

New Volunteer Room now open at KDH



Above: Louise Tallman (left) and Catherine Brunton (right), co-coordinators of the volunteer program at KDH, stand on either side of Brandy Gould of Kemptville Building Centre. Louise spearheaded the planning and facilitation for the new volunteer room; Brandy was the interior designer.

On October 15, the KDH Auxiliary held an open house and ribbon-cutting to introduce the new volunteer room which had been under construction since the spring.

The room, on the lower level of the older section of the hospital, has been transformed from its previous life as the Auxiliary gift shop (before the gift shop moved to the new wing of the hospital).

With fresh paint, new flooring, cupboards, window coverings and furniture, the volunteer room (along with a separate kitchen/storage room) is now a welcoming and functional workroom for a wide range of Auxiliary activities.

This is where volunteers sign in and hang up their coats. Lockers are available to store purses or other valuables.

There is ample storage for gift shop and coffee

bar supplies and inventory, and a central table and counters provide workspace for pricing, planning and other Auxiliary work.

The room's atmosphere is peaceful and uncluttered, making it a congenial place for small meetings or for volunteers to gather their thoughts after a busy shift.

Louise Tallman championed and managed the project, and arranged for much of the labour to be donated free of charge. Special donations paid for the cupboards and furniture.

Mammo goal in sight

In 2013 the Auxiliary expects to complete our pledge to donate \$100,000 to the KDH mammography campaign. Please help us reach this goal! See page 3 for detail.

Volunteers at Work: KDHA photo is a winner

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.

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

To apply, please submit your application, and you'll be contacted to let you know further steps in joining our volunteer team.

For more information, contact Catherine Brunton (613) 258-5111 or Louise Tallman (613) 258-2034.



In November, the photo at left was awarded a runner-up prize in the "Volunteers at Work" category of the 2012 photo contest organized by the Hospital Auxiliaries of Ontario (HAAO). The photo features Bev Cecchini and Joyce Charter busy stocking displays for the November 2011 Gift Shop open house.

Still Knitting at 105



Two years ago we honoured Katie Pominville as probably Ontario's oldest hospital volunteer. In December she once again donated a year's worth of knitted items for the hospital gift shop - socks, mitts, and scarves - just before celebrating her 105th birthday.

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.)

Acton's Corners unit holds potluck, draws quilt winner

The Acton's Corner's unit held its annual potluck dinner on December 4. Once again, the event featured good food and congenial company, as well as a gift exchange.

A highlight of the evening was the draw for the winner of the fall quilt raffle. The winner was Debbie Dougherty, who was thrilled to receive the queen-sized "bear paw" patterned quilt.

From the raffle proceeds, the unit donated \$3,000 toward the Auxiliary's mammography fundraising, and \$2,500 to support the Auxiliary's general work at the hospital, including equipment purchases.



Debbie Dougherty (left) won the Acton's Corner's quilt, here presented by Ruth Earl.

**KDHA Gift Shop and Coffee Bar
Regular Hours**
Monday to Friday, 9 am - 6 pm
Serving coffee, tea and juices,
soups, sandwiches & wraps,
salads, yogurt, fruit and muffins.



In November, Jane Wolfe (left) and Auxiliary President Lillian Leonard (right) presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Colin Goodfellow, CEO of Kemptville District Hospital for the mammography fund. Jane is 1st VP of the KDH Auxiliary as well as mammography fund co-ordinator. The Auxiliary has now donated \$30,000, in addition to \$58,000 from the walker team.

Auxiliary Mammography campaign enters the final stretch

In early 2010, when the KDH Foundation announced a \$750,000 fundraising campaign to raise money for a mammography suite at KDH, the Auxiliary committed to raising \$100,000 of that. The goal seemed daunting, and we had no idea at the time how we'd raise it. We gave ourselves four years.

We are now entering the fourth year, and we are within sight of our goal.

Members have donated generously, many of them giving three- or four-year pledges themselves, and the Acton's Cor-

ners unit has contributed from its quilt raffle proceeds. So far, from such donations, we have contributed \$30,000 to the KDH mammography campaign.

In addition, the walker group has raised over \$58,000 (see below) for a total to date of \$88,000.

So we aim to complete the Auxiliary's full pledge this year. If you can donate (directly to the Auxiliary, or to a walker), or can join the walker team yourself — your efforts will help take us over the top. Please help!



We did have fun! The Auxiliary walker team at Kemptville Walks for Mammography, October 13, 2012. From left: Elizabeth Wenner, Bev Carson, Myrna Milligan, Jennifer Bradshaw, Jane Wolfe, Bev Cecchini, Lis Angus, Leah Finley, Patricia Evans, Linda Cruz. Missing from the photo: Cathi Finley, Lillian Leonard. Our initial goal was to raise \$10,000. We exceeded that goal and ended up with \$13,515. In three years, the walker team has raised over \$58,000 for the mammography campaign.

Join us in 2013! KDH Auxiliary Breast Cancer Walkers

The KDH Foundation is organizing another one-day fundraising walk for mammography in Kemptville, on October 5, 2013, the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The Auxiliary team will once again be participating, and we urge you to join us.

There are two options to choose from, depending on the goal you are comfortable with:

- walk 10 km, raise a minimum of \$500 (this one is not too hard)
- walk 30 km, raise a minimum of \$1,250 (this is a bigger challenge)

To sign up, go to <http://kemptvillewalks.dojiggy.com> and click on "register." Once you are registered you can then choose to join our team.

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*.)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT KDH



Christmas Village, set up by Ric and Bev Cecchini



Joyce Charter decorating the tree in the Emergency waiting room

Former KDHA President Honoured by HAAO

We all know that Mary Gervais, who served as president of the KDH Auxiliary between 2008 and 2010, is a go-getter and a great supporter of Auxiliary activities.



Mary Gervais received her PLM pin in November.

Now she is being recognized outside our community.

In October she was sworn in as First VP of the Ontario East Region of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO).

And in November, at the HAAO convention in Toronto, she was elected Secretary of the provincial organization, and received her Provincial Life Member (PLM) pin and certificate. Congratulations, Mary!



Mary Gervais (right) being sworn in as Ontario East Region First Vice President by HAAO president Ellaine Meharg (left).

CALENDAR

Auxiliary Meetings:

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

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18

Other Events:

April 17: **HAAO Ontario East Spring Conference**, Ottawa.

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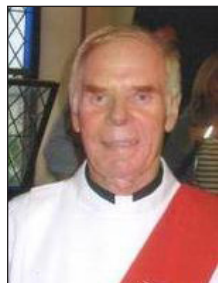
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In Memoriam - Roger Hammond



Roger Hammond

Rev. Roger Hammond passed away peacefully at the Kemptville District Hospital on December 25, 2012, at age 67.

In recent years he was an active volunteer in the pastoral care program at KDH, working with residents in the interim long-term care unit. It was on his initiative last year that the KDH Auxiliary purchased an e-reader for use on the unit, to help residents who love to read but can no longer hold a book comfortably. His presence on the unit was appreciated, and he will be missed.