

September 2023



A message from our President, Doreen Bocking.

“FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT”!!! Hope everyone is staying cool this summer.

Welcome new volunteers. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months.

We had a very successful June AGM and I am very thankful to be able to represent our membership. Visibility of our Board and Executive members is important and I hope providing our team photos with their position and service will help facilitate communication and your ability to reach out to us at any time.

We work hard to plan and coordinate fundraising initiatives which enables us to donate proceeds back to the hospital for capital equipment and services. This year our pledge of \$400,000 to the hospital will be used towards the purchase of one CO2 laser and three Apollo PH medium mannequins.

Do you have a new and exciting fundraising idea? We would love to hear from you! We can be reached through Volunteer Services.

The countdown is on! We look forward to the opening of Starbucks this fall.

Thank you for all you contribute every day.

Doreen Bocking



Coming Events

Miller's Shoe Sale

September 25, 26, 27
Set up September 24
at ~ 11 am

Friends and Family Sale Sunday from 3 - 5

Monday and Tuesday
7 am to 6 pm
Wednesday
7 am to noon only

Starbucks Opening

October 9

Pumpkin Carving Contest and Photo Booth

October 31
Main Street

Holiday Bazaar

Wednesday
November 15

Please bring your donations of crafts, gift ware, knitted items, vintage jewellery and Christmas items to Volunteer Services or the Gift Shop at any time.

At the beginning of each HRH Volunteer Association Board meeting, the Volunteer Mission Statement is read:

The Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association encourages community partnership with the Hospital

- 1. By providing care and comfort to patients and their families.**
- 2. By raising funds to be used for the betterment of the Hospital.**

Our First Thrift Sale

The Volunteer Association reserved the Retail Therapy space on level 0 on Friday, June 9 from 7 am to 6 pm for our first ever Thrift Sale. Clothing donated by volunteers, staff and physicians was organized into categories. Ladies' wear included dresses, tops, skirts and slacks, jackets, sweaters, and outerwear. Some formal wear was also included. Men's wear included shirts, some suits, and some outerwear. The clothing was all priced to sell. Unsold clothing was sold by the pound to Value Village. This new event brought in almost \$2000. Co-op students were very helpful in setting up the sale late Thursday afternoon and volunteers Ashton Dugal and Chenyang Yue were instrumental in packing up the unsold items on Friday afternoon. Thank you, Bridget Miller, for all the work you did to organize this event and for coming up with the idea in the first place.



HRH Volunteer Association 25th Annual General Meeting

The hospital hosted our AGM on Wednesday, June 7 in the auditorium during which a lovely buffet dinner was served. Mirella Quattrin welcomed all the volunteers. The hospital CEO and President, Barb Collins, spoke about the current status in the hospital and commented on how much the hospital values the contribution of volunteers. Remarks were also made by Mike Heenan (Chief of People Services) and Bill Whittaker (VP of People Services). Mirella presented Barb with a cheque for \$150,000 which completes our pledge of \$400,000 for the year.

Mirella presented a Special Recognition Award to Jane Mueller. Jane is the Executive Secretary for our Association and has done an admirable job in recording minutes from our board meetings. Louisa Ceci and Barb Collins presented service awards to 17 volunteers. Five year recipients were Taiyweo Adebisi, Stefanie Cikojevic, Theresa Dodaro, Joan Dunn, Marisa Gatto, Aaron Hayat, Maria Iacobacci, Marianne Muller, Nicola Paolicelli, Angelo Poto, Ashvini Rabindranath, and Maureen Seabrook. Shanti Jackree received a 10 year award, Anne Bills and Lan Nguyen received 15 year awards, Pauline Kishimoto received a 20 year award, and Rita Sanford received a 30 year award. Pauline Kishimoto presented the scholarship awards to this year's successful students.

Erane Bocking invited the new board members to the front of the room where they were sworn in by Barb Collins. As usual, Erane executed several "lucky draws" at the end of the meeting.

Doreen Bocking, our new President, closed the meeting after thanking Mirella for her many years as President and presenting her with flowers.



*Special Recognition:
Jane and Mirella*



5-year awards: Angelo, (Barb Collins), Joan, Maureen, Nicola, (Mike Heenan), (Bill Whittaker), Maria, (Louisa Ceci), Ashvini



10-year award: (Mike Heenan), Shanti, (Barb Collins), (Bill Whittaker), (Louisa Ceci)



15-year award: (Mike Heenan), Lan, (Barb Collins), (Bill Whittaker), (Louisa Ceci)



20-year award: (Mike Heenan), Pauline, (Barb Collins), (Bill Whittaker), (Louisa Ceci)



30-year award: (Mike Heenan), (Bill Whittaker), Rita, (Barb Collins), (Louisa Ceci)



Doreen Bocking and Barb Collins presented flowers to our outgoing president Mirella Quattrin.

Board Members 2023-2024



Name, Board Position & Service		Name, Board Position & Service	
Doreen Bocking <i>President</i> PACU 15 years		Mirella Quattrin <i>Past President</i> Emergency 17 years	
Wendy Kaltiainen <i>V.P. of Equal Standing</i> Information Desk 3.5 years		Angelo Poto <i>V.P. of Equal Standing</i> Welcome Team 5.5 years	
Jane Mueller <i>Exec. Secretary</i> Endoscopy 5 years		Marianne Iozzo <i>Exec. Treasurer</i> 20 years	
Fidel Di Caro <i>Member-at-Large</i> Welcome Team 9 years		Liz Pedzinski <i>Member-at-Large</i> Information Desk 8 years	
Karen McNamara-Mucha <i>Member-at-Large</i> Information Desk 3 years		Dennis Levesque <i>Member-at-Large</i> Fracture Clinic 1 year	
Erane Bocking <i>Constitution and Bylaws</i> Emergency 54 years		Pauline Farrace <i>Vendor Program</i> 4 years	
Pauline Kishimoto <i>Gift Shop Liaison & PR</i> Gift Shop 20 years		Joyce Conway <i>Membership</i> Endoscopy 26 years	
Rita Sanford <i>Advisor to the Board</i> 30 years		Volunteer Association Board of Directors 2023-2024	

Thank you to the person who donated a large quantity of china and crystal for the May sale. Please put your name on all donated items so we can give you recognition.



We want your books!

Erane Bocking's Isolette book program continues to bring in about \$1000 per month. Drop off your used books in the Gift Shop or the Sign-in room on level 1.

Scholarship Winners



From left to right: William Mazin, Hari Pillai,
Zachary Xerri, Olivia Pellarin.



Sara Jawarneh

The Volunteer Association presents \$1500 scholarships to grade 12 student volunteers who have served for at least 100 hours during the last year. We also offer two \$1500 scholarships to grade 12 students who are children of HRH staff members. Interviews via Zoom were held in May. The scholarship winners were recognized at the AGM in June. After we made out selection, three of our recipients were recognized by their school boards for academic excellence.

William Mazin is a student volunteer who completed 176 hours of volunteering. He will be working at the Hospital for Sick Children this summer in a research lab. He is enrolled at Queen's in the Bachelor of Science program and plans to become a research doctor.

Hari Pillai is a student volunteer but is also the son of a hospital staff member. He volunteered for 170 hours this year. He is one of 2023 TDSB top scholars having achieved an average of 100% in six grade 12 courses. He will be attending Queen's in the Bachelor of Science program and plans to become a doctor specializing in research in microbiology and pathology.

Zachary Xerri is a student volunteer who completed 186 hours of service. He is one of the TCDSB top scholars with an average of 100%. He will be attending the University of Toronto in the Life Sciences program and plans to become a doctor specializing paediatrics.

Olivia Pellarin is a student volunteer who completed 176 hours of service. She is also a TCDSB top scholar with an average of 99.67%. She will be attending Queen's in the Bachelor of Science and Biochemistry program and plans to become a doctor specializing in cancer research.

Sara Jawarneh is the daughter of a staff member and was involved in many school clubs, often in a leadership role. She will be attending the University of Toronto in the Social Sciences, Peace, Conflict and Justice Program. She hopes to complete a Master's degree in public policy or a law degree.

GIANT THREE DAY SHOE SALE: September 25, 26, 27 BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

We hold shoe sales twice a year. These brand name shoes are clearance items from Miller Shoes based in Hamilton. This sale will be mostly summer shoe clearance. Shoes are \$60 per pair with boots costing more. A wide selection of men's shoes will also be available in sizes ranging from 7 to 14. There will be no children's shoes. At our last sale in March, we sold over \$75,000 worth of shoes and we hope to do even better this time. We need your help! Set up day is Sunday, September 24 from 11 to 3. **The Auditorium will be open after the Sunday set up from 3 to 5 for a "friends and family" sale.** The public sale day hours are 7 to 6 on Monday and Tuesday and 7 to 12 on Wednesday. On all sale days, volunteers are needed to help customers and keep shelves neat. Tear down starts at noon on Wednesday. We need volunteers for all shifts, particularly for Wednesday tear down. **Join the team! We need your help! Sign in sheets are by the kiosks in Volunteer Services on Level 1 and 3.**

SEPTEMBER 25 - SEPTEMBER 27

3 DAY SHOE SALE

WOMEN'S • MEN'S

FEATURING

ecco
MILLER SHOES
Clarks
NAOT

AND MANY MORE BRANDS!
LADIES SIZES 4-12 & MEN'S SIZES 6-16

Humber River Hospital
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North York, ON
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LEVEL 3 - AUDITORIUM

DAY	HOURS
Monday, September 25	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 26	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 27	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

DEBIT & CASH ONLY

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS PLEASE

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Committees: Erane Bocking, *Constitution and By-Laws*; Marianne Iozzo, *Finance*; (vacant), *Fundraising*; Joyce Conway, *Membership*; Erane Bocking and Mirella Quattrin, *Nominating*; Pauline Kishimoto, *Gift Shop and Public Relations*; Pauline Farrace, *Vendor Program*; Rita Sanford, *Advisor to the Executive Board*.