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CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE STAFF MEMBERS? GO TO THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2 FOR THE CORRECT ANSWERS.

## Volunteering at HDGH is a Labour of Love for Antoinette Stocco



new husband. When her husband died in 2003 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's, Antoinette headed back home to Windsor and immediately came back to visit the Sisters and sign up as a hospital volunteer.

Antoinette's latest volunteer efforts have been to support the Tree of Lights Campaign. She has been stationed at the Tree of Lights table in the Goyeau Street Lobby almost every day since the campaign launched on November 10th. She has sort of picked up where **Sr. Cecile LeBoeuf** left off when she moved away to the RHSJ Regional House in Kingston earlier this year.

Even on days that Antoinette is not scheduled to volunteer, she has been known to show up for work – just because she loves the people here. "I volunteered at the Coffee Bar for four years, and loved that too, but I can't do that any longer because I have trouble standing all day," says Antoinette. "Now I come in whether they call me or not and sell ornaments and take donations for the Tree of Lights. I just love it."

Antoinette enjoys talking to everyone who stops by her table. When we caught up with her, it was just a few days before Christmas and she was tenderly wrapping up some snow flake ornaments she had just sold to a visitor and was letting the visitor know what great hostess gifts the ornaments would make to give to family and friends during the holidays. Her sales pitch was sweet and you knew it came from the heart. Antoinette's love for the hospital and her desire to do what she can to help out by volunteering and making her own donation to the Tree of Lights Campaign is very touching.

With only a few days left before the Tree of Lights Campaign wraps up for another year, stop by to see Antoinette at the table in the Goyeau Street Lobby to make a donation. She will make you feel glad that you did.

**Antoinette Stocco** has had a soft spot for Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital since her father brought her to meet the Sisters back in 1939. She says she was 15 years old then and they found her some work in the Laundry that paid \$26 a month. She remembers pressing those starched white nursing uniforms up until she got married in 1944 and moved away to Arizona with her

## HDGH Implements Required Telephone System Upgrade

Information Services is performing an upgrade to our telephone system on Wednesday, December 30th for a 12 hour period from midnight to 12:00 p.m. During this downtime, only "Emergency" telephones will be in service. Please see the following list for department and set location, extension numbers and dialing instructions.

It is important that during this downtime, staff limit all calling to "Most Important and Must Make" calls only.

### Impacted areas include:

All incoming calls on all lines (973-44xx, 255-2xxx) – will be routed directly to the Switchboard.

Overhead Paging – restricted for CODE 555 use only.

Call pilot voice menu, voice mail access (973-4444, 973-4422, 7700, 7701) – no service.

Nuance speech recognition service - (973-4411, 4411) – no service.

Fax machines – those that require dialing 9 first will not be in service. Those that allow direct dialing without the 9 will not be affected.

Patient rooms – no phone service. External calls to patients will be stopped at the Switchboard.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the **IS Service Desk at ext. 3911**.

## Rosemary Limarzi

December 23, 2009

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend and colleague Rosemary Limarzi on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

Rosemary served as executive assistant to the CEO from May 2002 to April, 2006. She was also a founding member of the Heart of the City Hospital Foundation, now known as the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation and served on the Foundation Board until 2008. Rosemary also held the position of Communications Coordinator for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board up until she fell ill. She was well respected and will be sadly missed by her Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital family.

Please remember Rosemary and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **HATS OFF!** *Our hats go off to...*

**Dr. Dante Morassutti, Dr. Avi Wasserman, Dr. Art Kidd, staff in the OR, ICU and 8East.** A recent patient wrote, "You saved my life (and left me hair). I won't forget your kindness. A special thanks to those nurses on 8East (Neurosurgery) who were so understanding, especially **Stephanie Windsor, Kelly Millette** (I am still hearing your "don't bend") and **Sarah Tuffley**. (your sweet laugh and my escort out). My family has been blessed. Thank you so much!"

**All staff who donated toys** to the Sparky and Salvation Army Toy Drive this year. The hospital received a thank you letter from the toy drive coordinators expressing their sincere appreciation to all of the staff at HDGH who supported their campaign once again this year. In their letter they said, "During this time of economic hardship it is wonderful to know that we can depend on individuals and organizations in our community to step up and meet the needs of less fortunate families. It is because of your kindness and generosity that we are able to help parents provide a joyful Christmas morning for their children."

## **Start the New Year Off by Registering with FundScrip**

Register today to participate in the FundScrip Gift Card program and support the HDGH Foundation all year long. It's a great way to raise money from the purchases you are already making. Each participant can easily generate \$25 monthly for the hospital Foundation. Earnings can add up quickly as more people participate. Participate today by following these easy steps:

Register by going to <http://www.fundscrip.com>. Click on "Sign Up". Select your province. Scroll down the list to locate Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation and complete the registration form. Once your account is set up, select your gift cards from FundScrip's large variety of participating retailers. You can even set up a recurring order and never have to worry about forgetting to place an order. A select group of gift cards are also available in the Foundation office for purchase. Please contact 519-973-4443 for more information.

## **Hospital Foundation on Facebook**

The HDGH Foundation has set up a Facebook page named "Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital" – Inspired People, Extraordinary Care. It will focus on various efforts mandated by the Foundation and feature how the powerful fundraising dollars generated by the Foundation are benefitting our hospital and community.

To join, search Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital and select the group with "Inspired People, Extraordinary Care" and the Foundation logo after the hospital name.

## **Drop Your Coins in the Spiral Wishing Well**



The Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation has installed a new Spiral Wishing Well in the Goyeau Street Lobby (near the Health & Wellness Pharmacy) that provides donors with an opportunity to donate coins. A little change can change a lot is the slogan of this new fundraising initiative, because we all know how fast those small donations can add up to a substantial amount. The Spiral Wishing Well also offers a chance to have fun while you donate! For rental opportunities, please contact 519-973-4443.

## **Fogolar Women's Association Donate \$5,000 to Angioplasty**

Representatives from the Fogolar Furlan Women's Association visited HDGH last week to present a cheque for \$5,000 to Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation President **Loris Macor** and **Kim Spirou**, Vice President of Communications & Development. The Fogolar Women's Association raised the funds at their annual Pasta Night held in October. The funds will go to support the Angioplasty Program at HDGH.



## **Mosby's Nursing Skills Available On-Line**

It is important for nurses and other clinical staff to have access to resources to efficiently find answers to clinical questions. A link is available from our hospital web page to access Mosby's Nursing Skills.

Over 900 skills and procedures are featured in an easy to access search by index, specialty (E.R., Critical Care, General, Mental Health and Advanced Practice Nursing) or category.

Here are the step by step directions to navigate the web page:

1. Open the HDGH Intranet Home Page;
2. Click on Departments and select Library from the drop down menu;
3. On the Library page go to the left side for the Nursing Resources section and click on Mosby's Nursing Skills Trial;
4. Once on the Mosby's page look on the left side where there are options to browse by index/specialty or category;
5. When you have selected a skill to review, the site provides options to view/print a quick sheet or extended text, a checklist, a test and in some cases illustrations and a demonstration video.

This site provides a great way to refresh knowledge or learn entirely new skills.

## **Every Friday is Denim Day**

For the privilege of wearing denim every Friday, staff must purchase a sticker for a toonie at the Cashiers Office near the Ouellette Avenue entrance. Please note that stickers are no longer available for purchase in the staff cafeteria. Funds raised through Denim Days will be invested in a special staff fitness fund that the Foundation will steward. The monies collected will be used to help us maintain a staff fitness facility.