



MONITOR

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HOSPITAL

THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT...

Our appreciation goes out to those 104 Miltonians who responded to our recent planning questionnaire. Your feedback and opinions are helpful as we plan for how best to meet this community's health care needs.

The survey results were provided to over 35 hospital and community representatives who came together on October 18th for a one day Planning Retreat. The day was a success, with worthwhile discussion and debate on what services the Hospital should provide and how we should offer them in the future.

We'll be sure to keep you informed as our future plans unfold.

HALTON MRI SCANNER SERVING MILTON PATIENTS

Our new Halton MRI service has been up and running for almost one month - and the quality of the images the scanner produces are fantastic!

Our scanner is truly a state-of-the-art machine - perhaps the best one in Canada.

During our first month of operation, 13 Milton patients have been scanned, with another 12 booked between now and early December. Without our new MRI machine, these patients would have waited many months for service elsewhere.

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS PROGRAM BEGINS AT MDH

An educational series for those with rheumatoid arthritis is being offered at MDH during November and December.

This series of four weekly sessions is co-sponsored by MDH and the Arthritis Society. Funding is being supplied by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The sessions are scheduled over four consecutive Tuesday afternoons starting on November 11th. Presenters will be Maureen Stoskopf, Occupational Therapist and Ann Benusis, Physiotherapist.

Call for Hospital at 878-2383, Ext. 2360 for more information or to register.

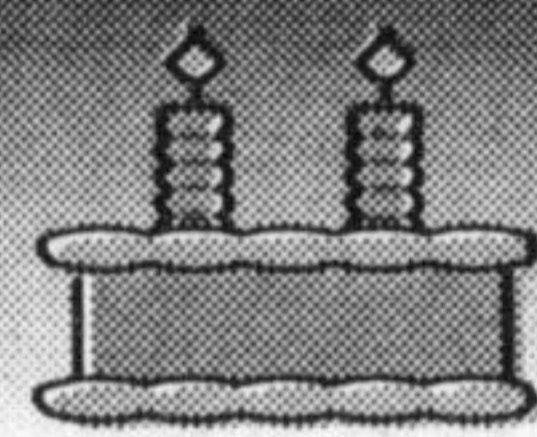
HOSPITAL RESTRUCTURING - UPDATE

We are still awaiting word on when the Health Services Restructuring Commission will release its report on Halton and the Greater Toronto Area. It is not expected to be available before late November or early December.

DID YOU KNOW...

At the end of our first six months of operation in the 1997/98 year, MDH is operating with a slight budget surplus. Our year to date revenues total **\$7.72 million** while our year to date expenses total **\$7.67 million**.

This is a solid financial position, particularly given the increased number of patients receiving services provided this year in obstetrics, diagnostic imaging, laboratory and our emergency department.



FOUNDATION

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY MONITOR!

We would like to thank our sponsors, **BESTBUY DISTRIBUTORS, BILL CURRIE, BOB (PIE) LEE, MCCUAIG INSURANCE LTD. AND MCKERSIE-KOCHER FUNERAL HOME LTD.** for their wonderful support and generosity!

SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING...

You can help put a twinkle in the MDH Foundation's "Tree of Caring" by donating to the **Buy a Bulb** campaign. This is the seventh Christmas of this very worthwhile project with over \$220,000. being raised over the past years. This year, the Foundation, is again inviting you to share in supporting the Hospital by lighting a bulb on our Tree of Caring. All it takes is a gift of \$10. or more. Your gift will help MDH raise the funds necessary to help to purchase a new cardiac monitoring system for the ICU. The present one is ten years old and outdated. The new system will ensure each bed in the ICU is equipped with the latest and most reliable technology. The information gathered at the bedside will be displayed at the nurses' station so that each patient may benefit by the constant surveillance.

Donations to the **Buy a Bulb** campaign may be made in person at the Foundation office located in the Hospital, or you may send your contribution to: Milton District Hospital Foundation, "Buy a Bulb Campaign", 30 Derry Road E., Milton, Ont. L9T 2X5.

This year, with your help, the "Tree of Caring" will be brighter than ever!

KINSMEN CLUB'S FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Kinsmen Club will be holding their first annual Festival of Trees this year. Each tree will be sponsored by a local business or association. Sponsorship includes purchasing any size artificial tree and decorating it. The trees will be raffled off and tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.00 or 8 for \$5.00. The decorated trees will be on display from November 15th to December 6th at the Milton Mall. Sponsors to date include Mike's Barber Shop, Lumberville, CUPE Local 815, the Royal Bank, The Waltzing Weasel, Cashway, and Maplehurst Correctional Facility. Proceeds will be donated to the Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree contact Kinsmen Co-Project Chairs, Pierre DeBie at 876-1757 Kinsmen Club or Stan White 876-4023. The draw will take place at the Mall on December 6th at 5 p.m.

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

The **Co-operators** for their generosity! They donated \$1262, which represented the proceeds of their car wash and corporate donation.



Milton Co-operators Sales Representative, Susan O'Connor; District Sales Manager, Paul Byron, MDH's Executive Director, Allan Halls and MDHF's Board Chair, Jane Copeland

Brunello Ristorante

For their wonderful donation from the Gourmet Evening! This event raised a delicious \$2,000!



Marilyn Bosnjak, Brunello Ristorante co-owners Michael Morra and Chaingaz Khan at the fabulous Gourmet Evening.

BOO!!

If you are visiting the Hospital over the Halloween weekend you may notice a few scary looking doors. The Foundation is holding a Halloween Nursing Station/Department Door Decorating Contest.

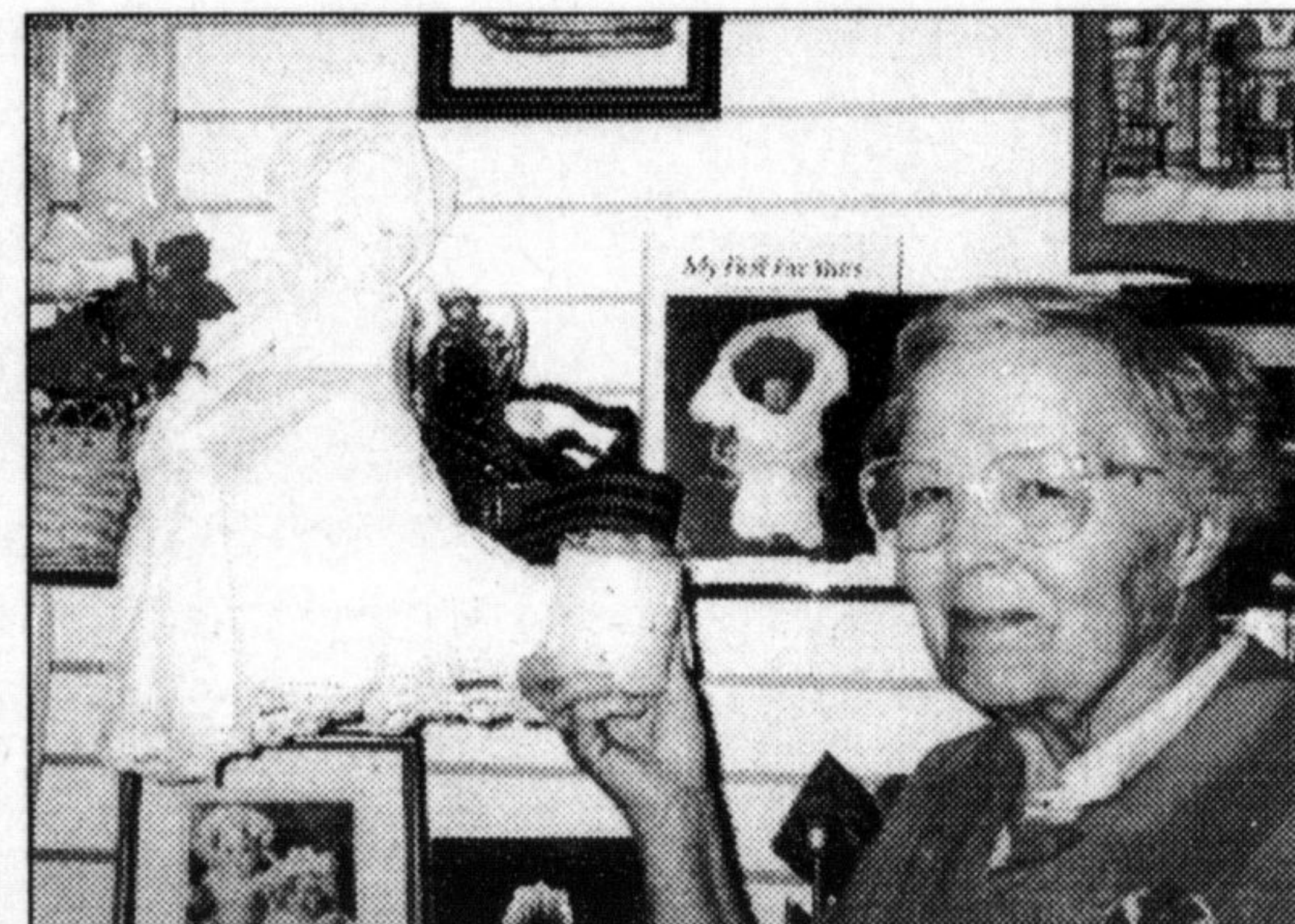
AUXILIARY

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

The **Auxiliary Annual Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair** will be held on Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd at MDH. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days. Tickets are available in the Hospital. Drop in and have a delicious meal! The Craft Fair will include baking tables, unique woodcrafts, knitting table and bake table. Apple cider and baked goods from Long Lane Orchards. Christmas carols performed by St. Paul's Minstrels. Don't miss it!

CALLING ALL CRAFTSMEN AND ARTISANS!

If you would like to participate in the Craft Fair please contact Judy Flieger at 878-2680.



SUPER SAVINGS IN THE GIFT SHOP!

Buy that special something at a great price. Visit the Gift Shop on either the 21st or 22nd of November and save 10%! Remember, the Gift Shop is always GST free!!

Auxiliary Member Joy Clarke shows off a few of the beautiful items available for sale in the Gift Shop.

CHRISTMAS TIME MEANS THE MDH AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS DRAW...

is here! Purchase your tickets at a cost of \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00 and you will have a chance to win a beautiful wooden angel, hand knitted afghan or hand woven vest. Tickets are on sale at Milton Mall every Saturday or visit the Gift Shop any day of the week.

Happy Volunteering!



MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL
Quality Care for a Healthier Community.