

Spring/Summer 2025

Newsletter



Chair's Report May 2025

Hi Everybody ...

Lets hope we've left the cool wet days of April and May behind now that June is here.

It's getting closer by the month

A New West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

We now have published dates, July 21, 2025 for Hospital Substantial Completion, when all equipment, fixtures and fittings are installed and working, October 27, 2025 for Patient Population, plus the WLMA will be operating the new Coffee Shop and Gift Shop.

My last report detailed the happenings for the Coffee Shop and the Gift Shop in the new build and what all that entails and will develop and progress as we near the July and October dates.

Again, a huge thank you to Gail Bartlett, who has soldiered on for the Auxiliary, even after having surgery to her leg, keeping us updated with the goings on as we approach substantial completion.

Our Strawberry Tea fund raiser on June 19th is now a "sell out". Well done to every one involved in buying tickets and promoting the event.

There is a "Celebration Committee" being set up by HHS, of which we are part, to welcome folks to the new hospital with a ribbon cutting ceremony etc. Stay tuned for details as they become available. Normally, we quieten down a bit through July and August but I don't think that'll be the case this year with the preparations required to make the move to the new hospital.

So.... Stay tuned as we get to the end of this journey and we'll keep you posted as the details are developed and published. Have a wonderful summer.

Fred Lilley, Chair - West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary

2025 Annual General Meeting

National Volunteer Week comes along in April each year, where we take time to celebrate our volunteers with the presentation of service awards. *Volunteers Make Waves*, was this year's theme for Volunteer Week. It highlights the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada. The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the inclusivity and well-being of our communities. Like a wave, volunteering creates ripples of change.

The *Auxiliary* has continued on an upward trajectory this past year in terms of volunteer hours. At last year's AGM, I reported, for the year ending Dec 2023, that we had a total of 14,200 hours. In this past year ending Dec 2024 we had a total of 15,341 hours...an 8.5% increase over the prior year. Still a long way from catching up to our pre-pandemic total of 26,000 hours, but then again we have 30% fewer active volunteers now than we did in 2019.

When the hospital opens later this year with additional parking available in 2026, we can expect to recruit many more volunteers, add new placement areas and expand our hours of service. This past year, with the help of some talented new volunteers, who possess the necessary social media skills, we have increased our recruitment efforts and made improvements to our website.

In March we implemented *Better Impact*, a software system to streamline online applications and onboarding for both adult and student volunteers. We are using the system to track each volunteer's profile and their service hours, both for on-site activities at West Lincoln and off-site time spent on Auxiliary business. Tracking volunteer hours is important for us in demonstrating the impact of our volunteer programs to stakeholders, funders, the community, and improving volunteer engagement.

At the *Annual General Meeting* held on April 10th, I again had the pleasure of presenting the service awards to many amazing volunteers who play a vital role in our community hospital. As you'll see in this newsletter, awards were given to 8 volunteers to recognize their *Hours of Service*, from 500 hours to 13,000 hours.

The Outstanding Service Award, went to *Barb Walker*, it's awarded to those who go above and beyond, working at fundraising events, providing exemplary service, and a minimum of 5 years membership. Barb joined the Auxiliary in 2003, transporting patients to physio and volunteering on the wards; she served on the social club for a while. Barb currently does a weekly shift in the Café on Mondays and a Thursday shift on the Maternity Ward ensuring supplies are ready for new babies. Barb is always there to help with Fundraising events throughout the year, rolling up her sleeves from setup to cleanup.

Life Member Awards were presented to Barb Jackson and Kathy Smart. This award is based on 3 criteria, 10 year minimum membership in the Auxiliary; serving in a leadership capacity (Board or Committee); continued dedication and service to the Auxiliary.

Barb joined in 2015 and later took on the role of Vice Chair for 2 years, became Chair for 2 years, and then Past Chair for 2 years ending in 2023. Since then, Barb has been the Coordinator of Volunteers at the Information Desk and continues to actively participate in Auxiliary events through the Fundraising committee.

Kathy also joined in 2015, initially volunteering on the Wards and as Co-Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Kathy continues to participate in the planning and execution of fundraising events throughout the year. In 2022 she also took on the role of Café Supervisor. With the Café closed for over 2 years, it took extraordinary effort on Kathy's part to restock, source new suppliers, update the POS system, repair and replace outdated equipment and train returning volunteers. Considerable time on Kathy's part has also gone into the planning and preparation for the opening of the Daisy Café in the new hospital a few months from now.

To all our volunteers, Thank You for giving your time, energy, and talents. You're creating ripples of change enabling the Auxiliary to fulfill its mission contributing to the well-being of our community.

Wendy Hollinshead, Volunteer Coordinator



Annual General Meeting
Held at
Mountainview Christian
Reformed Church
on April 10th, 2025



Our delicious dinner was
catered by our favourite Chef
Brad Rempel and a HUGE
thank you to all the hospital
staff who waited on us.





*500 Hours
Linda Hume*



*500 Hours
Maricl Smith*



*500 Hours
Mary O'Brien*



*500 Hours
Barb Wright*



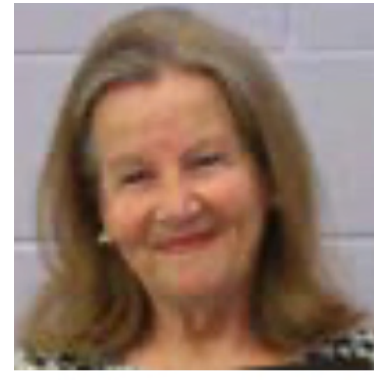
*3,000 Hours
Fred Lilley*



*8,000 Hours
Lois Hanson*



*12,000 Hours
Judy Jordan*



*13,000 Hours
Anne-Marie Heywood*



*Life Member Award
Barb Jackson*

2024 Award Recipients



*Life Member Award
Kathy Smart*

*Outstanding
Service Award
Barb Walker*

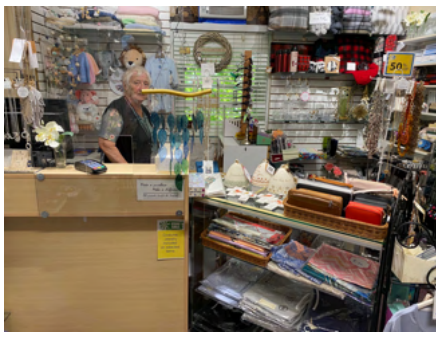


*Bursary Winner
Callum Black*



A selection of photos of our volunteers enjoying an evening of delicious food and socializing with others at our Annual General Meeting on April 10 at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church





We're gearing up for THE MOVE!

Almost everything has been marked down.

Make a purchase and help us clear it out.

Thank you for your past support!



Last pictures of our Gift Shop and Coffee Shop before moving to the new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital where they will be larger, the coffee shop will be renamed "The Daisy Cafe" and have an outdoor patio.



Our Easter Bake Sale held in the hospital lobby on April 17th, 2025



Thank you to all who baked and donated.
We raised a grand total of \$855





The Town of Grimsby held a Civic Recognition Program awards ceremony on May 5th.

The West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary (WLMA) received a special award which recognizes citizens, or community groups, who have achieved a special milestone through community service efforts.

"WLMA is applauded for 80 years of dedicated volunteer contributions to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. The tireless support of these volunteers continues to play a crucial role in improving healthcare for Grimsby and surrounding communities. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each member of the West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary".

The Town acknowledged the work done by our volunteers running and staffing the Information Desk, Gift Shop and Coffee Shop and providing administrative support in several non-clinical areas. Through our fundraising efforts, WLMA donated \$87,000 in 2023-24 for the purchase of new hospital equipment and pledged, and delivered \$800,000 towards the new hospital.

Jeff Jordan, Mayor of Grimsby, presented Fred Lilley, WLMA Chair, with a certificate.





WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL AUXILIARY DONOR TREE

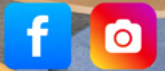
IT'S OFFICIAL!

**THE NEW WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS OPENING OCTOBER 27th
AND WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WLMA'S DONOR TREE WILL BE
PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED NEXT TO THE COFFEE SHOP!**

The Donor Tree will showcase all donation leaves and rocks for contributions made by June 30th. We encourage you to donate before this date to ensure your name is included in the opening display. Later donations will be added at a future date.

Each inscribed leaf or rock will symbolize a generous donation aimed at purchasing essential equipment for West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.
Leaves: Silver \$250, Gold \$500; Rocks: \$2,500

Find out more at wlmauxiliary.ca OR donortree@cogeco.ca OR (905) 945-2253, Ext: 11391



Ticket drawn by a passing visitor.

Winner!!
“Mother’s Day Basket”
drawn May 8th
with a profit of \$2455



Lucky winner is: Ashley Perkins who just had a baby boy!

Auxiliary Events 2025

Afternoon Tea & Shopping Spree - Mountainview Christian Reformed Church (TBD)

Poinsettia Sale - WLMH Lobby November 26 & 27

Breakfast with Santa - Peach King Centre TBD

Bake Sale - WLMH Lobby December 17





Welcome
to our new volunteers



Lynne Wright

Chris Van Sickle

Bipin Padhiar

Sharon Ciebin

Laura Babb

Babneet Kaur

Irene Fratarcangeli



Condolences
Go out to:



The family of Rolly Lopez (December 2024)

The famiy of Larry Deighton (January 2025)

The family of Leen Zonneveld (January 2025)

Shirley Riding on the loss of her husband, Gord (February 2025)

The family of Ron Craddock (February 2025)



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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary:

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statement of operations and changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to us obtaining evidence we considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might have been found necessary with respect to revenue, excess of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023, current assets as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2024 and 2023 years. Our conclusion on the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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