

# GIVING NEWS



Jeannette Rupert was the first person to use the clinic.



Image using old machine.



Image using new machine.

## *New Breast Assessment Clinic:* **Donor Gifts Make a Difference**

**This year, we were fortunate to be able to bring three new ultrasound machines to our Hospital. Having these new machines fundamentally changed the way our Ultrasound Department functions, bringing more efficiency and less waiting for our patients, not to mention that the new machines replaced those more than a dozen years old, providing a stunning improvement in the quality of images.**

Take a look at the images of a cancerous tumour seen with both the new and the old machines. Even the untrained eye can see how much clearer the image is taken with the new machine.

“Donors like you including Circle of Life members, those who responded to our mail appeal, and those who participated in Fore our Hospital and the Thanksgiving Day Races, made it happen, and we are grateful,” says Suzanne Bone, President and CEO of The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital.

What is really exciting is that we’ve opened a new Breast Assessment Clinic at GGH which would not have been possible without the new machines. The clinic is designed to significantly reduce the amount of time a woman spends waiting to know whether or not she has breast cancer.

The new machines are now in use; the clinic is up and running. Long-time Guelph resident and the first person to use the clinic, Jeannette Rupert, is extremely thankful for both of these things.

The patient’s journey usually begins when a lump is found or a shadow appears on a screening mammogram. Then it can take up to three visits to the hospital over a four to six-week period before a diagnosis can be made. Usually, a second mammogram is needed, which may be followed by an ultrasound. Then some will need a needle biopsy with the sample sent to the lab. Now with the new clinic, all that is done in one day.

Compare this with Jeannette’s journey which started recently when she found a lump in her left breast. Not one to ruminate and worry, she immediately phoned her doctor who referred her to the newly-implemented Breast Assessment Clinic. *Continued on page 2*

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Jeannette arrived at GGH at 8:00 a.m. and by 10:30 a.m. she'd had a mammogram, an ultrasound and a biopsy! A week later she received the heartening news that all was clear. Understandably, she breathed a big sigh of relief.

"Yes," Jeannette acknowledges, "it was nerve-racking to discover the lump and waiting is horrible." Thankfully the time between discovery and diagnosis was relatively short. When asked about the care received she said she was very impressed with the clinic. "Everyone was fantastic, friendly, supportive and took the time to explain everything."

"This is about improving our patient's experience by significantly reducing their time spent wondering whether or not they have cancer," explains Dr. Samir Patel, GGH's Chief of Diagnostic Imaging. "It's also about providing the best care possible should cancer be found. By taking advantage of our modern, fully-digitized and integrated diagnostic equipment including our mammography machine and brand new ultrasound machines, patients can get their diagnosis as quickly as possible which means treatment can be started sooner."



**Dr. Harold Jackson with wife Nancy Jackson at the Guelph Youth Music Centre where he and his wife still come to practice with the Guelph Chamber Choir.**

## Loyal Donor Profile

Dr. Harold Jackson, along with his family, moved to Guelph in 1980 when he was appointed Director of Scientific Affairs for Johnson & Johnson Baby Products Company (now called McNeil Consumer Health Care). He retired in 2004. Dr. Jackson lived and worked in Guelph for 25 years and has been a loyal supporter of Guelph General Hospital since the late 1980s, when we started fundraising for much-needed equipment.

At that time, Dr. Jackson was already quite involved with the Rotary Club of Guelph and networked with a lot of other Rotarians who were canvassing for the Hospital, and so Dr. Jackson decided to join them.

Dr. Jackson said, "If I was going to canvas, then I also needed to make a commitment", and that is what first motivated him to start supporting the Hospital.

Over the years, Dr. Jackson continued to be a regular supporter of Guelph General, responding to almost every mail appeal. Dr. Jackson explained, "My parents always instilled in me that the community where you earned your money was always a good place to give a little back."

A few years ago, after retiring, Dr. Jackson moved back to London, his childhood home, but he didn't "cut the umbilical cord". He explained that he is still tied to Guelph in many ways and that he continues to support Guelph General Hospital.

We are so very thankful for the support that Dr. Jackson has shown over the years. We are honored to be able to share his story for others to be inspired by.

You may read an expanded version of Dr. Jackson's story at [www.gghfoundation.ca](http://www.gghfoundation.ca) in the Donor Spotlight section.

## Tribute Gifts

We are honoured to receive gifts in someone's memory. We also welcome gifts that pay tribute to special occasions such as births, holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, or as a way of saying thank you. For a complete listing of those who have been honoured with Tribute Gifts, visit our website [www.gghfoundation.ca](http://www.gghfoundation.ca).

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# Exceptional Events

Information on events can be found at [www.gghfoundation.ca](http://www.gghfoundation.ca)



Save the date for Black Tie Bingo 2017!

## Superb Supporters

*We are honoured by the community support we receive.*

### Peter Lago Memorial Golf Classic



Jeremy, Matthew, Philip, Frances, Carol, Patrick and Geoffrey Lago (left to right).

“It was a beautiful day to celebrate the life of Peter, playing his favourite sport and bringing the people together who meant so much to him, all while raising funds for a wonderful cause,” says son Philip Lago, who along with his family organized The Peter Lago Memorial Golf Classic. One hundred and thirty-six golfers gathered at Cutten Fields on September 12 to raise money for 23 sleeper chairs. The chairs easily convert from a chair to a bed and will be welcomed by family members who must spend the night by their loved one’s side. The chairs will make a difference to patients and families throughout the Hospital. A heartfelt thanks to the Lago family for supporting the Hospital in such a meaningful way.

### Stone Road Mall Golf Tournament



It was another fine summer, sunny day for golfing on June 23. Thanks to Stone Road Mall for hosting 86 golfers at the 4th Annual Golf Tournament and raising \$9,500 for Paediatrics.

Thank you to **Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute’s** graduating Business Leadership Class for organizing a golf tournament and choosing to direct the proceeds to GGH.

We extend our appreciation to **Guelph Auto Mall Dealers** for hosting their annual Civic Holiday Sales fundraiser.

### Lined Up and Ready to Ride!



Thanks to 666 riders, Presenting Sponsor Scotiabank and many other generous sponsors, and over 60 volunteers for raising \$66,000 (net) for Guelph General Hospital’s new state-of-the-art ultrasound unit as well as important local and international Rotary projects for the Rotary Clubs of Guelph South and Guelph Trillium. You helped make magic happen.

By the time you read this newsletter, another fundraiser for GGH will have taken place. For three unforgettable weekends in October, Guelph was taken over by Zombies. A big shout-out to highschool student Kurtis Lammer, creator and mastermind behind the **UNIT 6 Haunted House Scarefest** fundraiser.

*Thumbs up indeed! Thanks to Harvey’s, Swiss Chalet and Kelsey’s for sponsoring yet another successful BBQ fundraiser in June for GGH staff. In 2.5 hours, more than 400 people raised \$2,100 for the Hospital.*



# Hospital Happenings

## Multipurpose X-Ray Room Opens

August 10 marked the first day of operation of our new multi-purpose x-ray machine.

It took four weeks to assemble on site after arriving in 100s of boxes. The new machine replaces a much older x-ray unit and has a long list of improvements resulting from more advanced technology.

“Improved patient comfort and improved image quality top the list of enhancements as well as versatility,” says Jennifer Meher, Manager Diagnostic Imaging. “Before, multiple pieces of equipment across multiple rooms would be needed to carry out all the procedures this one piece of equipment can do.”

There’s also a productivity benefit too. The machine has the ability to perform both standard x-rays of bone and soft tissue. Images may be taken of the patient standing or laying down which enables x-rays of the upper and lower digestive system too. Before, patients would have to go outside Guelph for those images. Now, patients residing in the communities of Guelph and Wellington can have these images done in the convenience of their own community hospital.

According to Jennifer, when purchasing new equipment, there are many considerations that go into the decision, but ultimately these investments need to meet patient needs today and for many years ahead.



The large machine came with 100s of boxes filled with parts to assemble.



The machine is finally ready to see its first patient. The walls are freshly painted and a new laminate floor installed to help improve the patient’s experience.

## Donate Now! Yes, I want to make a difference!

I would like to make a donation of: \$50  \$75  \$100  \$200  \$500  or other  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Miss  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed (payable to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital)  OR please charge my Visa or MasterCard:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$10 and above unless otherwise requested.**

**Thank you for your support! The Foundation publishes a list of supporters as a form of appreciation. If you would like to remain anonymous on this list, please check here.**

- I'd like more information about Tribute Gifts  I have included The Foundation in my will  
 I'd like more information about making a Planned Gift

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Mabel's 1947 nursing graduation photo (top) and at her 90th birthday celebration year (bottom).

### Mabel's Gift of Caring

During her lifetime, Mabel Wingrove always felt local community support was important. As a long-time donor to Guelph General Hospital and other charities, her devotion to caring for others was apparent – both personally and professionally.

Raised in Erin Township, Mabel graduated in 1947 from Guelph General Hospital's then Nursing School and practised her craft within our hospital until she married Dr. Ben Wingrove, DVM. Her nursing career transitioned into veterinary medicine, including at Wingrove Veterinary Services, but Mabel always understood the importance of having a strong and vibrant local hospital to care for the residents of Guelph and Wellington County.

While we mourn the loss of Mabel, who recently passed away, we also

celebrate her life well lived and remembered through her gift of life insurance to GGH. Her generosity in naming The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital as beneficiary of an insurance policy means her substantial gift can be used immediately to provide healing for others, whom she cared so much about.

Mabel's legacy of care and concern for others will live on through her kindness and foresight.

If you would like information on ways to support Guelph General Hospital through a planned gift like Mabel's, please contact Lori Muzak McComb, Senior Development Officer, Campaign, Major & Planned Giving at 519-837-6440 ext. 2569 or email [lmuzakmccomb@gghorg.ca](mailto:lmuzakmccomb@gghorg.ca).

### Watch Your Mailbox

*"My son Richard convinced me that if I wanted to live my life my way – doing things like visiting the Yukon for the dogsled races – I would have to have surgery. And I'm so glad he did." You can read more about Margaret Durrer's journey in our seasonal mailing which you will be receiving soon.*



### Yes, I would like to join The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital Monthly Giving Program!

At the *middle of each month*, I would like to give: \$10  \$15  \$20  or other  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment:

I authorize The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital to withdraw from my bank account through my financial institution each month beginning:

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a VOID cheque  
 I prefer to use my credit card     Visa     MasterCard

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you for joining the Monthly Giving Program!



## New Faces at the Foundation

It's been a busy few months with comings and goings at the Foundation. This past spring, we said good-bye to three staff members who decided to pursue new career opportunities. We are now thrilled to introduce you to our new team (and remind you of the rest of us who are still here!). Joining our team are:

**Rob Cameron, Senior Development Officer, Major Gifts,** joined the Foundation in July to help the team find friends and funds. Rob brings a great mix of experience to the Foundation through past roles in the private sector within management and sales of both international laboratory products and local IT services.

**Lori Muzak McComb, Senior Development Officer, Major and Planned Gifts** brings with her over 12 years of senior fundraising experience, mostly in healthcare. Prior to this, Lori worked in the co-operative Credit Union system. Lori's responsibilities include both our major gifts and planned giving programs.

**Robyn Patrick, Office Assistant,** is willing to take on just about any task thrown her way. Robyn started at the beginning of May as a Summer student and is now providing part-time support while she continues on with her University studies, pursuing her Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Marketing.



Robyn Patrick,  
Rob Cameron,  
Lori Muzak  
McComb,  
Suzanne Bone,  
Debbie de Boer,  
Linda Craig  
and Elizabeth  
Stewart  
(left to right).

### **Elizabeth Stewart, Marketing Communications**

**Specialist,** strives to strengthen communications to donors and prospective donors so that they are fully aware of the impact of their support at GGH. Elizabeth started with FGGH as a Tour de Guelph volunteer.

They join Suzanne Bone, Linda Craig and Debbie de Boer who between them, have worked at the Foundation for an amazing 61 years!

Linda drives our Annual Giving program, spearheading mailings and events that raise more than half a million dollars each year. Debbie provides endless support in many areas including the processing of the many donations that come into the office. Suzanne, as our CEO, works with the team to ensure we fulfil our purpose of saving lives and improving health.

A common characteristic amongst all our staff is their desire to put their skills to work in an organization that helps them make a difference within their community.

If you are in the neighbourhood, please stop by – we'd love to say hello!

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