



Cathy Finley and Joyce Charter put the finishing touches -- including penguins -- on the Christmas tree in KDH's ER waiting room.



Members of the Gamma Rho chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority relax after decorating the front lobby tree at KDH.

Season's Greetings!

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a productive and enjoyable 2008 go out to the Kemptville District Hospital community — Auxiliary members and supporters, hospital patients and staff, members of the hospital and Foundation boards, and all others for whom KDH is an important part of our quality of life.

Volunteers deck the halls at KDH

The festive spirit arrived at the Kemptville District Hospital on the evening of November 26, when Auxiliary volunteers gathered to put up Christmas trees and other decorations throughout the building.

Visitors to the ER are now greeted by a tree decorated with bright ribbons and stuffed penguins — intended to cheer up anyone anxious about a trip to the emergency room, and to amuse some of our younger visitors.

Lovely yule trees also now deck the halls in the interim long term care sunroom, the cafeteria, and the front lobby of the hospital. Each patient room door has a decorative swag, and cheerful snowmen, bright poinsettias, wreaths, and other decorations bring a seasonal touch to every part of the hospital.

"Rose of Hope" memorial meeting held at KDH in November

On November 15, the KDH Pastoral Care Committee hosted a memorial meeting in the hospital cafeteria for families of patients who died in the hospital in the past six months.

The program included readings by local clergy and a representative of the families. Auxiliary members presented a lovely rose to each participant, and served refreshments.

Staff raise funds for planter in memory of volunteer Kim Neville

KDH staff collected \$107 in memory of Kim Neville, who passed away last year. Kim was a hard working and well-liked volunteer at the hospital for many years.

The staff asked the auxiliary to purchase something for Beth's Garden (the therapeutic garden located behind the admin wing of KDH) in her memory. Cathi Finley and Beulah Legate found a lovely planter which is now a garden feature.

DO YOU WANT 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.

KDH volunteers must fill out an application form and take part in an orientation program.

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 (scroll down and click on "Join our team of volunteers.")

You will be contacted once your form has been received, to find out where your skills and interests can best be used.

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 (click on the "donate now" button and select *Tribute Fund*.)



Barb Morris of Oxford Station was the lucky winner in this year's Quilt affle. Barb beams as she accepts the quilt from Beulah Legate. This year's raffle raised over \$7,000.



On behalf of the Acton's Corners auxiliary unit, Teresa Harrison gives cheques totalling \$6,000, to KDHA president Lis Angus at the December potluck dinner and meeting.

Acton's Corners unit contributes \$6,270 to main Auxiliary

At its December 4 potluck dinner and meeting, the KDHA Acton's Corners unit gave two cheques to the main auxiliary: \$3,000 toward the fund for the new Gift Shop and Snack Bar, and \$3,000 to assist the auxiliary in meeting its annual commitment to the hospital for purchase of hospital equipment. In addition, the group voted in May to contribute the proceeds from their fall table at the St. Michael's craft fair to the Gift Shop fund. This amounted to another \$270.

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| <h3>Gift Shop Fund at 74% mark</h3> <p>We are getting closer to our 50th anniversary goal of raising \$50,000 by 2009. The funds are needed for interior construction and equipment in the new Gift Shop and Snack Bar, which will be located in the new expansion of KDH.</p> <p>The total donated and pledged by early December is nearly \$37,000. We need just \$13,000 to reach our goal! There have been some heartwarming donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diane McLaughlin contributed her hostess bonus from a "weekend wear" party; - The Kemptville Women's Institute | <p>donated part of the group's residual funds when it disbanded;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KDH staff are donating the proceeds of their monthly Casino trips for an entire year (through August 2008). <p>The Auxiliary is very grateful for all of these donations, along with the dozens of individual contributions from members and supporters.</p> <p>Please help us reach our goal! Contributions are tax-deductible. Send donations to the KDHA New Gift Shop Fund (see Auxiliary address on the front cover) or donate online at kdhauxiliary.ca (click on the "donate now" button, and select <i>New Gift Shop Fund</i>.)</p> |
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Acton's Corners unit launches Cookbook project

At the Acton's Corners unit's December meeting and potluck dinner in Oxford Mills, Barb Morris put up her hand. "With all the delicious homemade food that we bring out to these events, I think we could produce a wonderful cookbook with all our favorite recipes. And the proceeds could go toward the Gift

Shop fund!" Others agreed and are now inviting your input.

Please email your favorite recipes — for any type of dish — to Barb Morris at thebestofcountrycookin@live.ca. If you don't have email you can mail them c/o the Auxiliary (see address page 1).

Please include the source (e.g. "Aunt Rose") and any related anecdotes. Barb also asks you to send along household hints and interesting local folklore.

Auxiliary hosts Christmas tea for long term care patients

Residents in the interim long term care unit of the hospital gathered in their second-floor sunroom on December 3 for an afternoon Christmas tea party with volunteers and staff.

They shared tea and cookies, and enjoyed opening the many items in gift packages provided by the auxiliary. Several patients were amused when they received cat-shaped coin banks, which they plan to use to store their bingo winnings.

"Elf duty" was performed by Joyce Charter, who along with Cathi Finley carefully selected all the gifts and wrapped them in bright tissue paper.



Joyce Charters helps Simon Desnoyers with his gift package.

SECOND HAND ROSE

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

Joyce Charter, manager of the Second Hand Rose section, 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."

You can phone her at 613-258-6706, 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 — in colour, along with other photos of KDH Auxiliary activities — go to www.flickr.com/photos/9054068@N04.

You can click on one of the photo squares that are lined up down the right hand side of the screen 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.



Residents in KDH's interim long term care unit enjoy tea or coffee and cookies while opening packages of gifts from Santa (who had a little help from the Auxiliary.) Volunteers and staff joined in the festivities.

Ontario hospital volunteers share experiences at annual convention in Toronto

In early November, the KDHA sent three delegates — Lis Angus, Bev Carson and Sue Cotter — to the annual convention of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Toronto (HAAO).

There are currently 161 hospital auxiliaries in Ontario .

This convention is always a great way to find out what other auxiliaries are doing and what lessons they have learned. At roundtables and concurrent seminar sessions, delegates discussed the challenges of attracting new members, raising funds, managing volunteers, gift shops and snack bars, and other topics.

We also toured the Ontario Hospital Association trade show.



George Smitherman, the first Ontario Minister of Health to attend an HAAO convention, told delegates that auxiliary members are "sentinels for the public" and play a crucial role in the fabric of hospital communities.



General Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State, was the keynote speaker for the OHA and HAAO conventions. He spoke about the importance of leadership.

Statistics from HAAO members in 2006:

- Total auxiliary members: 32,680
- Total hours volunteered: over 3 million
- Total \$ raised: over \$48 million

CALENDAR

Auxiliary Meetings:

7 pm, 3rd Monday in month in KDH Board Room:

- January 21
- February 18
- March 17
- April 21

Other Events:

April 16 - HAAO Region 9 conference, Alexandria

April 29 - Volunteer Tea, Kemptville Legion Hall

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Two more KDHA Bursary winners: Genevieve Arnaud (left, receiving her cheque from Lis Angus) is now in the nursing program at Queen's University. Melissa Vekeman (right, with Beulah Legate) is now in the Bachelor of Science program at the University of Guelph.