

Regional conference marks Auxiliary's 50th anniversary



Past KDHA presidents, back row, left to right: Lis Angus, Emilie Martin, Cathy Brunton, Lillian Thorpe, Ferne Richardson, Louise Tallman, Marion McGahey, Avalon Pinhey, Beulah Legate.

Founding members (1959), front row, left to right: Eleanor O'Neill, Mary Seguin. Another founding member, Rena Goldberg, attended the conference but left before the photo was taken.

The KDH Auxiliary celebrated its 50th anniversary by hosting the Region 9 fall conference of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO) on October 21 at the Kemptville College.

158 participants travelled from all over eastern Ontario to attend. They enjoyed three feature presentations, as well as refreshments served by the College caterers and a special 50th anniversary cake baked by Lori Churchill.

Past Presidents and Founding Members of the Auxiliary were invited to attend the conference, and were given special recognition at the event.

... see inside for more on the conference...

In memoriam: Joan Mussell

Conference attendees extended a special tribute to Joan Mussell, a KDH Auxiliary founding member, who died October 7. Joan was an active participant in the KDHA Acton's Corners Unit and at Hey Day, including 2009.



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More photos from October 21 Regional Conference

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

You will be contacted once your form has been received. For more information, contact Helen Rough at 613-258-4537.

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*.)



Welcome to Kemptville

Auxiliary members greet attendees at the fall conference in Kemptville, and give them their name tags. From left to right: Cecile Prodonick, Jane Wolfe, Lois Latimer, Diane Lamb (HAAO Region 9 treasurer), Helen Racine.

Presentations

Dr. Greg Leonard, KDH Chief of Staff, gave us advice on how to prevent coronary heart disease.

Colin Goodfellow, KDH CEO, discussed small hospital survival strategies within a LHIN environment.

Jennifer North of Sole Responsibility told us of her organization's efforts to send running shoes to Africa.



From left to right: Lil Thorpe, Louise Tallman, Dr. Leonard, Lillian Leonard. Other participants can be seen in the background.



Left: Joan Farlinger (Provincial HAAO President) and Melba Jarvis (HAAO Region 9 Chair) attended the conference (Melba chaired it.)



Right: floral icing centerpiece decorated the 50th anniversary cake created for the event.

Cut taxes — and support KDHA's Breast Cancer Walk team

Several KDH Auxiliary members will be participating in a 2-day, 60 km walk on the *Weekend to End Women's Cancers* in Ottawa next June 5-6, to raise funds for a mammography machine at KDH.

Please help them achieve their fundraising goal. All donations receive a tax receipt (and remember, anything donated in December reduces your 2009 taxes!) Visit our team website at www.endcancer.ca/goto/kdhauxiliary.

Donations must be made to individuals, not the team. To donate, click on each team member's name (at the bottom of the team page) to reach their personal page and "donate to" button.

Or if you prefer to mail in your donation, there is a downloadable form to fill out and send with your cheque.

You may want to check to see which team members have furthest to go to reach their goals, to decide where to place your donation.



Another big success with this year's Quilt Raffle

The winning ticket in the KDHA Acton's Corners unit quilt raffle this year was drawn at the group's annual potluck dinner on December 3. Shirley Strickland of North Gower won the handmade quilt.



Teresa Harrison hands \$6,000 cheque to KDHA President Mary Gervais (right) and to Jane Wolfe (centre), who heads the KDHA mammography fundraising campaign.



John Legate draws the winning ticket in this year's Quilt Raffle.

Acton's Corners group members voted to contribute \$6,000 of the quilt proceeds to the main Auxiliary: half toward the Auxiliary's regular donations to buy patient care equipment at the hospital, and the other half toward the Auxiliary's special commitment to raise funds for a digital mammography machine at KDH.

PLEASE DONATE CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

The Auxiliary welcomes donations of Canadian Tire money to help buy raffle prizes for Hey Day. Please send it to the Auxiliary (address on page 1) or drop it in the locked box outside the gift shop.

GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tues/Thurs:

10 am - 4:00 pm

Mon/Wed/Fri:

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Gift shop's "Second Hand Rose" section is a winner

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

Second Hand Rose provides an unmatched source of one-of-a-kind items and special keepsakes donated by owners who no longer have occasion to use them.

Joyce Charter, co-manager of the gift shop, encourages area residents to donate jewelry and other small treasures.

"These items can bring pleasure to a new owner, and can benefit the hospital too."

Joyce and her team hosted a special gift shop table at the fall conference. Sales were brisk, and Second Hand Rose items were particularly sought after because they were so unusual.

Joyce changes the displays in Second Hand Rose regularly. Shoppers should check frequently to see what has been added. If you see something you like, snap it up — someone else may buy it before you have a second chance.

Because the items in Second Hand



Joyce Charter arranging a selection of Second Hand Rose items in the KDH Gift Shop before Christmas.

Rose are all donated, this is one of the gift shop's most successful sales areas. Last year it accounted for nearly half of the gift shop's net revenues. Since the gift shop is entirely staffed and managed by volunteers, proceeds all go to support the Auxiliary's work at KDH.

To donate items for Second Hand Rose, please call Joyce 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 — along with many other photos of KDH Auxiliary activities over the past few years — go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/9054068@N04/sets>

In particular, there is a set of photos from the fall conference, which includes more photos than published here.

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.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all!

Auxiliary members decorated the hospital on November 29 this year, to make sure the halls were festive throughout the holiday season for patients and family members visiting the hospital.

The ER waiting room tree was decorated with ribbons and clusters of shiny balls, and the Gamma Rho chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority did a lovely job of decorating trees in the front lobby and in the interim long term care unit.

Swags and ribbons were put up on patients' doors. An animated Santa and an angel were added to the lobby display this year.

Two recent donations—an extensive miniature village and a doll collection—were featured in the front lobby's display cabinet and in the corridor to the administration wing.



Tree in KDH ER Dept 2009



Mary Gervais, Sue Cotter and Joyce Charter handed out gift packages to the residents in KDH's interim long term care unit at a Christmas Tea on December 10.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a productive and enjoyable 2010 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 community life.

CALENDAR

Auxiliary Meetings:

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

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15

Other Events:

January 30: **Evening with Dr. Marla Shapiro**, North Grenville Municipal Centre

June 11-12: **Hey Day**, Kemptville Curling Club

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Tree in KDH Lobby 2009 with animated angel and Santa beside it.