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Message From the President

Jenny Raymond

I hope you all are managing to survive this unusual winter with its mild and cold spells peppered with record breaking snow storms!

Returning to Christmas, the Teddy Bear Campaign did extremely well and raised $33,100 representing 331 bears. Four Carescape V100 monitors will be purchased and it has yet to be decided what will be purchased with the extra funds raised. This year, high school students from 4 area schools raised over $4000 towards the campaign and were featured in a Whig Standard article on January 15.

The 19th annual Staff Appreciation was received as well as ever with approximately 200 staff attending and many cup cakes and cookies taken up to the less fortunate who were unable to come.

Congratulations to our Auxiliary members who reached their service milestones in 2016 these are Lynn Van Winckle (25), Brad and Gail Guest (15) and Cheryl Turner (10) years.

The next General meeting is on March 21 at Cooke's Portsmouth Church. There are couple of motions to be approved and By-Law V to be amended. This change to By-Law V will allow the Board to authorize up to $3000 to cover costs not included in the budget. The maximum amount per year will be $5000. Please read the details of this amendment on page 3.

The speaker was to be Silvie Crawford, Executive V.P. & Chief Nursing Executive, talking about the future direction for KGH. Unfortunately, she has another commitment, but we hope to find another speaker and will advise members by email where possible.

Hope to see you there!

**GENERAL MEETING & LUNCH**

MONDAY

***March 21,* 2016**

***Cooke’s Portsmouth in***

***Calvin Park***

10:30am Registration

11.00am Meeting

12 noon Lunch

**MENU**

Shepherd’s Pie

Dessert Squares

Coffee and Tea

Cost $15.00

1.00pm Presentation

**SPEAKER TO BE ADVISED AT A LATER DATE**

**As the venue needs numbers well in advance, if attending, please call Theresa** @613-549-6666 Ext.6352 **OR**

**E-mail** kghaux@kgh.kari.net **as soon as possible** **but no later than Monday March 14**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

 **Peter Ginn**

**As of January 31st 2016**

**Unallocated surplus**

**$366,566.45**

**REMINDER!**

2016-17 Membership Fees

**Due April 1, 2016**

$15.00 single

$20.00 family

$150.00 life membership

Fees may be mailed to the Auxiliary Office or may be paid at the registration table at the General Meeting

***Please notify the Auxiliary Office of any changes of address, phone number or email address. If we are kept up to date, it saves money and time. A quick phone call or a short email will do the job.***

**Due to the rising cost of mailing, we encourage all our members with email to have their Newsletter delivered by this method. *Please let Theresa know if you would like to use this method.***

***Thank you.***

**MEMBERSHIP**

By Lorraine Coull

We Welcome New Members

Kathleen Cunningham

Susan Kennedy

Pat Pointer

**STAFF APPRECIATION TEA**

The annual Tea to show our appreciation to KGH staff was held on January 28th in the Burr 1 Conference Room organized by the Hospitality Convenor, Sandy Thomas, and her committee. This ever popular afternoon event was attended by just over 200 of the hospital staff who were served tea, punch, cupcakes and cookies by Auxiliary volunteers. Thanks go to the team effort of all those who assisted in the preparations and on the day to make it a great success.

Our members prepared and manned the tables to ensure that everyone who attended enjoyed the break. Plates of cookies and cupcakes were made up for distribution to take back to the patient floors for the staff that were unable to attend.

This year, again, the Tea was in collaboration with Compass who supplied the cupcakes and cookies. The Auxiliary provided the tea & punch.

The flower arrangements were donated by Kevin Blaney and given as door prizes. Other prizes were donated by the Auxiliary Café and Gift/Tuck Shop.

We also thank Harpist Barb Carr who entertained our guests during the event – such a treat!

**2016 BUS TRIP**

Stratford Festival

Tuesday May 17 & Wednesday May 18, 2016

Cost: Members $375

Non-Members $400

Price Includes: Bus & Driver Gratuity; 1 night at the Arden Park Hotel with Breakfast; and Dinner at the Steak House in Kitchener;

PLAYS are “Shakespeare in Love” and “Chorus Line” - both matinee performances.

The trip is sold out but there is a waiting list. Call the Auxiliary Office to sign up. Thank you.

**In Memoriam**

George McGinnis

Anne Regnart

Harriet Stalker

**KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

**Spring Fling**

L U N C H E O N

B R I D G E

**G Cooke’s-Portsmouth United Church Hall**

 **200 Norman Rogers Drive**

**THURSDAY APRIL14, 2016**

**LUNCH: 12 NOON**

**COST: $20 PER PERSON**

Proceeds to enhance patient care at KGH

For Reservations ~ please call Auxiliary Office

613-549-6666 ext 6352

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY CAFÉ

By Shirley Hicks, Convenor

As a café volunteer, I get many questions about what I do when I sign on for a shift.  Here are some of the questions and my answers.
1. *Do I have to deal with money?*

Our paid staff handle the cashier’s duties.

2.  *I don't know how to cook.  Will I have to train?*

Volunteers don't do any of the cooking or planning of meals.  All this is done by our café manager and the café staff.
3.  *What exactly is the job?*

Volunteers are hosts.  They wipe the tables, wash trays, and fill items when needed in the station just beyond the cash.  It has cutlery, salt, pepper, milk and cream as well as sugar and serviettes.  Volunteers may also need to empty garbage cans but the staff can help if needed.
4.  *Do I just do a few things and then stand around?*

It is very busy over the lunch hour and there is a steady stream of customers needing clean trays and tables.
5. *What are the hours?*

The hours are usually 9-12 or 12 to 3, during the week.
6.  *Who do I contact to be a café volunteer?*

Contact the volunteer office and they will guide you through the requirements.
A café volunteer is there to assist customers when needed and to offer a friendly face in the customer area.

**NEWS FROM THE GIFT & TUCK SHOP**

**By Merna Manders Convenor**

Spring has come to the Gift Shop! Be sure to check out the front window often for a preview of all that‘s new in the shop. Watch for an Easter and Spring Window early in March and a Bridal Window in May.

A new line of lingerie from Patricia includes nightgowns and pajamas. The lovely fabric is both soft and comfortable. Spring and Summer fashions are arriving daily in lovely colours and designs. Dresses, tops, sweaters, beach wear and accessories are colourful and attractive. A new addition in jewellery is angel necklaces in gold and silver from designer Jacqueline Kent.

Beautiful new dolls and soft plush toys have arrived just in time for Easter. There is a good selection of Adult Colouring Books and coloured pencils are available.

Whimsical bunnies, ducks, geese, lambs and many Easter themed decorations make our gift department bright and spring like. In gifts, there is something special for every occasion.

Our baby department is brimming with Winnie the Pooh and Dr. Seuss plush toys, many new themed baby gifts and beautiful handmade quilts. Baby Snoozies slippers are now in stock again.

Lovely hand knit children’s sweaters, baby shawls, and baby sets are perfect for warm spring days.

The Tuck Shop is doing well and is very busy. Easter treats include chocolate bunnies in cookie dough, cookies & cream, and peanut butter flavours. Bags of 40 individually wrapped chocolate eggs are also available. If you have an idea for something new for a snack or treat in the Tuck Shop, just let us know

Drop by both shops to browse, shop, and enjoy the excitement of spring.

**Staffing Changes:**

Linda M has retired as Manager of the Gift/Tuck Shops. She is well and is looking forward to enjoying more time with family and friends. We thank Linda for her work and support of the Kingston General Hospital Auxiliary throughout her ten years with us.

We are pleased to announce that Michelle B has accepted the position of Manager of the KGH Auxiliary Gift /Tuck Shops. Cathy M has joined our staff as Afternoon Tuck Shop Assistant.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

1. **BUDGET 2016-2017**

**That the 2016-2017 Budget as printed on page 4 be accepted.**

1. **That $1,000 from the HELPP lottery be used to purchase 2 iPads for the Elder Life Program**
2. **AMENDMENT TO**

**BY-LAW V**

There are times when a budget line goes over the approved amount and often there is an extended period between General Meetings. According to the existing By-laws, we must have any excess amount over and above a budget line approved at a General Meeting to enable us to continue to function in that particular area. This amendment is proposed to cover this but would only be used in rare instances. The decision would then be advised at the next General Meeting. As there already is a budget line, the Contingency line cannot be used for this purpose as this line is to be used for unforeseen and unexpected expenses not allowed for elsewhere in our budget.

**That By-Law V – Expenditures be amended to include a new section 9 which would state:**

**9. The Board shall authorize expenditures over and above the approved budget up to three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) without ratification of the membership provided that the total of such expenditures shall not exceed five thousand ($5,000.00) in any one fiscal year.**

