



Chair's Message

Spring!! A time of renewal and growth. As it is for nature, so it is for the Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation. We have just received notification of the official name change of our organization to Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. Look for further information on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

The terms of Nancy Strang, Glenn Beacock, and myself on the Board of Directors end in June of this year. I want to thank Nancy and Glenn for their contributions to the Foundation over the past six years. Nancy's connections with the Auxiliary and community in Lion's Head and Glenn's connections with the Wiarton Rotary Club have been invaluable.

New board members have come on the board over the past six years and will be joining us in June. They bring new energy and ideas to carry on the important work of the Foundation. I wish them success. When I joined the Board, Bev Boswell was doing an excellent job as Executive Director of the Foundation.

When Bev retired, we were fortunate to find April Patry to take on that role. April has a different style than Bev but continues the Foundation's history of strong leadership in it's Executive Director.

People and times change, but the Foundation's focus on raising funds to support the capital renewal of the hospitals and equipment in Lion's Head and Wiarton and the regional needs of Grey Bruce Health Services does not. I feel confident that we are leaving the Foundation in good hands to carry on into the future.

Al White, BPHF Chair



X-ray equipment plays a critical role for the diagnosis of trauma and pathology for approximately 8300 patients annually at the Wiarton and Lion's Head Hospitals. The existing equipment is 15 years old and needs to be replaced in order to continue to provide essential care for our patients. The new X-ray equipment will provide physicians access to better quality images, lower radiation doses for our patients, and potential future enhancements including artificial intelligence integration. Replacement costs for the digital radiography rooms and portable units is \$1,020,000 and, unfortunately, capital funding is not supported by the government. Our aim is to raise \$1,020,000 required for this investment in our healthcare, and we encourage you to join us.

Barb Harron RCT RDCS

Manager Medical Imaging and Cardiology



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Dr. Vandorp & Dr. Diodati are Healthcare Heroes

It is a pleasure to be given this opportunity to nominate Dr. Van Dorp and Dr. Diodati as Healthcare Heroes. Their dedication and due diligence in their profession resulted in the precious gift of time to create memories in our family and to purposefully love each other as never before. We have every reason to take pride in the healthcare within our community.

This is the experience of Richard Bowes and family: Three years ago we arrived at the Wiarton Hospital ER. Dr. Van Dorp was the attending physician that day. I thank God for her expertise and knowledge. She played a key role in our journey. Within 24 hours, tests were completed; a procedure was offered for Richard's comfort; he was admitted overnight and an appointment was procured with an oncologist for the following day in Owen Sound. Time was of the essence for any chance of a future for Richard. In the days, weeks and months ahead I became ever more grateful for her efficiency and dedication during those first hours. Within a few days, we met with Dr. Diodati, our family physician. Preliminary results were in and he had the ominous task of breaking the news to us. His kindness and compassion that day and moving forward strengthened us. For shortly thereafter Richard was admitted to Wiarton hospital for symptomatic care. Managing his pain and helping him survive had become monumental tasks as we awaited the chemo medications. It was a strenuous few months as little by little his condition improved. Dr. Diodati was ever vigilant to the side effects and to Richard's general well-being. Eventually Richard conquered many symptoms and Dr. Diodati was there to celebrate the triumph of each milestone. Richard gained two more years to enjoy life.

In conclusion, I would also like to acknowledge the staff at Wiarton hospital. Richard was allowed to have a family member with him 24/7. Oh how he needed this to get through those horrific days. The thoughtfulness and skills of the nursing staff, the considerations of the cafeteria staff and the friendly greetings of the housekeeping staff all contributed to Richard's ability to battle his cancer. I praise God for each one of you. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness and loving kindness.

In all things we give thanks,
Peggy Bowes





Our Foundation team is excited to share our refreshed brand with you! Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation has officially changed its corporate name to Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. It is our hope that this new look and minor name change will better communicate our charity's function and who we serve. We think this does the trick, and hope you like it too. What hasn't changed is our organization's drive to fulfill our mission "to assist in meeting the health care needs of the people of the Bruce Peninsula area by raising funds for priority hospital projects to keep our hospitals current."



The Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS), is a vital piece of equipment that works in conjunction with the building's diesel generator to supply full power to the Wiarton

Hospital in the event of a power outage. The old ATS was original to the Hospital and had become obsolete with no replacement parts available, so a new, more modern ATS ensures the constant supply of power for our patients, staff and visitors. Pictured above from left to right is Kurtis Porter, Wiarton Engineering Services and Mark Elliott, Interm Director, Engineering Services.



Wiarton Emergency Department Receives New Ice/Water Machine

Left - Venetta Mallard RN and right Christine Moffatt RN

The new ice/water machine allows staff to provide patients with fresh cold ice water during their ED visit as well keeps our staff hydrated throughout their long, busy shifts.

New technology has recently arrived at the Lion's Head Hospital.

Dr. Matheson explains, "the Point of Care Ultra Sound allows us to enhance bedside physical exams so we can quickly diagnose many things like a collapsed lung, intra-abdominal bleeds, fluid on the lungs, abscesses, pregnancies, and acquiring vascular access. We will still order a formal ultrasound when necessary, but this gives us a better idea of what the diagnosis could be before transferring a patient to Wiarton or Owen Sound for further imaging. Since we don't have an ultrasound department, this equipment is a very important addition to our Emergency Department, and is especially helpful in traumas and resuscitations. My colleague Dr. Thomas describes it as the modern and advanced version of the stethoscope!"



Your Donor Dollars at WORK!

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A fleet of defibrillators and transport monitors are on their way to Wiarton & Lion's Head Hospitals!



Advanced Hygiene Technology Donated to GBHS-Wiarton & Lion's Head Staffs

The Wiarton and Lion's Head Hospital staffs have each recently received a Cleanslate UV sanitization unit, donated jointly by Linamar and Cleanslate UV. The tabletop units are manufactured at Linamar's Innovation Hub in Guelph and use the intensity of UV light required to kill hospital grade super bugs like C. Difficile and MRSA in just 20 seconds. This Canadian innovation improves hygiene in the healthcare industry, allowing staff to quickly clean name tags, phones, stethoscopes, etc.

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Thanks to you, the Wiarton Hospital's Patient Food Services Department has recently been outfitted with a much needed replacement refrigerator.



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