



WHAT'S UP? News from The Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital April 2016



President's Report

The Board of The Auxiliary wishes each of you a wonderful Spring. Spring is a time for renewal and we have been very busy planning for our AGM which will be held May 19th at 2 pm in Livingston Hall.

We have been working on a slate of officers for the Board, and as my term comes to an end, it is apparent that we have vacancies in two key positions, those being, President and Vice-President of our Auxiliary. We have a search committee in progress, however, we welcome candidates from amongst our membership. If you are interested, please call Brenda at the office 514-934-1934 ext 43009. or e-mail her at mgh.auxiliary@muhc.mcgill.ca.

We are also in desperate need for volunteers for our coffee shop and Book Nook. Your Auxiliary runs six commercial enterprises here at the hospital: 6th floor Hospitality Corner Gift Shop and Restaurant, the MGH Catering Service, Pine Avenue and Cedar Avenue Cafés, and The Book Nook at Cedar Lobby. All proceeds from these ventures, minus expenses, are channeled back to our Hospital and patients to improve patient care as is our mandate.

These are our major fundraising initiatives. On January 28th, The Auxiliary, with collaboration of the Emergency Room Staff, opened a renovated and refurbished Family Room. This room now presents a space which is both beautiful and calm, and is used by staff and physicians in Emergency as a space in which to interact with families in crisis situations. In being a member of our Auxiliary you are supporting and contributing to an initiative such as this.

Enjoy the Hope of Spring and I hope to see you at our AGM in May. Yvonne Mass

Thursday, January 28, 2016 MGH Emergency Family Room Official Opening

Ann Lynch, Associate Director of Clinical Operations; Yvonne Mass, President of The Auxiliary, Carole Filteau, MGH Emergency Nurse Manager; Pina La Riccia, Associate Director of Emergency Nursing.



Karen Fried, of The Auxiliary; Alexandra Hazzi, ER nurse and decorating coordinator of the Family room with the wonderfully nostalgic 1930's Montreal prints; and Diana Smith, of The Auxiliary.



Collectables Sale

A small Christmas Collectables Sale was held on December 10th, 2015 at the 4th floor Cafeteria. A few members worked shifts through the day selling china, collectables and most all the remaining Meissen Ware leftover from the last Early Bird. Yeah!! We also sold cook books and Christmas-themed books. This very successful sale made \$450 + another \$40 sold later at the Book Nook.

An interesting, low-key but profitable venture that will be repeated! Please bring your collectables donations for the next sale to The Auxiliary office.

Santa Bags

Thanks very much to Diana Smith for all the many years you have organized Santa Bags. They are given to patients in hospital on Christmas mornings. Diana coordinated the company and private donations, shopped for the gift bags and for some items, as well. Thank you, Diana, for your dedication!

Now it is time to pass the duties to other Santa elves! Please contact The Auxiliary office with your names and those of your friends who could become the new team. This is a fun and rewarding tradition.



Blood Donor Clinic

Héma-Québec has scheduled a Blood Donor Clinic on April 27, 2016. Their huge mobile unit will be parked outside the Montreal General Hospital 2nd Cedar Avenue East entrance door.

Sponsored by The Auxiliary, many generous people will donate their "Gift of Life". Thank you!

Cedar Catering
MGH Hospitality Corner
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meetings, presentations, birthdays, etc.

In Sympathy

We remember Ginny Heward, who died in January 2016. She was such a friendly and enthusiastic buyer and sales person at the Hospitality Corner Jewellery counter for many years.

We remember John Holmes, who died in March 2016. He was such a dedicated volunteer at the Book Nook which brought him and those he served such pleasure. Before that, John volunteered in hospital clinics.

The Auxiliary welcomes you to Volunteer and/or encourage friends to join the fun!

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Card Party Luncheon postponed to Fall 2016

**All interested people willing to work
on this event planning please contact
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