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North Hastings District Hospital Auxiliary



Volunteer Voices



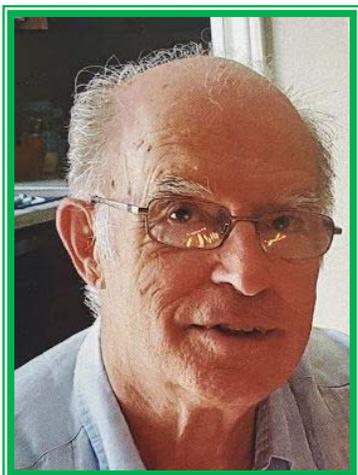
QHC North Hastings Hospital continues to support our local needs

The North Hastings District Hospital Auxiliary was pleased to present a cheque to the Fund Development Committee for \$35,000 towards new equipment for the Bancroft Hospital in October.

The money provided will go towards purchasing two glidescopes, IV infusion pumps, a patient lift and additional needs due to Covid-19.

Although the Auxiliary had a challenging year for fundraising, they would like to thank Tony and Jill's No Frills for running the annual Round Up and the Bancroft Tim Hortons for their Smile Cookie Campaign. A big thank you to the community for their generosity and to the Auxiliary's volunteers who assisted with the fundraising and the operation of the New to You store.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**Warm Spring Greetings to Everyone**

What a unique year this has been!!! We have just ended the first year of many restrictions because of Covid-19. Although many things were shut down and we were shut in, we can celebrate that we did not have the severe effects and deaths that so many other areas had.

A special thanks is given to the Executive and Coordinators who looked after all the behind the scenes business and have us ready to resume all of our activities as restrictions allow.

Even though we were not involved in person, Tony and Jill McLaughlin, owners of No Frills, held the Roundup and donated \$6500.00 to us. Mark Walsh and his wife, owners of Tim Horton's, strongly supported the Smile Cookie campaign and 15,249 cookies were sold at \$1.00 each.

After the first wave of the virus, thanks to the volunteers who made the necessary building modifications, the New to You was open for a few months with very good sales. Using the monies from these sales and the balance from our account we were very pleased to be able to give \$35000.00 to the North Hastings Fund Development Committee to purchase new and replacement equipment and also assist with the additional Covid-19 costs. Volunteer staff and the public are both excitedly anticipating the reopening of the Corner Café. With careful small steps it is our goal to reopen soon.

There will still be some fund raising exceptions. The raffle for the Foodland food vouchers and the BBQ as part of the Roundup will not be part of our activities this year.

The Annual General Meeting is planned for June 14, 2021. We hope to see some of you there as restrictions allow. Meanwhile, cheers and keep healthy.

David MacLeod, President

YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

In September, 2020, the Nominations Committee, chaired by Michael Brooks and consisting of Debbie Speck and Ann Ramsey was activated in order to obtain a full slate of nominations for the May 2021 to May 2023 Executive. Due to Covid-19, the Committee never met in person and did its business via email. We did have the opportunity to meet, face to face, at a safe distance, with some of the candidates. The following is the recommended slate of nominations for the May 2021 to May 2023 Executive. All candidates have agreed to stand.

President - Glenna Armstrong

Past President - David MacLeod

Vice President - Donna Fedorov

Secretary - Rose Goodwin

Treasurer - Margje Fults

Director at Large (Communications) - Val Winsor

Director at Large (Volunteer Co-ordinator) - Kate Fentie

Director at Large - Trish Brooks

The membership voted by email and telephone in February, 2021 to accept this slate of nominations.

Since the vote was held, we unfortunately were informed that Valerie Winsor would be leaving the Auxiliary since she was moving to Ottawa. Gabby Coe has stepped up to fill the Director at Large (Communications) position. All the candidates will be sworn in at the AGM currently scheduled for June.

Thank you to those members who have decided to continue their duties on the Executive and a big thank you goes out to Glenna Armstrong for taking on the President's role, Donna Fedorov for the Vice President's role and Gabby Coe for the Director at Large.



ROUND UP 2020

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the Auxiliary had assumed that the No Frills Round Up would be cancelled this year. What a surprise when Tony from No Frills called Susan Stevens, one of the convenors of the past Round Ups, to say they wanted to go ahead. Susan got in contact with her co-convenor, Janice MacKenzie, and plans were underway.

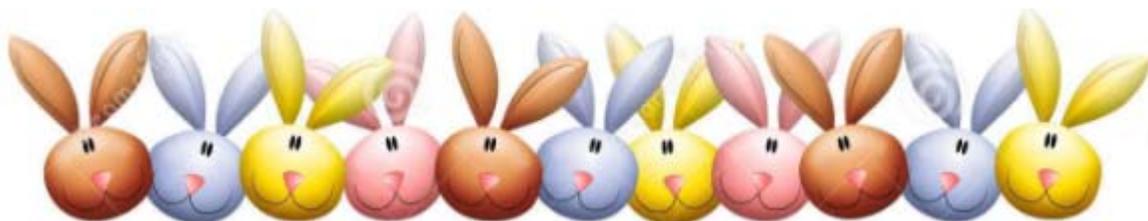
“Loblaws does the “Give A Little, Help A Lot” campaign where we as business owners can choose what we can do in order to help in the community,” co-owner of the No Frills in Bancroft Tony McLaughlin said. He says the first thing that popped into his and Jill’s mind was the annual Round-Up. The staff was full on board.

“Tony and Jill have taken over at the No Frills and they have stepped up,” Susan says. “I’m overwhelmed that they’ve offered this to us.” She adds that with what they’re were going through at their grocery store, she’s impressed they were able to do the Round-Up this year.



It didn't look quite the same as a normal Round Up since we couldn't do the BBQ or have our volunteer at the front entrance handing out bandages. But what was the same was the enthusiasm of the community donating \$6,500.

Over \$126,000 has been raised during the 18 years the Round-Up has been held by the North Hastings Hospital Auxiliary, and they hope to add more to that total in the future.



CORNER CAFÉ UPDATE



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The Corner Café was closed from March through December of 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. During this shutdown of the Café we were approached by Kathy Plunkett of The Manor regarding the possibility of using the Café as a staging area for meeting purposes of Staff and incoming residents. This was approved and they have been using it for the past year.

It was necessary to eliminate and discard any food (frozen or otherwise) which may have gone out of date during this time. Rather than throw it all away (there was a lot) the food was donated to the 580 Club for their free dinners. The muffin mix which was already made up was baked and given to the Manor for their staff and residents.

Debbie and Trish were approached in December regarding the possibility of providing cookies to the hospital staff as a thank you. Due to the fact that the Café was still closed we approached The Wattle & Daub to see if the cookies could be purchased from them. This was accomplished and a small bag of cookies was presented to the Hospital Staff.

On a positive note, the Café is hoping to re-open after this new April Provincial shutdown, being able to offer some services through the Café to our community — stay tuned !!



Ah, the good old days — remember them?

TIM HORTON'S SMILE COOKIE

In spite of Covid-19, the Tim Hortons' annual Smile Cookie campaign went ahead as planned. It is one of our few fundraising events where social distancing is easy to accommodate.

Our volunteers came out in full force to wave our signs and cookies to encourage customers to buy a Smile Cookie and they did!



Hold on to your hats.... we sold 15,249 cookies in Bancroft during the campaign. More cookies than we have ever sold before. In fact, Tim Hortons' were so overwhelmed with demand that our volunteers were invited into their kitchens to help decorate cookies.

We received a donation of \$15,249 from Tim Hortons and we would like to thank the local Tim Hortons' owner, Mark Walsh, management and crew members for their great support during the Campaign. And of course a HUGE thank you, to all of the Auxiliary volunteers who came out to decorate cookies and who shook those cookies and signs. You're the Best!



THE AUXILIARY STEPPED UP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Helping to Provide PPEs

The staff at Belleville General Hospital launched an initiative to make 10,000 reusable barrier gowns for QHC. Quilters from across the area joined the project to help make them. The hospital staff whose initiative it was, were fundraising to help buy the supplies. The North Hastings Quilt Club with Auxiliary volunteers Gabby Coe and Ann Ramsey made over 1500 of these gowns.

It was a massive project to find the fabric, find a company to cut the patterns, and then home seamstresses to make them. Once completed the gowns went to Quinte Health to be distributed across its network. "This was at a time when there were no PPE available to purchase so many of us turned our homes into mini manufacturers to get them done", says Gabby Coe.

North Hastings District Hospital Auxiliary donated \$500 towards the purchase of supplies including fabric, binding tie tapes and cuffs. The volunteers provided time and thread. All told Bancroft and district made approximately 1600 gowns during the crisis.

Providing Assistance to our Local Community

In early March 2020, it was evident that our local community would be devastated by the coming pandemic. The North Hastings District Hospital Auxiliary Executive did not hesitate to step forward and help out. It was obvious that our tenant above New to You would be harshly effected by the business closures. So, without delay, the Auxiliary waved the tenant's rent for the months of April, May and June in 2020 and again for January 2021.

Providing Thanks to our Health Care Workers

In December we were approached by QHC to see if the Auxiliary was willing to bake cookies as thank you gifts for the local Bancroft health care workers. Due to the lock down, it was not practical for us to do the baking but we did not hesitate to fund this initiative by paying \$390 to Waddle and Daub to bake and put together bags of cookies. These were delivered in mid December, thanking the maintenance workers, assistants, administrators, nurses and doctors for all of the extra effort they provided during the pandemic.

NEW TO YOU UPDATE

New To You has been able to open in 2020 and this year 2021 during the pandemic due to low covid numbers in our region and the ability to implement covid safety protocols easily at NTY. Enough volunteers have been happy to come back and volunteer at the store with us working just one shift only from 11 AM to 3PM. I am sure as the vaccine roll out progresses, we will be able to return to our two shifts by summer.

We were open in June 2020 until mid December 2020. We reopened end of February 2021 and have switched over to our spring/summer apparel. Profits have been good and with our new summer apparel, which is plentiful, we are hoping for record profits.



Donations have been excellent with many people cleaning out closets during the pandemic. We are loaded with summer bins full of clothes and will not be short of clothes to display during this session. Minor repairs and painting have been done to keep up the clean, bright appearance we try to present to customers. New adjustments are being made in the marking room to increase efficiency. It is wonderful to see how so many of us have come together safely at this time to keep the store open and continue to support the Bancroft Hospital.



Our hope is for all volunteers to return in the next few months and to mount a campaign to encourage new members to join our auxiliary.

Thanks to all the gals at NTY for the dedication, fun and support we share.

MEMORIALS

Marion Carr joined the Auxiliary in 2004 and soon became an invaluable member of the Wednesday morning café staff, Rose's steady partner. In 2009 she received her 5-year pin and her 1000-hour bar. The Auxiliary allowed Marion to get out of the house to meet new friends and socialize. Marion loved to sing and talk. Her love was supporting Don's involvement with the Bancroft Cruisers. She sat her Teddy Bear on the hood of his car. Don and Marion lived in their Paudash family cottage for 45 years eventually settling in town. On Friday, March 12, 2021, Marion Carr passed away after a brief illness at Hastings Centennial Manor.

Mona Bentley joined the Auxiliary in 1985, the same year that the Auxiliary began. Although not one of the founding group, she became involved in all aspects immediately. Through the years, Mona worked with the Opportunity shop, adopting a child for the Auxiliary, Auxiliary Teas, Garden tours, Evening at Baptiste, Round-Up, Bake and Cookie Sales and the Café Organization Committee. She represented the Auxiliary at many regional and provincial conferences. Mona was honoured with the HAAO Provincial Life Membership in 1997. Among her many awards were Certificates of Achievements, the 25-year pin, 6000-hour bar and the Outstanding service pin. Mona was never a shrinking violet and if she had something to say, she did. She had the final say. "Motion to Adjourn." On Friday, January 29th, 2021, Mona Bentley passed away.

Sonny Cook joined the Auxiliary in 1990. You could never miss Sonny in a room. Her bright unique style of dress, her long braid and her perpetual smile made her one of a kind. From early spring to late fall Sonny lived on Turtle Island in Stony Lake. From here she would boat to the marina and then drive 2 hours to volunteer for the Auxiliary. She was involved with cookie trays, Garden Tours, Round-up, Radiothon, Fashion Shows, Cookbooks, Harvest Tea, Lifestyle Home Show, and Smile Cookies. One of her own paintings, which now hangs in the emergency Department of Bancroft Hospital, was donated for an auxiliary Raffle. Sonny made a memorable Mrs. Claus on the Auxiliary float of the Santa Claus Parade.

Sonny was honoured with her 25-year pin, local life pin and certificates of appreciation. Years before she left us Sonny was in touch with close friends and family to make sure that the service was what she wanted. Sonny was very spiritual. She wanted both a service at St. John's and a sweet grass ceremony presided over by the indigenous people. Her involvement in the community was multifaceted. She was a continual student, painter, a teacher, a nurse and an Auxiliary cheerleader.

On September 23, 2020, Sonny Cook passed away.

In Loving Memory



COMINGS AND GOINGS AT THE AUXILIARY

We're sorry to see the following individuals leave our Auxiliary and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our cause:

- Wendy Barkley, Corner Cafe*
- Darlene Butt, New to You*
- Mary Danford, New to You*
- Sharron Potter, New to You*
- Tamara Titova, New to You*
- Valerie Winsor, Director at Large, Communications*



We're happy to welcome the following new member to the Auxiliary.

Dianne Easton, Info Desk



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