



Foundation announces endowment fund for Southampton Hospital

The Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation has established the **Ensuring Care Endowment Fund** to support the purchase of new medical equipment at Grey Bruce Health Services – Southampton Site.

The Endowment Fund is like a savings account for new equipment. Donations go in and they stay in. Only the interest earned is used to support the purchase of high priority medical equipment. When urgent equipment needs arise, or when new medical procedures are found, the Endowment Fund will be there to help.

Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation chairman Brian Wakelin reports that the Ensuring Care Endowment Fund is off to a great start thanks to donors who have recognized the importance of this program and already there is a total of \$203,750 in the fund. For information on how you can contribute to the Endowment Fund contact the Foundation office.

Two of the first donors to the Ensuring Care Endowment Fund, Janice and John Goldspink, shared their reasons for supporting the Endowment Fund. "Like a lot of seasonal residents, we had the pleasure of renting a fine cottage in Southampton for a number of years when our children were young. We played tennis, we went to the art school, we attended museum programs, we golfed, we shopped, we swam and spent hours playing on the beach with the kids and their grandparents.

As our children grew older their summertime activities took priority so we took a bit of a hiatus. However, about five years ago we took the plunge, purchased and subsequently renovated an older

cottage on Lambert Lane. It has been a labour of love ever since, but thoroughly enjoyable since we are in Southampton.

We are pleased to be part of the start up of the Ensuring Care Endowment Fund. It gives us a chance to connect to the community at large. We can see the value to the growing community of

Saugeen Shores and the endowment fund principle is one that we believe in. It helps address the long term objectives of the hospital and we have confidence that the Foundation is well managed."

- Janice and John Goldspink

Donor recognition wall updated

The donor wall is located in the Hospital lobby. It was designed to recognize the generous donations from the community. Donors are grouped by size of gift or gifts accumulated since 1984. The recognition program is a progressive one and names progress through seven levels from \$2,500 to \$1,000,000 and above.

A recent updating of the donor wall required more space for new donors and in the future the Foundation has plans to install a new lighted wall that identifies memorial and endowment donors in addition to annual campaign donors.



Volunteer Henry Weickert shows Foundation chairman Brian Wakelin the modifications that he made to the Donor Recognition wall in the Hospital lobby.

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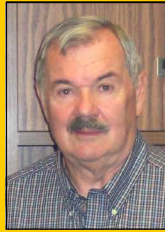
There are many ways in which you can support your Hospital Foundation, including cash donations; pre-authorized monthly donations; online donations through www.CanadaHelps.org and gifts of stocks and marketable securities.

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Foundation team effort key to success

*By Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation
Chairman Brian Wakelin*

It is hard to believe that 3 years have passed since I joined the Board of the Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation. It has been a very busy and satisfying time, made more so by the various board members, both past and present, and their dedication to our hospital.

This year our seven sub-committees produced excellent results. The Finance and Investment Committee under the Chair of Don MacIntyre established an Endowment Fund for the hospital which now contains just over \$200,000. We hope this fund will grow and the interest will be used to help purchase new equipment required by the hospital. The Planned Giving Committee chaired by Mary Ann Weickert has produced a brochure explaining the planned giving process and will be promoting this in the community. Our Light the Way Committee under Trevor Wardrop raised a record \$84,000. Our other committees are: Pumpkinfest Committee chaired by Sue de Blois; Radiothon chaired by Diane Dalton; Public Relations, Ian Rutherford; and Cruiser Night Liaison, Don MacIntyre.

Our jobs are made so much easier with the help and support of our two employees Christy Kelly and Jennifer Dault and we can never thank them enough for all they do above and beyond that required in the day-to-day business of the board.

It has been an honour for me to serve as the Chairman of the Foundation Board and I have enjoyed getting to know my new community where I hope to spend the rest of my life.

My final thank you is to the community who continue to believe in and support our hospital, ensuring we keep our health care close to home.

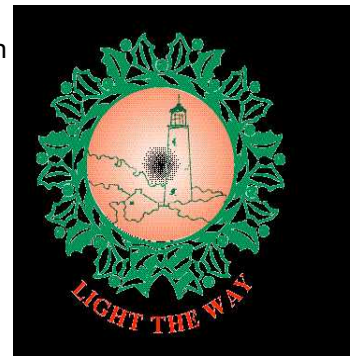
**Christmas “Light The Way” raises \$84,000
for new lab equipment at Southampton**

On behalf of the board of directors of the Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation I would like to extend a huge thank you to our generous Community for making our 2008 Light the Way Christmas Campaign the most successful Christmas Campaign ever, with donations totaling over \$84,000! Our Campaign goal was to raise funds towards the purchase of several pieces of laboratory equipment including a Centrifuge, a Hema-Tek Stainer, an iStat machine, and Clinitek Status Analyzers. With this updated equipment, the hospital laboratory will be able to ensure that “point of care” diagnostic tests are available to patients right when they need them.

The Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation would like to thank all of the individuals, businesses and organizations who supported this campaign through cash or in-kind donations.

Thank you for helping to keep health care close to home!

Trevor Wardrop
Light the Way Campaign Chairman
Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation



Appointment of directors

Linda McLaughlin and Merle Rath have been selected to fill two director vacancies for the Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation. The volunteer Board is made up of thirteen members who have a special interest in raising community awareness to the funds needed to keep the hospital equipment up to date at their local hospital. Directors are elected to serve a three year term.

Merle Rath has past experience with fundraising, enjoys being a part of local activities and since he retired to Southampton he has been wanting



to become more involved with a volunteer organization that is making a significant contribution to its community. He feels that health care in general, and specifically our local hospital, are in need of strong community support. "Being a part of our local hospital foundation will be an exciting challenge and a rewarding experience. It is a great honour to be a part of the Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation."

As a resident of this community for over 30 years, **Linda McLaughlin** says that she and her family are grateful for the professional at-



Linda McLaughlin attention and services that have been provided to them by the staff at our local hospital throughout the years. "Volunteering on the Board of Directors is my opportunity to express my gratitude. It is with pleasure that I dedicate some of my time for the cause in helping to raise funds for the replacement or purchase of medical equipment so our hospital staff can continue to maintain and enhance the quality of healthcare for this community. "

Bayshore Broadcasting partners with area hospitals to launch education program on planned giving

The Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation is pleased to be participating in the Healthy Tomorrow's program that is being sponsored by Bayshore Broadcasting. Each spring and fall Bayshore Broadcasting will be presenting a six week program on its local radio stations to help raise public aware-



ness to the importance of planned giving in support of local hospitals. most no government funding for hospital upgrades or medical equipment. Hospitals count on their communities - on you - for support.

Your gift will make a difference

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A bequest gift offers tax benefits for your estate. These enable you to help your hospital while preserving your legacy for family & friends. A bequest gift to your hospital enables you to give back to your community and literally touch the lives of thousands of people who'll need hospital care in the future.

To ensure your bequest meets your estate planning needs, we recommend that you seek advice from your legal and financial advisors and from your hospital Foundation.

You may not know it, but there is al-

Ontario Power Generation presents \$4,500 to Hospital Foundation

to purchase a Vital Signs monitor to be used at the Southampton Hospital. The compact vital signs monitor is used to take a patient's blood pressure, pulse, and temperature and oxygen saturation level. Four of these monitors were identified as priority items in the Southampton hospital's current equipment needs list. Ontario Power Generation's senior communications advisor Lynda Cain is pictured along with Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation chairman Brian Wakelin and Foundation director Merle Rath who volunteered to be tested with the new equipment by Dr. Mike Marriott.



Solecki appointed CEO

Owen Sound – Butch Grenon, Chair of the Board of Directors of Grey Bruce Health Services, is pleased to announce the appointment of Maureen L. Solecki as President and CEO. She succeeds Pat Campbell who left late last year to lead a new provincial initiative in women's health care.

Solecki was chosen from among 30 applicants after a national search led by an external search company. Representatives from the hospital board, the executive, management, front line staff and physicians were involved in the selection process. Solecki has been the spokesperson for the health organization as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Community Relations since 1998. For the past seven years she also has been responsible for the organization's Support Services, also acting as the organization's lead to a wide variety hospital committees and special projects. Throughout her career she has taken on several senior leadership roles including the management of clinical diagnostic areas and therapy services.

As interim President and CEO, this year Solecki has been leading the organization through a challenging external review process, scheduled to conclude later in May. She also led development of both strategic plans since GBHS was formed through the amalgamation of area hospitals in 1998. Besides the regional hospital in Owen Sound, GBHS operates hospitals in Markdale, Meaford, Southampton, Wiarton and Lion's Head.

Solecki is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Services Executives. She has a bachelor of arts, honours journalism degree from the University of Western Ontario and completed the graduate program in hospital administration at the University of Toronto.

Southampton Hospital Auxiliary president **Mary McCallum**, centre, presents a cheque for \$10,000 to **Mary Ann Weickert** and **Brian Wakelin** in support of the Radiothon held last fall to raise money for a Nurse Call system.



CKNX Radiothon donations total \$43,000



Dianne Dalton, Hospital Foundation director, receives a Radiothon donation at Legault's Independent in Port Elgin. Legault's customers have donated at the checkouts for the second year.

Cruisers' Cruise Nite winner donates back to hospital

A new season for one of the Hospital Foundation's most popular fundraisers is now underway. Each Thursday evening at the flag in Southampton upwards of 100 classic cars can be found on display and MC, Gary Brown can be heard sharing his wit with the gathering crowd as the wealth draw gets closer to a new season high.

One of last season's highlights for the event organizers was most certainly the evening that Gwen McGrenere from Toronto won the draw and proceeded to donate her back to the hospital. We asked Gwen to share her reason for her generous gift and she shared the following.

"My father began building our family cottage at Huron and Peele when I was four years old. Subsequently, our family made the annual pilgrimage from Kitchener to Southampton every summer. My siblings and I took the Red Cross swimming lessons, and eventually my husband Tom and I celebrated our honeymoon here.

Coming back to Southampton for the last two years as a seasonal summer resident has been an exciting return to our roots. We are often here for extended periods with our children, our grandchildren or my mother, now in her 90th year. Needless to say we are much more confident about being far from family doctors, given that Southampton has an excellent hospital to provide medical attention, minor or major, should any of us require it. With that in mind we have become

regular supporters of the 50/50 vintage car fundraiser event.

Fortunately, we have thus far not required serious medical attention during our stay. But in June of 2008 I did make my first trip to the hospital for a minor procedure. I was very impressed with the facility, including the intake process, the nurse, the doctor and the intake volunteer. A few days after this reassuring experience I happened to win the 50/50 draw. Given that so many of our family and extended family were visitors during the 150th anniversary season and could require medical attention I chose to donate my winnings to the hospital. During the last two summer seasons I have been inspired by the many faithful volunteers who generously give hours of their time for the support and improvement of Southampton's hospital.

My experience of Southampton is that it is a uniquely graced community. The Southampton Art School, the Bruce County Museum, the care given to preserve the beach and its facilities, and the zesty entrepreneurs on High Street all contribute to the unique quality of life at this particular location on the Bluewater Highway. When friends ask about my renewed enthusiasm for Southampton after so many years, I tell them that Southampton really has 'Soul'; and it also provides quality care for the body."

Gwen McGrenere
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