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NEWSLETTER

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WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL **AUXILIARY**

We wish the entire community
GOOD HEALTH
during this very difficult and stressful time.

**WE'VE GOT THIS!!!
AND WE WILL GET
THROUGH
THIS TOGETHER**

**OUR VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL STAFF AT
WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR CARING
ABOUT US
AND KEEPING US SAFE**

**THE AUXILIARY STRONGLY ENCOURAGES SOCIAL DISTANCING
AND FOLLOWING ALL PROTOCOLS RECOMMENDED BY OUR
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

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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 E.,
Grimsby ON L3M 1P3
Your New Membership card will be mailed out to you.

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Rosalind Lilley
Editor/Designer



Lasagna Dinner photos will be held over till next newsletter

Following Events may still be cancelled.

**Craft Show
October 24th**

**Poinsettia November
25th & 26th**

**Breakfast With Santa
December 12th.**

Gift Shop

Thanks to our loyal customers and the efforts of our wonderful gift shop volunteers, a total of \$31,000 was transferred to the auxiliary for 2019. Thank you for shopping "Where your purchase makes a difference".

Anne Marie Heywood



"Fantasy of Trees"

Accepting a cheque for \$1500 from Marilyn Cornwell of the Grimsby Rotary are Barb Jackson and Marie MacNiven. WLMA was one of the recipients of the proceeds.

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.

Please call 905-945-2253 ext. 11391 between 9 a.m. & Noon
Thank You!

President's Message



When I sat down to write this message, I didn't really know where to start. So much has happened since February. We are not volunteering in the Hospital at this time. We have had to cancel many events which we all looked forward to and it is hard to foresee a change in the immediate future.

To recap back to my last Newsletter message, we did hold the Lasagna Dinner February 21. Even though I couldn't be there, I heard it went well. Then as they say, in the middle of planning upcoming events, the wheels fell off. Covid-19 happened.

The Hospital advised us to stay home, so we closed the Coffee Shop, Gift Shop, HELPP tickets and we discontinued our volunteering. In the process we had to cancel our Bake Sale, AGM, Marathon Bridge Dessert Party, May 1 Fashion Show, Father's Day Raffle and most recently the Strawberry Tea.

In all this, however, we did pay for the Infusion Chairs and Medication Carts and recently approved the purchase of an Endoscopy Cabinet for \$13,845 for the Hospital. Our pledge to the Hospital for 2020 is a \$50,000 Universal View Monitor for Diagnostic Imaging. It will be a challenge with this year as it is going, but we will do our best.

We also helped the Hospital with unused, viable snacks from the Coffee Shop and we are providing milk and cream for three months to supplement the coffee that the Hospital received from Tim's. One small way we can help the staff at the Hospital through these tough times.

Although work inside the Hospital has halted somewhat because of the pandemic, renovation plans for the second OR and Endoscopy reprocessing area are going ahead and construction is scheduled to begin mid June and finish early September. Providing everything is normal by then, it will mean a lot for surgery, maternity and endoscopy testing.

Your Executive has been meeting monthly by telecom to make sure we stay on top of things. Thus this Newsletter will provide some interesting updates, especially the listing of our Volunteer Award Winners for 2019. We want to congratulate all the Volunteers for their hours, our new Lifetime Members and especially Kathy Smart who has been named our Outstanding Service Award Winner for 2019. Congratulations Kathy and thank you, you deserve it.

Also look for a Statement regarding our financial situation from Jim Van Roon, our Accountant.

So as we near the halfway mark in this extraordinary 2020 year, we can't help but wonder "what's next" and "when". Here's to better days ahead. In the meantime, stay safe, look after yourselves and enjoy the nice weather coming up. We'll see you soon.

Barb Jackson, President



2019 Awards Recipients

500 Hours

Larry Deighton

June Vaughan

1000 Hours

Sharlene Aldridge

Ron Craddock

Judy Edwards

Bev Heywood

Wendy Hollinshead

Barbara Jackson

Joyce Laidlaw

Hilde Nicelin

Diane Park

Pat Stanley

2000 Hours

Barbara Brush

Rosalind Lilley

3000 Hours

Gail Craig

Barb Walker

5000 Hours

Gillian Leon

6000 Hours

Lois Hanson

10000 Hours

Anne Marie Heywood



2019 Awards Recipients

Life Member Awards

Barb Walker

Rosalind Lilley

Frieda Engelage

Alicia Kubrynsk

Carol Knox

Bob Thompson

Linda Murphy



2019 Outstanding Service Award Recipient

☆ *Kathy Smart* ☆



Due to COVID, these awards, normally presented at the Annual General Meeting in April, will be awarded at a later date.

Sympathies

go out to:

Gail Marshall on the loss of her husband Robert
Susanne Milligan on the loss of another brother
The Family of Jane MacNeil (former volunteer)



Welcome

to our newest volunteers

Christine Gudas-Murphy
Kathy Barichello

Don Roberts
Hayley Wellstead



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

Save the Date!

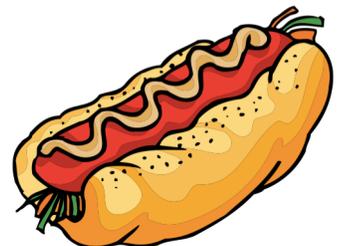
West Lincoln Memorial Hospital
Appreciation Barbecue

June 17th, 2020
11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Back Lawn across from Cafeteria



**Postponed
till further notice!**



Message from Cindy MacDonald



Well, these are strange days indeed! The hospital certainly has a different “look and feel” as we continue to provide care to our community during COVID-19. In the midst of the COVID pandemic, work continues on the CT Scanner, OR/Endo infrastructure planning, and the planning for the new hospital (please check wlmh.ca for other updates as well).

CT – the Radiologists have selected the model that they feel would best suit the needs of WLMH. A consultant has been hired to develop the CT suite.

Infrastructure – We are doing our utmost to stay with the original timelines laid out for the project despite the restrictions of COVID-19. Merit construction has been completing outside work as well as electrical work (normal and emergency power). OR/Endo/B Ward are next up on the agenda.

As I write this, the OR AHU (air handling unit) has just arrived and is on a flat bed truck in the parking lot waiting to be lifted by crane to it’s new home!

New Hospital – The consultants continue to work behind the scenes so that we do not lose time with our planning. We are having meetings via ZOOM to provide input and feedback on the Stage 2 submission.

We will also be continuing with Phase 2 of the East Parking Lot upgrades starting May 5th.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Auxiliary for your ongoing support of staff education! Ongoing education is key to both patient safety and staff satisfaction and we are very grateful for your \$5,000.00 contribution.

WLMH staff and physicians all miss our auxiliary partners and friends. The days just aren’t the same without you! But it is important to ensure everyone’s health and safety to the best of our ability. Although you are not deemed “essential”, we acutely feel the impact when you are not here.

Stay well my friends, and as the song goes.....

“But I know we’ll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
’Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away”

Warm regards and stay safe!

Cindy

Director of Community Programs

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital



Tender issued for WLMH Stage 3 design Posted: May 7th, 2020 By Mike Williscraft, NewsNow

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It has been a very big week for West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

First, it was announced that provincial officials have given the green light to allow Hamilton Health Sciences to issue the tender for Stage 3's design for the rebuild process.

Second, the air handler – the major component part of the immediate renovation work needed to get the facility's operating rooms back online – has arrived and is set to be installed.

In 2019 the Ministry of Health (MoH) approved HHS's working on both Stage 2 and Stage 3 simultaneously.

Stage 2 - focuses on the development of the "Functional Program", identifying how services will be situated and work together in the new building. Staff and physician user groups are currently providing input on this planning work. Some of this work had to be deferred due to COVID-19. Teams will be engaged in the planning process as soon as it is safe and practical to do so.

It is expected that submission of Stage 2 documentation will go to the MoH in the late fall. HHS officials do not see this as a significant delay in the process.

Stage 3 - request for proposals for the planning, design and conformance team for the new build has been issued. Infrastructure Ontario will lead this process. The RFP, which was developed with support from the HHS team, was released in mid-April. While combining stages to streamline processes is not unusual, the flow of approvals has been given expedited consideration by the provincial government.

"I'm so glad to see the work is continuing on the new hospital. It's vitally important for our community," said Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff. "Seeing Hamilton Health Sciences work simultaneously on Stages 2 and 3 is an excellent step forward for the speedy completion of the project. I know everyone has worked very hard to get to this stage and it couldn't have happened without the incredible support and momentum of the residents who are served by the hospital."

From HHS's perspective, officials there are thankful for the support of the MoH. "HHS' Capital Planning team continues to work with Infrastructure Ontario, Ministry of Health, consultants, and other partners, to advance plans for the new hospital and remains on track," said Kelly Campbell, HHS's vice-president, corporate services and capital development. "We have worked closely with government to develop a combined Stage 2/3 process to complete Stage 4 (Financial Close) by June 2022. With ongoing collaboration and support from everyone involved, we can achieve this goal. The flexibility, commitment and ongoing leadership provided by provincial and local government partners to support this work is appreciated."

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WLMH INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATIONS

With Monday's arrival of the air handler – a major piece of the renovation puzzle which had to be designed and built specifically for WLMH's needs – the ongoing renovation project is on time and on budget, according to HHS officials.

The air handler has been placed on its concrete pad.

Visitor restrictions in the hospital have impacted some internal work associated with infrastructure projects.

Outside the building, contractors are reaching project milestones, including:

- Commissioning the cooling tower;
- Completing the wiring needed for the second generator;
- Planning for lab upgrades, and;
- Laying the concrete pad for the operating room (OR)/endoscopy area air handling unit.

Plans are in place to complete the second part of the lab infrastructure work the last week in May.

Work is underway to prepare for the OR/Endoscopy work (i.e., inventory of stock and equipment, emptying endoscopy rooms) with a review plans with the contractor ongoing.

There is also some work to complete in a few areas of the hospital- paint, light fixture upgrades, and millwork.

The Action Committee is very pleased with HHS and Infrastructure Ontario fulfilling their commitment to rebuild our beloved hospital, which we need now more than ever," said Tony Joosse, co-chair of the WLMH Action Committee. "Under these unusual times, we're pleased to see the air handler has arrived and this is key to getting back to two fully operational operating rooms in September, understanding with no clients we will need to build the traffic back up to full capacity. We hope HHS has staff in place to fill the expected need."

As for the Stage 3 tender process getting underway, that is another key part of achieving the end goal, said Joosse. "Seeing the confirmation of the tender call for design and conformance consulting services for the new WLMH is a key plank in the Stage 3," said Joosse. "This tender closes May 12th with the hope of an early award of the contract to ensure Phase 3 is taking place while HHS finishes stage 2. This is very important to get shovels in the ground which we are still hoping for Fall of 2021."





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WLMA Financial Review for 2019

The following is a summary from Jim Van Roon, CPA, CA of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP. who has reviewed West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary's financial books and records for the year ending December 31, 2019

1. "Gross revenue for the Organization for fiscal 2019 was \$183,805, down from fiscal 2018's figure of \$254,969 or \$71,164. The current year gross revenue continues to be an impressive total given the reduced number of visitors to the hospital and other distractions exposed to the Organization".
2. "During fiscal 2019, a total of \$64,000 (2018 - \$79,500) was transferred to the General Fund from the Coffee Shop, Gift Shop and Lottery funds. In the last seven years, a total of \$528,400 has been transferred to the General Fund from the other funds".
3. "During the year, the Organization donated \$42,813 to the Hospital for the purchase of various medical and other equipment. In the last seven years, a total of \$876,117 has been donated to the hospital – very impressive!"
4. "The Organization's financial position continues to be very strong, with cash and term deposits totaling \$1,197,388 as at December 31, 2019 (2018 - \$1,141,144). This financial strength serves the Organization well in delivering on its on-going financial commitments to the Hospital".

Jim Van Roon, CPA, CA
Partner

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Full Financial Report will be available to interested members in the Auxiliary Office once it has reopened.

Rankin Cancer Run Update

We are happy to announce that once again this year, West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary is the recipient of a most generous donation from the Rankin Cancer Run.

This donation was awarded at the start of 2020 but understandably, based on the uncertainty of the progress of the infrastructure changes to the OR's, OB, Endoscopy services returning plus the rebuild, the Rankin Administration have placed the donation in trust, to be awarded when the rework and rebuild have progressed to a point that they deem appropriate.

It was unfortunate that the pandemic arrived about the same time and has caused some delays in the rework, but work is now well underway to complete the upgrade and to plan the rebuild.

We will be in contact with the Rankin Administration to keep them abreast of the progress.

Your Auxiliary Event and Donation Dollars at work

The Auxiliary Executive is proud to announce a \$5,000 donation to the hospital, providing education funding for hospital staff to remain at the forefront of the latest health care advances.

In 2019, the Auxiliary provided funding of \$20,000 for a Bladder Scanner and in January 2020 the Auxiliary paid almost \$40,000 for Medication Carts and Infusion Chairs and gave permission for the hospital to purchase an Endoscopy Cabinet and other equipment in the amount of \$60,000 to enhance the Endoscopy Suite upgrades which should be completed later this year.

A new Telemetry System was also pledged in 2019 in the amount of approx. \$175,000. The installation of the Telemetry System is currently underway in the hospital with the system wiring being run throughout the hospital main level.