



Alumni gift

The Nurses Alumni group has given \$1,000 to be spent on improving Huronia District Hospital's emergency department. With HDH administrator Gord Key and

nurse Linda Dumais, and representing the Nurses Alumni, are Marg OBeirne and Rena Bell.

Project to employ builders

Continuing a tradition of creative and innovative management, the owners of Wye Heritage Marina are asking for public input to their plan to build a Great Lakes cruise boat.

They say they'll build whatever the customers want, no matter how offbeat.

"The idea is unique," said Lori Black, public relations person for the marina. "It's truly going to be a custom-made boat. It might even be bizarre; it depends what the customers want."

The "dream boat" will also serve as a way for the marina to employ skilled boat builders during the otherwise slack winter season.

"Due to the boating business's seasonal nature these skilled people either have lots of work or none at all," says an insert included with the Dec. 1 edition of the marina's newsletter.

"In order to keep our staff from year to year we are constantly trying to find work during the slack periods," the insert says.

The boat would likely be built next winter after ideas are collected and sorted. "We're already getting a lot of good ideas," Black said. "Boaters are imaginative - and they know what they want."

This would also be the first time Wye Heritage (owned by Gord and Bob Blake) has built a boat "from scratch," Black said, although it has done extensive reconditioning of many boats.

Black says if the concept pans out the marina will repeat it year after year. "We know the market fairly well. We knew that there was a hole in the market. So we know it'll take off," Black said.

Also new at the marina: the New Year's Eve party will feature a worldly theme this time around. The Horatio Hornblower restaurant at the marina will present dishes from various parts of the world, including Nova Scotia lobster, Taiwanese shark's fin soup, Italian salad and Greek Baklava.

Army gets \$205

Senior citizens at a free dinner put on by Calvary Baptist Church donated \$205 to the Salvation Army.

Calvary Baptist Church four times a year invites Midland's senior citizens to a roast beef dinner. The dinners were meant to be free but the recipients insist on making a donation by passing a hat.

The Christmas dinner was definitely free, as a Christmas present from the church. Someone had the idea to borrow a Salvation Army kettle. When it was emptied, the Salvation Army had \$205. About 80 people attended the Nov. 29 dinner.

The dinners for seniors were started more than five years ago. A roast beef dinner is a meal that organizers decided seniors

would be less likely to make for themselves.

The Salvation Army will be distributing about 180 food hampers this year, or about the same number as last year.



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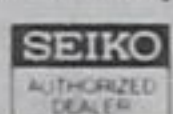
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