



March 2019 - The Auxiliary's Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your continued support of The Auxiliary. We continue to fund and support projects at the MGH and for MGH related services. Our major fund raising activities continue to be centered on our commercial enterprises which include the Hospitality Corner Gift Shop, the Hospitality Corner Restaurant, Cedar Avenue Café, Pine Avenue Café, the MGH Catering service under Yves Coderre and the Book Nook at Cedar Lobby. All monies raised, after expenses, go to The Auxiliary to support our various projects. The Auxiliary is budgeting for the following activities: Department grants at the MGH, MGH associated Community grants, equipment requests and donations to the MGH Research Institute. Our donations are substantial and go toward the betterment of Patient Care, so thank you to all The Auxiliary members and Volunteers.

Respectfully, Yvonne Mass, Honorary President

2018 Annual General Meeting Report

The 2018 AGM was held last May in Livingston Hall. Reports were presented and financial documents available for perusal as per our Chartered Professional Accountant. Our guest speaker was Dr. Gerald Fried, Surgeon-in-Chief MUHC, who spoke on "Surgical Innovation". The meeting was well attended and refreshments were served.

Consider this your Invitation to the next
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 2 pm in Livingston Hall.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Francesco Carli, MD, MPhil, FRCA, FRCPC
Professor of Anesthesia and Associate Professor of Dietetics
and Human Nutrition at McGill University
Founder of the Peri Operative Program at the Montreal General Hospital
We welcome you to bring a friend and join us!
Light refreshments will follow the meeting.
Please save the date and RSVP before May 15, 2019
514-934-1934 ext.43009 or mgh.auxiliary@muhc.mcgill.ca

Please attend our next important Fundraising Event
Card Party Luncheon April 23, 2019
11:30 am - 3:30 pm
You are encouraged to invite your friends to make a table
for lunch and playing cards. Bridge, other or mahjong.
Parking Passes and Door Prizes
cost \$55. RSVP before April 12
to 514-934-1934 ext. 43009 or mgh.auxiliary@muhc.mcgill.ca

IN MEMORIUM Miss. Barbara Whitley April 1918 - May 2018



Miss. Barbara Whitley, a long serving member of the MGH Auxiliary, passed away in her 101st year in May of 2018. Barbara contributed 70 plus years of service to the MGH. She was an early President of the MGH Auxiliary and continued her interest and support of The Auxiliary even in her final years. She was the first woman to serve on the hospital's Executive Committee, and in recognition of her incredible service to the MGH she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the MUHC in 2016. "Thank you" to Barbara for all those years and for her generosity to The Auxiliary and the MGH.

Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 12, 2018



Once again the delightful children of LCC sang in the 6th floor atrium to welcome in the Holiday Season. Patients and staff enjoyed their performance and refreshments. "Thank you" to Mary Sue Licursi Sabbagh and friends for organizing the event and providing the refreshments.

Dec. 12, 2018 packing Santa Bags



On **December 25th, 2018**, as per The Auxiliary tradition, a Holiday Gift Bag was given to each patient admitted in hospital and to those waiting in Emergency. Each contained personal hygiene items, candy and Get Well cards penned and drawn by young children from five local schools. Thanks to The Auxiliary members who assembled the bags, as well as, to Diana Smith and Brenda Jandron who spent early Christmas morning helping staff to distribute the bags to the wards.

The Auxiliary Book Nook at Cedar Lobby continues to be very popular for patients, staff and visitors. Dedicated volunteers operate the Book Nook 5 days a week from 10 am - 3 pm. Profits are shared between The Auxiliary and Volunteer Services. This has been a profitable endeavour selling the donated books and the monies earned go towards patient care and equipment.

Hospitality Corner Gift Shop offers a wide variety of lovely gifts and sundries. The new attraction has been the **Collectables Shelves** where beautiful, donated antiques and good quality collectables are displayed for sale. Another successful initiative to contribute to.



Hospitality Corner Restaurant and Cafés This year has seen improving sales, especially in the Restaurant and the Cedar Avenue Café. Our signature products are: soups, sandwiches, daily pasta, and daily specials. Some changes have been made to the menu including frozen soups for Take-Out (Lentil, Beef and Barley, and Portuguese), higher-end salads (Greek, Niçoise, and Shrimp), more salad choices on the main specials (Caesar, Mixed, Spinach), as well as an improved offering of pastries and muffins. Our coffee is considered the equal of any offered in the city and the best in the hospital. Our sandwiches continue to be popular with our clientele.

Pine Avenue & Cedar Cafés are available to provide a quick snack - coffee, tea, sandwiches, soup and a variety of desserts. Items for take-away are available at both cafés and the Hospitality Corner Restaurant.

Cedar Catering Our Catering operation held its own this past year. In spite of an increased emphasis on cutting back on expenses, the MUHC continues to support our catering kitchen. We have lost sales at the MUHC Head Office site, but increased sales elsewhere in the institution. We depend heavily on "Word of Mouth" and we are getting excellent reviews. Both for the service levels, as well as for the quality of our products.

Respectfully, Robert Gaudreau, H.C. Manager

Cedar Catering, MGH Hospitality Corner
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