

HeartBeats

A Quarterly Newsletter from Haldimand War Memorial Hospital & Edgewater Gardens

Fall 2020

Message from the Interim President

The COVID-19 pandemic put our spring edition of HeartBeats on pause, and now I'm pleased to share news from HWMH and Edgewater Gardens – in this abbreviated version of our newsletter – for the first time in my role as interim president and CEO.

Beginning with some good news, construction has continued on our new Outpatient Clinic in a portion of the former Emergency Department over the past several months and the creation of a new Pharmasave outlet in another portion was completed in mid-September.

All surgeries have now resumed at the hospital and most outpatient clinics have reopened. Patient visiting is permitted – with certain restrictions – both outside and inside the hospital.

The challenges of infection control have placed some strains on our Specimen Collection Centre, where members of

the community come to have bloodwork done. Rather than allowing drop-in visits as before – and having many people in the waiting room – appointments are required. Even though the centre's hours have been extended on weekdays by 1.5 hours, we are not able to accommodate as many patients as before.

The expectation is that health care services in Ontario will be operating with special COVID precautions for many months, and possibly years, to come.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our front-line workers, as well as the broader community, for your understanding and support over the past seven months. As always, we will continue to work to realize our vision of providing “Best care, every person, every time.”

Sharon Moore
Interim President and CEO



Final work on the construction of the new Pharmasave outlet was completed in mid-September.

New Board Members Appointed

HWMH and Edgewater Gardens have appointed three new people to the Board of Directors. They are Karen Prine, Richard Longtin and Marianne Knight.

Karen is a former clinical director at Hamilton Health Sciences, past site administrator at McMaster University Medical Centre and president of the Board of Directors at Road to Recovery – Haldimand Inc.

Richard is the director of Government Relations at Lakehead University, past legislative assistant for MP Diane Finley, a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CRFE), and board member of the Royal Ontario Museum and Town Gown Association of Ontario.

Marianne is the chief technology officer of Catalyst Finance Partners Inc.; a fund-raising volunteer for the East Haldimand Hospice; former board member of the HNHB LHIN; and past chair of the Board of Directors of the CCAC of Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria County.

Both Karen and Marianne are residents of Haldimand County, while Richard was born and raised in Dunnville and still has family in town.

Opening up Visiting at Edgewater

As a result of changes to the provincial government's COVID directives regarding long-term care homes, Edgewater Gardens has relaxed its policy on visitors coming in and residents leaving the home.

Residents may now leave Edgewater for short absences, but must wear a mask at all times and be screened when they return. Residents who leave for overnight stays – with the approval of the administrator – are required to self-isolate for 14 days on returning.

Visiting at Edgewater is now permitted daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. A maximum of two visitors is permitted at a time. These rules do not apply to residents who are at end of life, and family may visit without a COVID swab but must follow the rules of the home.

Other visitors must be able to attest to negative COVID swabs every two weeks for inside visits. COVID tests are not required for outside visits. All visitors will be screened at the home's entrance.

Visitors are required to wear a surgical mask – provided by Edgewater – for inside visits, and their own cloth mask for outside visits. For more information and to book a visit call 905-391-7114.



New Foundation Executive Director

The board of the Dunnville Hospital & Healthcare Foundation (DHHF) has appointed a new executive director. She is Penny Banks, the former director of development at the West Haldimand Hospital and Healthcare Foundation, and former senior development officer with the Belleville General Hospital Foundation.

Penny has an extensive background in fund raising, including managing events such as the Canada Summer Games, galas, golf tournaments and donor stewardship events.

Supporting the Hospital Through Fund Raising

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the DHHF has continued to raise much-needed funds to support Haldimand War Memorial Hospital. The success of several annual programs will see the foundation raise over \$350,000 this year.

The foundation's special "Heroes on the Front Line" campaign featured 11 front-line workers of the hospital and Edgewater Gardens who were on the job during the pandemic. The annual "Care & Win Lottery" draw was held on July 22, 2020. The 3rd place winner of \$1,000 was Brad Mageran, 2nd place winner of \$3,000 was Sue Vail and the grand prize winner of \$10,000 was Jackie Kleniewski.

The Tim Horton's "Smile Cookie" campaign, which ran from September 14 to 20, resulted in \$1 dollar donated for each of a total of over 60,000 cookies sold.

The annual golf tournament in late September was expected to bring in approximately \$20,000. Upcoming DHHF events include the "Henriette McMichen Memorial Stride & Ride for Our Hospital" campaign on October 17 and the "Christmas Tree of Hope" campaign, which begins November 1. For more information visit dhhf.ca



Resident Mary Bird cuddles with one of Edgewater's robotic cats.

A Purrrfect Addition to Edgewater

Edgewater Gardens is now home to two robotic cats – including one donated by Family Council members Pat and Dave Factor.

The cats can move, open and close their eyes, meow and purr when the built-in sensors are activated by residents' touch.

They are increasingly being used in long-term care homes to provide calming comfort to people living with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia, including during night time hours when these residents can often undergo particular stresses.

Welcome New Staff

HOSPITAL:

Sarah Boyer – RPN
Kristen Katerenchuk - RPN
Chelsea Corlis – RPN
Brian Speck – ER Clerk
Kathleen Ursual – RPN
Tasha Passmore – Medical Device Reprocessing Technician
Shamus O'Neill – Housekeeper
Joel Abbas – RN
Aldo Alexis Camargo Zavala – Pandemic Response Worker

Craig Surridge – Pandemic Response Worker
Christine Edwicker – Pandemic Response Worker
Alisha Attema – RN
Melissa Andrighetti – Pandemic Response Worker
Anne Drouin – Pandemic Response Worker
Carina Natale – RN
Ryan Hannigan – Physiotherapy Aide
Darien Powell – RPN
Kyler Smith – Medical Device Reprocessing Technician

Victoria Taylor – PSW
Lisa Graves – Emergency Clerk
Andrea Richardson – Nurse Practitioner
Amelia Verlint – Pandemic Response Worker
Sara Muttart – RN
Patricia Taylor – PSW
Tonya Green – Pandemic Response Worker
Amy Martin – Pandemic Response Worker
Heather Taylor – ER Clerk
Lotis Ganzan – Laboratory Patient Technician

Staci Hogeterp – Medical Device Reprocessing Technician
Vicky Ott – ER Clerk
Tracy Berkeley – PSW
Samantha Pringle – RN
Rebecca Kressner – Medical Laboratory Technologist
Jennifer Theobald – Ultrasound Technologist
Amanda Hamilton – PSW

EDGEWATER:

Amber Dolan – Housekeeper
Lucas Thorne – Housekeeper
Lorela Burke – PSW
Chelsea Breukelman – PSW

Sydney Hoover – PSW
Kylie Thomson – Recreation Therapist
Thais Creary – RN
Alexis Langerap – Housekeeper
Lavarre Taylor – PSW
Caillie Gregory – Program Assistant
Alissa Lambert – PSW
Lindsey Dakin – PSW
Taylor McDonald – PSW
Patricia Ceming – RN
Leah Smith – RN
Karla De Galan – RPN
Beth Orr – Housekeeper



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