

June 2023



A message from our President Mirella Quattrin

Greetings!

Spring is finally here; with the tulips sprouting and the trees budding, what better and prettier time of the year to go outside and enjoy?

Our **Annual Spring Shoe Sale** took place on **March 27 to 29**. This was the busiest and best shoe sale ever. The **net profit** for this event was **\$13,405**. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in giving of their time. A special thank you to Bridget Miller for organizing this wonderful event. Bridget, we know that a lot of challenging work went into this event to make it so successful.

National Volunteer Week took place from **April 16 to 22**. Louisa Ceci and the Volunteer Services team organized fun-filled events throughout the week, ending with an Oscar-themed celebration. The event was full of movie-themed games, fantastic gifts, and a delicious dinner. Thank you to Louisa and your team for always being there for us and all that you do for us. At our upcoming **AGM on June 7**, we will be giving our final payment towards our last pledge to the hospital. At our AGM last year, the **Association pledged \$400,000** towards the purchase of the following items: **1) CO2 Laser for the Women's Health Centre, 2) Capital Bariatric Pooled Equipment, 3) Minor Equipment for the Bariatric Clinic, and 4) 20 Regular Wheelchairs. Our final payment towards the above items is \$150,000.** Our pledge for the 2023 to 2024 year has not yet been determined. I hope to see many of you attending our upcoming AGM. It is a chance for you to socialize with other fellow volunteers and enjoy a delicious dinner.

One of our board members will be leaving us. Patricia Sawchuk joined our board in 2014 as a Member-at-Large, then went on to be our Fundraising Convenor. Patricia was a very dedicated board member, especially to fundraising. We will miss her.

March 31, 2023, was the end of our fiscal year. The following is a breakdown of our donations to the hospital throughout the year:

Net profit from the Gift Shop, Tim Hortons, and Fundraising.	\$237,562.04 (to be pledged)
Rent paid for the Gift Shop, Tim Hortons, and Kiosk.	488,659.81
Coffee Vouchers for our volunteers.	6,597.20
Donation to Mental Health Department, Wilson site.	1,000.00
Donation, to RCC-Finch site.	500.00
Donation, to RCC-Church site.	500.00
Total Donations	\$734,819.05

As your President, I wanted to inform you that this will be my final report for the Mainstream. After ten consecutive years as President, it is time to pass the gavel to a new President. It has been an incredible privilege and honor to represent you, the Humber River Hospital Volunteers, from 2008 to 2010 and then again from 2013 to 2023. Your unwavering dedication, loyalty, and passion have always inspired me and will continue to do so. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside such a remarkable group of individuals.

Please stay safe and healthy.

A volunteer is like a rare gem. When placed in the right setting and cared for, they will shine and give pleasure to all who see them. (Unknown)



**Coming
Events**

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING
Wednesday
June 7**

**VINTAGE/
THRIFT SALE
Friday June 9
7 am to 6 pm
Retail Therapy
Room
(see ad inside)**

**FALL SHOE
SALE
September 25 –
27
Auditorium
Level 3**

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.**

HRH VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Proposed Slate of Officers to be voted on at the AGM

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023 - 2024

DOREEN BOCKING PRESIDENT
MIRELLA QUATTRIN.....PAST PRESIDENT
VACANT.....EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
ANGELO POTO.....V.P. EQUAL STANDING
WENDY KALTIAINEN.....V.P. EQUAL STANDING
JANE MUELLER.....EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
MARIANNE IOZZOEXECUTIVE TREASURER
FIDEL DI CAROMEMBER AT LARGE
KAREN MCNAMARA-MUCHA MEMBER AT LARGE
LIZ PEDZINSKIMEMBER AT LARGE
DENNIS LEVESQUE.....MEMBER AT LARGE

COMMITTEES

ERANE BOCKING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
MARIANNE IOZZO FINANCE
(VACANT)..... FUNDRAISING
PAULINE KISHIMOTO.....GIFT SHOP & PUBLIC RELATIONS
JOYCE CONWAY MEMBERSHIP
ERANE/MIRELLA NOMINATING
PAULINE FARRACE VENDOR CONVENOR
RITA SANFORD ADVISOR TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Annual General Meeting

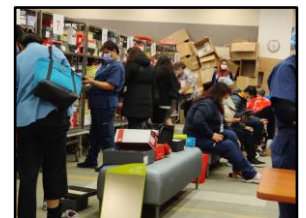
June 7

Invitations recently were sent out to all active volunteers who have completed six months or more of service and therefore are members of the Association. The structured part of the meeting will last about one and a half hours and include the election of the new executive board members and long service awards. The rest of the meeting will include a buffet dinner and an opportunity for some social interaction. Confirm your attendance with Volunteer Services at volunteers@hrh.ca or call 416-242-1000 extension 82856

Shoe Sale Report: March 2023

This shoe sale has raised the bar higher than ever! We sold \$75,720 worth of shoes. After taxes, we earned 20% of the sales which was \$13,405.

It takes a village! The Sunday crew who unloaded the trucks and gave up their afternoon included Norma Herrera, Lorraine Cavion, Dalal Abboud, Harimo Mayow, Doreen Bocking, Marianne Iozzo, Maureen Seabrook, Pauline Kishimoto, Louisa Ceci, Kim Puddicombe, Bob Edwards and Bridget Miller. In addition, friends and family members came to help: Daniel and David Kishimoto, Frank Bozzo, and Joanna Burns. Many of these people also worked one or more shifts over the next couple of days. Also working shifts at the sales table or straightening shelves were Joyce Conway, Fidel DiCaro, Lan Nguyen, Mirella Quattrin, Ma Ann Lacson, Natela Wasilenco, Karen McNamara-Mucha, Ron Kishimoto, Lisa Miller, and Erick Becerril. Thank you everyone for making this event our most successful ever! We opened the sale on Sunday afternoon at 3 after the set up. We were a bit late but the crowd waiting outside the auditorium doors were clearly happy to be the first ones at the shoe racks. On Monday and Tuesday we opened at 7 am and closed at 6. Wednesday we opened at 7 and closed at 12. We owe a big thank you to this semester's co-op students who made very short work of packing up unsold shoes on Wednesday afternoon. It was a pleasure working with such focused, willing students.



Shopping crowds



Co-op students at work

Canada Helps

The Volunteer Association is a registered charity. Last year, we received some very generous donations from supporters. Until now, all donations had to be in cash or cheque because we had no other system in place to accept funds. We have recently registered our charity with Canada Helps, which is a charity that supports all Canadian charities and is a destination for donating and fundraising online. They automatically transfer money into our account and issue tax receipts. We are currently in the process of fleshing out our profile on the site.



Mother's Day Sale 2023: China and Crystal

The sale was held on Thursday, May 11 by the Portals of Care. The quality and quantity of donations this year was outstanding, especially cups and saucers and crystal items. Special thanks go to Nadia Serrentino, Anne Bills, and Bonnie Scott for their generosity. Helping with the sale this year were Mirella Quattrin, Liz Pedzinski, Joyce Conway, Erane Bocking, Doreen Bocking, Kim Puddicombe, Marianne Iozzo, Lan Nguyen, Norma Herrera, and Dalal Abboud. Again, apologies if your name was left off this list. Including some jewellery sales, we raised \$1765 during our five-hour sale.



Calling all Thrifters! Vintage/Thrift Sale



Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association's first
Vintage/Thrift Sale

Friday, June 9th

Location: Retail Therapy (Vendor room)-Level 0

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

clothing, shoes and jewellery- new/gently worn at
amazing prices!

Benefits of Thrift shopping:

- Saving money
- Keeps clothes out of landfills and reduces carbon and chemical pollution caused by clothing production
- Unused items for a reduced price and many more benefits!

All proceeds go toward the purchase of capital equipment for Humber River Hospital



Several years ago, our retail manager Bridget Miller brought the famous shoe sales to HRH. This time, she has come up with an idea that costs us nothing but has the potential of being a huge success. She and other Gift Shop staff have been organizing and pricing donated items for weeks. **HELP NEEDED:** Set up for the thrift sale will occur on Thursday, June 8 at 6 pm in the Vendor room on level 0. We also need volunteers to help with the sale throughout the day on Friday, June 9. Please sign up in the Volunteer Service office on level 1 or 3 and come for a day of shopping.

AN INVITATION

The Downsview Crochet and Knitting Group meets at the Downsview Public Library (2793 Keele St. just north of Wilson) on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Anyone who knows how to crochet or knit or would like to learn is welcome to join. Items that are made can be donated to the Volunteer Association for the different sales during the year to help raise funds. Knitters are also needed to make toques for newborns (every newborn leaves HRH with one) or to make baby sweaters and blankets for sale in the Gift Shop.



IT'S A BIG DEAL!!



Barb Collins, the hospital CEO, and Mirella Quattrin, our Volunteer Association President, announced on Wednesday, May 17 that the Volunteer Association would be opening a **Starbucks** concession on Main Street on September 25. A large curious crowd was present for the announcement because the secret has been well kept for months. Free Starbucks coffee was served. A rendering of the new development was unveiled.



Barb Collins and
HRH Volunteer
Board Members

The Mainstream is a publication of the Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association

Executive Board: Mirella Quattrin, *President*; Pauline Kishimoto, *Past President*; Doreen Bocking, *Vice President*; Jane Mueller, *Executive Secretary*; Marianne Iozzo, *Executive Treasurer*; Fidel Di Caro, Liz Pedzinski, Wendy Kalttinen, Karen McNamara-Mucha, *Members-at-Large*.

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

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