



Winter 2017

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I would like to do a quick recap of our 2016 Auxiliary year. I think it is good that we remind ourselves what a terrific job we all do.

Our fundraising year started in March with our annual Bake Sale then on April 29th, with preparations finally complete, we had our Red Wine and Lipstick Fashion Show which was very well attended, great fun and a financial success. June saw our annual Strawberry Tea and Father's Day raffle. In the fall things got a little hectic with our 2nd Annual Craft Show in October, Poinsettia Sale and Soiree de Vin in November, our Ole St. Nick raffle and Breakfast with Santa in December. Wow, it's exhausting just listing it all. Total raised for these events was \$24,000.

Our gift shop and coffee shop both had a successful year. The coffee shop making over \$28,500 and our gift shop earning \$47,000. Our H.E.L.P.P. ticket sales raised \$2,500.00 and our Vendor program \$2,450.00. We were fortunate to be the benefactors of \$50,000 from the Rankin Run which was presented to us in November. All in all 2016 was a financial success.

Of course, throughout the year every volunteer contributed thousands of hours helping staff and patients in all areas. It's difficult to imagine what our hospital would be like without all of your help.

In 2016, we were able to complete our pledge to the hospital of a new laparoscopic tower for the OR, the purchase of pulmonary function testing equipment and an echocardiogram. In late fall of 2016, the auxiliary agreed to a new pledge to purchase a new bathing unit with lift for B Ward, a new portable digital x-ray machine and equipment for the new endoscopy suite which will be set up sometime in 2017. The total of our new pledge is \$193,000. We are happy to report that we are able to purchase the bathing unit immediately and it should be ordered and installed in the next couple of months.

We are starting 2017 with our Lasagne dinner held at St. Andrew's on Friday, February 10th, 2017. As you know this event is usually held in September, but this past fall was just too busy to do it, and I can't think of a better way to break up the winter blahs than having our dinner in February. Tickets are on sale for \$20 in the auxiliary office. Please plan to join us with your friends and family. Look for announcements and posters of upcoming events throughout the year. We need your support.

As my term as president is up in April this will be my last president's message. I must step back and become past president for the next two years. Although I am stepping back, I fully intend to remain very active in the auxiliary, so I'm not going far. You can't get rid of me that easily.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2017.

Regards,

Marlene Morais

President

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

Rosalind Lilley,
Editor/Designer
Winter 2017

Message from Rebecca -

Dear friends,

We are beginning 2017 with an exciting vision for the future of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital – one that makes the most of our community hospital's strengths, provides the services that our community told us were important, and is fully integrated with the other sites and services of Hamilton Health Sciences.



Many thanks to everyone who participated in community engagement sessions during the first phase of our long-range planning process, known as Our Healthy Future. In 2017, we hope to gain approval from the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for our described vision and model of care – an important milestone in the ministry's lengthy capital development process.

In the meantime, with your support, we continue to make capital improvements and investments at WLMH. On behalf of everyone at WLMH, thank you for your ongoing gifts of time and fundraising efforts for our hospital.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Repa
Vice President
Clinical Support Services Community Surgery



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

Corrections.....Last Issue:

The Diamond Earrings at the fashion show were won by Shirley Riding

Bob Richmond on the loss of his wife Carol

Apologies to all concerned



The Rotary Club held their Annual "Fantasy of Trees" event at the Grimsby Museum. The Auxiliary entered this tree themed "Angel's Touch" which was decorated by Marie McNiven, Jane Stojkiewicz and Carla Reid.

Auxiliary

Having said 'goodbye' to 2016 and 'hello' to 2017 – hopefully we can look forward to a great year ahead! Our team of volunteers have done an outstanding job at our hospital and the staff continually tell us how much they not only appreciate the huge number of hours we dedicate to the hospital but also the fantastic fundraising we do which permits every dollar raised, to buy much needed medical equipment – and every one of our volunteers together – make this possible. Our AGM in April is a special time to show our volunteers how much we appreciate their time and dedication.

Our Baby Hat problems have been solved – by introducing a small stockinette hat (made up by our volunteers) that babies born at our hospital get at birth. One of our beautiful hand knitted hats will keep baby warm for the trip home. Our sincere 'Thank You' goes out to our great team of baby hat knitters. We appreciate these hats so lovingly made by our group of home knitters. We had approximately 1,000 births at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital last year – what a great place to start life's journey!

Anna Orr

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM ANNA

EXCEPT FOR THE COFFEE SHOP –(Who have their own binder.) All volunteers will have **1 sheet only** to mark **all** their hours regardless of where they work. The binder with all sheets will be in the front lobby desk drawer.

Breakfast With Santa

Our Annual Breakfast With Santa held in December was a wonderful fun morning with approx. 350 attending. The children were excited to see Santa and received a candy cane from him, they also enjoyed personal shopping in the "kids only" Santa's Clauset. Many thanks to all the volunteers. Thanks also to Chris Conley who provided music, Giant Tiger for the candy canes, Sobey's for the donation of sausages and to Sue who is up cooking them at 4 in the morning and who also donated the juice boxes.

Save your "TREASURES" throughout the year for next year's shoppers. Gift bags and boxes are also welcome. Drop off at the auxiliary office.

Gift Shop

The gift shop volunteers are very pleased to turn over our 2016 profit of \$47,000 to WLMA.

Thanks to the shop staff for a job well done! We also appreciate the ongoing support of our volunteers, hospital employees and our community.

Thank you all and remember to keep shopping "Where your purchase makes a difference".

Anne Marie Heywood

Marathon Bridge Results 2015 - 2016

Group 1 - Norma Allan and Keitha Cross
Group 2 - Louise Belanger and Nancy Kacur
Couples - Ian and Judy Steel

Plan to attend the Dessert and Bridge Party on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at former Senior Centre in Grimsby.

Barbara Phelps

2017 Pledge

Our pledge to purchase a pulmonary function testing device and echocardiogram is complete and we have agreed to a new pledge for medical equipment for the hospital. From the hospital's wish list we will provide the funds for the following much needed equipment:

Digital portable x-ray machine	\$90,000
A new bathing unit for Ward B	\$42,000
Equipment for a new endoscopy suite which includes, among other equipment, new scopes.	\$61,515
Total	\$193,515

Physio and Mail

Thank you to all for your continued excellent service in the areas of Physio and Mail delivery over the past year. Your work is truly appreciated.

We currently have 9 volunteers in Physio and 11 volunteers in Mail walking many kilometers each year in our hospital as they perform their duties cheerfully.

I hope this will be a happy and healthy year for all of you.

Brenda Jorritsma

Student Volunteers

At the present time, there are 36 student volunteers. The students work on B ward, C ward, the Coffee Shop and the Lobby. They have also been volunteers at our fundraising events this fall.

In October, nine students volunteered at the Craft Show. They manned the information desk, with some staying to help clean up at the end of the day. One student expressed that it was great to see how the volunteers all work together to get a project completed.

The next event that students participated in was the Soiree d'Vin. Four of the senior students volunteered as servers at this fundraising event. Again, they found it to be a great experience, each expressed that they would do it again.



The Christmas season found students participating in the Grimsby Santa Claus Parade and Breakfast with Santa. Our student volunteers were walking with us in the parade, but others were volunteering with school floats or Band groups, showing the spirit of the season.

There were thirteen students volunteering at the Breakfast with Santa and all of them had a great experience working with the children. Two of the students, Miles and Mackenzie, were interviewed by Cogeco News and did very well on camera.



The students have contributed 1785 hours to the Auxiliary in 2016. With several students earning certificates for reaching 100, 200 and 300 hour levels.

100 hours: Zoe Bertrand, Emily Cartlidge and Miles Lambert.

200 hours: Neha Gulati and Krithika Srikanth.

300 hours: Hussain Syed.

The certificates will be presented to the students in the next few weeks, with more reaching these levels by the Spring.

Carol Knox
Coordinator of Student Volunteers

Auxiliary Gift Shop



"Where your purchase makes a difference"



P A S T E V E N T S



Fundraising Events:

Craft Show	\$2,100
Poinsettia Sale	\$1,600
Soiree de Vin	\$7,000
Breakfast with Santa	\$2,130



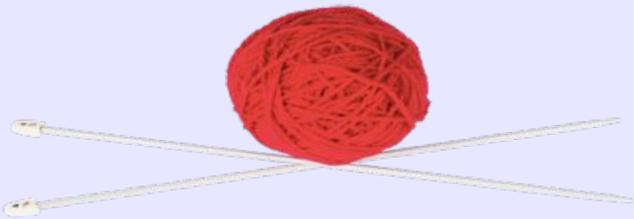
Pictured from left to right are:
 Lynda Anderson, Carol Knox, Rita Smith, Eden Griffin, Marie
 McNiven, BANNER, Jackie Dobbs, Pat Stanley, Dianne Hogg,
 Pat Stanley's grandson, Jane K, Pat Stanley's granddaughter.

Ongoing

Knitter's Needed!

Looking for knitter's to knit baby hats for new babies born at West Lincoln.

Pattern and wool available in the Auxiliary office.



The VENDORS are back!

Vendors offer interesting items for sale in our lobby. The rent from this space supports WLMA equipment fundraising, so if you see someone in our lobby, please have a look at their display and maybe they will be offering something that you really need or want.

Jill Howe

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Just a reminder that you can pay your dues 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 sent by return mail.

Please notify our office....

It is very important to notify the auxiliary office if you have any changes to your address, phone number or email address.

Our Telephone and Newsletter Conveners need up-to-date information.

Thank You!

Upcoming Events

 West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary
Presents its
Sixth Annual

LASAGNA DINNER



on Friday February 10, 2017
at St. Andrew's Parish Hall
7, St. Andrew's Avenue, 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, APRIL 13th, 2017
9 am - Sold Out**

Event Dates

April 13 - Bake Sale
April 18 - AGM and Awards
April 26 - HAAO Spring Conference
June 14 - Strawberry Tea
September 8 - Soiree de Vin
October 28 - Craft Show
November 23 - 24 - Poinsettia Sale
December 2 - Santa Claus Parade
December 9 - Breakfast with 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.

Congratulations

To volunteers celebrating big Events!



*Lois Hanson
Who Celebrated her 80th Birthday
January 23, 2017*

WELCOME

to our newest volunteers

Sherrin Ellerton

Mike Rhodes

Erna Fluit

Heda Sinichco

Cindy Richards

Marion Chapman

Mark Philips

Nancy Thomas

Bindumol Sebastien

Susan Harper

Angela Mus

Louis Pelino

Lindsay Fontaine

Carla Reid

Penny Dolan

Geri Pezdirc

Linda Hume

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



New Year's Day Baby



Baby Girl – Brooke Elizabeth born at 9:32 a.m. weighing in at 8lbs 7oz.

Parents are Jessica and Ben Rameder. Brooke has three older siblings, a brother Jordan who is 6, Nevaeh 4 and Avie 2.

*From left are Aimee Ellens, WLMH Foundation, Jessica with Brooke and Ben Rameder, Marlene Morais
WLMH*

SYMPATHY

goes out to

Neils Rasmussen, on the loss of his wife, Barb Hall

Joan Panes, on the loss of her husband, John

John Bunfin, on the loss of his wife, Christina

John & Bev Riddell, on the loss of Bev's mother

Family of Virginia Hills, on the loss of their mother



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