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**Financial support and honours highlights of Hospital Auxiliary AGM**

Financial support and honours were the highlights of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary AGM on May 15 at the Lions Centre.

AGMs follow a certain pattern. Minutes, financial reports and policy changes are brought to membership for approval and acceptance. Then there are cheque presentations.

The Auxiliary is currently committed to raising funds in support of Digital Mammography and at the meeting a cheque for \$75,000 was presented to Northumberland Hills Hospital Board Chair, Sid Trevail by Auxiliary Finance Director, Donna Bright. This represents half of the two-year pledge made by the Auxiliary to purchase a Stereo-Taxis unit which will assist in early and clear diagnosis of calcifications in the breast, thus adding to the already notable competencies of our excellent Digital Mammography unit.

Fittingly, the education program at the meeting was provided by Ian Moffat, Director of Diagnostic Imaging at the hospital who presented an overview of the advantages and complexities of the MRI system scheduled to be operational by September of this year. He then went on to outline the recent and future changes in the Digital Mammography service at the hospital.

But there was something different this year.

For the first time, it was possible to announce to the AGM the names of the Auxiliary's Provincial Life Members for the current year. This membership is awarded by the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario to nominees put forward by their "home" auxiliary. Two NHH Auxiliary members have been accepted as PLMs. Together they have amassed 72 years of service to our community hospital.

In the category of Executive and Leadership, Vera Wellman is recognized not only for her executive role with the Auxiliary and Hospital Board but also for her ongoing service in Dialysis and leadership in other services and committees.

Jean Orviss was nominated for her many years of service in a variety of areas in the hospital and her continuing involvement as a coordinator in Diagnostic Imaging and volunteer in other areas. The response of their peer volunteers to this announcement made it clear that the choices had been well made.

Patricia Fenner, Auxiliary President, emphasized in her remarks that whatever else the organization accomplishes, its success lies in the commitment of individual volunteers attending to their duties in the areas in which they serve. Without them, the Auxiliary could not possibly accomplish its mission – the support of the Northumberland Hills Hospital.

Photo captions:

Photo 1      Auxiliary Director Finance Donna Bright presents NHH Board Chair Sid Trevail with the first \$75,000 portion of a \$150,000 commitment to the support of Digital Mammography.

Photo 2      Auxiliary Provincial Life Members Vera Wellman and Jean Orviss received the news of their award at the Auxiliary AGM.