



Winter 2018

NEWSLETTER

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The big news going into this new year was that the Auxiliary was again lucky enough to be the recipient of a \$50,000.00 donation from the Rankin Run for Cancer. The gift shop, coffee shop and H.E.L.P.P. contributions also swelled the coffers allowing us to fund the hospital's 'wish list' to the amount of \$73,000.00 to purchase Bladder Scanners, Wheelchairs, Infusion Pumps, Portable Suction Units, Mattresses and a Digital Radiography Plate Holder.

With the purchase of these items underway, we will be meeting with the hospital early in the new year to finalize their new requirements.

We also managed to fulfil our obligation for park benches. Five have been purchased and are actually in the hospital just waiting for spring to arrive. Two of the benches will be placed at the bottom of the entrance walkway to allow patients who are discharged to be able to sit and wait for their ride. The benches will be adorned with a plaque indicating they were donated by the Auxiliary.

In other good news, The Horning Corporation is diligently working at retooling our website. It is becoming increasingly important that we have a current, functioning website to attract new volunteers and as an information tool for the entire Auxiliary, Hospital and HHS. When up and running, our website will be linked to the main HHS website so that local folks looking for us within the HHS organization will be instantly redirected to our site. I'm excited to see this completed. Carol Knox and her students will be actively involved and I am currently looking for a webmaster. If you would like the job or know of anyone who might, please let me know.

We have a busy year ahead with events. The Lasagna Dinner is next in February, our AGM is in April with the hospital again graciously providing dinner and we have our fashion show in May at the Casablanca Winery Inn. Then its summer and we can breathe just a little easier for a couple of months until after labour day.

Financially we are in good shape thanks to Judy and Alicia who keep a motherly eye on all the money movements.

My thanks to everyone for your efforts over the year to keep the Auxiliary vibrant and engaged in the community and for all your efforts in and for the hospital. Lets support our events and fund-raising and talk up the Auxiliary at every opportunity to your friends and neighbours.

Stay warm and enjoy spring when it arrives, we'll talk again soon.

Fred Lilley
President - WLMA

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Our suggestion box is in the Front Lobby for anyone who has a **BRIGHT IDEA!**



"Parking Token Roundup"

The Hospital have a shortage of tokens, if anyone has any extra lying around please return to the auxiliary office.

WANTED!!

New or Lightly used items for Santa's Clauset
Please drop off at the Auxiliary Office Monday - Friday
9 am - noon

INACTIVE MEMBERS!!

Just a reminder that your yearly \$10 dues can be paid by making a cheque payable to WLM Auxiliary and mailing it to:
WLM Auxiliary
169 Main Street East
Grimsby, Ontario
L3M 1P3
Your New Membership card will be mailed out to you.

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Volunteers Needed!

Looking for volunteers who would like to train as clinic receptionists for Dr's Korkis and Love.

This would be to fill in as necessary.

Please email me:
rozlil6@gmail.com



It's that time of year again!! Remember to get your Flu shot!!

Available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm in the Employee Health Office, in the basement, across from the Conference Rooms.

Membership

I must send my deepest appreciation out to all those brave Volunteers that despite this frigid weather we have been experiencing, have loyally showed up to do their duties at our hospital! It is not something we have any control over but it sure is much harder to venture out on those deep freeze mornings for a volunteer duty!
THANK YOU!

Colourful posters were recently posted throughout the hospital inviting new volunteers who may want to join our team! There is always an on-going need for volunteer duties as people for one reason or another, either due to moving, ill health or a variety of other reasons feel they cannot continue to volunteer. If you have a friend or neighbour who has a few hours a week who you think might enjoy this very rewarding service, do invite them to talk to us about our volunteer program. It would be very much appreciated.

Our Auxiliary website should be up and running very soon with all updated information etc. This also will aid greatly in recruiting new volunteers!

I would like to remind our wonderful Volunteer Co-ordinators the importance of the constantly changing Membership List updates that I need from them to keep this list accurate. The only way we can do this is for these changes (away on an extended period, retirement, email, phone, address, etc.) preferably emailed or phoned in to be recorded on the back of the membership list kept in the Auxiliary office – if this does not happen, undeliverable emails come back and have to be tracked down and corrected. In order to keep our records up-to-date and accurate - **THIS IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE!** Thank you all for your help with this.

At the present time we have the following numbers:

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS:	184
INACTIVE “	49
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TOTAL:	233

It is also interesting to note that there are 47 LIFE MEMBERS on our Roster.

BABY HATS

A huge “Thank You” goes out to our wonderful team of knitters who make the beautiful baby hats that every baby born at West Lincoln goes home with! The numbers are just amazing!!! In 2017 they knitted **1267** hats!

Stay warm everyone, Spring is on its way!!

Anna Orr

Physio & Mail

I hope that all of you have had a good 2018 so far. Though there have been and will continue to be changes in our hospital the quality of service provided by all of our volunteers remains constant. The jobs that you do so well is truly appreciated by hospital staff. Thank you to all for your service in the areas of Physio and Mail delivery.

Brenda Jorritsma

Hospital Marathon Bridge

This year we have 2 afternoon groups with 30 ladies playing Bridge and we are happy to have 10 couples, 4 more than last year, involved in the Couples Section.

The Closing Party will be held on Thursday April 26, 2018 at The Livingston Activity Centre at 12:30 PM. All are welcome. Arrange your own table of four and plan to attend. Donation at the door for our Auxiliary. Great desserts and door prizes!

**Convenor
Barbara Phelps**

Coffee Shop

We completed another successful year. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, profits were up \$5000.00 over the previous year. Looking ahead to a great 2018.

Frieda Engelage

H.E.L.P.P.

We had an excellent 2017. Our ticket sales increased due to our dedicated volunteers. This made it possible for H.E.L.P.P. to increase our donation to the Auxiliary from that of 2016. Glad to hear Don Hannah will be "back at the cart" on Monday February 5th. Wishing a Healthy and Happy New Year to all.

Dianne Hogg

Gift Shop

Good news! Out of our profits this year, we were able to turn over \$45,000 to the auxiliary.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our volunteers, hospital staff and visitors along with the exceptional work of the gift shop team.

Their kind and thoughtful assistance is appreciated by all who enter. Thank you for another great year!

Annemarie Heywood

Pre Natal Tours

If you know of anyone planning to have their baby at West Lincoln, have them book a tour.

Barb Wright & Linda Murphy

Upcoming Events



**West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary
Presents
its
Seventh Annual
LASAGNA DINNER**



**Friday February 9, 2018
at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church**
290, Main St., E, Grimsby

Menu
Salad Dinner Rolls
Lasagna (Meat or Vegetable)
Dessert Coffee or Tea

Tickets
\$20 Per Person
Available at the Auxiliary Office
(No Tickets Available at the Door)

Wine Available
for purchase at
the event

Doors Open:
5:30 pm

Dinner:
6:30 pm

Proceeds support West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary's current fundraising goal for Hospital Equipment



**WEST LINCOLN
MEMORIAL AUXILIARY
EASTER BAKE SALE**



**HOSPITAL LOBBY
THURSDAY, March 29th, 2018
9 am - Sold Out**

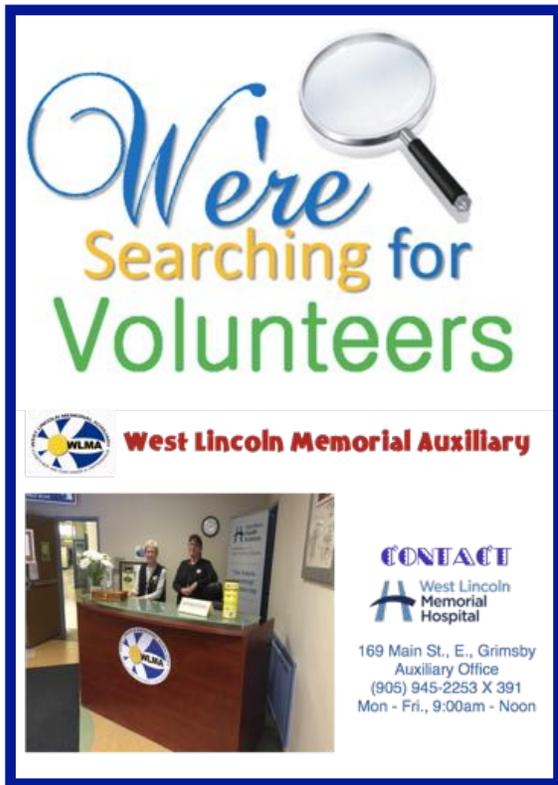
Event Dates

February 9th	Lasagna Dinner
March 29th	Easter Bake Sale
April 19th	AGM
May 11th	Fashion Show
June 13th	Strawberry Tea
October 27th	Craft Show
November 28/29	Poinsettia Sale
December 1st	Santa Claus Parade
December 8th	Breakfast w Santa

Donations

**Donations of Baked goods
should be left at the Auxiliary
office on Wednesday
Afternoon or by 9.30am
Thursday.**

**Please also label what it is
and if it contains nuts,
wheat, gluten free etc.**



These are the two posters you may have seen throughout the hospital advertising for new volunteers



Received this message below from Audra this morning. This is a great testament to what we do on a daily basis. Congratulations, Keep up the good work !

From: Watt, Susan [mailto:wattms@mcmaster.ca]
 Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2017 11:55 AM
 To: WLMH Comments <wlmhcomments@HHSC.CA>
 Subject: Congratulations

Since administrators commonly receive letters of complaint I thought it opportune to write to you on a Monday morning with thanks for a very positive encounter with your staff and volunteers. I had occasion to be at West Lincoln to get "a first available echo cardiogram". I was extremely impressed with the staff in Emergency and Radiology; they were helpful, courteous, and professional. I also was helped by several of your volunteers. In sum, the whole experience was positively outstanding and I hope that you will convey my appreciation to your colleagues. They are wonderful ambassadors for your hospital and give credence to the expression that good things can come in small packages.

Sincerely,
 Susan Watt, DSW

Professor Emerita, School of Social Work
 McMaster University
 Adjunct Professor, UNU-INWEH [905 627-4815](tel:905-627-4815)



New Year's Day Baby



It's a Girl!
 Valencia Irene Oxner
 born Jan 1st at 2.55 a.m.
 weighing 5lbs 10oz

WLMA presented a gift of a Birth Certificate Holder and a Pink Bear to the happy parents Dave and Tracy Oxner of St. Catharines

Congratulations!



WELCOME
 to our newest volunteers

Jim Robertson & Craig Major

Apologies for misspelling the names of Jillian Harshaw & Mireille Nafekh

Thank you for donating your valuable time, energy and talents to our Auxiliary.

Our Sympathies

go out to

The Family of Alice Clausen
 The Family of Karen Budd
 Diane Park on the Loss of her Mother-in-Law
 Betty Sandwell on the Loss of her Husband
 Shirley Decaire on the Loss of her Husband
 Susanne Milligan on the Loss of her Brother





**Rotary Club's Annual
"Festival of Trees"**

WLMA again entered this Christmas tree decorated by auxiliary members, Marie McNiven, Jane Stojkiewicz and Carla Reid. This year's theme was "Holiday Sparkle". Another fantastic job, ladies!!



Monies Raised from past events:

**Soiree de Vin \$7714.34
Craft Sale \$2034.86
Poinsettia Sale \$1470.12
Holiday Spirit Basket \$2309.45
Breakfast w Santa \$2143.76
Private Donations \$3650.00**

Past Events



Winner of the "Holiday Spirit Basket" drawn on December 14th was Ken Pachkowsky of Vineland

**Breakfast with
Santa
held on
December 9th**





Our Annual Breakfast with Santa held on December 9th 2017 was another great success!

Thanks to the many volunteers who turned up to set up, cook, serve, clean and take down.



Also to Santa.

"Santa's Clauset" is getting more and more popular every year, the kids love it!



Please start saving your treasures for next year!

Donations of gift bags (all sizes) and tissue paper would be very much appreciated.





Cindy MacDonald
Director, Community Programs

The year 2017 ended with snow and record breaking cold! We Canadians take it in stride as we are a hardy people. We are also a giving people, exemplified by the many individuals who give of their time each year. The WLMH Auxiliary is a wonderful example of this “giving spirit”. The past year saw many successful (and fun!) fundraising events as well as the ongoing success of the coffee shop and gift shop. In addition, the auxiliary continued with dedicated hours of volunteering in clinics, welcoming people at the main entrance, transporting patients - to name just a few! All of

these hours of volunteering have resulted in the purchase of much needed equipment as well as the important and welcome presence of the auxiliary throughout the hospital. You are often the first person a patient or visitor encounters and are often there during their hospital experience, be it long or short. Your smiles, your comforting presence, your offers of assistance for patients, visitors, staff and physicians are appreciated. Thank you for all you do as ambassadors of WLMH.

Wishing all of you and your families the Happiest of New Years!

Cindy

“You give but a little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

- Kahlil Gibran



A big thank you to WLMH for the invitation to enjoy a delicious hot breakfast as part of the Christmas Season, catered by Brad Rempel.

Gift Shop



Gifts Galore!!

Check out the Gift shop for that next Birthday, Anniversary, or New Baby.

"Where your purchase makes a difference"





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