

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.

NEW BOARD EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED - a new

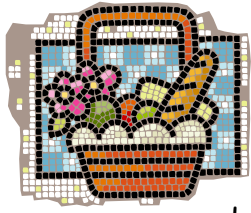
Executive has been elected by the Board at its Sept. meeting. Congratulations to Mary Margaret Thorburn, President; Mary Catherine Macaluso, V.P.; Margaret Almack, Sect. RennetWong-Gates will assist Mary Catherine. Committees have been struck and are looking for additional members. These include: **Programs & Education** (community education, palliative and grief programs); **Fundraising & Marketing** (implement & promote our new Fundraising & Event plan), **Tributes** (plan holiday memorial services, Labyrinth, Memory tree, memorial donations).



SUTTON SCHOOL SPACE USE MEETING OCT 5TH - Please try

to join us on Wednesday October 5th at 7pm at a community meeting hosted by the Town of Georgina. It will be held at the Kin Hall in Sutton. Organizations have been invited to make a 5 minute presentation on possible use of space in the former Sutton P.S. on Dalton Rd. After valuable consultation with clients and volunteers, Hospice will be making a presentation to show our interest in further discussions on making this building a community Hub for many organizations. Thanks to Rae Robson, Gay Alexander, Lynda Ritchie, Mary Catherine Macaluso, Margaret Burrows and Mary Margaret Thorburn who are members of the Liaison Committee advising the Board and with preparing this presentation. Contact Nana for more information.

TIME TOGETHER - Our Wednesday October 12th Time Together topic will be *Taking care of yourself through meditation* presented by Mary Lyon, a very experienced palliative care nurse. We will also be discussing a new policy on volunteer driving and will give everyone an update from the Town meeting on Oct. 5th regarding Sutton PS space use. Please RSVP to Laurie Ann by October 6th (note office is closed Monday Oct. 10th for Thanksgiving).



BOX LUNCH AUCTION -This is United Way campaign time. As a United Way member, we are expected to conduct a fundraising event during this time. Two of our volunteers came up with a fun and delicious idea for fundraising during our lunch meeting on October 12th.

You are invited to the **Gay & Rae 'Box Lunch Extravaganza'** starting at noon. Please bring a single lunch serving of an entrée(salad or sandwich) and light dessert in a container or bag of your choosing to be auctioned off to the highest bidder (bidding starts at \$5) There will also be a prize for the best decorated bag/box/basket containing the lunch. We will supply the beverages. We will also have a 'Guess the MM's in a Jar 'loonie draw so bring your change. Let's have some old fashioned fun with this event. A big thanks to the dynamic duo of Rae Robson and Gay Alexander for this great idea. **Please RSVP to Laurie Ann for the Time Together lunch meeting by Oct 11.**



Help support the 2011 United Way Campaign

“Uniting People and Resources to improve our Communities”

Hospice Georgina is the only Hospice in York Region to receive funding support from United Way. Each year we receive approximately \$33,000.00 to assist with our Grief and Bereavement Programs. This financial support is essential and makes it possible for us to provide quality programs and services to bereaved family members in Georgina.

United Way has three important priority areas that are essential for the region to thrive.

- Helping our kids be all they can be.
- Moving people from poverty to possibility.
- Creating strong, healthy neighbourhoods.

Member agencies make a difference every single day.

Tribute Committee- Next meeting will be Wed. Oct. 12 after our Time Together meeting. Call Frances for more info. Please plan to join us to discuss the **Holiday Remembrance Service** at Becker's Funeral Home at 7:30pm on Thursday Dec 1st.

DINNER & MAKEOVER NIGHT - Sometimes we just need to take some time for



ourselves in our busy lives. Why not join us for some good food, good friends and good fun on Wed. Oct 19th for a Ladies Night Out. Enjoy a delicious 3 course lasagna dinner (meat or vegetarian) and a relaxing makeover. Tickets cost \$30 and are going fast. Please contact Laurie Ann by Oct. 13 to purchase a ticket for yourself and some of your friends.

WEBSITE UPDATED Thanks to Laurie Ann's hard work, our Hospice website has been updated. From now on, you can check the website and e-calendar regularly for the latest events and news. Please send information and corrections to Laurie Ann so that the website stays accurate and up to date.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Palliative Visitors - Several clients are waiting for volunteers in Sutton and Keswick. Please call Allison to discuss your availability.
- DROP IN PROGRAM - The Wednesday Drop-In program is being coordinated by Allison and Lynda Ritchie this fall, including Lynda's Brunch event for clients on Oct 5th. However, Lynda goes south for the winter so we are in need of 1-2 volunteers to help coordinate it weekly. We are also looking for speakers, crafters, wellness, complimentary therapists, music and armchair travel entertainment to add variety to this program. Please consider sharing your talents with this very enthusiastic group who celebrate life every day.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Grief and Bereavement Training begins in October and will run 2 Saturdays (Oct 29 and Nov 5 9am-4pm) in King City. Please contact Frances to register for this excellent workshop.

FALL-WINTER PROGRAMS -

G&B: *Please contact Frances for more information.*

- We will be continuing our popular **Widow's Walk** monthly evening with Sue Williams. Thanks Sue for your continued support of this important program while staying so busy with the PSW course instruction.
- Frances will be starting **Bridges**, a new adult grief support group on Thurs. October 20, at 1:30. Thanks to Carrie Ann and Lynda for assisting.
- The **School grief program** is still under review due to the new school board policy 633 coming into effect this fall. More details soon.

Palliative Care: *Please contact Allison for more information.*

- **The Willow Cancer Support** group has begin meeting again in September and will broaden the scope to include all women's cancers. We hope to raise our numbers this fall, so please pass along this information to those who may be interested.
- **On-line Core Concepts.** We are pleased to announce that the first module on Communications is now on-line to be used as a refresher for anyone who has taken Core Concepts or if you missed this module. A grant to complete the remaining modules is being submitted to Trillium by the York Region hospices. Call us for the link information to view the module.

Poinsettia Holiday Plant Sale We are holding our second annual Holiday Poinsettia sale in November. We had many compliments on the quality of last year's plants from Georgina Gardens. Cost is \$9/ea or \$25/3. Watch for more details.

VOLUNTEER HOURS - Reminder: Hours are due October 6th to Laurie Ann.

Please use the updated Volunteer Hours form included with this newsletter mailing as we must have more details for our report. Please record phone calls and visits by age group (seniors, adults, and youth) each month. The information from this report is required for continued funding of Hospice. Thank you so much for taking a few extra minutes to make our reporting more accurate.