

Enjoy this collection of news and views to keep volunteers "in the loop" about happenings at Hospice Georgina. This newsletter is also on our website: www.hospicegeorgina.com.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING We had a wonderful turnout-over 50 people for the AGM this year. Thanks to the Sibbalds for their warm hospitality again at the Briars. Welcome to the new Board members **Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux and Rennet Wong-Gates**. We look forward to your leadership and involvement with HG.

CLIENT CARE COORDINATOR It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Jackie Kaminski effective July 20th. Jackie has contributed so much



in the few months she was coordinator. She plans to pursue her growing private counseling practice and time with her growing boys. We wish her the best.

TIME TOGETHER - Our June excursion to Georgina Island was very interesting as we learned more about the history and families on the Island with Sue Hoeg. Thanks to all who participated.

We will take a break in July from our volunteer meetings. Our next **Time Together** will be Wed. July 17 at noon. We will have our meeting and then have a wedding shower for Crystal Whittle who is getting married to her long time partner Doug the following week. Please RSVP for the meeting and whether you can stay for the shower.



WEBSITE LAUNCH- Please take a few minutes and browse through our new website at www.hospicegeorgina.com. We request that you sign up on the volunteer page so that we can create an updated volunteer email list. Also, please sign up for our online newsletter. If you **register before the end of June**, your name will be automatically entered in our **free Lake Simcoe Arms dinner** contest.

VOLUNTEER HOURS - Reminder: Hours are due July 5th to Crystal

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GEORGINA HIGHLAND GATHERING - Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with our very successful Tea Tent. We SOLD OUT!! What a great event for us. Our thanks go to the new JASH bakery (in Keswick) for the yummy baked goods. We hope to do it again next June.

GAZEBO GLAM event- our Gazebo, donated by the Kinettes, is in need of a fresh coat of stain before next winter. It is used by clients and the community as a quiet place to rest and enjoy the calming effect of the river. The staff team is planning a 'not-so-extreme makeover' party **Wed July 13 starting at 2pm**. We'd love some volunteers to help stain (bring a paint brush, roller or sponge) or simply come cheer us on. Stay for pizza at 5pm when we are finished. Call Crystal.



LIBRARY - We are looking for 2-3 avid readers who would like to read one of our library books and write a short 1-3 paragraph review by October. Each of the York Region hospices is trying to develop book reviews on current selections that can be shared to encourage community education and more use of hospice libraries by the community. Contact Nana.

ESAS - We had a successful training day for palliative visiting volunteers on June 23. We will be starting with over 10 clients in a pilot program running July to December, where volunteers help clients indicate their level of pain and symptom assessment scores on a simple form. Let us know if you missed the training date as individual training can be arranged until July 18th. Contact Jackie.

SUTTON FAIR August 4-7, 2011. We would like to have a booth at the Fair again this August if we have enough volunteers available. We found it was a great way to raise our profile and interest new volunteers.



ROC GRAND OPENING Sept 24th. Our Tribute committee has begun planning for an event at the Labyrinth to coincide with the Town's grand opening festivities at the Civic Centre. We hope to raise public awareness of the labyrinth and memory tree that are located on the grounds. More details to come but hold this date if you are interested in attending. Contact Frances.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Core Concepts in Palliative Care Training The PalCare Network will provide a 10 week Core Concepts 1 course in Newmarket starting Tuesday September 13 from 6-9pm. They also offer a Thursday evening course in Richmond Hill.

Completion of the Core Concepts course is a Hospice requirement before volunteers can participate in our palliative care (pc) visiting program. We strongly encourage any volunteers who have not completed the course to consider registering for it this fall. We have reached a critical point where we have more clients than our pc volunteers can support. We hope to get more volunteers to match with clients this fall so we do not have to start a waiting list.