

MILESTONE: ONE MILLION DOLLARS!



Lillian Leonard (Auxiliary President, on left) and Jane Wolfe (Auxiliary First VP and mammography campaign coordinator, on right) give a cheque for \$7,500 to Colin Goodfellow, KDH CEO. This cheque, and the pledges raised by the Auxiliary walker team, complete the Auxiliary's \$100,000 pledge to the KDH mammography campaign.

This fall marks a special milestone for the KDH Auxiliary: we have now donated over \$1 million to KDH since the Auxiliary was founded in 1959.

The Auxiliary has donated each year for the 54 years of its existence, raising the money through various activities, especially HeyDay.

Remarkably, the Auxiliary has contributed over a quarter of the total amount in just the past four years, from 2010 to 2013:

- \$163,000 came from the Auxiliary's regular activities at HeyDay, annual quilt raffles, and the expanded hospital gift shop/coffee bar.
- another \$100,000 was raised specifically for the mammography campaign (see box on right).

Auxiliary donations help purchase needed patient care equipment at Kemptville District Hospital. Some recent examples include: a bone densitometer, cardiac monitors, a defibrillator, IV pumps, blanket warmers, a video colonoscope, a patient lift – and of course the mammography machine.

The Auxiliary thanks all the community members who have made this possible by donating items to HeyDay, volunteering and shopping at HeyDay, shopping at the hospital gift shop/coffee bar, buying 50-50 tickets and quilt raffle tickets, and spon-

soring members of our walker team.

President Lillian Leonard says "The Auxiliary is also grateful for the dedication and hard work of the many Auxiliary members over the years who have volunteered, sold tickets, participated in the walks, and staffed and managed HeyDay and the Gift Shop."

Auxiliary exceeds \$100,000 pledge to KDH Mammography campaign

In 2010, the Auxiliary pledged to contribute \$100,000 toward the \$750,000 cost of a state of the art mammography suite at KDH. It took us four years but we have now fulfilled that promise.

- \$37,500 donated by Auxiliary members and friends

- \$62,500 raised by the walker team so far

The walkers are still collecting sponsors for the Oct 5 walk, so you can help take us over the top in 2013! Donate at www.kemptvillewalks.ca; select KDH Auxiliary Breast Cancer Walkers.

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*.)



Our hospital rated "Exemplary"

This spring, Kemptville District Hospital was awarded Accreditation Canada's highest ranking: "Accreditation with Exemplary Standing."

This ranking is achieved by only a small number of Canadian hospitals.

KDH was already rated the best small hospital in Ontario, by both patients and staff.

The accreditation process is a third-

party assessment of the quality of care and services provided, measured against best practices.

The Accreditation Canada team was on-site at KDH in November 2012 and provided its final decision and report April 22, 2013.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Chair of the hospital's Board of Directors, congratulated hospital staff, physicians, volunteers and partners, saying "the Board is very proud of the great people who work at KDH."

Colin Goodfellow, KDH's CEO, also commended the KDH team, whose efforts included developing new processes, writing and updating policy, gathering information, and sharing knowledge about KDH.

"This accomplishment could not have happened without the commitment of each member of the organization," he said.

APPLY NOW TO VOLUNTEER AT KDH

We welcome new volunteers to help with patients (ER, in-patients, long term care), in pastoral care, at the information kiosks, 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 at the Gift Shop on the lower level of KDH, or from the hospital's HR department.

For more information, contact Stephanie Redmond at 613-258-6133, ext 164.

Hospital hires volunteer co-ordinator

In June, KDH staff member Stephanie Redmond took on the job of volunteer co-ordinator in addition to her other responsibilities as scheduling clerk at the hospital. She is onsite Monday through Thursday, dividing her time between the two jobs.

Until now, volunteer co-ordinator at KDH has itself been a volunteer position. In the past decade it has been filled in turn by Barb McDerby, Helen Rough, and most

recently by Louise Tallman and Catherine Brunton. The Auxiliary is wholeheartedly grateful for the hard work of these individuals.

But with the growth of the hospital and increasing complexity of the volunteer program,

the task of volunteer co-ordination really exceeded what it was reasonable to expect a volunteer to take on. So this job has now been made a part-time staff position, paid by the hospital.

Stephanie is currently updating the Volunteer Handbook and organizing a hospital-wide volunteer orientation day for new and current volunteers.

She is also developing a program for student volunteers. KDH used to have teen volunteers, but the program has fallen away in recent years.

Stephanie says "I have enjoyed meeting many KDH volunteers and team leaders this summer, and look forward to working with the program in the months ahead."



Stephanie Redmond

HeyDay 50-50 winner

Ferne Richardson gives cheque for \$2,780 to this year's HeyDay 50-50 winner, Shawn Foley of Kemptville.

Volunteers receive special recognition



Bev Fry

In April, the KDH staff once again hosted a Tea to thank the many individuals who volunteer on behalf of the hospital,

At the tea, two longtime Auxiliary members, Moira Anderson and Bev Fry, received their PLM (Provincial Life Member)

pins and certificates. The Hospital Association of Ontario (HAAO) actually awarded them PLM status in 2012, along with Mary Gervais.

Mary received her pin in Toronto last November (see our Winter 2012-13 newsletter) but Moira and Bev chose to receive theirs among their local Auxiliary friends.



Moira Anderson

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.

Betty Beach, Second Hand Rose co-ordinator, encourages area residents to donate jewelry, ornaments, dishes, 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 Betty at 613-258-4454 or bring the items to the gift shop during open hours (every weekday from 9 am - 5:30 pm.)

Acton's Corners unit raffles a beautiful handmade quilt



This queensize embroidered quilt is this year's prize

Each fall, the KDHA Acton's Corners unit organizes a quilt raffle to benefit KDH. This year's ticket sales are well underway in the community - watch for them! (And if you can volunteer to help sell tickets, that would be very helpful.)

The draw for the lucky winner will be held at the unit's potluck dinner at Maplewood School in Oxford Mills on December 4.

The beautiful, queensize quilt for this year's raffle was donated by the Osgoode Quilters. It is hand-embroidered with baskets of roses, with borders and bands in shades of rose, and is also hand-quilted.

GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS SALE STARTS NOV 1



This year the KDH gift shop will begin displaying its annual selection of Christmas and seasonal items (ideal for gifts and decorations) on November first. Elaine has been shopping and has great selections for you!

The gift shop and coffee bar is open each weekday from 9:00 am until 5:30 pm. In addition to gift items, it serves coffee, tea and juices, soups and sandwiches, salads, yogurt, fruit, muffins and more.

2013 bursary winners

Every year the Auxiliary awards a bursary to one graduate from each local high school who will be pursuing studies in healthcare.

This year's bursaries were awarded to Jenna Honsl (North Grenville District High School) and Sarah Dorken (St. Michael's High School).

Both students will be attending the University of Ottawa: Jenna is working toward a Bachelor of Nursing Science, and Sarah's program will lead to an Honours Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science.

The Auxiliary is proud to provide this assistance to qualified students who will play their part in a new generation of healthcare professionals.



Lillian Leonard gives Jenna Honsl (right) her bursary cheque.

Come celebrate the Auxiliary's \$1 Million donation milestone

The Auxiliary will be hosting an **Open House** on Wednesday, October 23 from 2-4 pm in the Volunteer Room on the lower level of the hospital. The event will celebrate the contributions of the many people who have made it possible for the Auxiliary's donations to top the \$1 Million mark this fall.

All Auxiliary members, supporters, vol-

unteers, hospital staff and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

If you haven't visited the new volunteer room, it is worth a visit in its own right. Located in the former gift shop space, it was extensively refurbished and redecorated a year ago to meet the ongoing needs of the Auxiliary and volunteers.

Sponsors still needed for our breast cancer walk team

This year's KDH Auxiliary Breast Cancer Walker team has 9 members: Bev Cecchini, Cathy Sheppard, Jane Wolfe, Jennifer Brad-

shaw, Lillian Leonard, Linda Cruz, Lis Angus, Myrna Milligan and Patricia Evans. They'll be walking 10 km or 30 km on October 5, along with other KDH supporters.

Our team still needs sponsors to reach our collective goal, and to take our fundraising over the top.

Your support will be very much appreciated. To donate, and to see who still needs funds to reach their goal, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kdhawalkers> and click on the individual you'd like to sponsor.



IN MEMORIAM

Faye Wilson



Faye died on June 21, 2013 at Kemptville District Hospital, after a short and courageous battle with cancer.

She was a long-time volunteer in the Kemptville District Hospital gift shop, and participated at HeyDay for many years. In 2012 the Auxiliary recognized her contributions with a Certificate of Appreciation. Faye was active in the Kemptville community, and in particular she was a dedicated Lions Club member. She will be missed.

CALENDAR

Auxiliary Meetings:

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

- October 21
- November 18

Other Events:

October 16: **HAAO Ontario East Fall Conference**, Cornwall

October 23, 2-4 pm: **Open House to Celebrate Auxiliary's \$1 Million Donation Milestone**, Volunteer Room, KDH

November 4-6: **HAAO Convention**, Toronto

December 4, 6:30 pm: **Potluck dinner** and quilt raffle draw, Maplewood School, Oxford Mills

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