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Auxiliary Fundraiser Successful Again

For the third year, Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary's Poinsettia Tea on Sunday, November 25th was a stylish prelude to the holiday season. Two hundred and eighty guests entering the Best Western Grand Ballroom experienced the visual extravagance of 280 poinsettias arranged on and around the stage. Fresh holiday centerpieces created by Linda Sedgwick-Sharpe adorned green-topped tables to complete the holiday setting. A brass ensemble from the La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra provided the necessary seasonal music background.

In welcoming remarks, Patricia Fenner, Auxiliary President, reminded the guests that all funds raised to support Digital Mammography in the Clay and Elaine Elliott Women's Health Centre at Northumberland Hills. In this fiscal year, the Auxiliary will complete its \$150,000 commitment to a *stereo-taxis* unit, to increase the accuracy of diagnosis of masses in the breast. This year's tea has raised over \$8750.00 toward that goal.

Auxiliary volunteers, under the direction of Anne Reyns, aided the hotel staff in serving the 35 tables in a timely fashion. Tea in red teapots, tea sandwiches, scones, cream and home-made raspberry jam were appreciated by all.

The fashion show featured beautiful outfits that elicited oohs and aahs from the audience. Little Lords and Ladies/Over the Moon provided several fledgling models who could soon be looking at Super-Model status. Susan Dewhurst, The Campbell Company, Absolute Vogue, Audrey's In Town, TanJay/Alia and Lasting Memories made elegance the watchword of the event. Lisa Gibbs provided the lively commentary for the models and fashions.

Throughout the afternoon, guests were encouraged to purchase draw tickets offering six chances at winning valuable donated prizes exhibited in the mezzanine. For added encouragement, members of the event committee circulated through the room, offering a "buy-while-you-eat" shopping opportunity. The value of each prize was in the \$200 range. The prize donors included the Wedge Bistro, Railside Restaurant, Second Glance Photography, Ganaraska Art, Friends of Music, the Capitol Theatre, Kenneth Bell, the King of Glitz, and Brenda Clark, the original Franklin the Turtle illustrator. Add to that Naturescape, Brookside Perennials, Quattro Hair Design, Woodlawn Terrace Inn, North Side Grill, Quinn's Blooms and Greenery, Lasting Memories Bridal and Evening Wear, Oasis Bar and Grill, Grafton Village Inn, The Mill Restaurant and Pub, The Spice of Life. Gifts of fashion items were provided by our fashion show participants, listed above. Response to the draw was excellent, yielding \$2,900.

Sponsors of the event included Lynn Hardy; Paul Leonard Jewellers; Blake Jones, Scotia McLeod; Langhorne, Irwin and Wharram-Spry LLP, Chartered Accountants; Lynch, Rutherford Tozer, Chartered Accountants and William G. Macdonald, Barrister and Solicitor. Donors included Totten Sims Hubicki, Irvine and Irvine, Barristers and Solicitors and Zircatec Precision Instruments. The Best Western has generously supported the event since its inception.

The Viking Nursery poinsettias were even more beautiful this year as were the smiles of the departing guests. Watch for the date of next year's event. Tickets go quickly!

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