

# Oakville has ‘immense pride’ in hospital then and now

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a “pleasure and an honour to be involved.”

“There was such excitement about Oakville’s new hospital and that wonderful community spirit and support carried on during my time,” said Parsons, noting it was the first hospital between Toronto and Hamilton when it opened in 1950. “I’ve always felt fortunate to be in Oakville and have that job. The community has immense pride in their hospital.”

Parsons will be among a number of community members showing their pride and walking down memory lane at OTMH’s Garden

Party, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 26. The VIP event, with formal speeches from special guests at 1 p.m., will be followed by a community portion in which residents are welcome to enjoy a number of celebration stations featuring OTMH gardens, historical artifacts, a children’s area, caricature artists and a photo booth.

Emma Murphy, Halton Healthcare Service’s (HHS) senior communications consultant, said the event not only celebrates the hospital’s 65-year history at the 327 Reynolds St. location, but gives the community a chance to say goodbye to the fixture in the community as the



Lillian Parsons (third from the right), is seen here among Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) staff who are all receiving their 10-year pin in 1960.

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