



MONITOR

THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

FOUNDATION

Sponsored by **Bob (Pie) Lee**

"Our deeds are like stones cast into the pool of time, though they themselves may disappear, their ripples extend to eternity." - unknown

Because of rising health care costs, Milton District Hospital must rely on donations more than ever.

The MDH Foundation was established as a registered charity in 1980 to receive, maintain and distribute these donated funds. Though the Foundation doesn't contribute to the normal operating costs of our Hospital, it does provide funding for the needs of MDH.

Through the Foundation, individuals, businesses, service clubs and community organizations can help improve the quality of our health care services. Your donations, bequests, planned giving and special events' proceeds can be directed to specific equipment or areas, or applied to priority items.

The Foundation is about to embark on a major fundraiser. We hope to help raise the \$300,000. necessary to finance a new cardiac monitoring system for ICU. The proceeds from this year's **HIKE FOR HEALTH** will be used to help purchase this invaluable equipment. If you would like to make a donation toward the cardiac monitoring system or would like more information on the Foundation, contact us at 878-2383 Ext. 2170.

REMEMBER the Foundation issues receipts for income tax purposes.

HIKE FOR HEALTH CHALLENGER'S CORNER

If you are interested in issuing a **HIKE FOR HEALTH** challenge, let us know and we will advertise it in our CHALLENGER'S CORNER!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you would like to help out at any of the fundraisers the Foundation holds we would LOVE to hear from you. For as little as a few hours a year you will benefit a great cause, **YOUR HOSPITAL**, please call the Foundation Office at 878-2383 Ext. 2170.

THE FOUNDATION'S EYES ARE SMILING...

A top of the mornin' thanks goes to The Canadian Meter Co., the Dickens Restaurant, Don Cherry's Grapevine, Kelsey's, Optimist Centre, and the Milton Legion for making this St. Patrick's Day a little bit greener for the Foundation. Due to the wonderful efforts of Brian Johnston, plant manager at Canadian Meter, \$938.00 was raised by the establishments selling paper shamrocks and Canadian Meter employees wearing green clothing.

THANK YOU TO THE KINSMEN CLUB

Thanks to the Kinsmen Club of Milton and District who donated \$2600.00. This gift has been used to purchase an IV infusion pump for the Medical/Surgical unit.



Andrew Kocher, Kinsmen Treasurer; MDH Foundation Board Member, Tom Logie; MDH Executive Director, Allan Halls; Alison Dickman-Wilkes, RN and Rick Malboeuf, Kinsmen Past President

AUXILIARY

Sponsored by **Bill Currie**

Calling all Auxiliary Volunteers - April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and you are invited to a soup and sandwich luncheon in the Hospital classroom between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16th, 1997. This lunch is sponsored by the Milton District Hospital Board of Directors in appreciation of the support and efforts of the Auxiliary. Please come out, enjoy a delicious meal and meet other volunteers, old friends and get to know some of our new members!

SPRING INTO FASHION BY PEGGY'S OF MILTON

A Fashion Show and Luncheon takes place at the Trafalgar Golf & Country Club on Sunday, April 20th at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$30.00 each. For tickets call Iris Wilchinsky at 878-2793, Grace Hildebrand at 854-2675, the Hospital Gift Shop, Peggy's (Milton Mall), Delacourt's or The Genuine Gold Connection. The Ovation Quarter (Acapella Showcase) will entertain. There are wonderful door prizes and a super raffle for:

Susan Bristol Sweater
donated by Peggy's of Milton

Diamond Pendant
donated by The Genuine Gold Connection

Painting
donated by Mary Down Roberts

Weekend in Niagara Falls
donated by Bruce Hood Travel

\$125.00 Gift Certificate
donated by Harrop House

We would like to express our thanks to the donors of the raffle prizes and a special thanks to **PEGGY'S** for sponsoring the event. We are really excited about it and know you will be also! Call your friends and get your tickets now. Don't delay, tickets are going FAST!

GARAGE SALE WILL SOON BE HERE

The Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Hospital. Start saving your white elephants, which will be someone else's treasure!

FEEL LIKE A SPRING MAKEOVER?

The Salon at the Hospital invites you to make an appointment for a new spring hairdo or a pedicure which is a luxurious experience offering great value. For an appointment call 878-2383 Ext. 2425 (24 hour answering machine). The Salon in the Hospital welcomes everyone - patients, visitors, staff and the general public. Gift certificates are also available in the Hospital Gift Shop for these services. What a great way to remember someone special on Mother's Day.

Happy Volunteering.

HOSPITAL

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HOSPITAL RESTRUCTURING COMMISSION TO VISIT HALTON

The Health Services Restructuring Commission (HRSC) has announced that it will be next reviewing hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area, starting in the next two weeks. Halton is to be examined, along with Peel, York and Durham Region. The HRSC has invited interested individuals and organizations to submit initial reports to them on hospital services in these areas by April 4, 1997. At this point, we expect that reports will be made from our own Hospital, from the group of four Halton hospitals, and from the entire nineteen hospitals in the GTA.

Our reports will focus on such things as the rapid population growth projected for Halton, as well as our current efficiencies in providing services. We will argue that the HRSC should look to invest additional resources to provide services in Halton, rather than taking their usual approach of service reductions.

It is expected that the Commission's report will be complete by the Summer or early Fall.



CINDY MCDONELL - OUR NEW ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PATIENT SERVICES & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

A warm welcome to our own Cindy McDonnell, as she steps into the new position of Assistant Executive

Director - Patient Services & Quality Improvement. This newly created position follows in the wake of Liz Wicklund's retirement as our Assistant Executive Director - Nursing. Cindy has been employed here at MDH for almost ten years and she will now assume responsibility over our nursing departments as well as a host of other functions including our Continuous Quality Improvement program.

This appointment will also assist the Hospital to reduce its overall cost of administration and will save approximately \$70,000. in this coming year's budget.

WELLNESS FAIR - APRIL 5TH

Just a reminder to attend our annual Wellness Fair at the Milton Mall on Saturday, April 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This year, the Fair will be bigger and better than ever with many interesting and interactive displays.

DID YOU KNOW...

Our busy Rehabilitation Services Department provides services to approximately 1,600 patients every month. Approximately 80% of those visits are on an out-patient basis in our physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology and speech language pathology services.

A total of 16 staff (full and part time) work in the department including 7 physiotherapists, 2 occupational therapists, 2 audiologists, 1 speech language pathologist, 1 rehabilitation assistant and 2 clerical support staff.



MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL
Help us bring quality Health Care to our Community.