

Continued commitment of general hospital

Board members of the Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH) reaffirmed their commitment "...to excellence in the provision of health care... for the people of Penetanguishene and the surrounding area.

A statement read by the board, at the opening of the meeting on Thursday evening, said the hospital meets its goal by promoting a health through wellness concept and by fostering the physical, psychological, spiritual and social well-being of people.

The year-end statistical report presented at the meeting showed the number of admissions had declined by five percent but the number of patients attending day-hospital had increased by almost 41 percent.

Day-hospital patients attend PGH for treatment during the day but continue to live in the community.

Operating room procedures declined by 14 percent while emergency visits were up to 16.5 percent. The speech pathology department registered a 33 per cent increase in patients. And the overall increase in diagnostic and therapeutic services was 35

per cent. The Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Germain Gauthier said in his report that the hospital has been awarded a three-year status by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation.

"Standards are met or surpassed for all essential functions - any weaknesses are of a minor nature... We are proud to have attained this rating for the past 12 years."

Gauthier also reported the hiring of a Palliative Care Co-ordinator to liaise with cancer treatment centres, develop pain control and to encourage the support of the family.

He also noted the increase in patient days had kept PGH busy during the year.

Dallas Black, a chartered accountant with A.F. MacLaren, noted in his financial report that the hospital's operating surplus was extremely small.

After expenses had been deducted from nearly \$6 million of revenue PGH was left with a \$3,170 surplus about one twentieth of a per cent. The hospital's net income for the year was \$4,123.

"That's about as close to the line as you can go."

said Black. Board Chairman Guy Maurice said the hospital had shown good budget performance in spite of increased activity.

"The continued recognition by our peers of the innovative programming the hospital is providing for the elderly and recommendation that program could be a model for the province," said Maurice was one of the highlights of the hospital's past year.

The future proposes many challenges but promises to be exciting, he said.

Hospital Administrator Sister Joan Whelan read the greeting from the Grey Sisters on behalf of Superior General Sister Bernadette Kinsella who was unable to attend.

"We, as Grey Sisters, once again express our gratitude to everyone connected with the Penetanguishene General Hospital... our hospital may be truly a symbol of light and hope for all persons you serve."

At the meeting's close, Guy Maurice was elected chairman for a second one-year term and A.F. MacLaren was retained as the PGH auditor.



New location

Dion's Flowers officially opened its new location opposite the post office on Main St. Helping Mayor Ron Bellisle cut the Ribbon are Sharon and Ray Dion and

their children, Melanie, 9, and Aaron aged 7. The Dions have cut flowers and arrangements for all occasions.

Manor expansion proposed

Plans to build a physical link between Georgian Manor and the Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH) came a step closer to reality at the Planning Advisory Committee meeting last Monday night.

The proposed joining of the two buildings will allow sharing of some services and also provide better care for geriatric patients; part of the PGH commitment to a 'continuum of care'.

Georgian manor is situated on land zoned Neighborhood Residential which permits amongst other uses, homes for the aged. However the present zoning will not permit the renovations planned which include building an addition to the manor which would encroach on land owned by PGH.

The committee was informed that an understanding exists between Georgian Manor and PGH that would see land conveyed to the manor after the addition was built.

"It would be simpler for a plan of survey to be prepared on the basis of an 'existing' structure rather than on the basis of a 'planned' structure," states the manor's 'Retrofit Project Proposal'.

The Planning Department advised that the town should enter into a site plan agreement given the numerous details associated with the proposed renovation.

Don Ealey, owner of the

White Pine Lodge, approached the Planning Advisory Committee for a zoning amendment.

Ealey who opened the 12

bed rest-home in 1982 plans to expand his facility to include three more beds.

On the approval of the

committee the current zoning of White Pine Lodge could be changed to legal non-conforming to permit the expansion.

Museum face-lift

The Centennial Museum on Beck Dr. has a curator. Director Bob Klug says Eilene Banville, a former Toronto resident, was hired as curator on Monday.

Klug says so far he is impressed with Banville's enthusiasm and interest in the museum. Also hired are Assistant Curator Gary King and Second Assistant Marikay McDonald.

Banville said they are working long hours cleaning and painting display cases and arranging the exhibits.

The museum has received a boost this year. Earlier the Rotary Club donated funds to pay for a new canopy and shingle roof, and the town has helped provide crews to clean-up the grounds.

Klug said he was pleased

with the way the work is going.

"There is a new 200 amp (electrical) service. We hope to expand the wiring and maybe include insulation so we could open year round."

He added that work on the porch is scheduled to begin in early July. Klug said the although work on the displays is not complete the museum is open.

Dock issue tied-up

Attempts to resolve the problem of docking space at the town dock stalled during the Wednesday evening meeting of the Arena Parks and Recreation Board (APRB).

Ken Hisey, a charter boat operator, appeared before the APRB last month with a proposal which would enable him to tie-up both his boats, the Argo Naut Diver and the Baccus Diver at the dock.

Following that meeting he was instructed, by letter, to either raft his boats together or move one of them to the outer dock. Hisey complied with the order but appealed to council to have the matter referred back to the APRB.

Council order the matter returned and APRB member Ron Marchildon was to examine the problem at the dock and report to the board.

However Marchildon's vacation coincided with the latest APRB meeting and the board was not prepared to make a decision in his absence.

Mayor Ron Bellisle said Marchildon was supposed to have taken measurements at the dock following the last council meeting.

"To my knowledge I don't think that's been done. We promised these people we would be doing something; we'll have to call another meeting to

deal with the problem."

The problem with docking space arose last year after Hisey approached the board to ask for more space. At the time he was allocated sufficient space to accommodate a 45 foot vessel which he was planning to buy. The boat he bought is 15 feet longer than planned for.

Hisey has approached the board and other boat owners at the dock with proposals which he says will allow all vessels to use the dock safely but the other owners are not so sure.

During the meeting, Garnet Cheney, owner of the Dawn Light and also a charter operator, said "...all we're getting is Hisey's view of everything. We should put forward more views."

Arnie Corsen, who moved his boat during the reshuffle to accommodate Hisey's new boat, said the problem has been going on for over a year, "...I'm surprised this is not solved yet."

Cheney and Corsen also alleged that Hisey had modified electrical and plumbing outlets at the Chamber of Commerce building. But Hisey said after the meeting that they were minor changes and had been done with Wharfinger Claude Lalonde's approval.

Dave Holden, owner of the Marie II, agreed the board should hear other proposals.

"There could be other considerations palatable to everyone," he said.

The APRB has called a special meeting this evening to deal with the problem.

Le Caron grads honoured Thurs.

Ecole secondaire Le Caron held its graduation ceremony on Thursday evening to honour 29 graduates. Basile Dorion, chairman of the French-language education council (FLEC) addressed the graduates and nearly 200 present in the audience.

He noted that it was a happy occasion and offered his best wishes for the future as the graduates planned to attend university, college or the working world.

Principal Adrien Lamoureux echoed Dorion and said, "...this evening marks an historic passage in your life... You are beginning a new page in your history. Good luck and success."

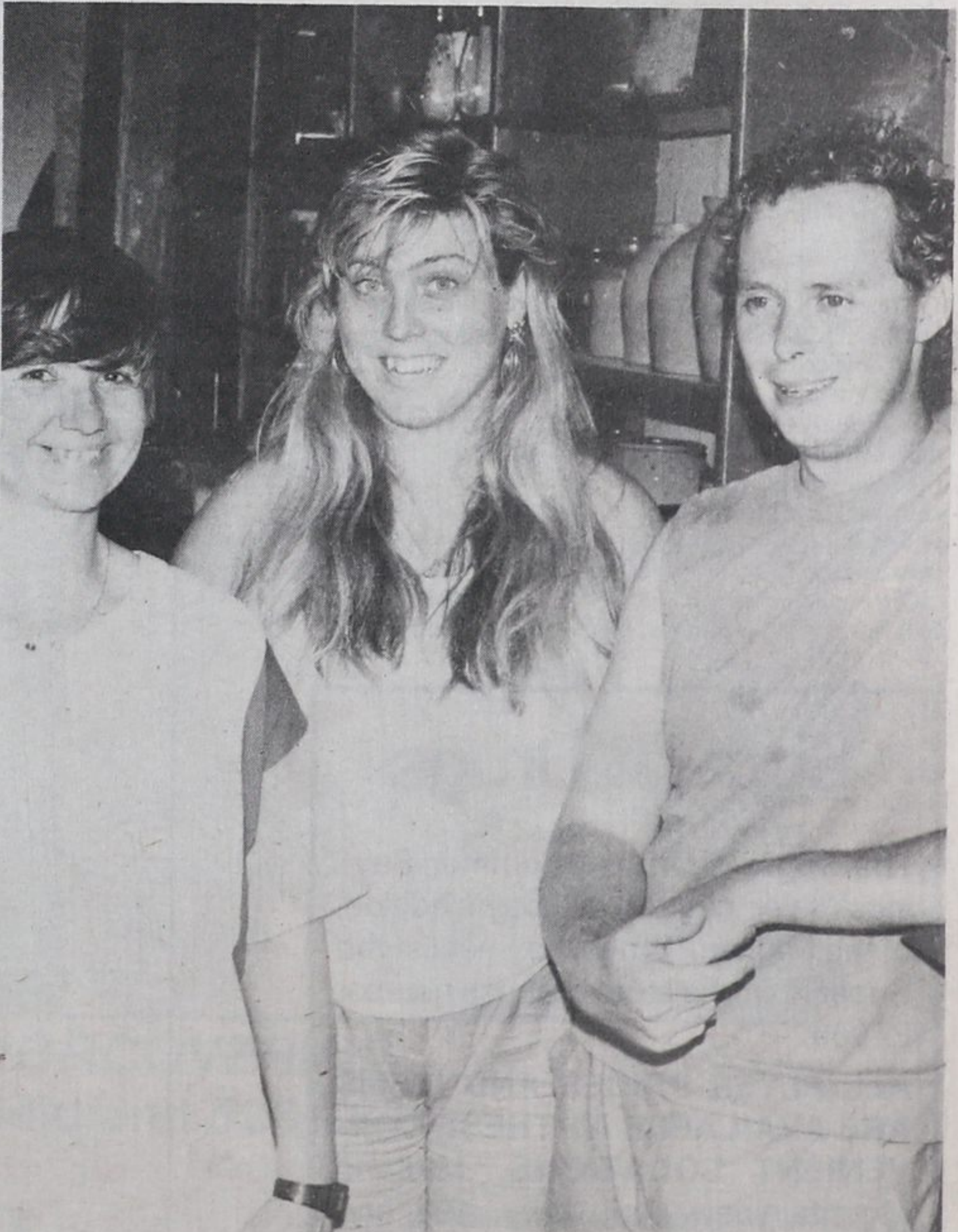
There were 29 prizes given out and 19 companies and individuals thanked for their support.

The graduates are: Marc Aston, Leonard Belcourt, Christine Borley, Kelly Bredin, Lucy Breton, Yvonne Brunelle, Jane Casagnette, Geoffrey Currie, Dominique Desroches, Yves Desroches, Rachel Dupuis, Tina Duquette, Denise Geere, Francois Lamoureux, Patrick Leblanc, Lise Magnan, Chritianne Marchand, Denise Marchand, Claire Marchildon, Jane-Anne Maurice, Denise McNamara, Renee Mellish, Jean-Marc Moreau, Leanne Reid, Christine Robitaille, Jennifer Robitaille, Ronald Robitaille and Yvette Roi.

Summer recess

Burkevale, Corpus Christi, Ecole St. Joseph, Ecole Ste. Louise and St. Ann's schools held graduation ceremonies for grade eight classes this week.

For many students the summer provides a welcome break before resuming their education at high school. For the lower grades; a vacation before returning in September.



Hard at work

The displays at the Centennial Museum are beginning to take shape thanks to the hard work of Curator Eilene Banville, Se-

cond Assistant Marikay McDonald and Assistant Gary King. The three joined the museum staff earlier this week.