes and ornaments are particularly needed, as well as for clothing and linens. Call Bev Carson (613-258-5771) with suggestions.

We will also be monitoring our dumpsters more closely to make sure no one is adding their own garbage to ours.

Keeping costs down is as important as making sales — both contribute to the bottom line. We ask community members to help us achieve a best-ever result with this year's Hey Day.

### Donate Canadian Tire money to help Hey Day

The Auxiliary is requesting donations of Canadian Tire money to help purchase raffle prizes for the Auxiliary President's raffle at Hey Day.

You can send it to the Auxiliary c/o Kemptville District Hospital, or drop it in the locked box outside the gift shop.

## 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 outside the Gift Shop on the lower level of KDH, or from the hospital's HR department. You can also download the form from [kdhauxiliary.ca](http://kdhauxiliary.ca) (scroll down and click on "Join our team of volunteers.")

You will be contacted once your form has been received. For more information, contact Barb McDerby at 613-258-2051.

## 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*.)

# KDH Auxiliary to Host Regional Conference in October to mark our 50th Anniversary

— our members will demonstrate Kemptville hospitality



Melba Jarvis, Region 9 Chair of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario, will preside at the October conference.



John Legate, KDH Auxiliary 2nd Vice President, is chairing the conference organizing committee.

To celebrate our 50th anniversary year, the KDHA is hosting the 2009 fall conference for Region 9 of the Hospital Auxiliaries of Ontario. The event will take place on October 21 at the Kemptville campus of the University of Guelph (otherwise known as the Kemptville College.)

John Legate, KDHA Second VP, heads the organizing committee.

Close to 200 attendees are expected, representing 21 healthcare auxiliaries from as far away as Deep River and Barry's Bay, as well as from closer centres such as Ottawa, Cornwall, Perth and Carleton Place.

Dr. Greg Leonard of KDH will be a featured speaker, explaining how to reduce

the risk of cardio-vascular disease. Other speakers will be announced soon.

KDHA members will help with advance preparations, including preparing gift bags and displays. At the conference itself they will greet and direct attendees, help serve the arrival breakfast and lunch, and staff tables and displays as needed,

We look forward to a great conference!

## CALENDAR

### Auxiliary Meetings:

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

- April 20
- May 18
- June 22 - AGM

### Other Events:

April 21: **HAAO Region 9 Spring Conference**, Deep River

March 28: One Stop Shop day, St. John's United Church, 10 am - 3 pm

April 28: **Volunteer Tea**, Legion Hall, 2 pm

June 12-13: **Hey Day**, Kemptville Curling Club

Oct 21: **HAAO Region 9 Fall Conference**, Kemptville

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