

Not just a name but a Donor Wall story

by Carole Moul

There are donor walls in hospitals around the world, but closer to home and much closer to us in so many ways, is the Donor Wall that The Ottawa Hospital Foundation, unveiled in June, 2012.

On the first floor and just left of the main entrance of The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre at the General Campus, this Donor Wall is one that shares the names of individuals, groups and businesses who have in some way assisted the thousands of

cancer patients that TOHCC treats each year.

“The wall, which features the names of each donor, will stand as a permanent tribute to the community. It is a shining example of all that a caring community can accomplish,” said Tim Kluge, President and CEO of TOH Foundation.

At the unveiling, it was also noted that in that past year alone, The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre had treated close to 24,000 patients. And although the number of cancer patients has remained about the same

each year, with survivorship numbers on the rise, this is a very high number of people who have been helped by the goodness of our community.

The names on this three year old Donor Wall however do not in any way contribute to the stories behind those names. This is just one account as to why one name is on the Donor Wall.

What's in a name?

In June of this year, Sherry Woodburn of The Wholesale Outlet was notified that she was being given the honour of having her name added to the Donor Wall.

Sherry would be the first person to note that she was not looking for recognition, but that instead her name represents the many wonderful people, businesses, companies, friends, and family who have been invaluable in making the highly successful bi-annual *Fashion with Compassion* happen over the years. From this October's fashion show alone Sherry was able to forward cheques to The Ottawa Hospital's Cancer Research for \$2200. and Victoria's Quilts Canada for \$500., because of the kindness of so many generous people. Moreover, because of everyone's generosity for both the spring and fall shows of 2015, \$4500 total went to The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Research and \$1000. was forwarded to Victoria's Quilts Canada.

It's all about sharing

The fashion show is free; however there are many who donate of their time and or gifts to over a dozen draws that help bring fun and great anticipation to an already upbeat audience.

With Lise Butters as the fashion show emcee, what could be better, as she puts the W.O. Models through their paces with her wonderful sense of humour and great interaction with the audience. Lise also shares their cancer stories, as do they, since each lady modeling is a cancer survivor.

An artist in her own right, Lise generously donated one of her beautiful paintings, *Pink Martini*, to the event, while Bernadette Alcott, a sculptor, provided an exquisite *Garden Inspiration* for another lucky winner.

Lynn Morris was creative with a wonderful gift basket she titled *A very memorable gift*, while Oxygen Medi Spa in Blackburn Hamlet helped in spoiling one of the guests with a great *Spa Package*.

For those who enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch, *All Seasons Restaurant* was generous in their donation of a *Gift Certificate*. And although no longer living in the area, *Pillows by Dominique*, still provided one fortunate winner with one of her unique made- out- of- ties pillows.

French Dressing Jeans (FDJ) con-

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Kathleen Johnson releases new CD, *Tribute*

by Orrin Clayton

The album was inspired by Kathleen's music therapy work with the Veterans at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre. Most of the songs are based on poems written by Veterans or their family members. Kathleen and Byron are residents of Riverview Park.

On October 24 Kathleen introduced her album to friends and neighbours at the Shenkman Theatre. A longtime friend, Sally

Thompson and Orrin Clayton accompanied her in singing a few of the songs.

The music, composed by Kathleen, remembers and honors the veterans who fought in the World Wars. Songs as "After Dieppe", "I'll Remember", "The War to end all Wars" and "Reply to Flanders" are just a few on this 'must have' album.

To purchase copies of this album contact:

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Kathleen Johnson and Sally Thompson sharing a "Tribute" song with the audience

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tributed Gift Certificates valued at \$50.00 each for two lucky winners: one towards a top and the other towards a pair of pants, while *Renuar* also gave generously with two \$50.00 Gift Certificates, one each for pants and a top of the winner's choosing.

The Danish company, *Soya Concept*, thoughtfully provided a Gift Certificate for \$25., with the Bamboo line, LNBS (Leave Nothing But Footprints) donating two gifts of their eco-friendly tops. *Bella Fashion, Italy* contributed a \$50. Gift Certificate for one fortunate winner and *Chabra Fashions of Montreal* gave a tunic top for one of the exciting draws.

Needless to say, *The Wholesale Outlet* provided both scarves and jewelry for a number of the winning prizes, although a 'feel good' sensation was probably more than reward enough for everyone at the *Fashion with Compassion* show.

Victoria's Quilts Canada

Sue Kingwell and Gladys Kirkpatrick representing *Victoria's Quilts Canada* were on hand throughout the whole morning, serving up coffee and a variety of treats. These ladies are among the over 1,100 *Victoria's Quilts Canada* volunteers in Canada, including 19 groups in Ottawa; providing handmade quilts free to people with cancer right across Canada.

In 1999, a total of 16 quilts were

delivered by *Victoria's Quilts Canada*. As of October 31st, 2015, the cumulative number of quilts delivered across Canada was the unbelievable count of 46,666, with 4,751 quilts alone made this year.

It is obvious then, that donations, such as those received from *Fashion with Compassion* are very much appreciated, and put to excellent use by those doing the amazing job of making and getting these beautiful quilts out to people with cancer.

In fact, Sherry was told about the batting and flannel that the ladies were able to buy, as a result of the generosity from the show.

Thank you for giving...

"Once again, we had a full house and there was lots of laughter, fun and stories shared," noted Sherry Woodburn in an e-mail following the October 2nd Saturday fashion show. "It's always such a rewarding time for everyone participating in the creation of this event. Everyone works very hard before the show, but the day of the show, we certainly know why we do what we do."

Yes, the Donor Wall serves as a reminder of what a community can do. But what's in a name? Perhaps some day we'll find out about the stories of some of the other Donor Wall names?



Way to go Rosanne



Dorothy is just about ready for the catwalk



Behind the scene helpers, Lynn and Janet



Sue Kingwell and Gladys Kirkpatrick: wonderful Victoria's Quilts Canada volunteers



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