

## HG VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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*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](http://www.hospicegeorgina.com).*

**TIME TOGETHER** - Thursday **June 2**, we are planning a pot-luck lunch to Georgina Island. Thanks to Sue Hoeg for the invitation. We will take the 11:00 morning ferry and return on the 2:15 ferry, so we need your RSVPs now to finalize numbers and food. (A reminder that foods you bring should be safe for hot weather travel). We have also offered to donate plants from our gardens that can be used to beautify their cemetery and new columbarium that will be erected soon. To learn more about the island go to [www.georginaisland.com](http://www.georginaisland.com).



**WEBSITE LAUNCH-** Please take a few minutes and browse through our new website at [www.hospicegeorgina.com](http://www.hospicegeorgina.com). We hope you will agree that it reflects a positive image for our organization and provides an easier format that gives helpful information to clients, volunteers and the community. 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.



**SPRING CLEANING** - Drop into the office and see our reorganized space. Jackie Kaminski donated two beautiful chairs for the lobby and library areas. We moved the board room bookcases down to the back hallway and made that into a more visible library area. We also returned the back office upstairs into a conference room to meet the increasing demand for space to meet with clients.

**SUMMER STUDENT -** Sara Meredith has joined us for a Georgian College summer placement through August. She is an accounting student and will be gaining experience in office procedures and will be helping with organizing our library.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



**GEORGINA HIGHLAND GATHERING** - Saturday June 18, we have been invited to run the Tea Tent at the Highland Gathering at the Sutton fairgrounds, near the curling rink. We are still in need of volunteer bakers to provide Scottish themed treats such as: scones, shortbread, tarts and tea breads. Items should not need refrigeration. We also need a few more volunteers to staff the tent to sell coffee, tea and sweets from 9am to 4pm. Come out and join us for a cuppa. More details at [www.georginahighlandgathering.com](http://www.georginahighlandgathering.com).



**Library** - We are looking for volunteers to help our lead volunteer Linda McBirney to classify each of our books using an easy to use library system. We are also asking for 2-3 avid readers who would like to read one of our books and write a short review for it. Each of the York Region hospices is trying to develop book reviews on current selections that can be shared to encourage more use of hospice libraries by the community.

**Gardening & Gazebo-** If this cold, wet weather ever stops, we would love some help in getting our back flower beds ready for spring. Also, our Gazebo, donated by the Kinettes, is in need of a good cleaning and fresh coat of stain. It is used by clients and the community as a quiet place to rest and enjoy the calming effect of the river.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**ESAS Training June 23** - The York Region Hospices will provide training to all palliative care volunteers on June 23 at 2:00pm on a new assessment tool for palliative care clients called the Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale. This tool is designed to assist in the assessment of: pain, tiredness, nausea, depression, anxiety, drowsiness, appetite, well being, and shortness of breath. Contact Jackie or Crystal for more information.

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