

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

The Auxiliary Executive sends best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, and a happy and productive year ahead, to our KDH 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 host Christmas Tea for patients: Joyce Charter (left), KDHA President Mary Gervais (centre), and First VP Bev Carson (right) hand out gift packages to Interim Long Term Care residents.



Auxiliary members decorate KDH each Christmas: Here, Beulah Legate (top) and Helen Racine place poinsettias in the upper hallway at Kemptville District Hospital on November 24.

KDH Auxiliary to Mark 50th Anniversary

In 1959 — a year before the hospital opened — a group of Kemptville-area residents founded the Kemptville District Hospital Auxiliary.

In 2009 we will celebrate and honour the work of the many volunteers who have carried out the Auxiliary's work in the 50 years since then.

The KDH Auxiliary's support of the hospital has always had a dual focus: fundraising to support

patient care, and volunteer programs in the hospital itself.

The Auxiliary is now incorporated as a registered charity, raising money through Hey Day, the Tribute Fund, the annual quilt raffle, and the hospital gift shop. It has donated more than \$750,000 to buy equipment for the hospital, and also contributes to programs such as pastoral care, memorial meetings, special events in the interim long term care unit, and Christmas decorations throughout the hospital.

The Auxiliary also operates a very active volunteer program at KDH. In each of the past three years alone volunteers have contributed over 9,000 hours to the hospital and auxiliary.

Watch for 50th anniversary events in the coming year, including the October regional conference in Kemptville (see photo caption at left).

KDH Auxiliary to Host Regional Conference. To celebrate its 50th anniversary year, the KDHA is hosting the 2009 HAAO Region 9 fall conference, to be held October 21 at the Kemptville College. John Legate, KDHA Second VP, heads the organizing committee.



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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.

The next orientation session for new volunteers is February 2, 2009, so get your application in well before that date.

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. 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*.)

We are getting close to our New Gift Shop Fund target!



Kelly Pinhey and Brenda Hill of Scotiabank (on left) present \$1,000 cheque to Bev Carson and Lis Angus of the KDH Auxiliary.



Beulah Legate and Mary Gervais (on left) receive \$3,000 cheque from Andy Pinhey and Gail Zeron of the KDH Staff Association.

Three important donations this past month have given us confidence that we can reach the \$50,000 fundraising goal that we set two years ago.

This amount, over and above our normal fundraising, is needed to pay for interior construction and outfitting of the Auxiliary's new gift shop and snack bar, which will be located in the new wing of the hospital.

The KDH Staff Association donated a \$3,000 cheque in late November, the proceeds of a year's casino trips.

Also in November, Scotiabank donated \$1,000, presented by Brenda Hill, manager of the Kemptville branch.

And in December, KDHA's Acton's Corners unit contributed \$3,500 from their quilt raffle to the gift shop fund.

The Auxiliary is very grateful for these contributions.

We have now received \$43,000 toward the new gift shop, and we hope that 2009 pledges will help us reach our goal.

The Auxiliary continues to welcome and appreciate all donations!

Acton's Corners Unit raises over \$7,000 on quilt raffle

The Acton's Corners Unit celebrated another successful year with a potluck dinner on December 2 at the Oxford Mills Community Centre, which was decorated by Joan Mussell and Ruth Earl.

Barb Morris has agreed to be co-president of the unit, joining Teresa Harrison.

The winning ticket on the quilt raffle was

drawn (see photo). Members voted to donate \$7,000 in raffle proceeds to the main Auxiliary: half for the New Gift Shop fund, and half to the general fund.

A gift exchange followed the business part of the meeting and the raffle draw, with Cathi Finley and Joanne Finley performing the Santa and Elf roles.

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 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.

Hey Day will be June 12-13 this coming year.

Please keep in mind that we will need to be much stricter this year about accepting only saleable items, in order to reduce dumping fees (which were over \$3,000 in 2008).



Florence Donoghue (left) was the lucky winner of this year's quilt raffle. Here she and Acton's Corners co-president Teresa Harrison hold up the beautiful 2008 prize-winning quilt.

KDHA members attend provincial HAAO Conference

Five KDHA members — Mary Gervais, Bev Carson, Lis Angus, Joyce Charter and Sue Cotter — attended the provincial HAAO conference in Toronto in early November.

We all enjoyed the opening address



Above, participants in the HAAO newsletter panel, from left: Sylvia Schultz (Whitby), Jane Morgan (Goderich) and Lis Angus (Kemptville).

(shared with the OHA) by General Rick Hillier and former Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Mary and Bev, respectively our current President and First VP, learned much from the Presidents' workshop as well as other sessions.

Joyce, a first-time attendee, participated in a full day trip for gift shop buyers (a responsibility she has newly accepted for KDHA) and learned much from other gift shop managers' experiences.

We were thrilled that KDHA was presented with an HAAO photo award this year, in the "Volunteers at Work" category (see below). The plaque and photo will be displayed at KDH.

Lis Angus, our past president and current newsletter editor and treasurer, led a workshop on auxiliary newsletters, with a 3-person panel. Lis has since been offered, and has accepted, a post on the provincial HAAO PR Committee.

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, now 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."

Joyce is away for the winter months, but in her absence please call Bev Cecchini at 613-258-5719, or bring the items to the gift shop during opening hours.



KDHA receives HAAO photo award:

Left, Joyce Charter accepts the photo award (honorable mention in the "Volunteers at work" category) from HAAO president Joan Babij. Right, the winning photo, featuring Joyce and patient Simon Desnoyers at KDH.



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.

New Co-Managers at KDH Gift Shop

Beulah Legate and Joyce Charter have taken on managing the KDH Gift Shop.

Joyce, who has managed the Second Hand Rose section for several years, is now in charge of purchasing, pricing and displays in the whole gift shop. (Joyce is away this winter, so Bev Cecchini is handling displays & pricing in her absence.)

Beulah, drawing on her experience in banking, is responsible for the financial aspects of the gift shop, as well as purchasing snack and beverage items.

December displays have included a wide variety of lovely and well-priced Christmas items. Watch for post-season sales and fresh displays in the New Year!



Cuddly toys, seasonal decorations, hand-knitted socks, mitts, and sweaters, candles, jewelry, china -- just some of the choices offered in the KDH gift shop.

FOR KNITERS:

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



Beulah Legate



Ferne Richardson

Congratulations, new Provincial Life Members!

In recognition of their many years of leadership in the KDH Auxiliary, Beulah Legate and Ferne Richardson have been named Provincial Life Members of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario. Each of them has chaired Hey Day, served as President and Past President, and continues to participate actively in KDH Auxiliary's activities.

The Auxiliary surprised them with a congratulatory cake in November.



The Auxiliary's 50 Years of Contributions are Recognized and Honoured

Longtime KDH Auxiliary supporter Harry Pratt recently took two actions to recognize the Auxiliary's 50th anniversary and to show appreciation for its members' contributions over the years:

First, at the KDH Foundation's very successful Gala in November, Harry collected \$2,000 in donations to purchase a stone in the Auxiliary's name for the heart in front of the hospital. Watch for this new stone in the spring!

Second, along with Gerry Tallman, Jim Perry and Scotiabank, Harry has arranged for complimentary tickets to past and present Auxiliary members for **Boxing Day at the Races** at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. To participate, call Mary Gervais (613- 260-1373) or Mary Boucher (613-258-6133 ext 157) by Dec. 23. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

IN MEMORIAM: BETTY ALLEN

Long-time KDH Auxiliary member Betty Allen died October 26, 2008, at age 75. The Auxiliary awarded Betty a V-pin in April 2008, in recognition of her many years of activity, which included participating in the KDHA Actons Corners unit, working at Hey Day, and braving all weathers to sell tickets for the annual 50-50 draw and quilt raffles.

CALENDAR

Auxiliary Meetings:

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

- January 19
- February 16
- March 16

Other Events:

Feb 2: **New Volunteer Orientation**, KDH Board Room, 8:30 a.m.

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

June 12-13: **Hey Day**

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

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