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What's Upcoming

Book these dates on your calendar!

Seminars & Education

New Volunteer Training
Wed. Sept 9.09 - Wed. Nov 11.09
12 noon - 3 p.m.

These 10 consecutive sessions help prepare the new volunteer for varied roles within Hospice. Pre-registration is required: 705-444-2555. These sessions are always 'open' to HGT volunteers.

Bereavement Seminars
Tuesdays 1-3pm

Adults interested in attending the fall series of seminars must pre-register. Please call 444-2555 to register for a mid-September start.

Rainbows program for grieving children ages 4 - 17 starts Sept 15. Pre-registration is required.

Care for the Caregiver Seminar Series: Date to be Announced.

Lorraine Lowe will be speaking to HGT volunteers and grief facilitators. Lorraine has long been a community leader and teacher in the grief support field.

Conferences

Midland Palliative Care Conference:
7th annual Fall Palliative Care Conference:

Wednesday Oct. 7, 2009 at the Brooklea Golf and Country Club, Midland. "The Mosaic of Palliative Care." Open to volunteers - \$30.00. If interested please call Sharon at 444-2555. The Board will pick up costs for the first 10 registrants.
www.palliativecarenetworksm.ca

Bereavement Ontario Network 2009 Conference: Oct. 14, 15, 16th
Geneva Park, Orillia.

Registration: (519)284-2230
info@BereavementOntarioNetwork.ca
www.bereavementontarionetwork.ca
An annual conference for grief and bereavement facilitators to refresh and gain new grief counseling skills.

Thurs. Oct 15.09 - 7 - 9 p.m.
"The Aftermath of Suicide: What Survivors have Taught us" - Hospice Huronia offers a free presentation at the Brooklea Golf and Country Club (Cathedral Room) Midland to survivors of suicide (family, friends, general public) Why does it happen? How to support yourself and others impacted by suicide.

Important Sites to Visit

www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com

All are encouraged to visit our website to keep apprised of volunteer training, children and adult bereavement seminars, HGT events and community donators that help keep our vital programs present for our palliative clientele.

www.caregiver-connect.ca

Check out this web site for the Victorian Order of Nurses Canada. Caregivers can find information about federal programs, community resources, health links, etc.

www.virtualhospice.ca

This website provides support and personalized information about palliative and end-of-life care; patients, family members, professional researchers, educators - all can benefit accessing Canadian Virtual Hospice.

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Town of Collingwood Presentation



Cinema Club Presentation



Independent order of Oddfellows Presentation

Hospice Georgian Triangle Annual General Meeting

Our annual general meeting was a great success this year. Donations presented by Tom Le Poidevin from the Cinema Club: \$25,000; Councillor Kathy Jeffery from the Town of Collingwood: \$10,000; and Robert Van Slyke from the Independent Order of Oddfellows #54: \$5,000 - to HGT's co-chairs Ron Emo and Rebecca Wall - all helped to cement this area's caring community support for HGT.

Our board members operated the business meeting within a timeframe; Dr. Kate McLachlin, our guest speaker, gave a timely, inspirational address of personal experiences in palliative care; and no less than 34 HGT volunteers were recognized for 3, 5, 10 and 20 year service records. HGT is so very proud and blessed by all of the volunteers who give so much time and effort to our very ill clientele.

Summer 2009



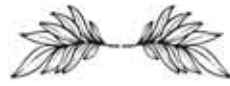
Hospice
Georgian Triangle

Supportive care for individuals and families coping with a life threatening illness.

- Comfort Measures
- Emotional Support
- Family Relief
- Bereavement Support
- In Home, Hospital or Nursing Home
- Trained Volunteers

Our Mission...

Is to provide trained, volunteer non-medical support to individuals and caregivers experiencing life threatening or terminal illness.



Volunteer Recognition

HGT is proud to recognize the following volunteers:

Meet a Volunteer



Shirley Smart

Shirley has been a volunteer and a paid night nurse for Hospice GT for 10 years. Providing respite care in the Susie Newton Suites is a constant in Shirley's life: it is very rare that she doesn't have 3 or 4 shifts in our busy respite schedules.

Shirley is also a well-known face in community as a paid Personal Support Worker and a volunteer visitor with Hospice clientele. Her sweet, gentle nature engages her client and families whether in structured activities, appreciation of her skilled sewing and art projects which often jog lost memories, or gentle visitation and conversation.

A mother of four, Shirley is looking forward to the upcoming wedding of her youngest daughter. Busy, humorous, always sharing - she is a wonderful face of HGT.



3 year certificates: Maggie Cowan, JoAnne Dewhurst, Anna Harder, Margaret Jalsler, Patricia Falla and Eleanor Hewitt.

5 year certificates: Kristine Bouchard, Barbel Canning, Wendy Featherstone, Cathy Cartwright, Joanne Frost, Wanda Howlett, Arlene Johnson, Pamela Lockwood, Beverly Tone, Marion Tustin, Linda Lesage, Femie Muizelaar, Doug Murray, Jean Porter, Donna Potts, Judy Rosen and Kayleen Watson.

10 year certificates: John Beard, Shirley Coates-Male, Lynn Corrigan, Irene McQueen, Willa Plewes, Marilyn Young, Georgina Skarjak and Shirley Smart

20 year certificates: Gloria Emo and Nancy Franks

Special Recognition certificates: Keith Thompson for special equipment installation and Gabe VanderHeyden for 560 hrs in one year.



New Volunteer Graduating Class

HGT wants to extend a special welcome to our newest graduating volunteers, many of whom have already accepted client placement in community: Stewart Carter, John Cowan, Audrey Donnelly, Eden Hale, Colin McArthur, Sharon McFarlane, Shelagh Mitchell and Anne Pettijean.

Our contributing teaching staff is to be congratulated for their presentation skills, knowledge and ability to engage our grads: **Sharon Brownrigg, Rev. Joyce and Leigh Straiton, Danielle York, Dr. Eleanor Pask, Doreen McDonald, Eleanor Hewitt, Lorraine Lowe, Jane James and Marjori Medley.**

Hospice Georgian Triangle 15th Annual Fundraising Dinner

Wed., October 14th 2009
Georgian Manor Resort
Main Ballroom
Hwy. 26 Collingwood

Social: 6:00 - 6:45pm
Plated Dinner: 7:00pm
Entertainer: Tricia Kelley, Singing sensation from LA

Exciting Door Prices:
Relaxation day for 2 at Le Scandinave
Dog Sledding for 2 at Windrift Kennel
Overnight at Edencrest Farms Bed & Breakfast

Tickets: \$125
\$65.00 tax receipt
Call: (705) 444-2555 for tickets
& to reserve a table



Carol Duncan from the Simcoe County Quilters Guild presented a number of hand-sewn quilts to HGT's Susie Newton Suites to gift incoming clients.

What a wonderful welcome to those coming for respite care! Many thanks to these generous artisans in our community.



A poem written by Audrey Hepburn and read at her funeral years later

*For attractive lips,
speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes,
seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure,
share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair,
let a child run his/her fingers
through it once a day.
For poise,
walk with the knowledge that
you never walk alone. People,
even more than things, have to
be restored, renewed, revived,
reclaimed, and redeemed; never
throw out anyone.
Remember, if you ever need a
helping hand, you will find one
at the end of each of your
arms. As you grow older, you
will discover that you have two
hands; one for helping
yourself, and the other for help-
ing others.*

A New Program at Hospice

Hospice will start its regular adult bereavement seminars in September 2009: 1-3pm. All participants must be pre-registered: 444-2555.

At Hospice we are presently reorganizing our resources to create more opportunities to serve grieving members of the Georgian Triangle community. Our bereavement support team particularly wants to offer support to those waiting for placement in our annual Bereavement Support Groups.

We propose to conduct regularly scheduled monthly meetings throughout the calendar year. Pre-registration would **not** be required. Anyone may attend, meet with our support workers and participate in the evening's program.

Meetings would begin at 7:00 pm and be on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month beginning in **January 2010**.

Discussion topics would vary each month. Activities could include guest speakers, videos or creative events. Refreshments would be available.

We are now looking for available space for the meetings at no cost or at minimum cost. Call our office 705-444-2555 for more information if you are interested. All are welcome!