

# Banner year nets hospital foundation \$130,000

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**By LISA TALLYN**  
Last year was a banner year for Milton District Hospital in terms of the amount of dollars raised by the community and the opening of the new and old wings.

"It was one of our best years yet," said Shelagh Conway, president of the MDH Foundation at the eighth annual meeting on Wednesday evening.

"Thanks to the generosity and support of the community, the foundation raised more than \$130,000 for the hospital."

In addition to the official opening of the expanded hospital in October, the year produced a record income of \$205,252 for the updating and modernization of hospital facilities and equipment.

Major fund-raising endeavours for the year included Bruce Hood's Milton Travel Jamaica Night, The Champion's annual charity golf tournament, Woodland Fantasy Dinner Auction, and the Jail and Bail Campaign.

The Jail and Bail Campaign, organized by the foundation, held in November, which saw local residents thrown in mock jail cells for the weekend, raised more than \$20,000 for the hospital.

Woodland Fantasy Dinner and Auction Night, also organized by the foundation in September, netted more than \$19,000, while Jamaica Night and The Champion's golf tournament raised more than \$20,000.

The foundation's target is to raise a minimum of \$100,000 a year for hospital equipment and upgrading of the facilities.

Mrs. Conway said the official opening of the hospital should mark the beginning of a new decade of fund-raising to help keep the hospital up to date, and enhance and

extend the facilities and services. Our work as the fund-raising arm of the hospital must be continued as vigorously as in the past."

The foundation prepared two informative brochures last year. One pointed out the tax benefits of making bequests in the form of life insurance policies with the foundation as the beneficiary, the second was information on the foundation.

Three foundation members served six-year terms and are resigning. Stepping down are Mike Ledwith, Matt Jaecklein, and Ken Newell. A fourth member, Bob van Es, is stepping down after one year on the foundation.

Three local citizens, Rod Lewis, Bob (Pie) Lee, Garth Smith were nominated to serve three-year terms on the foundation. Jim Powers was nominated for a two-year term.

## John Ostler memorial is unveiled

The refurbished Milton District Hospital Board Room was dedicated in memory of the late John W. Ostler on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Ostler served the hospital from 1959 to 1986 as a member of the board of directors and later as president of the Hospital Foundation. He died in October 1986, one year before the official opening of the new wing. A bronze plaque was unveiled by Mr. Ostler's son David and daughter Anne Putman citing Mr. Ostler's leadership and dedication to the hospital.

Other directors remaining on the foundation are Shelagh Conway, Jim Dills, Anne Ptolemy, Murray

Wilson, Richard Furlong and appointees Barbara Richardson for the hospital auxiliary, Dr. W.S. Legate

for the medical staff and Patricia Lonergan representing the hospital board.



The boardroom at Milton District Hospital was dedicated in the memory of the late John W. Ostler, one of the founding members of the Hospital Foundation. On hand for the plaque unveiling last Wednesday evening

were from left; Mr. Ostler's daughter Anne Putman, son David, Hospital Foundation President Shelagh Conway, and Foundation member Tom Richardson.



A plaque signifying the funds donated to the hospital through The Champion's Annual Golf Tournament was recently put up outside of Administration. Money raised through the tournament, a total of \$33,800, went toward

furnishing the room. Pictured below the plaque are from left; publisher of The Champion Herb Crowther, MDH executive director Brian Brady, and Hospital Foundation member Tom Richardson.

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