

**June 2024**



**A message from our President, Doreen Bocking.**

“Spring has Sprung”

What a wonderful year we have had. It was great to see so many faces at the volunteer appreciation evening on April 18. We can all say that Louisa’s crew did an amazing job. I had the opportunity to meet more of you which gave me the ability to learn more about you.

We had another successful shoe sale with us selling over \$75,000 worth of shoes and our share was just over \$13,000. Thank you to everyone that came out to help.

On April 17, I had the pleasure of speaking at the Humber River Health Board of Directors meeting. During this time, I presented our fiscal report to Barb Collins (HRH President) and the executive team as well as to the members of the hospital board. They are thankful and recognize our fundraising efforts and services to patient care.

On April 16, we were very proud as an Association to present the hospital with a cheque for \$100,000, which goes towards much needed capital equipment. During our June AGM, we will be completing our pledge of \$400,000 by presenting another cheque to the hospital for \$180,000.

Over the last year, we have strived to bring new ideas to light for fundraising as it can be a challenge to say the least, so if you have any creative ideas and/or connections, I would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you at the 26th Annual General Meeting on June 6.

Doreen



## **Coming Events**

### **Volunteer Association**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, June 6  
Auditorium

#### **Fall Shoe Sale**

Monday Sept. 30 to  
Wednesday, Oct. 2  
Set up Sept. 29

#### **Possible Special Sale Event**

Sometime in the Fall  
Auditorium

#### **Holly Fair**

Wednesday, Nov. 20  
8 am – 3 pm  
Portals of Care

*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.**

## The Set-Up Crew



Back row, left to right: Rita, Kim Doreen, Norma, Dalal. Front row, left to right: Anne, Joanna, Pauline, Teresa



Left to right: Fay, Colin, James and Sophie, Daniel, David and Maqqie.

## Shoe Sale Report: March 2024

The Volunteer Association again sponsored a very successful shoe sale from March 25 to March 27. We sold almost \$75,000 worth of shoes and boots. After taxes, our share was 20% which was approximately \$13,000. The set-up crew showed their experience on Sunday afternoon; the truck was unloaded and the shoes stacked onto racks by size in about 1.5 hours. There was a generous amount of time left before we opened the doors to friends and family at 3 o'clock. There was a very high volume of shoppers Sunday afternoon and all day Monday but volunteers kept the display as neat as possible. The hard-working set-up crew included Norma Herrera, Kim Puddicombe, Doreen Bocking, Dalal Abboud, Maureen Seabrook, Joanna Burns, Anne Carey, Teresa Sartori, Rita Gallo, and Pauline and Ron Kishimoto. In addition, some friends and family members came to help: Louisa Ceci's sister Joanna Burns, Daniel, David, Fay and Maggie Kishimoto and their friends James and Sophie Lau and Colin Campbell. Also helping with the set-up and giving up some of their free Sunday hours were Bridget Miller and Bob Edwards. Many set up crew volunteers also worked shifts during the sale as did Fidel DiCaro, Erane Bocking, Joyce Conway, Leillanie Sulitas, Amir Sharafeddin, Karen McNamara-Mucha, Lan Nguyen, and Ana Amaral. We owe a debt of gratitude to our co-op students who worked Monday and Tuesday afternoons and helped pack up the unsold shoes on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you, Bridget Miller for coming up with this fundraising idea in the first place. This was our **eighth** sale. Apologies if your name was left off this list.

*It's a small world: My son, Daniel, works with Colin Campbell. In a conversation, Daniel mentioned that I was a volunteer at HRH. Colin said his grandmother used to be a volunteer. Mona Berman was president of the Volunteer Association for two years before we moved to the new site. Because of this connection, Colin gave up his Sunday afternoon to help unload the boxes of shoes from the truck. (Pauline Kishimoto)*

## Vintage China and Crystal Sale

Thanks to generous donations from volunteers, their friends and families, we collected a large quantity of beautiful items for our sale on Wednesday, April 15. As we set up, we realized that we would be using all ten tables that we asked for. We owe a huge thank you to volunteers Ann Bills, Nadia Serrentino, Marianne Iozzo, Mary LeGrow, and Brian Haupt, and friends Mary Veneziano and Therese Desranleau for their generosity. Louisa Ceci and the Volunteer Services Department also donated some items. This is the second year that Nadia and Ann have donated items for the sale. Some items were new/never used and in their original packaging. A large collection of Pinwheel pattern crystal was donated – these specific items were wedding gifts received over 50 years ago. Volunteers involved in the sale included Joyce Conway, Liz Pedzinski, Karen McNamara-Mucha, Erane Bocking, Mirella Quattrin, Lan Nguyen, Jane Mueller, Pauline Kishimoto, Joan Dunn, and Norma Herrera. Apologies if your name was left off a list. We set up at 9 am and finished at 2 pm. One early shopper spent over \$200. Including some jewellery sales, we brought in over \$2100 for the Volunteer Association.



Top to bottom, left to right: Jane, Joyce, Pauline, Liz, Mirella, Erane, Joan, Norma.



**HRH Volunteer Association  
Proposed Slate of Officers to be voted on at the AGM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024 -2025**

DOREEN BOCKING ..... PRESIDENT  
 MIRELLA QUATTRIN.....PAST PRESIDENT  
 VACANT.....EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
 ANGELO POTO.....V.P. EQUAL STANDING  
 PAULINE FARRACE .....V.P. EQUAL STANDING  
 JANE MUELLER.....EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
 MIRELLA QUATTRIN.....EXECUTIVE TREASURER  
 FIDEL DI CARO .....MEMBER AT LARGE  
 KAREN MCNAMARA-MUCHA ..... MEMBER AT LARGE  
 LIZ PEDZINSKI .....MEMBER AT LARGE  
 DENNIS LEVESQUE.....MEMBER AT LARGE

**COMMITTEES**

ERANE BOCKING ..... CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
 MIRELLA QUATTRIN..... FINANCE  
 PAULINE KISHIMOTO..... FUND RAISING  
 PAULINE KISHIMOTO.....GIFT SHOP  
 KIM PUDDICOMBE .....PUBLIC RELATIONS  
 JOYCE CONWAY ..... MEMBERSHIP  
 ERANE BOCKING..... NOMINATING  
 PAULINE FARRACE ..... VENDOR CONVENOR  
 RITA SANFORD ..... ADVISOR TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Annual Dinner & General Meeting**

**June 6 at 4:30 pm**

Invitations were recently sent out to all active volunteers who have completed six months or more of service and therefore are members of the Association. The evening will include a complementary buffet dinner with time to socialize. The structured part of the meeting will include the election of the new executive board members and long service awards. Because it is a catered meal, you are asked to confirm your attendance by May 31. There is still time to call/email Volunteer Services at 416-242-1000 ext 82856 or [volunteers@hrh.ca](mailto:volunteers@hrh.ca) We hope to see you there.

**WE WANT YOUR BOOKS**



Erane Bocking's Isolette Program is in desperate need of books. Please drop off your books in the Gift Shop or the Level 1 Sign in Room.

**Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Thank you to Louisa and her Volunteer Services team for hosting a “party” for volunteers on Thursday, April 16 as part of Volunteer Week. A lot of work went into the planning and execution of this event. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with a Carnival theme. Ninety volunteers attended the event and clearly enjoyed all the games and raffles that went on. Team leaders and department heads ran the games and appeared to be having as much fun as the volunteers did. Peter and Paul catered the event once again. Pepper hosted the photo booth area.



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**Executive Board:** Doreen Bocking, *President*; Mirella Quattrin, *Past President*; Angelo Poto, *Vice President*; Jane Mueller, *Executive Secretary*; Marianne Iozzo, *Executive Treasurer*; Fidel Di Caro, Liz Pedzinski, Dennis Levesque, and Karen McNamara-Mucha, *Members-at-Large*.

**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*.