

ACTON LEGION SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL

DONATION MADE FOR NEW VITAL SIGN MONITOR, WRITES DAVID MALONEY



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Column

Things have been quiet during weekday evenings at the Acton Legion since the cards and dart leagues are now on hiatus.

But that's not so on weekends, when we are seeing crowds not seen since before COVID. Friday night socials, stag and

doe parties and weekend concerts are bringing folks in like never before.

Relaxing of COVID rules has also allowed us to finally say goodbye to friends who died during the pandemic. We have a series of "Celebrations of Life" booked in the main hall.

Last month, I spoke to Knesia Sholdra, who is the associate director, philanthropy and events, of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

Our membership has been asking us to donate to the hospital even though our rules restrict us from donating to non-veteran institutions. We worked with command, and as a result, Branch 197 is proud to announce a \$5,150 donation toward a new Vital Sign Monitor for George-



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Pictured for the cheque presentation are (from left) Wes Kutasienski (former Legion president), Laurie McNabb (service officer), David Maloney (Poppy chair), Knesia Sholdra (Georgetown Hospital director), Cathy Munday (Legion treasurer) and Peggy Graham (new Legion president).

town Hospital.

We are very pleased to be able make the donation from our Poppy fund.

On Thursday, May 5, our Ladies Auxiliary held their elections after a three-year wait. Ladies,

your new execs are president Sue Poulsen, first vice Lori Savage, second vice Angie Mowat, secre-

tary Courtney Hastie and treasurer Joanne Knight.

On Monday, May 9, the branch was also able to hold their elections after a three-year wait, and the following members were elected to new posts: President Peggy Graham, first vice Les Bentley, second vice Pat Graham and third vice Percy Harding.

Also joining the board are John Knight, Lynda Fischer, Ian Munday, Angie Palmer and Laura Cooper.

Please check the webpage at legion197.com, and in addition we will be posting information on social media.

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