



## What's Up? News from The Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital October 2016



### **Executive Report** Yvonne Mass

Greetings and best wishes to you all. As we continue to have vacancies in the positions of President and Vice-President, the Board will continue its work with rotating chairs from our Board, who will assume responsibility for the Board meetings and will participate on the Executive. This is working well and we will continue to search for individuals to assume these Board positions.

The Executive continues its work in regard to problem solving which arises between Board Meetings, and attends to the usual business of The Auxiliary.

We are welcoming new members to the Board and are appreciating new skill sets which they bring to The Auxiliary.

### **Card Party Luncheon**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**11:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Livingston Hall**

**Join your friends and reserve a table  
to play bridge, another card game  
or mahjong!**

**Door Prizes & Parking passes**

**\$55 / RSVP**

**to: The Auxiliary Office E6.219**

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### **AGM Report**

The Annual General Meeting of The Auxiliary, held on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Livingston Hall, was well attended. After reports were presented and the new slate of officers introduced, a wonderful presentation was given by Dr. Jonathan Meakins, chair of the MUHC Art and Heritage Centre, who spoke on *The Healing Environment - A Look into the Future*. Dr. Meakins spoke of the past achievements of the MGH and the approach to the healing environment in the future.

A Dessert Buffet followed which was enjoyed in good company before breaking for the Summer – not knowing a friendship, a happy smile taken for granted, would be suddenly gone from our midst.



**In Sympathy to the family of Hannelore Carpenter** we remember Hannelore, seated 2<sup>nd</sup> from left with her friends in the photo above taken at the AGM, who died suddenly after a brief illness in July 2016. She was an enthusiastic and dedicated member of The Auxiliary Board of Directors for over 15 years.

Hannelore was also such a friendly and caring volunteer at the Cedars Cancer Support Centre. In recognition of her 13 years in Radiation Oncology in 2015, Hannelore was honoured with the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

### **News from the Corner** Bob Gaudreau

There have been many changes to the **Hospitality Corner** in the last year. These include changes in the menu, changes in our personnel, and changes in our customer base!

**The Restaurant** is continually offering a greater range of nutritional meals. A wider range of salad combinations has been added, as well as improved offerings in our daily specials! We have also reduced the number of dessert options and added more fruit and vegetable servings. The swing to "healthier" foods will continue over the many months ahead. Volunteers to work a shift (3 hours) in the Restaurant are needed.

**The Gift Shop** continues to explore new and attractive apparel, jewelry, stationery and gift offerings. The reputation of our Shop is one of high

quality at reasonable prices. The success of the Boutique is the result of the experience and the expertise of our merchandisers. We are fortunate that our ladies remain so active and dedicated. This level of participation by our merchandisers, all volunteers, is the key to the Shop's success.

**The Holiday season is approaching. Please remember the Gift Shop in your plans.**

The traffic in the Hospital continues to decline. This is due to the transfer of several departments and clinics to other facilities, including a large number of blood tests now being performed at the Glen (blood-test patients are our strongest source of Restaurant and Café patrons). In the last two years, traffic has declined 20% to 30%. As a result, we have been obliged to reduce our personnel during this difficult period. We have also limited the hours of Café service. The objective of our efforts is to deliver excellent service and product offerings, and as always, with the view of generating "Surplus Funds" for the benefit of the MGH.

Next year, 2017, promises to be better in terms of sales. The MUHC plans to move several new departments to the General during the course of the year. There is adequate floor space available. The hospital facilities and plant are in very good condition. With the moves, we will see an increase in the number of Medical and Administrative personnel. This will provide a basis for an increase in patient traffic, as well. Stay tuned. And come by for a visit!

### **CEDAR CATERING**

**MGH Hospitality Corner**

**D6.120, 1650 Cedar Avenue**

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**meetings, presentations, birthdays...**

**at work, home, or other venue**

**The Blood Donor Collection** as coordinated by Nadine Tsoukas was held April 27. Thirty-three units of blood were donated to **Héma-Québec**.

**From Vimy to Juno: Nov. 24, 2016; 1 - 2:30 pm;**

**Livingston Hall; Montreal General Hospital**

Dear friends and colleagues of the RBC Art and Heritage Centre of the McGill University Health Centre: You are cordially invited to the Vernissage of the exhibition entitled *From Vimy to Juno*. Travelling from coast to coast, it highlights Canada's role in the First and Second World Wars. We are pleased to announce that the Montreal stop will feature exclusive installments that bring to life first-hand accounts of the wartime experiences of doctors and nurses from MUHC founding hospitals. Get to know the McGill Unit, the Canadian General Hospital that changed the direction of medical recruitment across Canada.

Come see original artifacts from WWI and WWII including the uniforms and tools used by doctors and nurses. Understand what it was like to be recruited to fight overseas and walk through the camp grounds amongst fellow Montrealers. Applaud the heroic men and women who saved countless lives and remember those who never made it back. Special features include an original copy of *'In Flanders Fields'* by John McCrae and Dr. Scrimgers' Victoria Cross medal of honour. December 4th will be last day of the Juno Beach Centre exhibition. The RBC Art and Heritage exhibit will remain until after the winter holidays.

**RSVP for the Vernissage on November 24<sup>th</sup> (indicating if you will be accompanied) to: [heritage@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:heritage@muhc.mcgill.ca)**

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

Last years ceremony was a lovely event, enjoyed by patients, staff and visitors. A musical holiday celebration was provided by the children from Lower Canada College. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. A thank-you to Mary Sue Licursi Sabbagh and friends for organizing the event and for providing the refreshments. This years event will be Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in Cedar Lobby.

### **Santa Bags**

The preparation and distribution of Santa Bags, organized by former Board member Diana Smith, will continue this year. A sincere thank-you to Diana for continuing to organize this special task. Our hospitalized patients are truly appreciative of their gift bag presented to them, which contains personal care items, candy and other articles.