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**The history of 90 years of dedicated service**  
**of the Volunteer Services to**  
**Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, Ontario**  
**1905-1995**

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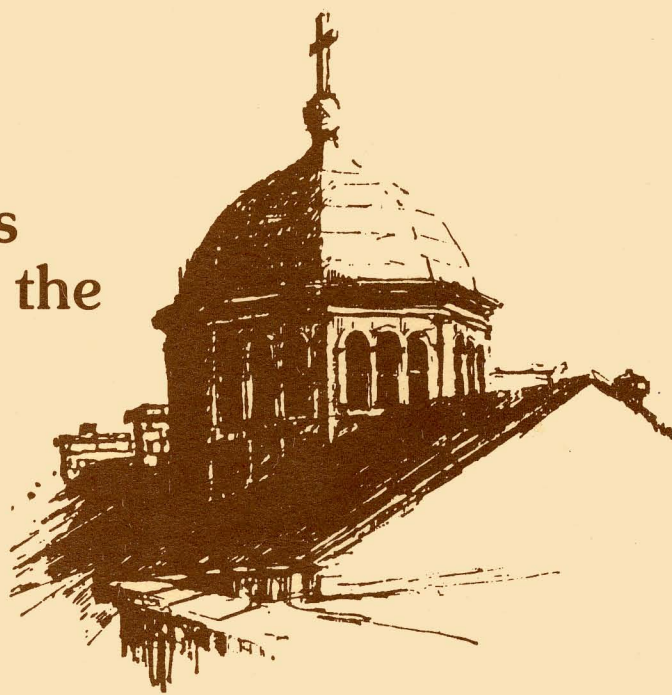
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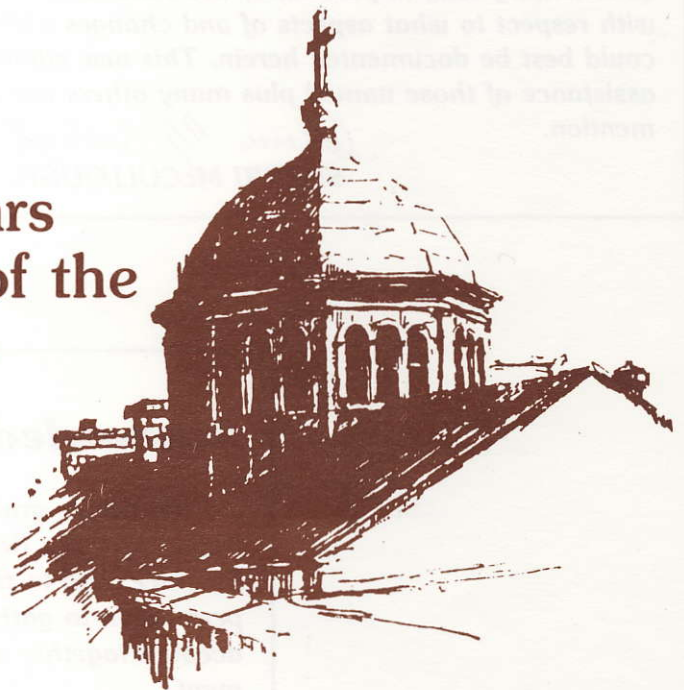
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## **Acknowledgements to the 1995 edition**

Although significant portions of the 1980 edition have been retained in this revised edition, many new photographs and commentary have been added. I wish to thank the kind assistance of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph generally, but, in particular, I acknowledge the help and guidance of Sister Loretta Gaffney, archivist and committee member of the 1980 edition, and Sister Mary Coderre, Moderator of Volunteer Services, who provided a great deal of background to my understanding of the history of the Hotel Dieu Hospital. The Executive Director, Mr. Hugh Graham, and various other administrators in the hospital assisted by facilitating the compilation of a completely new set of photographs of all areas of the hospital, many of which are included herein.

Finally, I wish to thank the Executive and Board of Directors of Volunteer Services for personal direction in the scope of the new commentary and, in particular, the comments of individual members with respect to what aspects of and changes within the hospital could best be documented herein. This new edition reflects the kind assistance of those named plus many others too numerous to mention.

*Sherril McCullough*

SHERRI McCULLOUGH, Editor 1995 Edition



## **Acknowledgements to the 1980 edition**

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**I** feel privileged to be Moderator of the Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital in this year of the 90th anniversary of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the 150th of the Hotel Dieu.

As can be read in these pages, the dedication and assistance of devoted lay women and men has been a support to the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph from the very beginning.

I pay grateful tribute to all those who have gone before and in a special way to our present volunteers for their loyalty, diligence and creativity.

Their generous contributions of financial and human resources augurs well for a future of continued successful endeavours.

*Sister Mary Coderre, R.H.S.J.*

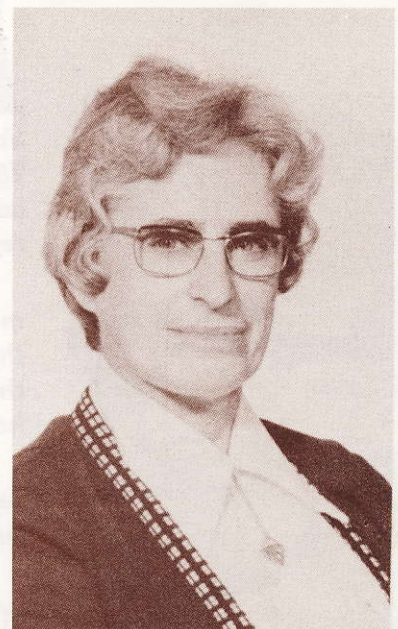
Sister Mary Coderre, R.H.S.J.  
Moderator

**T**he Sisters of Hotel Dieu Hospital are proud to salute and pay tribute to our Volunteer Services as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary. From the early years of our founding in New France (Montreal), our history is replete with stories of dedicated service rendered by volunteers who stood side by side with us, supporting and aiding us in the care of the sick and needy. Over the last 75 years, this tradition of devotion has been impressive and inspiring; it has contributed to the spirit of loyalty and co-operativeness so evident in the hospital to-day.

We are indeed grateful for your many hours of dedication, providing the extras and supplying needs which otherwise could not be met. May you continue this noteworthy and generous service for many years to come!

*Sister Kathleen Keevil*

Sister Kathleen Keevil  
Local Superior



## From the Executive Director with Thanks

**I**t is a pleasure to be able to publicly thank all of the Volunteers, past and present, who have made such a difference in the life and progress of Hotel Dieu Hospital over the last 90 years. The years have seen so many organizational, technological and societal changes and the Volunteers have always been there to help. They have helped by donating innumerable hours of care to our patients, and large amounts of money, over the years, for the purchase of specialized equipment and the updating of our physical facilities.

Perhaps the most important contribution they have made is the difference in the environment and atmosphere of Hotel Dieu Hospital as the result of their presence and caring about our hospital and our patients. The compassionate environment that has existed at Hotel Dieu Hospital for so many years has most certainly been maintained and strengthened by their presence. It is obvious to our patients that the Volunteers care about them and the hospital. The greatest tribute that I can pay to the Volunteers is to point out to everyone that our Volunteers, past and present, have showed that they care by being here and helping those in need.

On behalf of all the staff at Hotel Dieu Hospital we thank the Volunteers for their continuing dedication to Hotel Dieu and we offer our sincere congratulations on the 90th Anniversary of the organized Volunteer Services at Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Sincerely,



Hugh C. Graham  
Executive Director



**H**aving been associated with the Women's Auxiliary, now called Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu, for only a quarter of their organization's 75 years of service in the hospital, I have, nonetheless, a deep admiration and sincere appreciation for what they mean to the life and reputation of Hotel Dieu.

Over the years, the many varied personalities and abilities of the members have found expression in the common objectives shared with the Sisters of The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. During this time, the auxiliaries have become an integral and vital part of the fabric of the hospital.

The staff of the hospital joins in congratulations to our volunteers in reaching this milestone, and we wish you many years of continued success.



Eric Brown  
Executive Director

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*Mrs. Margaret Keenan*

*(two terms)*

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*(two terms)*

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*(two terms)*

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*The title "From words to loving action . . ." is taken from a pastoral message on the social and political responsibilities of Christians, delivered on Labour Day 1975 to the Canadian Catholic Conference*



**Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital  
Executive and Board of Directors 1994-1995**

**Seated left to right:** Mary McLean, Corresponding Secretary; Gwen Prentice, Treasurer; Carmel Marshall, Past President; Bernadette Cotman, President; Sister Mary Coderre, Moderator; Sherri McCullough, 1st Vice President; Linda Tucker, Coordinator.

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**Absent from Photo:** Irene McKinven, Friends of H.D.H.; Rose Beeler, Membership Convenor; Sister Anne Russell, Provincial Superior, Honorary President.

# The Past as Prologue

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**I**nitial research for this commemorative booklet on the Hotel Dieu Women's Auxiliary was done in 1970 by Mrs. Marilyn Braden and Mrs. Genevieve McNeil. Their purpose in 1970 was to salute the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph on the occasion of 125 years of service to the people of the City of Kingston and its environs.

In 1980 we desire to pay tribute to those loyal friends of Hotel Dieu, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, as they celebrate 75 years of service to the sick. "All history," wrote Emerson, "resolves itself very easily into the biography of a few stout and honest persons" and so it is with the heroines of this story. Unfortunately, the stories of all institutions reflect trends and fashions that cannot be properly ascribed to any one person, however stout and honest. There is not, moreover, in an account as brief as this, space enough to do more than call the roll of some of those many courageous women who started, in 1905, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Any account of the Ladies Auxiliary, one of the oldest in the Province of Ontario, would be incomplete if the roll-call of its founders did not begin with Jeanne Mance. Jeanne Mance was a 17th century laywoman of noble birth and deep religious faith. It was largely through her efforts that the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Montreal was founded in 1642. It was she who brought from her native land of France three Hospitallers of Saint Joseph from LaFleche in 1659. These brave women took over the administration of the first hospital of Ville Marie on the death of Jeanne Mance in 1673, the year the City of Kingston was founded. Two hundred years after the foundation of Montreal's Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sister Amable Bourbonniere arrived to set up the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston in 1845. The first hospital began in the area now occupied by the Sydenham and Brock Street Apartments.

From 1845 to the present, the annals of the Sisters recount many instances of voluntary efforts of Kingston men and women who have assisted the Hospitallers in their care of the sick. We would like to share with you some of the contents from these annals 1845-1979 and from the record books of the Auxiliary 1905-1979. To do this, it will be necessary to turn back the pages of history.

When navigation opened on the majestic St. Lawrence River in May 1845, Miss Josephine Perras, a wealthy

laywoman from Montreal, accompanied Sister Amable Bourbonniere to Kingston. They came by steamer to the limestone town, not yet a city. Thus we can say in 1980 that by this Christian action in 1845 Miss Perras was, like Jeanne Mance, an inspiration for our Ladies Auxiliary.

It wasn't until 1975, International Women's Year and the 70th birthday of the auxiliary, that the name was changed to Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu so that men could feel free to join the organization. In spite of this, men had volunteered their services from the outset. We are told that a Mr. Laframboise accompanied the Sisters on their September voyage in 1845. In the account of the opening of the hospital, September 5, 1845, we read, "His Lordship, Bishop Phelan, assisted by his Vicar General, Angus McDonnell, celebrated the first Mass in the Hotel Dieu." The Sisters were assisted by Mr. Laframboise who, in a good tenor voice, sang the *Veni Creator* imploring the assistance of the Holy Spirit on this new venture. Before returning to Montreal, Mr. Laframboise sent a goodly supply of provisions for the Sisters and the sick.

Soon after her arrival, Miss Perras insisted that homeless orphans in the town should be given a shelter at Hotel Dieu. Like Mother Theresa of Calcutta to-day, Miss Perras herself went out looking for deserted waifs.

We read from the annals:

*On October 28, 1845, the canonical ceremony of taking possession of the hospital took place. Promptly at 8:00 a.m. His Lordship, Bishop Phelan, and his secretary, Father Patrick Dollard, Rector of the newly erected St. Mary's Cathedral, entered the small chapel. The verbal process was read and after the celebration of the Eucharist, His Lordship blessed the bell of observances for the Sisters. Some of the most prominent ladies and gentlemen of the town, namely Messrs. Thos. Baker, L. McNab, Alexander McDonnell, Mrs. Sarah McCarthy, Mrs. J.J. Baker, Mrs. Johana Brown, Miss Louise Le Blanc, Miss Redmond, Miss Dubo, Eliza Livingstone, Margaret Leonard, Mary McNamara, Mrs. Catherine Phelan and Mrs. Belanger rang the bell.*

*In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Daley of the British American Hotel were among the persons who assisted greatly at the beginning. These good persons sent us furniture and a little of everything. They brought us food all prepared for the meals. They did it with such good grace we could see that it was a joy for these persons to help us. Other persons, Mrs. Roarke, wife of a prominent merchant, and Mrs. O'Connell, who kept the Mess House, gave money and three or four times a week sent food.*



1847: Hotel Dieu Sisters nursing outdoors near Lake Ontario during typhus epidemic.



September 12, 1845: Mrs. James Delaney becomes the Sisters' first patient.



An 1845 volunteer, Miss Josephine Perras, searching out homeless orphans to be sheltered in Hotel Dieu.

Another male volunteer and benefactor of those early days was a Captain Hunter, President of the Sailor's Society.

*He testified great affection for us and on leaving gave \$5.00 to the Superior. He wanted to assist in enlarging the two small stone houses now standing between the Sydenham and Brock Street Apartments. To this end, he donated \$240 towards the first wing at Hotel Dieu, the present three-storey Sydenham Apartments. Our first chaplain, Father Angus McDonnell, gave us a piece of ground 67' x 172' on which to build.*

Little did these first Sisters know of the great need it would fill in 1847 when thousands of poor Irish, the boat people of that era, came to Kingston.

In August 1846 before school opened, the ladies of the town held a bazaar in Regiopolis College, which is the present Sydenham wing of Hotel Dieu. It lasted three days and was attended by many townspeople. The sum of \$400 was realized. It is of interest to note that the first Chaplain at Hotel Dieu was Father Angus McDonnell, a nephew of Kingston's first Catholic Bishop, Alexander McDonnell. He was also Rector of Regiopolis College, for which the cornerstone was laid in 1838, and Chaplain at the Kingston Penitentiary, which had opened in 1834.

Again from the annals, we quote:

*On Christmas Day, 1847, Father McDonnell came with 100 little orphans, children of the newly arrived Irish immigrants who had succumbed to the dread typhus fever. The new wing mentioned above, though not yet fully completed, was to be their temporary home. The only furniture on hand was a stove and two barrels topped with boards which served as tables. We had only a few beds in which we had to put two or three to a bed until more beds arrived. The cutlery we had for our 12 patients we shared with the 100 children. The children ate standing up, 10 at a time. The ladies of Kingston came to our aid by sending clothes and food. Miss Brunell, daughter of a Protestant minister, came to our service by sending more clothes and money.*

In order to support the sick and the orphans the Sisters decided to build a bakery. It would seem that this venture flourished, as there is a record of 70 barrels of flour being used per month.

In 1849, Mrs. Alexander Cicolari of Kingston gave a beautiful Turkish carpet for the sanctuary in the chapel, as well as a pair of snuffers and a silvered stand. Mrs. Ellen Hickey gave a mohair-bottomed chair and Mrs. Belanger, mentioned earlier, gave six carved candlesticks.



The hospital's first quarters, still standing as the Brock Street Apartments.

Again from the annals we glean the information that "in 1861 the ladies again held a bazaar. We received the sum of \$1,800." In 1865 men of the city—under the leadership of Dr. Michael Sullivan, who in 1866 married our Honorary President Mary Brown Sullivan, Mr. William Harty, his brothers James and Patrick, Mr. James Davis, Mr. James O'Reilly, lawyer, Mr. Daniel Macarow, and Mr. Joseph Norris—formed a committee (a forerunner of our present Board of Directors) to look at ways and means to build another wing. (It is still standing and known as the Brock Street Apartments). A Mrs. Kennedy of Belleville left a bequest of \$900. In 1869 a lottery was held for a silver dish which had been donated by Dr. Sullivan for the draw. Squire Patrick McMullen of Erinsville (a relative of the late Dr. William Gibson) left us \$2,000 in his will. A second lottery raised \$1,600. A concert organized by the ladies of the town in 1872 for the benefit of the orphans raised \$335 for this fund. Mrs. Sessions, an aunt of Sister Jane Leahy, the Superior, gave two ponies for a lottery. This brought in \$500. Meanwhile a big event had taken place in the history of the hospital when in 1870 the Sisters celebrated their Silver Anniversary. Only three years after Confederation they had already given 25 years of service to Kingston.

A highlight of the seventies was a visit to Hotel Dieu by Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria. She had come to Kingston in 1879 on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Old Arts Building at Queen's University. An early guest book at Hotel Dieu bears the signature of the guests at that time. We include here the *Song of Welcome* sung for her by the orphans at Hotel Dieu.

### **Song of Welcome**

*With loving hearts to-day we raise  
a song of truest loyalty.  
In fealty we join in praise  
of England's noblest royalty.*

*Kind welcome. True welcome.*

*Soul welcome to the gracious pair  
Who hold Victoria's power in trust.  
May every blessing bright and fair  
Fall on our Queen, the great, the just.*

*God bless the day when Love's mild sway  
O'er us began prosperously.  
Bright angels guard by night and day  
Our noble Princess lovingly by.*

*Kind welcome. True welcome.*

*Long live the rulers of our land  
In happiness with sweet Louise.  
Young Canada with heart and hand  
Shall guard her trust from o'er the seas*

*Kind welcome. True welcome.*

*Soul welcome to Louise to-day  
And the prayer unceasing of the free  
May heavenly wisdom guide your way  
and show Victoria in thee.*

After singing the above song, Dr. Sullivan's little daughter Jo presented Princess Louise with a bouquet of American Beauty roses on the occasion of this visit.

And so the eighties passed and we moved into the nineties. As a new century dawned, the Religious Hospitallers dreamed of larger and more spacious quarters for the sick under their care. In 1893 they vacated their first premises and moved across the street into the renovated Regiopolis College. It had been vacated in 1869.



Jeanne Mance



To commemorate their first 50 years of service, the present chapel was built in 1895. Among the list of benefactors to this newly erected chapel are to be found the following names: Mrs. Michael Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. John Shea, Mrs. Thos. Ronan, Mrs. John Halligan, and the Regiopolis College Committee.

In 1897 the Kingston Sisters opened their first mission, the Hotel Dieu in Cornwall. The Sisters thought of the needs of the sick and then of themselves. In 1898 they moved into their monastery, a familiar site on Johnson Street for the next 60 years. (It was torn down in 1964 to make way for the Johnson Street wing.)

In 1899 a modern operating room was built on the corner of Johnson and Sydenham Streets. Among the donors listed at its opening are the following names: Principal G.M. Grant, Queen's University, Dr. J. Bell, Dr. Michael Sullivan, Mr. James Swift, Mr. Thos. Leahy, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Senator Howland, Miss Frances

Sullivan, Miss Ann Ward and Mr. Harry Smith. In 1903 the Sisters opened their second mission in Englewood, Chicago, Illinois.

On June 28, a Wednesday evening in 1905, the Ladies Auxiliary came into being. Sister Ladauversiere was the Superior. The organizational meeting was held in the orphanage on what has become Sydenham V. The writer of this short story will now share with the reader some of the history of the Auxiliary under 26 Presidents.

Stone sculpture from entrance of former Jeanne Mance Nurses' Residence shows Jerome le Royer de Ladauversiere blessing Canada's first Religious Hospitaller, Sister Judith des Bresoles. The sculpture has been preserved for use on the new Jeanne Mance Wing.



## Mrs. Michael V. Sullivan



**A**t the turn of the century in Kingston and at Hotel Dieu Hospital there occurred an event of memorable significance. On a Wednesday evening, June 28, 1905, Sister Superior Ladaversiere (Julia Larose) and a group of Kingston women met in the orphanage, at that time in the present Sydenham V area of Hotel Dieu. Their purpose was to further extend the interests of the Hotel Dieu Hospital to all parts of the city and surrounding counties. Valiant women were needed for this ambitious project.

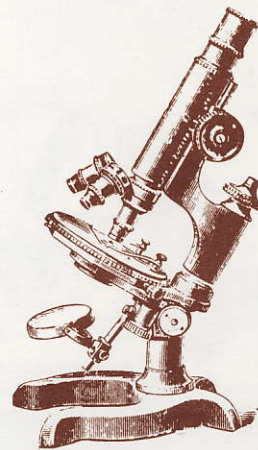
One such woman to lend her name to the fledgling organization was Mrs. Mary Browne Sullivan, as the first Honorary President. This gracious woman whom we recall to-day was the daughter of Patrick Browne and Johana Rigney. She was born in Birr County Offaly, Eire, in 1836, one of 13 children. When she was 16 years of age she came to Kingston to live with three of her brothers, Patrick, James and William. Much to their joy, Mary began her life-time career of devotion to others. Known to her

nieces as the "valiant woman", she was most rightfully named. In 1866 she married Michael V. Sullivan, M.D., in St. Mary's Cathedral. He had graduated in the first medical class of Queen's Medical School in 1858. He had attended Regiopolis College before it was converted to the Hotel Dieu. The Sullivans lived at 360 King Street. Mrs. Sullivan soon found many ways to assist her husband in his profession.

In addition, she graced many social occasions in Ottawa when her husband was Speaker of the Senate. It was this generous woman of action who lent her name in support of the newly found Ladies Auxiliary to the Hotel Dieu in 1905. She continued this support until her death in 1924.

"Who shall find a valiant woman? Far and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her." *Proverbs 31:10*

*We are indebted to Miss Dorothy Crookall of New York City for this information on her grandmother.*



*A first gift of the Auxiliary*

## Mrs. John Welch

The first President of the Hotel Dieu Ladies Auxiliary in 1905 was Mary Ellen Fahey Welch. She was born in Kingston in 1842, the daughter of Lawrence and Ellen Fahey. She was educated at Notre Dame Convent and later taught there.

It is of historical significance that the first President of the newly formed Auxiliary was a graduate of Notre Dame Convent, as were some of her successors. There has always been a deep and abiding relationship between the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph and the Congregation of Notre Dame since the time in 1659 when Jeanne Mance, mentioned earlier, and Marguerite Bourgeoys, the Congregation foundress, brought the first Sister of the two religious orders to Ville Marie. They came over to

Ville Marie on the same boat, the St. Andre. This historical event was depicted on the mural which used to embellish the Jeanne Mance Residence demolished so that the present wing could be built.

To go back to our first President, Miss Fahey received her first class teaching certificate from the Board of Examiners at Prescott. In 1875 she married John Welch, treasurer of the Folger Navigation Company in Kingston. They lived at 63 Earl Street (Flora MacDonald, present Member of Parliament in Ottawa for Kingston and the Islands, and the first woman Minister of External Affairs, lived in this house on Earl Street). John died in 1895 and Mary Ellen in 1915. They had three sons, one of whom, Laurence Thomas, married Janet Agnes McLellan, one of the first graduates of the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing, opened in 1912.

Some outstanding events occurred in the period when Mary Ellen Welch took up the gavel as President. The Canadian Nurses Association was formed in 1908 and 250 years of service in Montreal was celebrated in 1909 by the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph. Kingston's economy was stimulated by the opening up of the back country with the construction of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway (the "Kick and Push") and the further addition of the "Nip and Tuck" westward to Napanee, Tamworth and Tweed areas. Electricity and water works added greatly to the comfort of daily living. Kingston's population was 18,000.

*We are indebted to Mrs. Helen Welch Kennedy of Williamstown for this information on her grandmother.*

1905: Scene from the men's ward. Sisters were still the only nurses.



## Mrs. Joseph Swift

**T**he annals of the Hotel Dieu Sisters tell us that in 1915 the Auxiliary mourned the loss of two former Presidents, Mrs. John Welch and Mrs. Joseph Swift. A careful search of the microfilmed *Whig-Standards* at the Kingston Public Library in 1979 revealed the following:

*The death occurred in Toronto on Wednesday morning, August 26, 1915, after a long illness of Mrs. Swift, wife of Joseph F. Swift, formerly of Kingston. The deceased's maiden name was Mary K. Bolton and her place of birth Troy, N.Y. She is survived by her husband, three sons and a daughter, Captain James Swift with the 15th Canadian Battery at the front; Edward, Joseph and Irene of Toronto. The remains will arrive Friday morning and a Solemn Requiem Mass will be sung in St. Mary's Cathedral after which interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. For years the late Mrs. Swift was an active worker in connection with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hotel Dieu.*

Mrs. Swift was the second President of the Auxiliary and lived at 44 William Street. Mr. Swift was a prominent member of the Kingston business community as a member of the Real Estate Commission and General Insurance at 295 King Street.

It was during Mrs. Swift's tenure of office that Hotel Dieu added a first wing to the Regiopolis College building to which the Sisters had moved in 1892 from the old Hotel Dieu on Brock Street. In Father Daniel Casey's *Souvenir Leaves*, written by him while Chaplain at Hotel Dieu to commemorate 75 years of service to the sick in Kingston by the Hospitallers, we read:

*History was repeating itself. Even with the additions enumerated, the hospital was unable to make provision for its clients. Therefore, in October 1909, the community decided to build a new wing on the Brock Street corner of the hospital to provide much needed private room accommodations, laboratories, X-ray and clinical departments. On the upper corridor is situated the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat operating rooms. That true friend of the hospital, Dr. C.E. O'Connor, the eminent specialist, performs most of his operating here.*

Dr. O'Connor lived at 225 Johnson Street. (It is of note in 1980 that the Hotel Dieu Sisters have made their fifth move of residence in 135 years and are now living in his former home at 225 Johnson Street.)

When this new wing opened in 1909 it fell to the Ladies Auxiliary and other kind friends to furnish its best rooms. A microscope was purchased for the laboratory at a cost of \$65. From the archives we learn that at St.

Joseph Provincial House headquarters for the Hotel Dieu Sisters there is a beautiful antique rocker, a personal gift from the Joseph Swift family for a room on St. Joseph's Corridor where Sister Victoria Morton was Supervisor. It is a treasured possession of the Sisters to-day.

A second outstanding event in the annals during Mrs. Swift's tenure as President was the opening of St. Joseph School for Nurses in 1912. Sister St. Charles (a sister of the late Senator Frank O'Connor of Laura Secord Candy fame) was the first Director of the School. The success of St. Joseph's School of Nursing could not have been as easily achieved without the invaluable moral and financial support of the Ladies Auxiliary in its early years. In 1980 many of the members of the Volunteer Services, as the Ladies Auxiliary is known at the present time, are former graduates of the School of Nursing, and so history goes on.



*Brock Wing added an entrance off Brock St. and long, open sunporches facing east.*





## Miss Ida Ronan



**A** charter member and the first secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary, Miss Ronan was the only unmarried woman to be President in the past 75 years. She was the daughter of Thomas Ronan, an undertaker at 240 Bagot Street. Records of 1914 reveal that Ida herself was registered as a mortician.

The Ronan name is first mentioned in the Hotel Dieu story in 1895 when, in the 50th year of Jubilee for the Hospitaliers, Mrs. Thomas Ronan was listed as one of the outstanding benefactors of the new chapel. However, Thomas Ronan's name is found in the 1881 Kingston City Directory.

World War I was raging when Miss Ronan was Auxiliary President. In the annual report for the hospital in 1915, we read: "Mention must also be made of the Ladies Auxiliary formed in connection with the hospital in 1905. The present efficient President, Miss Ronan, is supported by an enthusiastic band of workers whose efforts have been of valuable financial assistance to the hospital." In 1916 the Ladies

Auxiliary entertained the graduating class and presented them with roses. One of them was Janet McLellan Welch, daughter-in-law of the first President. At time of writing Mrs. Welch is still living in Cornwall.

Searching again in the micro-filmed *Whig-Standards* at the Kingston Public Library, I found:

*By the death of Miss Ida Ronan which occurred on Monday morning, May 25th, 1925, Kingston loses a devoted woman worker and the less fortunate members of the community a sincere and faithful friend. As President of the Sodality of the Children of Mary, Miss Ronan organized a Poor Relief Society for the Roman Catholic poor, and many of them will feel they have lost a real friend. But it was not only among the members of her own church that Miss Ronan worked. She was for 11 years recording secretary of the Kingston Local Council of Women and, of recent years, a Vice-President. During the old days she was a most useful member of the Children's Aid Society and during World War I worked not only in the Red Cross but was secretary of the St. John Ambulance Society, a work she performed most efficiently. On the unemployment committee she was a valued member. Her advice, while always on the side of mercy, was wise and based on first-hand knowledge of the situation. As a member of the Board and the Mother Allowance, her work was greatly appreciated. Always gentle and with a quiet dignity all her own, Miss Ronan was beloved by many citizens to whom her death will bring a sense of personal loss.*

In Mrs. Charles Coffey's 1967 history of the Catholic Women's League in the Archdiocese of Kingston, we learn of Miss Ronan's

activity in that sphere. She was President of the newly formed Catholic Women's League at St. Mary's Cathedral in 1922. In a letter to the secretary of the Belleville C.W.L. by Miss Ronan, Diocesan Secretary, we gain some information about her as a person in the following extract: "You are also under obligation to forward some of the talents possessed of your members that they may be entered for reference in the potential register. The necessity of these reports is imperative and must be complied with." That was 58 years ago.

In the interests of the poor in Kingston, Miss Ronan worked untrintingly; and to her may be applied these words from *Ecclesiasticus 9:10*: "Whatsoever thy hand is able to do, do it earnestly."

At her death in 1925 Miss Ronan left money to the Ladies Auxiliary to be used for the needs of the poor.



The first Hotel Dieu nursing graduates on steps of new Brock Wing, 1915.

## Mrs. Thomas Keenan



Father/Capt.  
J. Sammon,  
Chaplain 1918



**T**he next President of the Auxiliary was another Notre Dame Convent graduate, Margaret McFaul Keenan. A charter member in 1905, Mrs. Keenan was the wife of Thomas Keenan, an official in the Penitentiary Service.

Mrs. Keenan is listed as Treasurer of the Auxiliary in 1916. Annual tag days were held to make money. The flag day held in 1916 netted \$1,408.88. The author of the Sisters annals wrote of the event: "An army of willing workers covered the city from dawn

until dusk. If any Kingstonian escaped being flagged, he or she must have been in the cellar."

In 1917, in keeping with the war time theme, a military doll lottery was held. Fund raising was further assisted by using a daintily designed Sweet Pea as a tag from which \$1,200 was realized. In 1919 in preparation for the building of a new nurses' residence, taggers, mostly Notre Dame Convent girls and the young student nurses at Hotel Dieu, were giving out a tiny red brick as the tag.

Through the kindness of Miss Kathleen Keenan, we have learned that it was her mother as President

who introduced the St. Patrick's Day plays. Kingston audiences attended these entertaining events which were put on in the Grand Opera House through the courtesy of Mr. Dinny Branigan. Queen's University students who were members of the Newman Club (formed in 1917) were paid by the Ladies Auxiliary to act in these plays. Considerable sums of money were raised through Mrs. Keenan's coordination of these events. From 1917 till 1967 the City of Kingston gave the Hotel Dieu Hospital permission to hold a St. Patrick Tea and Sale each year. These occasions were highly enjoyed by the citizens of Kingston.

Important hospital developments were occurring in this era. Hotel Dieu was accredited by the American College of Surgeons. It was one of the first hospitals to become a member of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada formed in 1915. Fortunately for archivists of to-day, many pictures and newspaper clippings record the gala celebration of the 75th anniversary held at Hotel Dieu in 1920.

Mrs. Keenan died in 1945. She served twice as President of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary. Her name will be held in grateful memory.

## Mrs. Fergus J. O'Connor, Sr.

**F**or the third time in the life of the young Auxiliary, a Notre Dame Convent graduate was named President. Like her predecessors, Frances Keating O'Connor was an outstanding Christian woman who took an active interest in her family, her church and her community. This mother of eight was a teacher before her marriage. Her special training in elocution was of great help to her in her civic duties. Two of her six

daughters were graduates of the Hotel Dieu Hospital School of Nursing. Her two sons were graduates in Medicine from Queen's, one a Psychiatrist and one a Pediatrician. Her husband, the first intern at Hotel Dieu, was a specialist in Obstetrics and a member of Queen's Medical Faculty. An additional link with Hotel Dieu bonded the O'Connor family with the hospital: Sister Theresa Farrell, Superior and Administrator at Hotel Dieu for many years, was a close relative of Dr. O'Connor.

At the request of the late

Archbishop Spratt, Mrs. O'Connor was instrumental in organizing 19 subdivisions of the Catholic Women's League in 1921. The impetus for the organizing of Catholic Women had been given by the social teachings of Pope Leo XIII in his 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. Mrs. O'Connor was fortunate to have an aunt who assisted her in her household duties, thus freeing her to use her many talents for others for the social needs of her time. She served twice as President of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary.

Many notable events were taking place in this period. A dream of the Sisters, the friends of Hotel Dieu and above all, the young nurses, was the erection of a modern nurses' residence. This was achieved in 1923. Prior to that time the nurses' home was the present Brock Street Apartments, a former wing in the old Hotel Dieu.

In 1922 a mammoth bazaar was held at the grand and historical City Hall, netting over \$12,000. It lasted for a whole week. An incident of those early years was shared with this writer. Card parties were the main means used to raise funds. The tables were made from bits and pieces of pine wood. The artisans who crafted them were Mr. Charles O'Connor and his cousin, Mr. Bernard McNamee. One of these has been kept and is part of the Auxiliary display being held in this 75th anniversary year. Mr. O'Connor was the father-in-law of the President.

In 1924 the Ontario Hospital Association held its first meeting in Toronto. Dr. Edward Ryan, President of the Hotel Dieu Medical Staff, was a member of its first executive. His association with this newly formed organization brought new benefits to





Sister McGowan

## Mrs. William Sughrue

the staff and patients of Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston.

In 1925 the Sisters' lives were much affected by the removal of the grille in the chapel and parlours. They were allowed the freedom to attend necessary professional and religious meetings held outside the hospital. Great challenges were being offered in these "roaring twenties". Women like Mrs. O'Connor and the Sisters met these challenges with enthusiasm.

Miss Madeline O'Connor, who at 89 is one of Hotel Dieu's oldest friends, assisted the writer in recalling events that took place in Mrs. O'Connor's term as President. For many years Miss Madeline O'Connor was Secretary of the Auxiliary. We are grateful to her and the O'Connor families who have befriended Hotel Dieu Hospital throughout this century.



Miss Madeline O'Connor

**R**ecords are missing of the era when Mrs. Sughrue was President, making it difficult to piece this period together. Mrs. Sughrue was the former Fanny Mitchell. A girlhood friend was another teacher, Mrs. Emily McArdle O'Connor, mother-in-law of our previous President. They taught school on Howe Island. Mrs. Sughrue was 86 years of age when she died and was the only President to date to die in office. She lived at 223 Johnson Street. Her husband was Captain William D. Sughrue, a relative of the Gourdier family.

From a scrap book in the Sisters' Archives we share the following:

*Citizens of all classes expressed deep regret at the passing of Mrs. William Sughrue which took place on Tuesday of last week (July 16, 1935) after an illness extending over a considerable period, but the keenest regret was felt by members of St. Mary's parish and particularly by those who take an interest in charitable and philanthropic work in connection with the Church and the institutions affiliated with it.*

*Mrs. Sughrue was always a valiant, painstaking and cheerful worker in all that pertained to congregational advancement, and those who were associated with her most intimately are warmest in their praise of her self-sacrificing work at all times. For many years she took a deep and active interest in the Hotel Dieu. She was twice President of the Ladies Auxiliary and occupied that responsible position at the time of her death. Other organizations were always remembered by her and many can testify to her efforts so quietly done.*



*Her passing is regarded by all as the close of a life well spent in the services of others. Mrs. Sughrue was survived by a nephew, John Mitchell of Chicago.*

Mrs. Sughrue's funeral was largely attended. A souvenir of this good friend of the Hotel Dieu is a book—the complete works of Milton, which the Sisters have in their Archives library.

At the dinner held at Hotel Dieu Hospital on October 11, 1979, when tribute was paid to the memory of past presidents, Mrs. Randy Gourdier, her grand-niece-in-law, represented Mrs. Sughrue.

## Mrs. Basil Koster



the Hotel Dieu. There were many comfort needs to be provided for the patients. There was a bank balance of \$232.97 in the auxiliary funds. What a far cry from the 1980 investments!

One of the first letters read at a monthly meeting of the Auxiliary was from the Local Council of Women regarding Social Services to neglected women and children. From their meagre funds \$5 was forwarded to this worthy cause. It was at this time that records tell us of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary's affiliation with this long-term Kingston Council of Women. Mrs. Louis J. Flynn ably represented Hotel Dieu. (Earlier we have mentioned that Miss Ida Ronan had been a recording secretary of this association for 11 years.)

Mrs. Koster's youth and vitality

rejuvenated the Auxiliary. In the days of bread lines, the annals record a record tag day in 1936, the best since the beginning of the depression. Mrs. Koster was challenged by the hospital chaplain, Father Simon Le Sage, to make a real effort to bring in new members so that the time-honoured ministry of visiting the sick of the men's and women's wards could be continued by the Auxiliary.

In 1936 the Religious Hospitallers celebrated the 300th year of their organization in LaFleche, France. The Ladies Auxiliary, with Mrs. Koster as their gracious and truly capable President, rejoiced with the Sisters on this happy occasion on May 18th.

Mrs. Koster still maintains a lively interest in what pertains to the Hotel Dieu.

**T**he old order changes to the new and in 1935, on the death of Mrs. Sughrue, Hotel Dieu Hospital was fortunate to enlist as President of the Auxiliary a young bride. She was Lois Laroche Koster, a former member of the Nursing School. She has the honour of being the youngest President. Her husband, Dr. Basil Koster, had come to Kingston to begin his surgical practice in 1934.

It must have been a challenging experience for Mrs. Koster to take up the gavel. How did one raise money for the sick when the awful depression was at its height? The newly opened St. Joseph Wing had greatly enlarged



*St. Joseph's Wing greatly enlarged Hotel Dieu in 1930.*

# Mrs. John F. Quinn

**A**s war clouds were gathering over the world, a well-beloved and dedicated woman, Mrs. Ernestine Dimmall Quinn, succeeded Mrs. Koster as President. The rejuvenated membership continued to respond to Mrs. Quinn's many efforts to extend the interests of Hotel Dieu Hospital to all parts of the city and beyond. These were to solicit and receive donations and to assist in furnishing and maintaining the hospital.

When World War II broke out in 1939, the Knights of Columbus in Kingston asked the Auxiliary for their co-operation in their drive for help for the army huts at Barriefield. The ladies generously acceded to this request. It was the beginning of an exciting and busy presidency. Many social events were held in St. Joseph's Hall. To be of greater assistance, 12 dozen peach blossom cups, saucers and plates were purchased for use at the Communion breakfasts and other events which seemed to spring up in the forties. The ladies made mounds of sandwiches for the soldiers' entertainments, some of which were held in St. Mary's Hall.

In return for the Auxiliary's assistance with the soldiers of Barriefield, the Knights gave a substantial cheque to aid the ladies in their latest project, the first blood bank at Hotel Dieu. It cost \$600. Auxiliary members assisted in the local Red Cross work. Dr. Edwin Robertson, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Queen's, asked that a new and improved incubator be purchased for use in the operating room at the time of a Caesarian section. Such a resuscitator was donated by the Auxiliary. Hotel Dieu

was the ninth hospital in Canada to have such a health-saving device for the newborn.

Once the effects of the depression began to lift, the sick could once again afford the services of private duty nurses. The Auxiliary gave a sizable donation to the Central Nurses' Registry for its maintenance. An indication of the vitality of the membership was the issuance of 800 invitations for the 1942 St. Patrick's Tea and Sale. When the hospital chapel was redecorated in 1944, the Auxiliary provided new pews,



replacing those installed in 1895. It is of interest in 1980 that those installed in 1944 are still in use.

A new and improved relationship was experienced with Queen's Medical School in the early forties, largely through the efforts of Dr. F.D. O'Connor who until his death in 1959 served as the link with Queen's. When the Air Force hospital at Trenton was opened during the War, Hotel Dieu gave a set of instruments for use in surgery. The ladies of Hotel Dieu Auxiliary were invited with the Sisters to visit the Air Force Training Centre. Yes, the influence of Hotel Dieu was being felt beyond Kingston.

In 1942 the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Montreal, founded by Jeanne Mance in 1642, celebrated its Tercentenary. Jeanne Mance, at the request of Jerome Le Royer de Ladauversiere, had founded this hospital and administered it until the young order of the Religious Hospitallers was able to take it over in 1659. The Auxiliary rejoiced with the Sisters in this year of celebration of their parent institution in Montreal.

These are but some of the highlights noted during Mrs. Quinn's time as President. A tall, dignified and charming woman who loved big hats, Mrs. Quinn, the wife of an equally busy Regiopolis College teacher, was involved in many civic and religious organizations. She died November 23, 1969, at age 93. In her memory, many organizations, including the Kingston Local Council of Women, observed a moment of silence. Hotel Dieu Hospital owes this devoted woman much gratitude.

*The writer wishes to thank John F. Quinn of Amherstview for sharing information about his mother.*

# Mrs. Charles Chabot



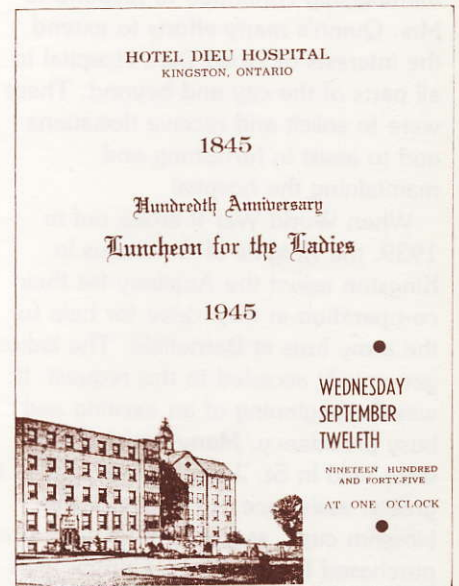
*conflicts in the world. We must instill in our children moral courage, the courage to publicly stand up for what they believe in. They must develop a deep, sound patriotism and love for our beautiful country. If our children grow up to be the finest type of citizen, it will be due to women whether men like it or not.*

On behalf of the ladies, Madame Chabot presented Sister Breault with a large cheque to be used for the proposed Centenary wing. Archbishop J.A. O'Sullivan addressed the Ladies Auxiliary in this year at their annual meeting. This was the first time such a distinct honour had been conferred on the Auxiliary. It was greatly appreciated.

When the Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines was proposed in 1944, with Sister Mary Immaculate (Sarah Kennedy) as Superior, the first Sisters

were handsomely assisted by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Members of the Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu gratefully acknowledge a lovely photo of Mrs. Chabot, a gift from her daughter, Mrs. Yolande Chabot Connors, now treasured in our archives.



**I**t was Madame Denise Chabot who presided over the many events in which the Auxiliary participated at the Centennial of Hotel Dieu Hospital in 1945. The gracious and charming wife of Colonel Charles Chabot, a French professor at the Royal Military College in Kingston, was a strong arm for Sister Margaret Breault, Superior and Administrator at this time of jubilee.

To honour the efforts of the Auxiliary during the week-long centenary celebrations which were held, a luncheon was tendered by the Sisters. Madame Pierre Casgrain, wife of a prominent Montreal judge (herself a Senator at time of this writing) was the speaker chosen by Mrs. Chabot. Therese Casgrain's words of 1945 still ring true to-day:

*It is woman's stern duty to suppress some of the causes of the terrible*



Student nurses serving at 100th anniversary tea, 1945. Foreground: the peach blossom china.

## Mrs. Fergus J. O'Connor, Jr.

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**C**onstance Davidson O'Connor, wife of Kingston pediatrician Dr. Fergus O'Connor Jr., succeeded Mrs. Chabot. In the short time that Mrs. O'Connor was President, the Auxiliary extended itself far into the Province of Ontario. It was in 1947 that the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary was first represented at the Ontario Hospital Convention in Toronto. The reader will recall that it was during Mrs. Fergus O'Connor Sr.'s term of office that the Ontario Hospital Association was formed in 1924. During the war years women had shown the world the many gifts they had to offer.

St. Joseph's Hall teemed with activity in 1947 as the new Jeanne Mance Residence on Brock Street began to become a reality. To facilitate the social activities, 100 new chairs were purchased and 25 new card tables to replace those handmade by Mr. Charles O'Connor in the early days of the Auxiliary. Many bridge and euchre parties were held. Under the 10th President, the St. Patrick's Tea and Sale was a resounding success. Mrs. O'Connor left \$3,134.55 for her successor to spend on patient comforts.

This Brescia College graduate was also a tireless worker for the Regiopolis College Auxiliary and the newly organized Medical Wives. In the Minutes of The Auxiliary for February 9, 1965, we read that Mrs. John Milliken, President, asked the

members to stand in memory of Mrs. Connie O'Connor, a beloved member who had died. Mrs. Milliken asked that her memory be cherished and stated that the highest tribute the members could pay her was to

emulate her charity and cheerfulness.

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, son of this generous President, has given the Auxiliary historian a lovely photo of his mother. It will be a treasured memento of this generous woman.





# Mrs. Clair Devlin

Sr. St. James



had told the auxiliaries, "no woman can afford to sit back like a broken bull-rush and let someone else do the work."

Taking to heart the many needs of the patients, we list some of those Mrs. Devlin provided for:

- A new deep therapy machine was purchased for the Physiotherapy Department.
- A Moore projector was donated for the new Jeanne Mance nurses' residence.
- A letter voicing the appreciation of the Auxiliary for the spiritual assistance and strong support afforded the ladies by Father J.P. Sullivan, Hotel Dieu Chaplain (1938-1949), was sent by Mrs. Devlin.

In 1949 Sister St. James (Jarrell) died suddenly in the newly opened

Jeanne Mance residence. She was giving a lecture to the probationary class. Sister had been the well-beloved Moderator of the Auxiliary for many years.

Also in the fall of 1949 the English-speaking Religious Hospitallers amalgamated under a Generalate to be based at Kingston. This action was to bring many changes. Mrs. Devlin held the executive meetings at her home. She was the wife of Clair Devlin, a city editor with the *Kingston Whig-Standard*. If Mrs. Devlin were alive now she would have been very proud to see her husband's nephew, James Jerome, become Speaker of the House of Commons and Associate Chief Justice. Mrs. Devlin died suddenly November 4, 1972. As President she had truly challenged the members of the Auxiliary.

**O**n May 12, 1950, it was Helen Hurley Devlin who presided over the Open House held when the Centenary Wing was opened. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Hotel Dieu Nurses Alumnae, together with the Religious Hospitallers, co-hosted the many cups of tea served at this important milestone in Hotel Dieu's history.

It was in President Devlin's time that invitations were extended to women other than Roman Catholic to participate in the Auxiliary activities. When she gave her report after attending the 1947 meeting of the Ontario Hospital Association she stressed the power that women have when they are organized. "In public affairs," a woman speaker in Toronto

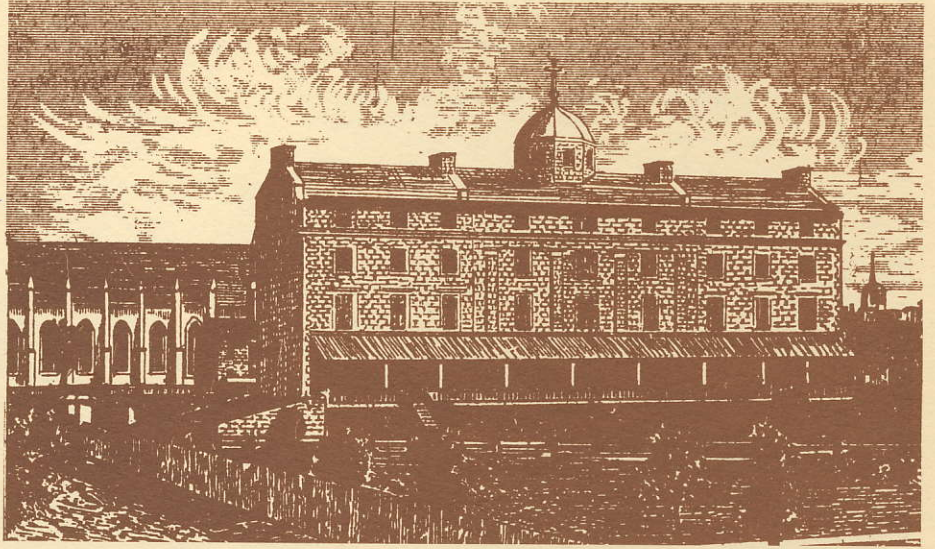


The Jeanne Mance Nurses' Residence under construction on Brock St. Four stories were added later. Grotto was still in garden.

# Partners in Progress

*A pictorial souvenir of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston –*

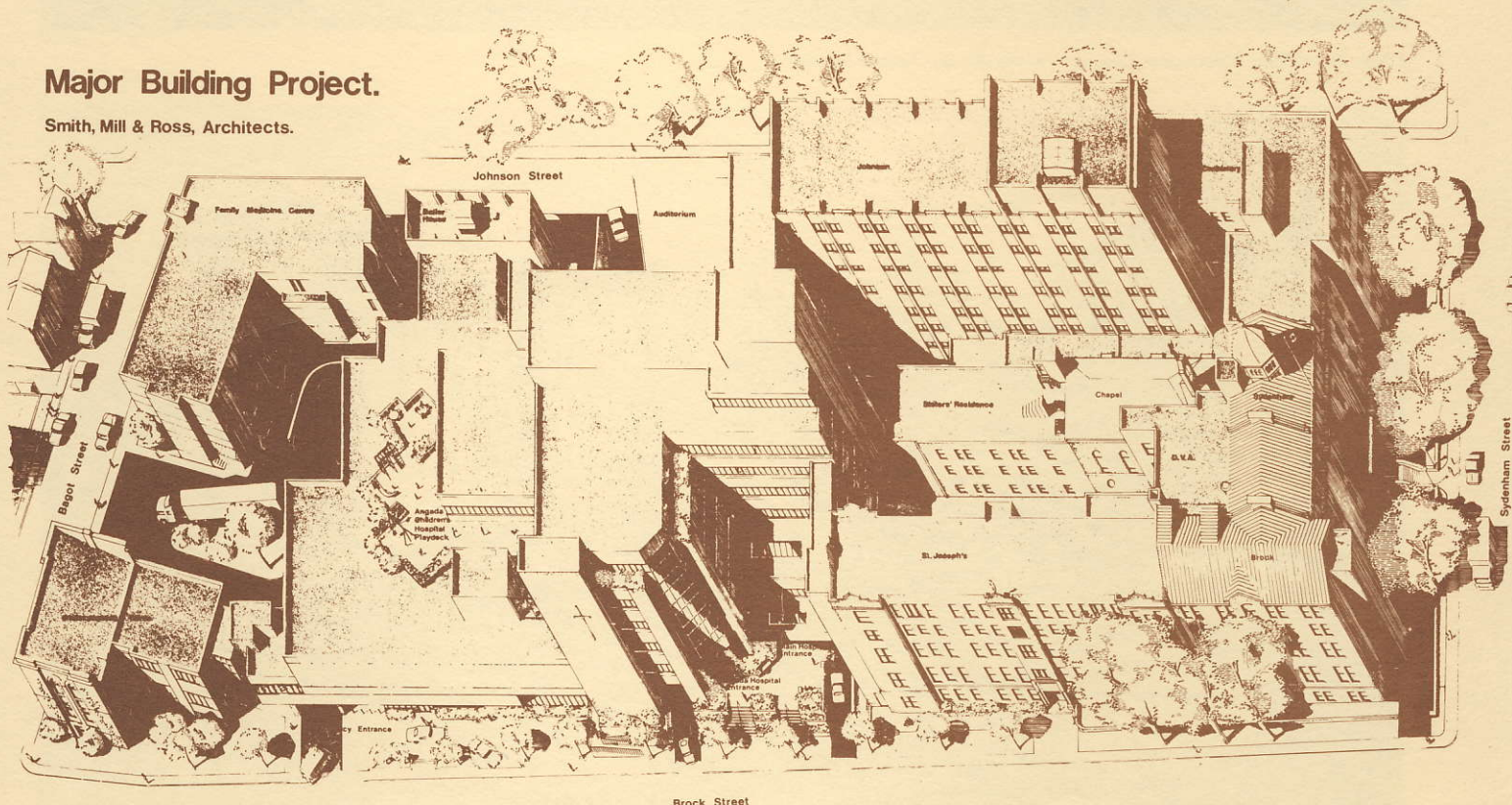
*An institution founded and sustained by those who turned “words to loving action”*



*The core of Hotel Dieu Hospital: the original domed Regiopolis building, facing east over ‘the Vicar’s garden’ toward Bagot St. Today it is the Sydenham Wing, with its main door on the opposite side.*

## Major Building Project.

Smith, Mill & Ross, Architects.



*In 1980 sketch, original dome is still visible. Former Public Library (bottom left), corner of Bagot and Brock Sts., will become the Otolaryngology Clinic. Glass-fronted tower (bottom centre) marks entrance to new Angada Children's Hospital, with playdeck on roof.*



1893: Hotel Dieu Sisters and postulants in the garden behind hospital



Later view shows root cellar (centre), orchard, St. Joseph's Wing now added, and stone gates onto Brock St. From Johnson St. on left, buildings are the Monastery, nurses' residence, and St. Joseph's Wing. Compare this with 1962 sketch on page 28.

Group at Grotto includes Miss 'Hennie' Oberndorffer (right), long-time purchaser for the Auxiliary.

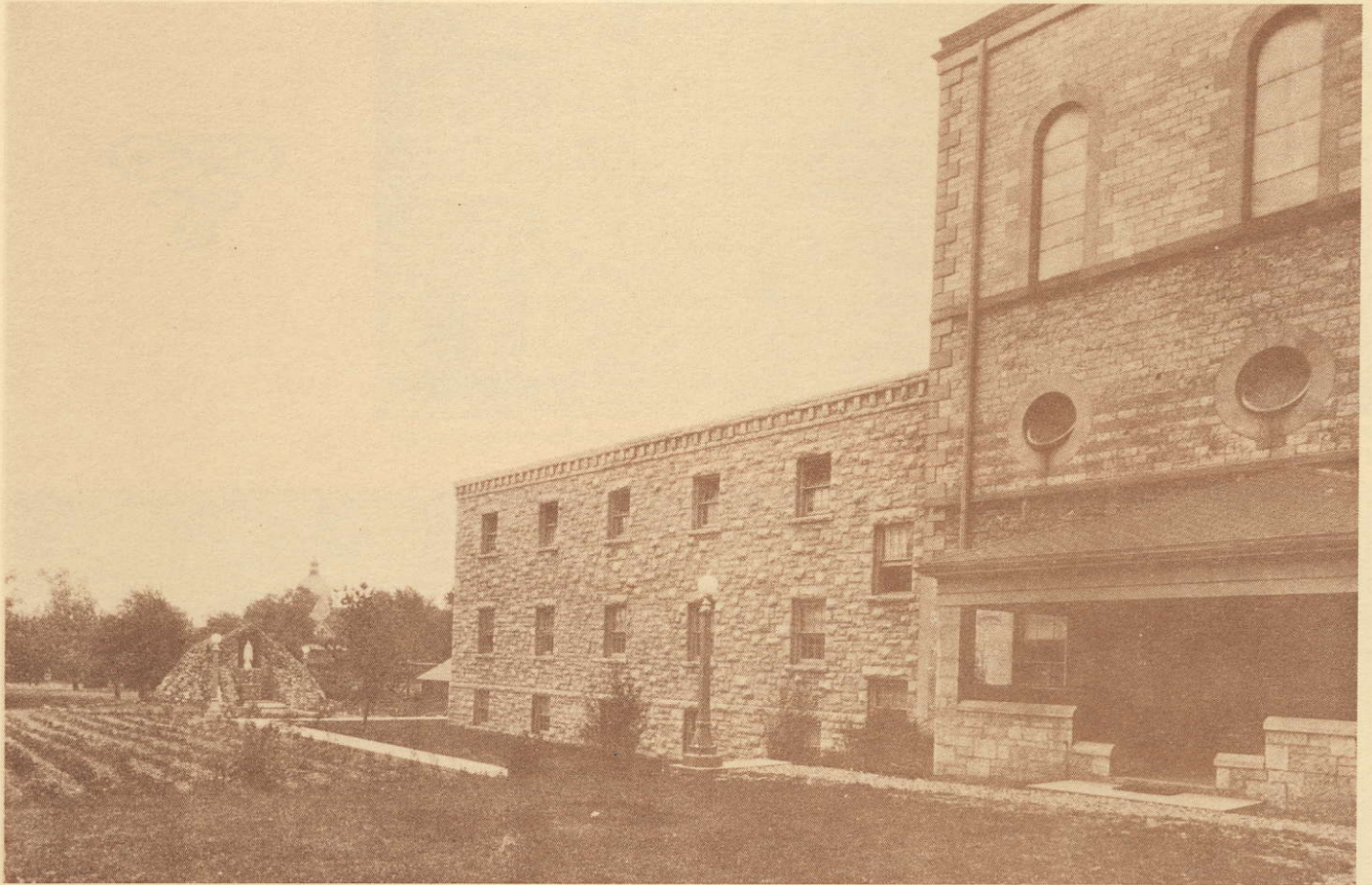
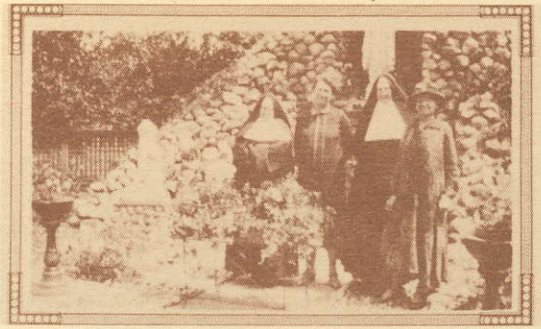


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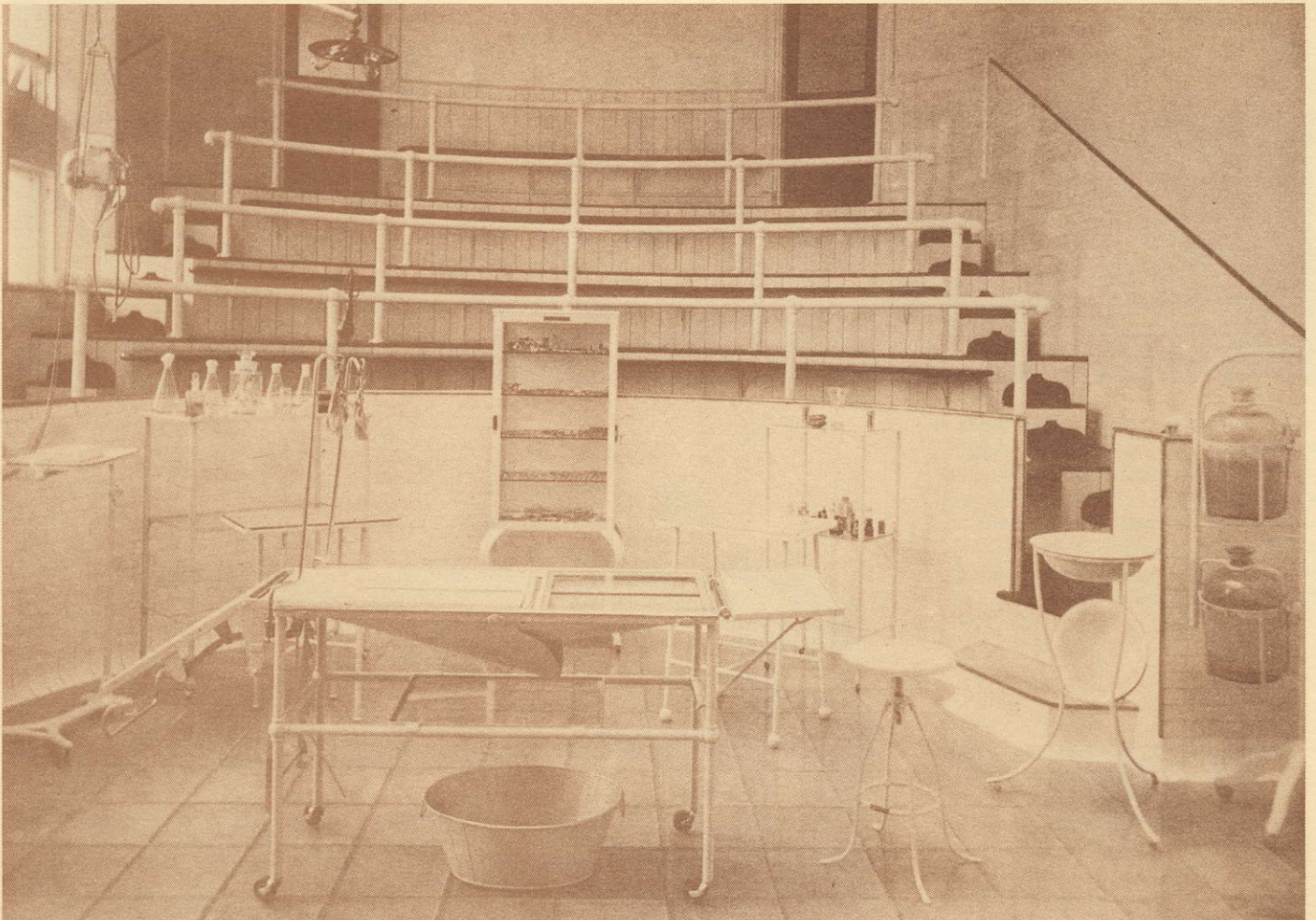
Above: 1923 photo shows Lourdes Grotto in the garden and first three floors of original nurses' residence adjoining chapel (see circular windows). Dome of St. George's Cathedral is visible. Below: Postcard shows Monastery built in 1898 and the operating theatre added in 1899 to the corner of what would become Sydenham and Johnson Sts.



Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, Ont., Canada



A later postcard, with Sydenham St. extended in front of hospital. High wall is gone and Brock Wing has been added (left).



Operating Theatre, 1910



Chapel in 1910, showing grille on Sisters' choir (right).



1895: The hospital pharmacy. Dr. Daniel Phelan (left) and Dr. Michael Sullivan flank Sisters Margaret Powers (left), Anne Hopkins, Superior, and Elizabeth Whelan.

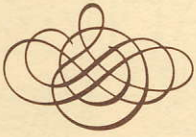


1934: Ontario Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association, with doctors, nurses, auxiliaries, administrators and Sisters of three orders.



Left: Brock Wing, with sun porches, in the late 1920s, before St. Joseph's Wing was built onto it. Below: a first-class private room, 1910 version. Note the rolltop desk, ornate brass bed with curtains, ruffled bedspread and the chaise longue which was common, even in wards.

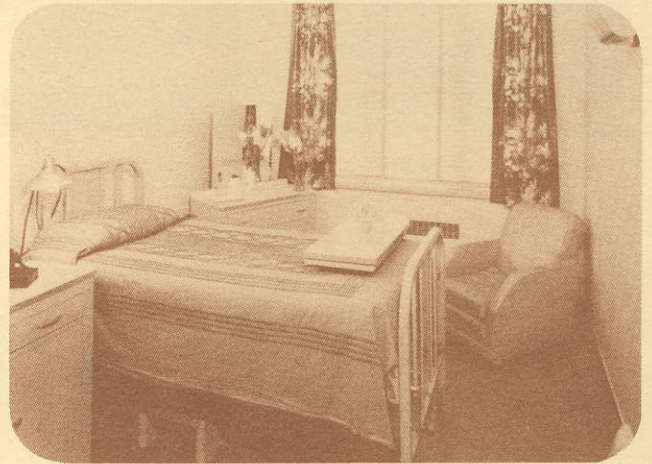




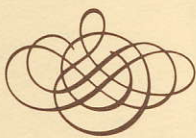
1910: Semi-private room. Foot of second bed is in right corner. Note lace curtains and rugs.



1931: Private room in St. Joseph's Wing



1950s: Private room in Centenary Wing



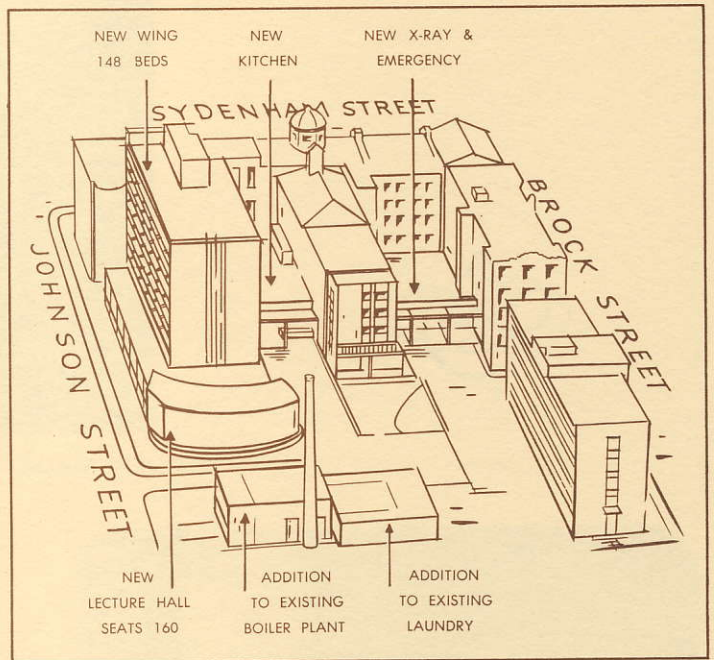
1935: Solarium in St. Joseph's Wing. There was one on each floor.



Panda Photography, Toronto

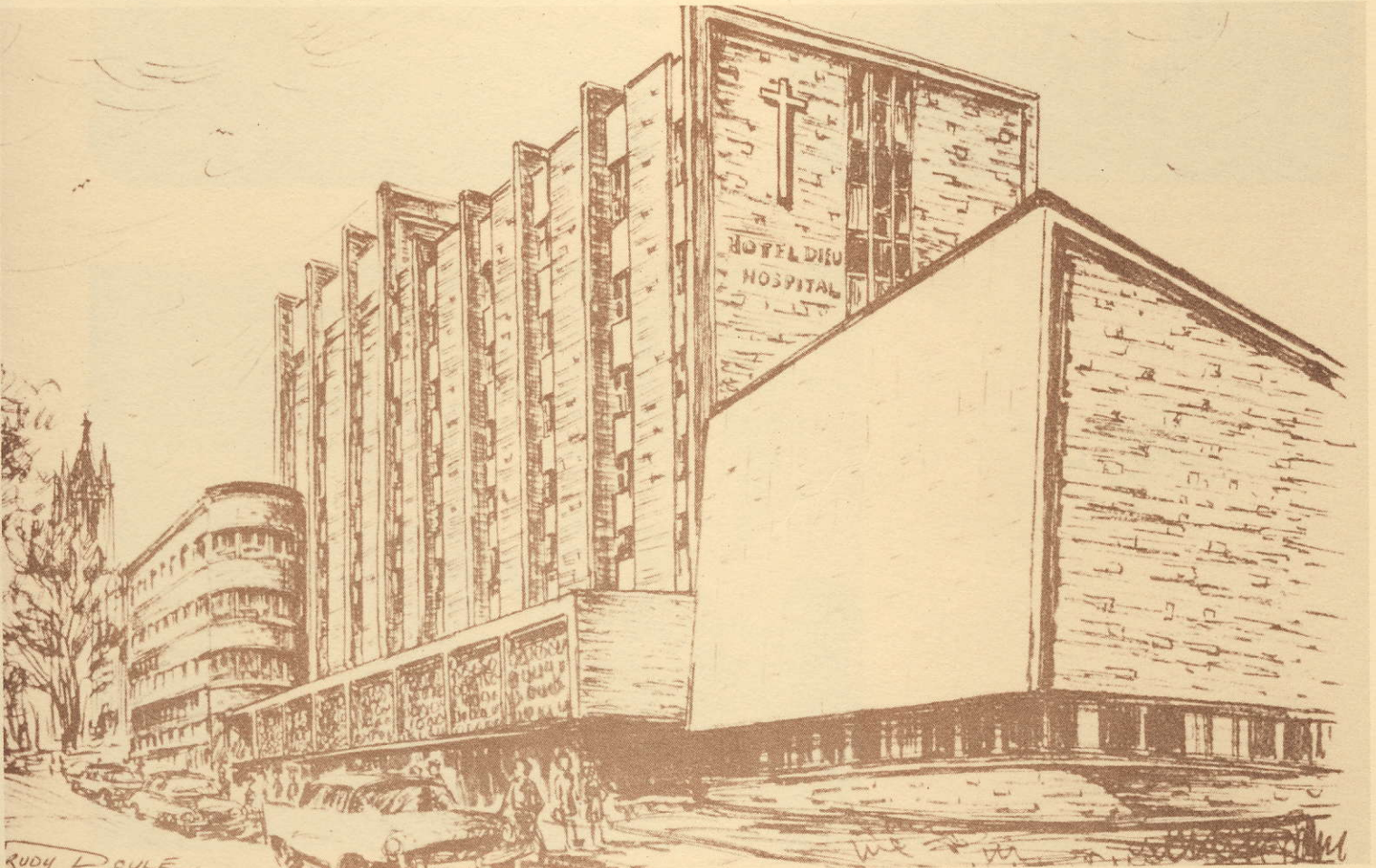


Centenary Wing on Johnson St., viewed from southeast



Sketch from fund appeal brochure of 1962. Original domed Regiopolis building is still identifiable.

1966: Trudu Doule's sketch of new Johnson Wing, adjoining Centenary Wing. Auditorium is in foreground.



# Mrs. William Murphy

Sr. Taggart



In 1950 the annual report of the Ladies Auxiliary read in part: "The Hotel Dieu Hospital Auxiliary has justified the plans of the ladies who so courageously formed the original group. Since that evening on June 28, 1905, nearly \$75,000 has been raised and spent on the purchase of equipment, furnishings and cheer for the sick." Resolved to emulate the efforts of Mrs. John Welch, who took up the gavel in 1905, Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Murphy began her task.

Like so many of her predecessors', Mrs. Murphy's first efforts were spent on recruitment. Kingston was changing. There were many organizations clamouring for women's

participation. Many women were working outside the home. First mention is made at this time of the help given by the Medical Wives. The minutes of 1950 further tell us that the Cancer Society was looking for help from the Ladies Auxiliary. However, it was decided, "this type of help is against the intent of the Constitution of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary which is set up for the actual needs of the patients in the hospital."

Sister Borden, Superior, made a big request to the Auxiliary: she asked them to set up a fund to pay for a central cafeteria.

Until the cafeteria opened in 1952, several small areas had served as dining rooms. This new cafeteria took in an area known in the old days as the nurses' home dining area. Only the nurses ate there, where they were served. Each nurse had her own cutlery and linen serviette with a silver holder. These days were gone. The cafeteria appeared in the area which is occupied in 1980 by Physiotherapy, the kitchen and part of X-ray. From 1952-1965 this was the hospital cafeteria. To redecorate and furnish this area the ladies were asked to raise the large sum of \$10,000. For many it was a staggering amount. Mrs. Murphy was an energetic president. She often told her co-workers how proud she was of them. It was Mrs. Murphy who first requested that the President of the Auxiliary sit on the newly established Advisory Board. The time for this had not come, nor did it come for another 20 years.

When the cafeteria opened, a canteen was proposed (a forerunner of the present coffee shop). This request was not granted, but Mrs. Murphy and her group nursed the idea and kept it alive until it bore fruit in 1965. It was

also at this time that a "sunshine cart" was proposed for the patients. This idea also had to wait for action. Regional meetings were being held in Brockville and Belleville. New ideas were filtering in. Hotel Dieu was changing.

In 1952 the Generalate headquarters for the Religious Hospitallers spoken of in 1949 were moved to Perth Road. This estate of 400 acres was a gift to the Sisters from a former patient, Mrs. William Scofield of White Plains, N.Y. For the first time in over 100 years, the training and preparation of the young Sisters was removed from Hotel Dieu Kingston. The Kingston Sisters were being transferred to other hospitals of that order. It took time to build new relationships.

The reader has probably already noted the many bonds that have united the Ladies Auxiliary to the Sisters and the Hotel Dieu over the years. Mrs. Murphy had several such bonds. Mr. Murphy's aunt, Sister Kathleen Taggart, is a sister of Mrs. Stella Murphy, his mother. Sister Taggart is a one-time beloved Moderator of the Auxiliary and is remembered by many former patients at Hotel Dieu Hospital where Sister Taggart served the sick for her entire Religious life 1917-1974. She is presently a patient in the Infirmary at St. Joseph Provincial House, Amherstview.

Mrs. Murphy was a faithful and long-time member of the Auxiliary, where her particular sphere of action was the Sewing Committee. She was honoured for this activity in 1974. Mrs. Murphy died December 11, 1979. Her son Emmett is a member of the present Board of Directors of Hotel Dieu Hospital.



President Peggy Murphy pins nursing graduate Jacqueline Fleming.

## Mrs. Harry Warner

Many, if not all, of the Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary have had family or professional ties with Hotel Dieu. Allyne Oberndorffer Warner had two such ties. Her husband, Dr. Harry M. Warner, was a prominent surgeon at Hotel Dieu. Her aunt, Henrietta Oberndorffer of an old well-known Kingston family, had done much of the buying for the Auxiliary from its earliest years. The Oberndorfers owned a cigar factory in the city.

Mrs. Warner was President at a time of great change at Hotel Dieu. The English-speaking Sisters who in 1949 had joined to form a Generalate were asked in 1953 to extend the Generalate to Montreal, as they joined with their French-speaking Sisters. Henceforth the Kingston Generalate would be known as St. Joseph's Province of this Generalate. In 1954 Mother Murray, who was the key figure in all these changes for the Kingston Sisters, died suddenly. She was replaced by Sister Borden, who had been named Superior at the Kingston Hotel Dieu in 1949. Sister Mary of the Assumption succeeded Sister Borden at Hotel Dieu. The former was a member of the first hospital and management course sponsored by the Canadian Hospital Association in 1950. Through her new training and experience, Sister introduced many administrative changes at Hotel Dieu.

It was Mrs. Warner who raised the money to pay off the Auxiliary commitment to the Cafeteria Fund. What a relief to have such a large sum over and done with! It was Mrs. Warner who kept the Canteen and Sunshine Cart ideas alive. It is not



Past-Presidents' Dinner in 1979 saluted some lovely ladies. L-R: Allyne Warner, Peggy Murphy, Mary Sampson, Elizabeth Hooper, Dorothy Shanias.

easy to introduce change in an old and established institution. Mrs. Chabot, a past president, had visited the newly opened St. Catharine's Hotel Dieu Hospital where she found an 800-member organization buzzing with activity. On her return she encouraged Mrs. Warner to raise the membership fee from 50¢ to \$1.

Under Mrs. Warner's power of presidency and Mrs. Chabot's power of persuasion new changes were made. Christmas 1953 saw the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary activate the local campaign to put Christ back into Christmas. In 1954 the Medical Wives received a special note of thanks for setting up and convening the tea room at the annual St. Patrick's Tea and Sale. A scholarship fund was set up in memory of Sister St. James (the former obstetrical scholarship mentioned in 1945 was re-named).

The official opening of the six-storey Jeanne Mance residence took place in May 1955. As in 1950 the Auxiliary and the Alumnae co-convened this

social event. Special gifts to the nurses were a washer and dryer, much-appreciated gifts.

Nor was the intellectual life of the group neglected. In September 1955 Dr. Arnold Edinborough, noted Canadian author, addressed the membership.

Mrs. Warner now lives in Ottawa, where her doctor husband and she enjoy their retirement. The auxiliary acknowledges its debt to her for the excellent leadership she gave from 1953 to '56.



Sr. St. Patrick (left) and Sr. McDonald, past Moderators of the Auxiliary.

## Mrs. Columbus Hanley

**M**arian Fowler Hanley, wife of well-known Kingstonian Columbus Hanley, was in God's design the instrument used to lead the Auxiliary into its third quarter-century. Society was changing. The meaning of words was heard in new ways. Sputnik was about to fly around in space. Sister Elizabeth MacPherson was the new Superior at Hotel Dieu. She, too, had her course in hospital administration and management. In keeping with the meaning of the Ladies Auxiliary name, it was proposed that the new name be *Women's Auxiliary of Hotel Dieu*. Mrs. Hanley and Sister MacPherson were the catalysts that saw much

change occur. As once before, the membership needed revitalization. A former chaplain, Monsignor J.P. Sullivan, now rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, sent a gift of \$200. Quarterly executive meetings were held instead of the monthly meetings that had taken place for the past 50 years. Something happened, as the membership rose from a low 66 to 245.

It was proposed that the scholarship fund in memory of Sister St. James be raised from \$200 to \$500. Miss Donna Hunt of Plainfield was the first recipient of the new amount.

Public relations is one of the main purposes of the Auxiliary. In order to do a good job in this area, the Auxiliary must be well informed about

hospital activities. To this end, Mr. George Carson, President of the Advisory Board, addressed the membership. He spoke of the expansion of the Hotel Dieu over a 20-year period. The clinics were the first area to be renovated and enlarged.

In 1957 the Sisters moved from Perth Road to a newly erected Provincialate on a 15-acre area overlooking Lake Ontario at the new development called Amherstview. The Sisters' property is across the water from the third largest of the Thousand Islands, Amherst Island. Once again, as they had so many times before, the women of Kingston who were members of the Auxiliary were on hand to serve tea and to assist in making hundreds of guests welcome at this newest venture of the Hospitaliers on May 8th, 1957.

Winds of change were blowing from seats of power. In 1958 Ontarians made ready to accept the Ontario Hospital Insurance Act effective January 1, 1959. Mr. Stanley Martin, an official from this government-sponsored body, was invited to speak to the Women's Auxiliary so they could perform their duties as public relations agents of the hospital.

Marian received a Past President's pin in 1962 and in 1970 was made an Honorary Life Member of the Auxiliary. The Hotel Dieu Hospital Auxiliary owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Hanley for the way in which she rallied the Auxiliary. She died in 1978.

We believe in this year of jubilee that Marian, together with our other past presidents and the hundreds of Kingston women who assisted them, are enjoying the fruits of their many labours. R.I.P.



Mrs. Marian Hanley presents student nurse Donna Hunt with the Sister St. James Scholarship as administrator Sister Elizabeth MacPherson looks on.

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## Mrs. Erland O'Leary

**E**lected in 1958 to bring comfort and hope to those who were in distress of mind or body as patients of Hotel Dieu Hospital was Mrs. Erland O'Leary. Helen MacDonald O'Leary, or "Daisy" as she was affectionately known, was the mother of Mrs. Lawrence O'Connor and a sister of Sister St. Aloysius (Estelle MacDonald), a former Superior and Administrator of Hotel Dieu.

The actual name change from "Ladies Auxiliary" to "Women's Auxiliary" was made in 1958. It was the result of a motion by Mrs. Gordon Mylks, Jr. Once again the Auxiliary tried for representation on the Advisory Board and once again was unsuccessful. However, change was occurring. A committee was set up to meet with the Planning and Developing Committee of the Board. The Auxiliary, on a motion by Sister MacPherson, was represented.

The largest returns ever at a St. Patrick's Tea and Sale were realized in 1959 when the treasurer counted \$2,976.49. For some time pins had been given the graduating class. Cuff links were now suggested instead and these were presented to each new graduate at the Communion breakfast held after the Graduation Mass. Under earlier presidents it had been proposed that a Coffee Shop and Gift Shop be opened. Now in 1959 funds were actually put aside in a special bank account for the time these could be in operation.

In order to keep the membership up, Mrs. Helen Carson, wife of George Carson, Chairman of the Board, offered her lovely home on King Street for a membership tea. As



treasurer for many years, Mrs. Carson was a valuable assistant to the President, Mrs. O'Leary.

In keeping with new developments in medical science, the Auxiliary purchased an artificial kidney machine for the hospital at a cost of \$2,000. In 1960, six Sisters celebrated Jubilees. Many of them were the postulants who had come over from Ireland in 1907. The auxiliaries were once again at Amherstview, co-hosting a tea on May 4th. Sister MacPherson was now the Provincial Superior.

An interesting and rather delightful note must be added here. Mrs. O'Leary, a milliner in her younger days, added a new feature, a hat

table, at the annual St. Patrick's Day Tea and Sale. Her talent greatly enriched the coffers when she introduced "Chapeau Daisy".

In 1960 several members of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary attended an Institute for Directors of Hospital Volunteers held at the Belleville General Hospital. Our friend and former Hotel Dieu Chaplain, Monsignor J.P. Sullivan, now pastor at St. Michael's in Belleville, was present as a valued member of the Belleville General Hospital Board.

A delightful social function that year was a dessert luncheon tendered by Sister Rouble and the dietary staff. Sister Mackenzie was the Superior. With Mrs. O'Leary as President, the sixties were well launched.

History keeps repeating itself. Louise O'Connor, Mrs. O'Leary's daughter, is an active coffee shop volunteer. A grand-niece, Mrs. Isobel Palda, is Chairman of Public Relations on the Board.

*From the Whig of March 14, 1961: Daisy O'Leary's popular hat table, a feature of the St. Patrick's Tea and Sale.*



**THE MILLINERS**—Modeling some of the many beautiful spring hats which will be featured in the Hat Sale at the St. Patrick's Tea and Sale next Friday afternoon are (from left) Mrs. J. W. Gibson, Mrs. John J. Hartnett and Mrs. E. B. Hawke. Other members of the millinery group who are not shown in the picture are Mrs. Isobel Mulligan, Mrs. G. C. Curtis, Mrs. Richard Hollingsworth, Mrs. L. N. O'Connell and Mrs. J. B. Shannon.

## Women's Auxiliary

Hotel Dieu Hospital  
Kingston, Ontario

# Mrs. Harold Neuman

The 1960 annual meeting saw another young doctor's wife in the chair in the person of Mrs. Harold Neuman. Jody Chown Neuman, it is interesting to note, was the granddaughter of George Chown, a one-time owner of the property on the corner of Bagot and Brock Streets known until 1976 as the Kingston Public Library and in 1976 acquired by the Hotel Dieu Hospital for hospital use. Nor was this the only historical connection that the Chown family has with the Hotel Dieu. Listed among the generous benefactors of the newly opened operating room in 1899 we find the name of Dr. A.R. Chown.

Jody was the first volunteer "Director of Volunteers". On motion of a former President, Mrs. Lois Koster, it was moved that a sunshine cart go out among the patients. \$149 was voted to get it in motion. It was a lovely antique flower planter from the lovely Hillcroft home of Mrs. Harry Smith. The volunteers who manned this cart wore cherry-red smocks with an auxiliary chevrier to distinguish them. One special volunteer who gave many hours to get the sunshine cart in operation was Dr. Edward Gibson's wife. Eileen gave generously of her time to get this project well started. Twenty years later it is one of the most successful volunteer services.

In 1960 Mrs. Neuman reminded members that the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary was one of 49 societies making up the Local Council of Women.

The years had made it obvious the hospital had to expand. Thus it was no surprise in 1961 when Sister Mackenzie, Superior, announced the building program kick-off. The

Auxiliary bought a certificate from Victoria and Grey Trust for \$1,500. The women were in business. They were spurred on by an address from Dr. Edward Gibson, who again assured them of the tremendous help they gave the hospital in the area of public relations. "The Auxiliary," he said, "can explain to citizens the need for the Hotel Dieu building program." A decision was taken to pledge \$12,500 over a five-year period to the building fund. Each member was urged to support the building campaign in progress. The Religious Hospitallers would pledge \$500,000 from the Sisters' salaries and donations

made to them over the years. The Auxiliary decided to forego that Hotel Dieu annual, the tag day, that year.

Despite the pressures of raising funds for the building program, the Auxiliary held a graduation tea for the graduating class of nurses. President Neuman lent her spacious home on Marley Street for the occasion, and hosted there all the "cuff-link teas" from 1961-1964. At the annual meeting in 1962, Sister Veronica Callaghan, Superior, presented Past President pins to Mrs. A.C. Hanley and Mrs. Harold Neuman. They were worn with pride. This began a tradition.



Planning for another season in 1960: Mrs. Polly Saunders, standing, and Mrs. Jody Neuman. (Photo from Whig-Standard)

## Mrs. George Saunders

**'F**rom ideas to actions' is an apt description of the presidency of Mrs. Polly Saunders. In 1962 the Sydenham Wing, whose cornerstone was laid in 1838, was declared unsafe for direct patient care. This opened the way for new and needed services, one of which was the Coffee Shop, squeezed into the former kitchen area of the Women's Wards. The tidy sum of \$527.41 was cleared by the enterprising Coffee Shop Committee. Mrs. Leo Quinn, sister of the Administrator, Sister Veronica Callaghan, must be given credit for this newest venture.

With new services opening up, more volunteers were recruited. In 1963, junior volunteers were gathered

in from Notre Dame Convent and Regiopolis College. To thank these generous youngsters for their efforts, a Christmas party saw some 60 teenagers enjoying an afternoon of "Martian Hopping".

The artificial kidney machine bought in 1959 was sold to the Kingston General Hospital, where a specialized kidney unit was set up. This sharing was to become greater as the years unfolded. New services in the hospital were the intensive care units, surgical on the fourth floor and medical on the third floor, both set up in former D.V.A. areas used after the War for treatment of returned veterans.

Miss Margaret McNeil (now Sister McNeil, R.H.S.J., an H.D.H. graduate '55) set up the first Social Service department in a small corner of the old classrooms on Brock I.

Altogether new services requested money from the Auxiliary. In spite of the \$12,500 being set aside for the building fund, Mrs. Saunders found money to meet these requests.

New buildings were on the planning board. Old ones were slated for demolition. In 1964 the Sisters' Monastery, a Johnson Street landmark since 1898, was demolished to make way for the new Johnson Street Wing. In 1960 the Sisters had moved into the vacated nurses' home (1923). The nursing staff on St. Michael's Corridor, now called Brock II, was asked to find funds to buy expensive equipment. Fortunately, the Lions Club helped here. The Auxiliary members were working very hard to keep their commitment. To their credit they did so honourably.

Pauline Martin Saunders, a relative of the late Dr. F.X. O'Connor and the late Monsignor G.T. Martin, is a graduate of Maryvale Abbey, Glen Nevis, a former Glengarry private school. She attended Queen's University and after obtaining her B.A. enrolled as a nurse at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. Her husband George was a Queen's man, a graduate in Mechanical Engineering who used this expertise as a member of the Hotel Dieu Advisory Board.



*President Polly Saunders and Mrs. Connie O'Connor set up the original Sunshine Cart, a gift from Mrs. Harry Smith in 1961. (Photo from Whig-Standard)*

## Mrs. John Milliken

It was Mrs. John Milliken who saw the Johnson Street Wing completed in her term of office. When she returned from the annual Auxiliary meeting in Toronto in the fall of 1964, she told her loyal workers that the coffee shop at Hotel Dieu, despite its cramped quarters, was second to none in the province. Mrs. Milliken urged the members to speak about the good things happening at Hotel Dieu. One example was the opening of a mission in the Caribbean by the Religious Hospitallers.

Sister Elizabeth Rouble, Chief Nutritionist at the hospital, visited the mission in Ocoa in the Dominican Republic in 1965. On her return she addressed the Women's Auxiliary and shared her experience with them.

The fiftieth class of the nursing school graduated in 1965. Margaret Milliken offered her lovely Alwington home for this, a special occasion, the annual Cuff Link Tea. The new gift and coffee shop opened on the Sydenham Street entrance in 1965, a dream come true after many years of planning on the part of past presidents. In keeping with the pronouncements of Vatican II and changes in the liturgy, the chapel was redecorated.

The current hospital cafeteria opened in 1965, a far cry from the makeshift cafeteria referred to in the early fifties. To celebrate, the women were entertained by the Sisters at a dessert party in the long-awaited but attractive dining area on Johnson I. More volunteers were needed to staff new services the Auxiliary wished to offer the patients. A special luncheon was begun in 1965 to pay tribute to



President Peggy Milliken presents cufflinks to a grad of the 50th class of the nursing school in 1965. (Photo from Whig-Standard)

the volunteers. Mrs. Dreda Quinn was presented with a local life membership for the enthusiasm she put forth in opening the coffee shop. Mrs. Anna Murray, first convenor of the gift shop, attended a gift shop show in Toronto.

Until 1965, several small sums of money were presented at various times throughout the year to the Administrator. At this time it was proposed that henceforth one large sum would be presented to the Administrator at the time of the annual meeting. In 1964 the Advisory Board was restructured from the 1951 Constitution to allow larger community representation. The first woman apart

from the Sisters to sit on the board was Miss Mary Alice Murray, a Kingston lawyer and niece of Mother Cecelia Murray, the first Mother General of the Sisters in 1949. Miss Murray addressed the Auxiliary in her capacity as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The women were encouraged in the important role they play in the successful operation of Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Mrs. Milliken and the Auxiliary were much encouraged in September 1966 when the Johnson Street Wing and adjoining Auditorium were opened. Much had been accomplished during Mrs. Milliken's term of office.



# Mrs. Harry Smith

**M**arjorie Smith, wife of Kingston architect Harry Smith, succeeded Mrs. Milliken as President. Many notable achievements are recorded in her two years as animator.

Recognizing like Erikson that play is important for the developing child, the hospital set up a new service in Pediatrics in 1966—play therapy. The Auxiliary under its new President, Mrs.

Smith, supported this comfort measure for the little ones. Mrs. William Ghent co-ordinated the play therapy while the Auxiliary provided money for needed play items.

A second challenge was presented when Dr. Ivan Beck arrived from Montreal to set up a Gastro-Intestinal unit on Brock II. Dr. Beck spoke to the Auxiliary members on the merits of their service as well as the comfort needs of patients in this particular unit.

In 1966 Mr. Eric Brown, who since

1961 had been acting as Assistant Administrator, became the Hotel Dieu Kingston's first lay Administrator. His appointment was not without precedent; Jeanne Mance, the foundress of Hotel Dieu Montreal in 1642, was a laywoman. One of Mr. Brown's first official duties was to speak to the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, at which time he challenged them with the 125th celebration of Hotel Dieu, coming up in 1970. What could they do as a special project?

Mrs. Smith entered a display of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary efforts at the annual hospital meeting in Toronto, October 1966. In 1967 she gave a cheque for \$10,000 to Administration.

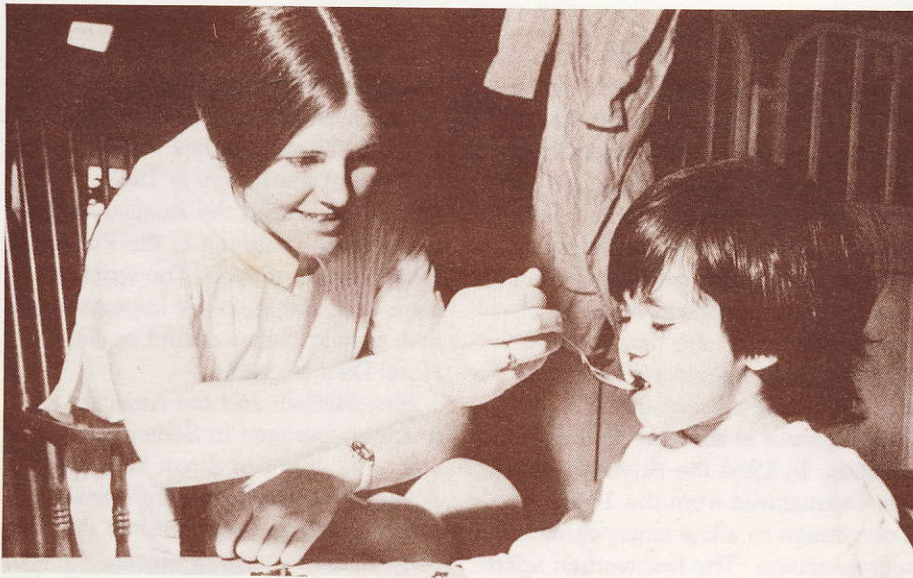
Changes occurred during Mrs. Smith's tenure as they did in all other Presidents' terms. The St. Patrick's Tea and Sale, a feature at Hotel Dieu since the beginning days of the Auxiliary, was discontinued. The new auditorium was available for meetings, but did not lend itself to a tea and sale. The School of Nursing was home to 176 students. It was felt that the time had come to discontinue this annual event. While it caused some sadness, it would have happened within a decade in any case, as the Jeanne Mance Residence was demolished for further expansion. In 1967 a tragic fire occurred at Hotel Dieu and the mother of Frances Breen, 64, lost her life.

Many patient comfort measures were added through the efforts of the Auxiliary while Mrs. Smith was President, and a cheque for \$9,000 was presented for equipment in 1968.

Mrs. Smith's reward must have been that she helped those in need, especially the children. She had the honour of being President at the time of Canada's Centennial year.



President Marjorie Smith (second from right) at a membership tea with Marian Hanley (left), Helen Carson, and Mrs. My-Lou Benson



Junior Volunteer Marian McRae feeds a little friend in Pediatrics.

# Mrs. Donald Hooper

The challenge to prepare a project to mark the 125th year of the Hotel Dieu Hospital was taken up by Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper when she assumed the presidency in 1968. Wife of a young doctor and mother of their three children, Elizabeth Jennings Hooper was also a lecturer in physical activities for pre-school children for the Extension Department of Queen's University and St. Lawrence College. In addition, she was a member of the Department of Physiology at her alma mater, Queen's, and author of a book titled *Physical Activities for the Preschooler*.

When asked what her plans were as Auxiliary President, she stated: "Basically we want to maintain or increase our level of profit from the combined operations of our three patient and staff services: gift shop, coffee shop and wagon service." She lost no time in setting out to achieve her objectives.

The following are some of the activities noted during Mrs. Hooper's term as President:

- The purchase of much-needed hospital beds for Orthopedic patients.
- An orientation program set up for the volunteers—32 in the coffee shop, 24 in the gift shop and 20 on the sunshine cart.

To be a volunteer one did not have to be an active member of the Auxiliary. There was a great need for well-informed volunteers. A blitz brought in 56 junior volunteers. A brochure describing the Women's Auxiliary was prepared.

At the annual meeting in 1968, Eric Brown stressed the involvement of

Hotel Dieu in the medical teaching program of Queen's University. Meanwhile preparations were under way for the big celebration in 1970. The Auxiliary members viewed the film *New Frontiers of Mercy*, depicting the international apostolate of the Religious Hospitallers in Africa, the Dominican Republic and Peru. Its preparation had been one of their projects in Canada's Centennial year.

A special memorial brochure was prepared by Mrs. Donald Braden and Mrs. Genevieve McNeil, both graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing and active members of the Women's Auxiliary. In their research they discovered that Kingston women as members of the Hotel Dieu Auxiliary had raised the imposing sum of \$145,000 in the first 65 years of its existence. A plaque was made in memory of these undaunted efforts and placed in the hospital's main lobby. The Auxiliary under Mrs. Hooper took an active part in an

Open House honouring 125 years of service by the Sisters. Mrs. Marian Hanley, whose catalytic efforts brought the Auxiliary to a new life in 1956, was presented with a life membership in 1970.

It was during Mrs. Hooper's presidency that the Auxiliary learned of Quafhop (Queen's University and affiliated hospitals), and the purchase of the *Canadian Register* building on the corner of Bagot and Johnson Streets. (It is in this area that the Department of Family Medicine is now located.)

Miss Anna Hanlon, a charitable Kingston lady, left money in her will to be used for the comfort of the poor. It was put in a special account called the Hanlon Estate.

Elizabeth Hooper had indeed carried out the mandate given her in 1968 when in 1970 she handed over her responsibilities to Mrs. Hazlett. Mrs. Hooper remains keenly interested in the activities of the Auxiliary.



President Liz Hooper on Coffee Shop duty.

## Mrs. John Hazlett

**S**purred on by the notable achievements of her predecessors and most of all by the needs at hand, Mrs. John Hazlett took the helm as President. Lois, as a former nurse and the wife of her prominent husband, an orthopedic surgeon, began the exciting new decade of the seventies.

Always alert to the needs of the patients, Mrs. Hazlett learned at the annual meeting of the O.H.A. in 1970 that open visiting hours were in effect at Sick Children's in Toronto. She suggested the same for Hotel Dieu. It was a new and exciting venture that allowed parents to help look after their children in hospital. Pastoral visiting of the sick, always a part of the caring at Hotel Dieu, was espoused by the Auxiliary in 1971. St. Roch's room, a

former semi-private area on the men's floor, had been converted to an Interfaith Chapel in 1967. To offer comfort to families who are bereaved or remaining close to sick members, a Family Room was furnished by the Auxiliary in the area known as the Interfaith Chapel. The third floor gallery became the Interfaith Chapel. When the nurses' alumnae celebrated the 60th birthday of the School of Nursing in 1972, Mrs. Hazlett, President, assisted in laying the carpet so that the room could be ready for viewing on this occasion. Through the efforts of the Auxiliary both rooms were decorated.

In a previous chapter mention was made that the hospital had purchased the *Canadian Register* building. For a period in the early seventies this area served as a Youth Hostel. The Auxiliary assisted the Social Service

department in this much-needed venture. A pot washer was purchased for the busy dietary department of the hospital. Hasty-notes with a picture of Hotel Dieu were produced for sale in the gift shop. The Sisters were presented with a lovely oil painting (a ruggedly beautiful Connemara scene) that now graces their dining room.

Many and varied changes were continuing. In order to keep abreast of those occurring in nursing education, Miss Norma Struzzo, Director of the School of Nursing, told the Auxiliary that by 1985 there would be two levels of nursing and that in the near future the diploma course in nursing education would be moving into community colleges.

Quafhop was succeeded at this time by a 17-member corporate structure. In 1972, a new agreement for the Kingston Health Sciences Complex was drawn up. It was a new organizational concept which saw the Kingston General and the Hotel Dieu hospitals become the principal teaching hospitals for the purpose of Queen's University teaching programs while remaining philosophically and geographically separate for patient care and community service.

Mrs. Susan Paloschi, a talented artist as well as a doctor's wife, was commissioned to paint a scrolled remembrance of the many women who have given long service to the Auxiliary. It was placed in the Sydenham Street rotunda for all to see.

Before Mrs. Hazlett received her past president's pin, she had the annual reports circulated to each member for the first time. Quietly and efficiently this gracious woman promoted the interests of Hotel Dieu as President.



1970 unveiling of plaque marking Auxiliary's gift of \$145,000 over 65 years. Left to right: Lois Hazlett, Eric Brown, Sister Elizabeth Rouble, Superior, and Elizabeth Hooper.

## Mrs. Donald Braden

**M**arilyn Jones Braden of the '57 class of Hotel Dieu graduates assumed the presidency in 1972. She is the wife of Dr. Donald Braden, psychiatrist. 1973 was an exciting year, as two Tercentenary events were celebrated by Hotel Dieu Hospital: the 300th anniversary of Kingston's founding by Frontenac, just a few days after the death of Jeanne Mance. Jeanne Mance's name keeps coming up in this story and will continue to do so, as she is the inspiration of several Hotel Dieu Hospitals. The Auxiliary's project for the Kingston Tercentenary was a tour map of Kingston which contained a blurb on interesting homes and historic sites in this old limestone city. For Hospital Day 1973, a special Jeanne Mance pamphlet was placed on each patient's tray, commemorating this devoted nurse



With Sister Rouble (left), Marilyn Braden welcomes guests to Tercentenary reception.

who crossed the Atlantic three times in the mid-17th century. She braved the dangers of open sailing boats to secure funds to keep the Hotel Dieu Hospital alive in Montreal 1642-1673.

Losses were sustained at this time, as Hotel Dieu saw the transfer of Obstetrics to the Kingston General and the School of Nursing to St. Lawrence College. The former had opened in 1910 and the latter in 1912. The obstetrical unit was renovated as a treatment centre for burns patients for this part of Eastern Ontario. The intensive care units were moved from the old D.V.A. areas to more modernized quarters, also in the vacated obstetrical area.

Mrs. Braden as President saw three faithful members honoured with local life memberships: Sister St. Oswald, Mrs. Marnie Whalen and Mrs. Marjorie Smith. In addition, recognition was given to two outstanding elderly members who for many long years served on the Recording Committee, namely Mrs. Cecily McKeown and Mrs. Sadie Murphy.

At the annual meeting in 1974, Eric Brown informed the Auxiliary that the vacated Jeanne Mance Residence was slated for demolition. This would enable the completion of the 20-year building program noted in the late fifties. Indeed the face of Hotel Dieu was changing.

Before Mrs. Braden retired as President in 1974, she pinned the sixtieth and last class of nurses to graduate from Hotel Dieu.

For everything there is a season. In June 1979, Marilyn Braden became 1st Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Hotel Dieu Hospital. It is significant that she is the first Auxiliary President to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.



Mammorex II, to fight cancer through mammography, was a significant gift from the Auxiliary in International Women's Year, 1975.



## Mrs. John Sampson

**H**istory keeps repeating itself. Mary Carson Sampson, wife of John Sampson, Crown Attorney for the County of Frontenac and a past president of the Hotel Dieu Advisory Board, assumed the presidency of the Auxiliary in 1974.

Plans were made to change the name "Women's Auxiliary" as International Women's Year approached. To facilitate the membership of men in our organization, the name "Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital" was decided upon. Susan Paloschi, wife of Dr. Gian Paloschi, executed the new logo.

In keeping with the theme of woman, it was decided in 1975 to purchase mammography equipment at a cost of \$30,000. This item will assist in the early detection of breast cancer. As well it was a fitting memorial for the 70th birthday of the Auxiliary. The Medical Wives donated \$1,000 towards the new mammography scanner. Other associations such as Hotel Dieu Alumnae, Engineers Wives and the Kinettes also gave sizable contributions. The 1975 annual meeting saw a birthday cake served to 90 faithful members.

Then, as so often in life, in the midst of the joy, a thorny issue presented itself for consideration. Would Hotel Dieu provide care for penitentiary inmates? Many Auxiliary members objected. However, the philosophy of the Sisters states that **all** persons qualify for care. It was a time of trial.

While the boat was rocking in a stormy sea, a motion was made that \$28,000 be invested for six months, at

the highest rate of interest available. The Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital got on with its business at hand.

At this 1975 meeting, there was a motion that the proposed new wing be called the Jeanne Mance Wing. Further, it was moved that the stone mural depicting Jerome Le Royer de Ladauversiere blessing the departure of the Hospitallers from France to Ville Marie be preserved when the Jeanne Mance residence was demolished and that it be included in the new wing.

In 1976, Mr. Brown informed the members of the Volunteer Services at their annual meeting that the Public Library property had been purchased to complete site acquisition for the new wing.

Mrs. Sampson carried the presidency in a difficult period. It is thanks to her and the other competent Presidents that the Hotel Dieu Volunteer Services faces a bright last quarter century. Mary continues her strong support of the objectives of the organization so nobly begun in 1905.



President Mary Sampson (right) on volunteer Coffee Shop service with Jean Hunter.

## Mrs. Saul Shanas



**M**rs. Dorothy Tevan Shanas, wife of M.M. (Saul) Shanas, a Kingston area teacher, succeeded Mrs. Sampson as President. 1976 will be long remembered in Kingston as the year of the Sailing Olympics. These events compelled Kingstonians to appreciate the wonderful natural advantages of our limestone city. It provided us with pursuits of common and diversive elements.

At Hotel Dieu new difficulties were presenting themselves as friends of Hotel Dieu learned that Pediatrics was being removed to the Kingston General for an interim period. A motion expressing the strong opposition felt towards this action was forwarded to Miss Mary Alice Murray, who chaired the Board of Directors. However, in the interests of the overall planning of the Queen's Health Sciences Council, this action had to be exercised.

At the May 1977 meeting of the

Volunteer Services, Administrator Eric Brown revealed the design of the new wing to the assembly. He reiterated the need the hospital has for the good will of the Volunteers in the area of public relations, and assured the members that their views are a pipeline from the public to the hospital.

In 1977, \$18,000 was invested so that necessary money will be available for needs when the new hospital wing becomes operational.

Dorothy Shanas was succeeded by Mrs. Kenneth Murray. To Mrs. Shanas as to all the Presidents, the Volunteer Services owe a debt of gratitude for her leadership.



*Patrick Callaghan, a volunteer-in-service, wheels patient to X-Ray.*

# Mrs. Kenneth Murray



Anna Murray on duty in the Gift Shop.

**I**t was in 1905 that a graduate of Canada's famous Ursuline Convent, Julia Larose (called Sister Laudauversiere after the name of the founder of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph), then Superior at Hotel Dieu, brought the Auxiliary from an idea to a reality. By a happy coincidence it is another much later Ursuline student, Mrs. Anna Murray, who animated the successful Volunteer Services of Hotel Dieu Hospital in 1979.

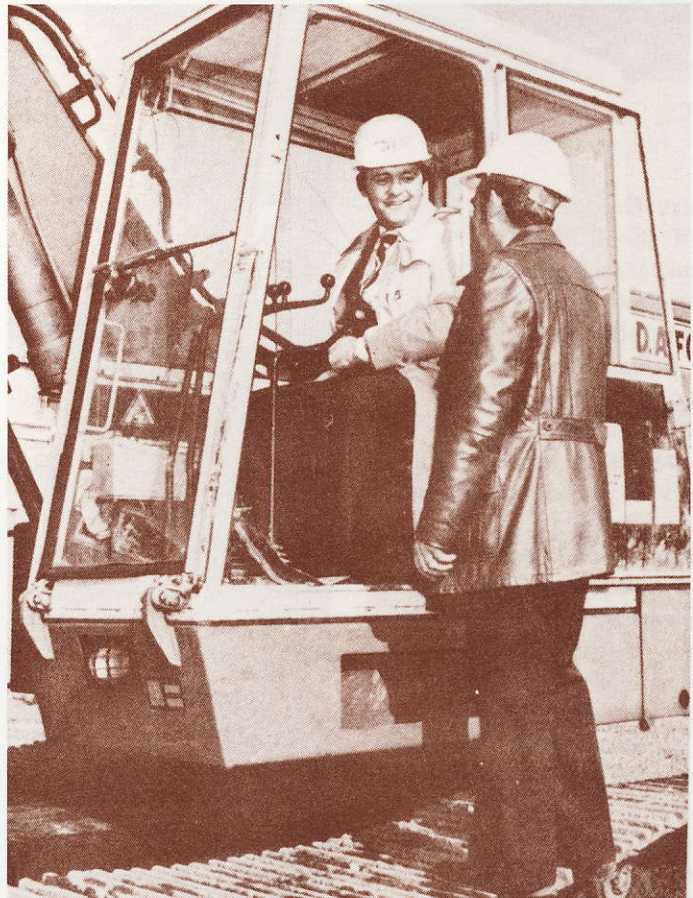
Anna had served as an energetic member of the Gift Shop Committee since its opening in 1965. In 1977, as she assumed the Presidency, she took to heart the words of the prayer recited by auxiliaries at the beginning of each meeting. This prayer reads: "To labour diligently, and to courageously think

and to speak with clarity and conviction but without prejudice and pride." At the annual meeting in 1977 a cheque totalling \$32,000 was presented to Mr. Brown from the three money-raising services.

As the eighties approached, administrative changes were noted at Hotel Dieu in 1978. Eric Brown, a member of the administrative staff since 1961, was named Executive Director. A newcomer, Mr. Theodore Czap, was appointed Administrator.

Sister Kathleen Keevil, a local Superior at Hotel Dieu, was named Administrative Secretary to Mr. Czap.

A significant historical event took place at Hotel Dieu on March 9, 1979, when the Hon. Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Health for Ontario, broke the first sod in the area to be occupied by the new wing on Brock Street. Many civic and religious dignitaries were on hand to witness this event, among whom was our President, Anna Murray.



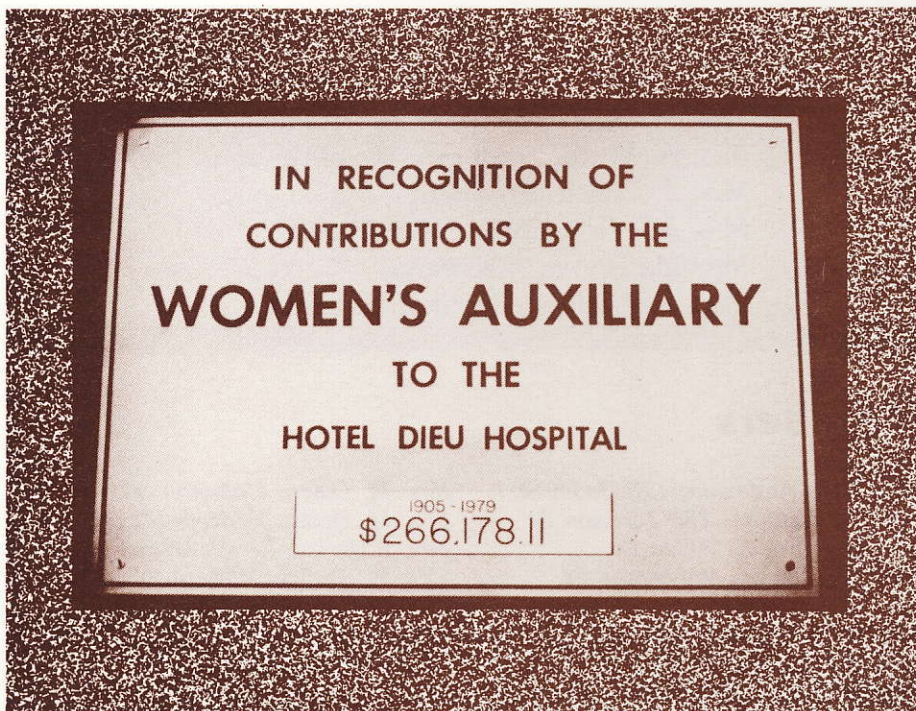
Ontario Health Minister Dennis R. Timbrell turning the sod for the new wing, March 9, 1979.

## Mrs. James Henderson

The faces and personalities have changed in the 75-year-old Auxiliary, but not the spirit. As Hotel Dieu looks toward its sesquicentennial in 1995 and to the centennial year of the Auxiliary in 2005, we say *ad multos annos*.

We may well expect the vine so tenderly cared for by the women enumerated in this story to continue to flourish. The incumbent President is Shirley Henderson. For the past 11 years Shirley, like the recorded presidents and many hundreds of unnamed volunteers, has given thousands of hours to the needs of the sick at Hotel Dieu in the various volunteer services. As a member of the Executive, she served in the capacity of Treasurer. The picture of the updated plaque indicates the large amount of money raised by all the Hotel Dieu Volunteers, 1905-80: the magnificent sum of \$266,178.11.

May such valuable and selfless health care work continue.



Shirley Henderson, now president, with gift cart that has succeeded original Sunshine Cart.



# The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hotel Dieu

Initial meeting, Wednesday, June 28, 1905

## Executive

Mrs. M. Sullivan, *Honorary President*  
Mrs. A. Ward, *Honorary Vice-President*  
Mrs. J. Welch, *President*  
Mrs. J.P. Thompson, *Vice-President*  
Miss Ida Ronan, *Secretary*  
Miss Gertrude McDermott, *Treasurer*

## Members

Miss Mary Anderson, 178 Bagot St.  
Mrs. N. Beaupre, 288 Johnson St.  
Mrs. N.J. Boyce, Albert St.  
Mrs. G.F. Baker, Wellington St.  
Miss M. Browne, University Ave.  
Miss M. Branigan, Brock St.  
Mrs. J.J. Behan, Brock St.  
Miss M. Buphy, Wellington St.  
Mrs. D. Buik, Gore St.  
Miss M. Bolger, Brock St.  
Mrs. D.P. Branigan, Brock St.

Miss N. Carey, Johnson St.  
Mrs. Campeau, Division St.  
Mrs. M. Cicolari, Clergy St.  
Miss Corrigan, Wellington St.  
Miss C. Cunningham, Princess St.  
Mrs. Conroy, Alfred St.  
Mrs. Clark, Asylum  
Miss G. Burke, Portsmouth  
Mrs. Dunnigan, Brock & Ontario Sts.  
Mrs. J. Davis, Sydenham St.  
Miss B. Doran, Barrie St.  
Miss J. Dwyer, Barrie St.

Mrs. P. Deulin, Ontario St.  
Miss M. Donaghue, King St.

Mrs. M. Doan, Colborne St.  
Mrs. M. Dolan, Princess St.  
Mrs. P. Daley, 38 Wellington St.  
Mrs. W. Duffey, William St.  
Mrs. G. Derochers, Clergy St.  
Mrs. F. Folger, Alfred St.  
Mrs. F. Faye, Earl St.  
Mrs. C. Fahey, Bagot St.  
Miss S. Flanigan, Barrie St.

Mrs. Gratton, Wellington St.  
Mrs. T. Gallagher, 77 Lower Union  
Mrs. M. Grady, Earl St.  
Miss M. Gallivan, Alfred St.  
Miss E. Greriza, Wellington St.  
Mrs. J. Halligan, Brock St.  
Mrs. Howland, Barrie St.  
Mrs. Howson  
Miss A. Hagerty

Miss M. Hanley, Gore St.  
Miss L. Hanley, 67 Earl St.  
Mrs. A. Hanley, Wellington St.  
Miss A. Hickey, Johnson St.  
Mrs. C. Kennedy, Brock & Ontario Sts.

Miss A. Kane, Telephone office  
Mrs. J. Keating, Division St.  
Miss K. Kilcanley, Division St.  
Mrs. T. Keenan, Barrie St.

Miss Leavitt, Brockville  
Miss M. Lynch, Johnson St.  
Mrs. M. Leahy  
Mrs. T. Leahy, William St.  
Mrs. N. Leslie, 109 Bagot St.  
Mrs. Lavitt, Earl St.  
Mrs. M. Lynch, 206 William St.  
Mrs. E. Lyons, Alfred St.  
Miss MacDonnell, Clergy St.  
Miss R. McGinnis, Ontario St.

Mrs. D. Murphy, 82 Rideau St.  
Mrs. J. Morton, 82 Rideau St.  
Mrs. J. McGall, Montreal St.  
Mrs. C. Morrison, Bagot St.  
Miss M. McGuire, 186 Bagot St.  
Mrs. N. McCormack, 37 Wellington St.  
Mrs. M. Metcalfe, Princess St.  
Mrs. D. Macarow, 188 William St.  
Miss M. Macarow, 188 William St.  
Miss G. McDermott, 380 King St.  
Miss I. McDermott, 380 King St.  
Miss McGuirk, Division St.  
Miss C. McCallum, Johnson St.

Miss M. Mullin, Johnson St.  
Mrs. H. MacDonald, 96 Earl St.  
Mrs. Nicholson, William & Ontario Sts.  
Miss B. Nugent, Johnson St.  
Mrs. McCue, Windsor Hotel  
Mrs. B. O'Donnell, Earl & Division Sts.  
Miss M. O'Brien, Union St.  
Mrs. O'Leary, Lower Union  
Mrs. D. O'Leary, Portsmouth  
Miss K. O'Connor, Johnson St.

# Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital

Mrs. D. Phelan, Johnson St.  
Mrs. J. Oldfin, Queen St.  
Mrs. Z. Prevost, Earl St.  
Mrs. Quigley, 141 William St.  
Mrs. E. Ryan, Brock St.  
Miss M. Ryan, Barriefield  
Miss A. Rigney, Johnson St.  
Miss I. Ronan, 240 Bagot St.  
Miss L. Swift, William St.  
Mrs. J. Swift, William St.  
Mrs. J. Scanlan, Whig office  
Mrs. E. Slater, Johnson St.  
Mrs. E. Steacy, Johnson St.  
Mrs. J. Sowards Sr., Montreal St.  
Mrs. J. Sowards Jr., Montreal St.  
Miss M. Shortt, Portsmouth  
Mrs. H. Shortt, 170 Barrie St.  
Miss M. Shaw, Colborne St.

Mrs. Spence, Brock St.  
Mrs. M. Sullivan, King St.  
Miss F. Sullivan, King St.  
Mrs. Powers, 212 Montreal St.  
Mrs. T. Thompson, 162 King St.  
Mrs. Thereault, Concession St.  
Mrs. Tobin, Union St.  
Miss Whalen, 17 John St.  
Miss E. Ward, Johnson St.  
Mrs. A. Ward, Johnson St.  
Mrs. J. Ward, Brock St.  
Miss M. Walsh, Albert St.  
Mrs. M. Walsh, Williamsville  
Miss R. Walsh, Williamsville  
Mrs. J. Welch, Earl St.  
Mrs. Moran, 79 Gore St.  
Mrs. F. Conway, Union St.  
Mrs. H. Smith, Division St.  
Mrs. W. Cook, Rideau St.  
Mrs. H. Myers, Colborne St.  
Mrs. E. O'Brien, Division St.



"Visiting Day in the Children's Ward" was painted in 1910 by Panzironi of New York while the artist was in Kingston to redecorate St. Mary's Cathedral.

# Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital

## Executive 1979-80

<b>Moderator</b>	Sister Gaffney
<b>Hon. President</b>	Sister Keevil
<b>President</b>	Shirley Henderson
<b>Past President</b>	Anna Murray
<b>1st Vice-President</b>	Carolyn Strapp
<b>2nd Vice-President</b>	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Lois Hazlett
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Fran Radley
<b>Treasurer</b>	Irene Wilson
<b>Membership</b>	Pat McDonald
<b>Public Relations</b>	Leona Cotnam
<b>Bursary</b>	Meg Martin
<b>Gift Shop Committee</b>	Muriel Hall
<b>Treasurer</b>	Anna Murray
<b>Flower Arranging</b>	Maxine Greer Mary Sampson
<b>Coffee Shop Committee</b>	Gerry Law Kathy McElligott Jean Hunter
<b>Wagon Service</b>	Goldie Murphy Ann Greenwood Pat Cox
<b>Book Cart</b>	Clarita Kade
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Lou Dowling
<b>Hanlon Estate</b>	Fran Radley
<b>Volunteer Co-ordinator</b>	Marge Harrigan Clare Veryard (leave of absence)
<b>In-Service</b>	Marge Harrigan
<b>Typist</b>	Pauline Scott
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Kay Walsh
<b>Angada Representative</b>	Anna Murray
<b>Provincial Life Members</b>	Helen Carson Sister St. Oswald (deceased) Marian Hanley (deceased) Marni Whalen

## Local Life Members

Marni Whalen  
Sister St. Oswald (deceased)  
Fran Brown  
Anna Murray  
Marjorie Smith  
Estelle Murphy (deceased)  
Marilyn Braden  
Liz Hooper  
Lois Hazlett  
Dreda Quinn  
Cecily McKeown (deceased)  
Mary Sampson



Sister Loretta Gaffney (seated), Moderator, with Leona Cotnam (centre), Public Relations Committee, and Marjorie Harrigan, volunteer-in-service.



Volunteer Agnes Callaghan  
at Information Desk.

## Membership List 1979-80

Arbury, Mrs. Jean	837 Victoria St.		
Amodeo, Mrs. Theresa	20 Hillcroft Dr.		
Ashcroft, Mrs. R.E.	4-10 Birch Ave.	(Lib.)*	
Backus, Mrs. Evelyn	9 Westmoreland Ave.	(C.S.)	
Barwick, Mrs. Phyllis	2-14 Dunlop St.	(Ins.)	
Beaupre, Mrs. Mary	179 Queen St.	(Jr. Sup.)	
Bennett, Mrs. Ray	603-1 Mowat Ave.	(Info.)	
Bennett, Mr. Arthur	603-1 Mowat Ave.	(Ins.)	
Bergeron, Mrs. Theresa	7 Charles St.	(Info.)	
Braden, Mrs. Marilyn	567 Earl St.	(C.S.)	
Briceland, Mrs. Dorothy	292 Van Order Dr.	(C.C.)	
Brown, Mrs. Fran	22 Jorene Dr.	(C.S.)	
Buratynski, Mrs. Anna	R.R. 1, Kingston	(G.S.)	
Burr, Mrs. Theo	67 Kensington Ave.		
Butters, Mrs. Mary	791 Brock St.	(G.S.)	
Callaghan, Mrs. Agnes	71 Manitou Cres. W.	(Info.)	
Callaghan, Mr. Patrick	71 Manitou Cres. W.	(Ins.)	
Carey, Mrs. Mary	242 Mack St.	(G.S.)	
Carstarphen, Mrs. Gwen	409-322 Brock St.	(C.C.)	
Carty, Mrs. Judith	32 Kensington Ave.		
Clark, Mrs. Mona	685 Alfred St.	(C.C.)	
Collins, Mrs. Gwen	51 Clergy St. E.	(G.W.)	
Colwell, Mrs. Bev.	2 Park Cres.		
Connors, Mrs. Yolande	R.R. 3, Yarker	(C.S.)	
Cooper, Mrs. Kathy		(Info.)	
Cotnam, Mrs. Leona	R.R. 8, Kingston	(P.R.)	
Courneya, Mrs. Gladys	152 Patrick St.	(G.W.)	
Cox, Mrs. Pat	114 Livingston Ave.	(G.W.)	
Creegan, Mrs. Jessie	53 Westmoreland Ave.		
Czap, Mrs. Kathleen	152 College St.	(C.S.)	
Daly, Mrs. Mary	4-316 Westdale Ave.	(G.S.)	
Davy, Mrs. Blanche	1 Kensington Ave.	(F.A.)	
Devonshire, Mrs. M.	73-115 Wright Cres.	(C.S.)	
Dewhurst, Mrs. Cordelia	544 College St.	(G.S.)	
Dickson, Mrs. Florence	509-204 Queen Mary Rd.	(G.S.)	
Dominik, Mrs. Claire	688 Harrow Place	(C.S.)	
Dowling, Mrs. Lou	701-2 Mowat Ave.	(C.C.)	
Doyle, Mrs. J.P.	145 Yonge St.		
Doyle, Mrs. Kay	85 Sydenham St.		
Dryden, Mrs. Ethel	104 Carleton St.		
Ellis, Mrs. W.E.	R.R. 1, Kingston	(Info.)	
Emond, Mrs. Dorothea	33 Ontario St.	(G.S.)	
Etmanski, Mrs. Peg.	243 Days Rd.	(C.S.)	
Fallon, Mrs. Irene	405-67 Sydenham St.		
Farrar, Mrs. Edith	13 Worthington Way	(B.C.)	
Farrell, Mrs. Florence	318 Avenue Rd.	(G.W.)	
Ferguson, Mrs. Anne	681 Johnson St.		
Fisher, Mrs. Alma	R.R. 1, Kingston	(C.S.)	
Fleming, Mrs. Joan	36 Alma St.	(G.W.)	
Fraser, Mrs. Bunny	544 College St.	(G.S.)	
Gaffney, Rev. Sister	St. Joseph	(Moderator)	

Provincial House

B.C.	Book Cart	Ins.	In-Service
C.C.	Coffee Cart	Jr. Sup.	Junior Volunteers
C.S.	Coffee Shop	Knit.	Knitters
F.A.	Flower Arranging	Lib.	Library
G.S.	Gift Shop	P.L.M.	Prov. Life Member
G.W.	Gift Wagon	P.R.	Public Relations
Info.	Information Desk	P.C.	Pastoral Care

Gallivan, Mrs. Mary	287 Alfred St.	(G.S.)
Germaine, Mrs. Leta	15 Redan St.	(B.C.)
Gourdier, Mrs. Lola	427 Earl St.	(C.S.)
Gow, Mrs. Nell	502-322 Brock St.	(C.C.)
Gratton, Mrs. J.F.	544 College St.	
Greenwood, Mrs. Ann	295 McMahan Ave.	(G.W.)
Greer, Mrs. Ann	62 Lansdowne St.	(G.A.)
Grier, Mrs. Audrey	R.R. 1, Kingston	(F.A.)
Hall, Mrs. Muriel	78 Richardson Dr.	(G.S.)
Harrigan, Mrs. Marj.	16 Pember Pl.	(Ins.)
Harris, Mrs. Bev	368 MacDonnell St.	(Info.)
Harvey, Mrs. Grace	99 Carleton St.	(B.C.)
Hazlett, Mrs. Lois	224 Alwington Pl.	(Rec. Sec.)
Healey, Mrs. Ann	80-80 Daly St.	(C.S.)
Henderson, Mrs. Shirley	6 Lakeshore Blvd.	(Pres.)
Hendry, Mrs. Frances	310 Westdale Ave.	(C.C.)
Hennessy, Mrs. Marion	Elginburg	(C.S.)
Hickey, Mrs. Stella	242 Johnson St.	
Hoaken, Mrs. Ellen	1050 Johnson St.	(C.S.)
Hooper, Mrs. Eliz.	21 Lakeland Pt. Dr.	(C.S.)
Hopkinson, Mrs. Lois	36 Durham St.	(C.S.)
Hornbeek, Mrs. Jeanette	248 Adelaide St.	(Info.)
Huffman, Mrs. Charlotte	2 Wentworth Dr.	(B.C.)
Hunter, Mrs. Jean	6 Third Ave.	(Ins.)
Hurley, Mrs. Tena	928 Lincoln Dr.	(G.S.)
Jarrett, Mrs. Mary	187 College St.	(C.S.)
Jennings, Mrs. W.H.	287 Rosemount Terr.	(Crafts)
Jewett, Mrs. Florence	4447 Bath Rd.	(C.S.)
Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy	7 Lakeshore Blvd.	(F.A.)
Jones, Mrs. Aileen	5 Emily St.	(F.A.)
Jones, Mrs. Marjorie	R.R. 1, Kingston	(C.C.)
Juby, Mrs. Olive	48 Toronto St.	
Kade, Mrs. Claritta	R.R. 3, Bath	(B.C.)
Kealy, Mrs. Betty	183 Norman Rogers Dr.	(G.W.)
Keane, Mrs. Marion	32 Simcoe St.	(C.C.)
Kearns, Mrs. Shirley	400 MacDonnell St.	(G.W.)
Keevil, Rev. Sister	225 Johnson St.	(Hon. Pres.)
Lamarche, Mrs. Margaret	129 University Ave.	(P.C.)
Law, Mrs. Gerry	119 Fairway Hills Cres.	(C.S.)
Lawrenson, Mrs. Florence	20 Elmwood Dr.	(C.S.)
Lawther, Mrs. Jennie	c/o Information Desk	
Lee, Mrs. Barb	16 St. Catherine St.	(G.S.)
Lewis, Mrs. Sandra	999 Bourne Cres.	(C.S.)
Lilly, Mrs. Ruth	29-A Brock Cres.	(C.S.)
Martin, Mrs. Meg	37 Pembroke St.	(Burs.)
McBride, Mrs. Ella	159 Glencastle Rd.	(C.C.)
McCormick, Miss Elaine	100 Coehill Dr., Apt. 206, Toronto	
McCormick, Miss Helen	10-80 William St.	(G.S.)
McDonald, Mrs. Mary	544 College St.	(G.S.)
McDonald, Mrs. Pat	63 Hill St.	(G.W.)
McElligott, Mrs. Kathy	R.R. 3, Bath	(C.S.)
McMaham, Mrs. Bea	139 College St.	(C.S.)
McNeil, Mrs. Gen	286 Johnson St.	
McPhedran, Miss Sally	212 Hawthorne Ave.	(G.S.)
Mills, Mrs. S.R.	270 Albert St.	(Pres., Ongwanada)
Morgan, Mrs. Doreen	8 Lakeshore Blvd.	(C.S.)
Moore, Mrs. Adala	11 Liddell Cres.	(P.C.)
Moore, Miss Aileen	179 Queen St.	

# Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital

## Membership 1979-80

Moore, Mrs. Gladys	242 Johnson St.	(G.W.)
Moses, Mrs. Barb	235 Mack St.	(C.S.)
Muller, Mrs. Henry	129 Chelsea Rd.	(C.S.)
Munn, Mrs. Mary	433 King St. W.	(C.S.)
Murphy, Mrs. Gertrude	389 Johnson St.	(Knit.)
Murphy, Mrs. Goldie	60 Carruthers Ave.	(G.W.)
Murphy, Mrs. Jessie	227 Bath Rd.	(Info.)
Murphy, Mrs. Margaret	494 College St.	
Murray, Mrs. Anna	160 Robert Wallace Dr.	(P. Pres.)
Murray, Miss M.A.	330 University Ave.	
O'Connor, Mrs. Louise	58-115 Wright Cres.	(C.S.)
O'Neill, Mrs. Jene	160 MacDonnell St.	(F.A.)
Peake, Mrs. Ann	R.R. 6, Kingston	(C.S.)
Pike, Mrs. Neita	150 MacDonnell St.	
Polsak, Mrs. Johanna	30 Dunlop St.	(Plants)
Prentice, Mrs. Gwen	273 Blenheim Terr.	(C.S.)
Price, Mrs. Miriam	7 Cataraqui St.	(Info.)
Quigley, Miss Nora	410 College St.	(Info.)
Quinn, Mrs. Dreda	513 College St.	(Life Mem.)
Quinn, Mrs. Theresa	9-184 William St.	(G.S.)
Quinn, Mrs. Winnifred	51 Princeton Pl.	(Lib.)
Radley, Mrs. Fran	215 Yonge St.	(Corr. Sec.)
Rice, Mrs. Audrey	306-242 Johnson St.	(G.S.)
Rose, Mrs. Muriel	406-670 Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd.	(C.S.)
Rouble, Rev. Sister	St. Joseph Provincial House	
Rutherford, Mrs. Estell	251 Mack St.	(C.C.)
Sampson, Mrs. Mary	120 Ellerbeck St.	(G.S.)
Schomberg, Mrs. Kay	93 Seventh Ave.	(C.S.)
Scott, Mrs. Pauline	695 Montreal St.	(Typist)
Self, Christine	58 Windfield Cres.	(C.S.)
Shaddick, Mrs. Joan	33 Brant Ave.	(K.G.H.)
Shanas, Mrs. Dorothy	107 Fairway Hills Cres.	(G.S.)
Shanks, Mrs. Julia	51 Cameron St.	(C.S.)
Sleeth, Miss Mollie	270 Nelson St.	(G.S.)
Smith, Miss Isabel	710-322 Brock St.	(G.S.)
Smith, Mrs. Marj	4 Hillcroft Dr.	(Life Mem.)
Smith, Mrs. R.W.	Westbrook	



Junior Volunteer Tracey Kellar helps staff by delivering patients' flowers.

Smith, Mrs. Theresa	201 William St.	(G.W.)
Speagle, Mrs. Anna	316 Westdale Ave.	(G.W.)
Splinter, Mrs. Lorraine	R.R. 3, Kingston	(G.W.)
Splinter, Mrs. Monna	231 Glengarry Rd.	(C.S.)
Stacey, Mrs. Ann	Wentworth Dr.	(C.C.)
Stanford, Mrs. Mary	98 William St.	(G.S.)
Stewart-Normans, Mrs. Betty	40 Lakeland Pt.	(K.G.H.)
Storey, Mrs. Frances	807-91 King St.	
Strapp, Mrs. Sally	5-172 Wellington St.	(C.C.)
Taylor, Ms. Miriam	27 Sunny Acres Rd.	(Ins.)
Thurlow, Mrs. R.S.	12 Parkington Pl.	(B.C.)
Tillotson, Mrs. Irene	104 Annandale Apt.	
Tinker, Mrs. Dolly	184 William St.	(G.S.)
Turpin, Mrs. Mabel	481 College St.	(C.S.)
Twigg, Mrs. Gert	30 Wright Cres.	(G.S.)
VanAlstyne, Mrs. Ann	137 Fairway Hills Cres.	(C.S.)
VanNest, Mrs. Sharon	33 Seaforth Rd.	(Ins.)
Varley, Mrs. Lil	389 Johnson St.	(Knit.)
Veryard, Mrs. Clare	94 Earl St.	(V. Cor.)
Walsh, Miss Kay	242 Johnson St.	(Rep. on P.C.)
Ward, Mrs. Dreda	801-175 Park St.	(C.S.)
Watts, Mrs. Sadie	21 Winfield Dr.	(C.S.)
Whalen, Mrs. Marni	190 College St.	(P.L.M.)
Whan, Miss Shirley	23-15 Adelaide St.	(C.S.)
White, Mrs. Glenad	608-700 Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd.	(G.S.)
White, Mrs. Theresa	111 Napier St.	(G.S.)
Whitty, Miss Celeste	53 Sydenham St.	
Wight, Mrs. Marg	61-115 Wright Cres.	(C.S.)
Willis, Mrs. F.M.	147 Churchill Cres.	
Wilson, Miss Irene	410-217 Bath Rd.	(Treas.)
Wilson, Mrs. Maxine	322 Avenue Rd.	(G.W.)
Winchester, Mrs. E.A.	321 Avenue Rd.	(F.A.)

Volunteer serves coffee to outpatient waiting in clinic.





*Hospital's main entrance on Brock Street.*

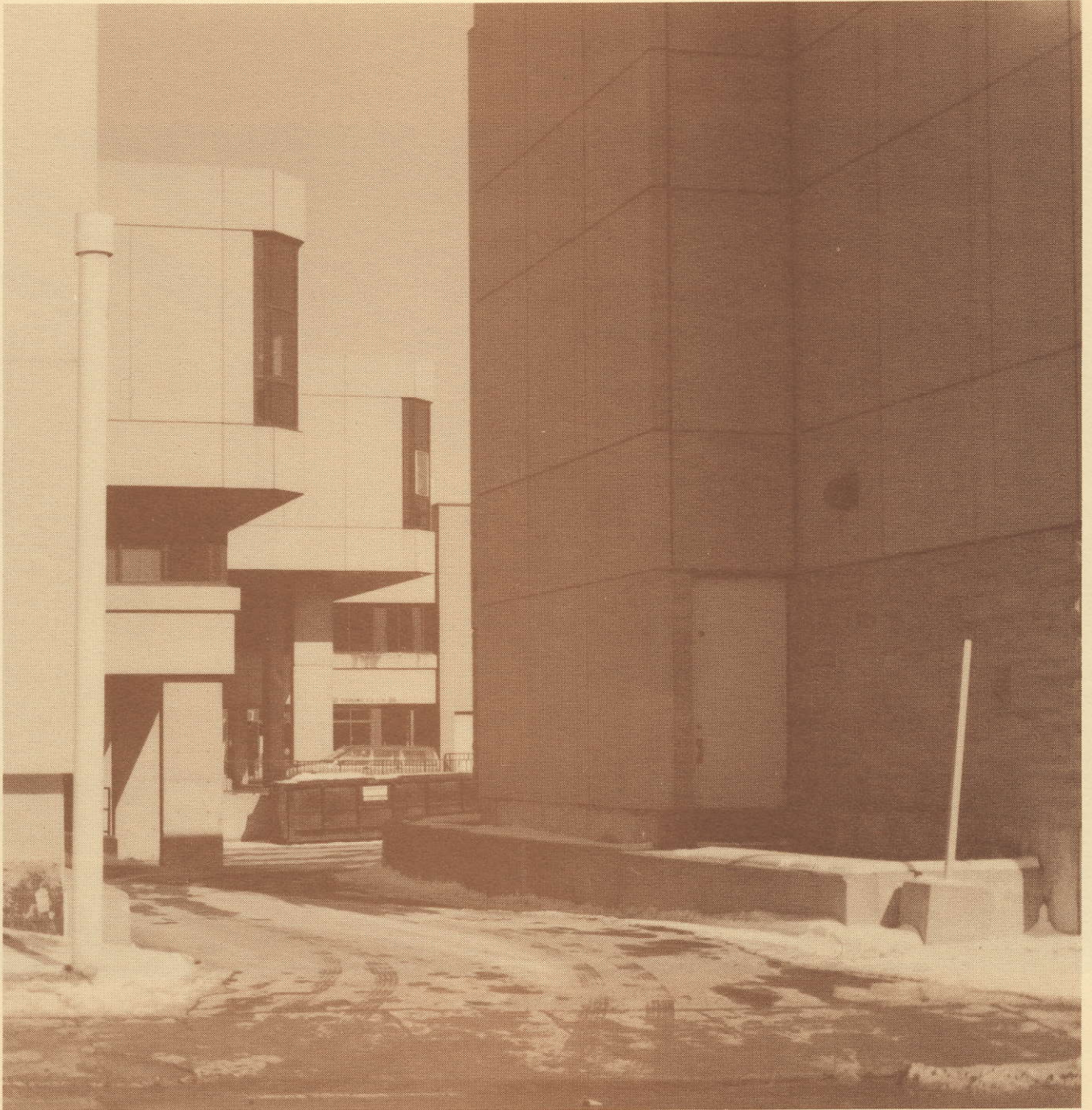


*Original main entrance on Sydenham Street.*



*Johnson Street wing.*

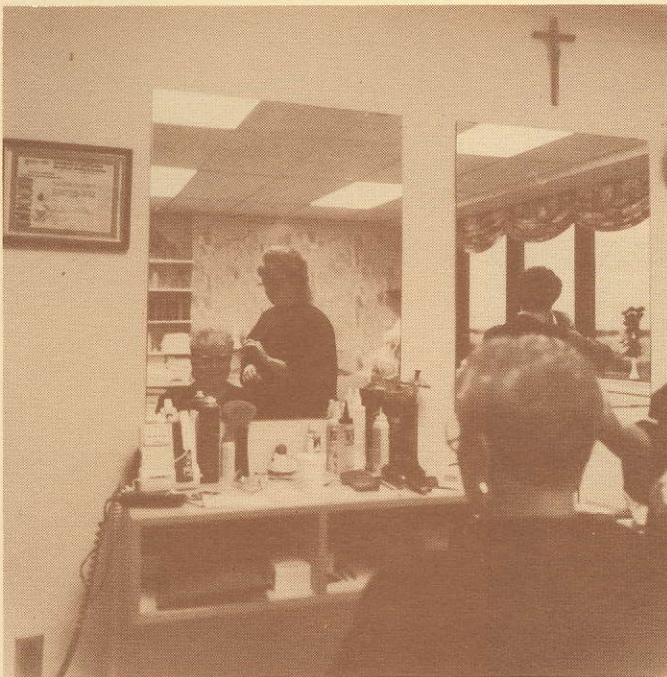
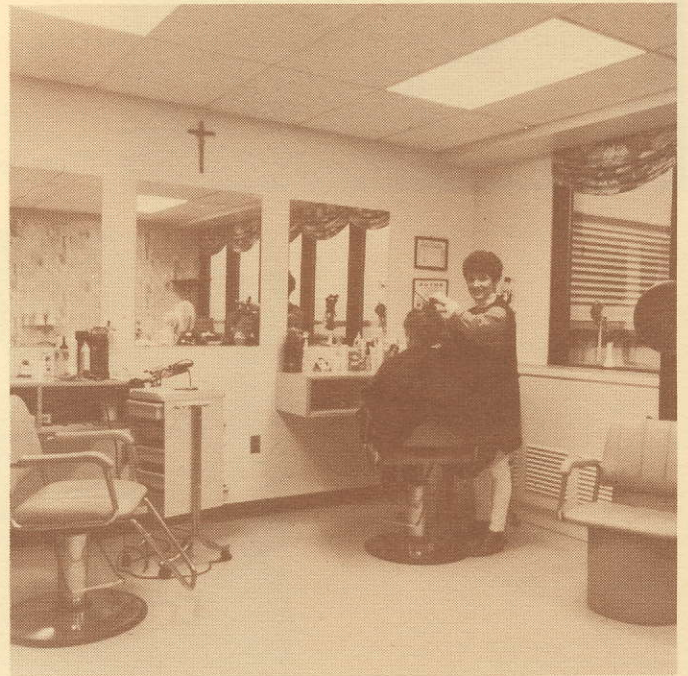




*Emergency overview from Johnson Street.*

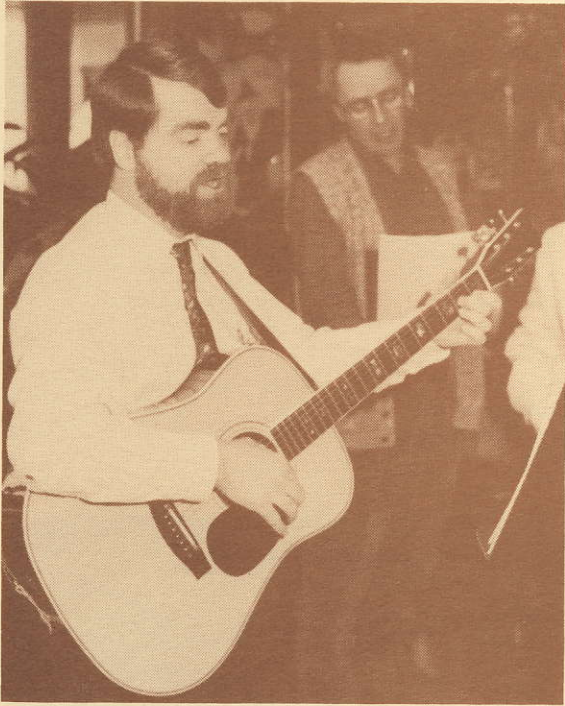


*Bev Burns, Manager of the  
Finishing Touch Hair Salon,  
Jeanne Mance 7.*



*Donna in the Hair Salon with a customer.*

***Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, 1994***



*Chris Foster of Pastoral Care leads the carol singing.*





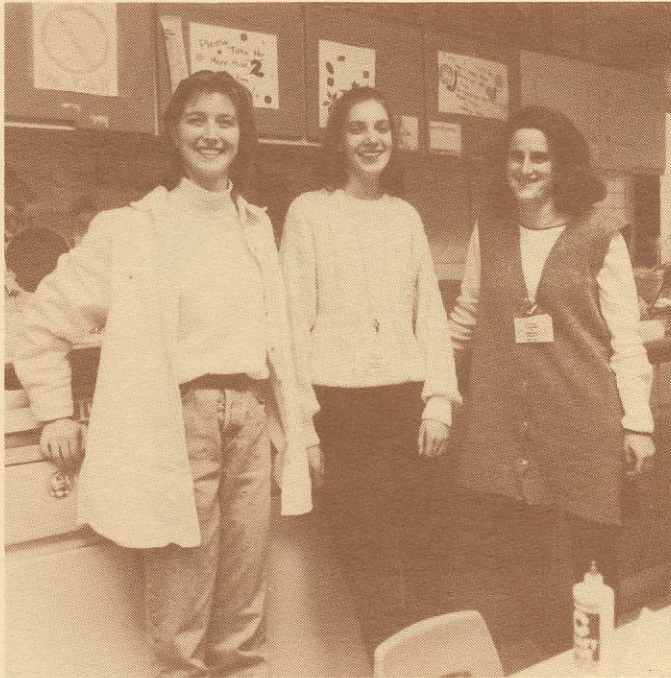
*Pastoral Care, Nursing and Hospital Staff carolling.*



*Mr. Graham lighting the Christmas Tree.*

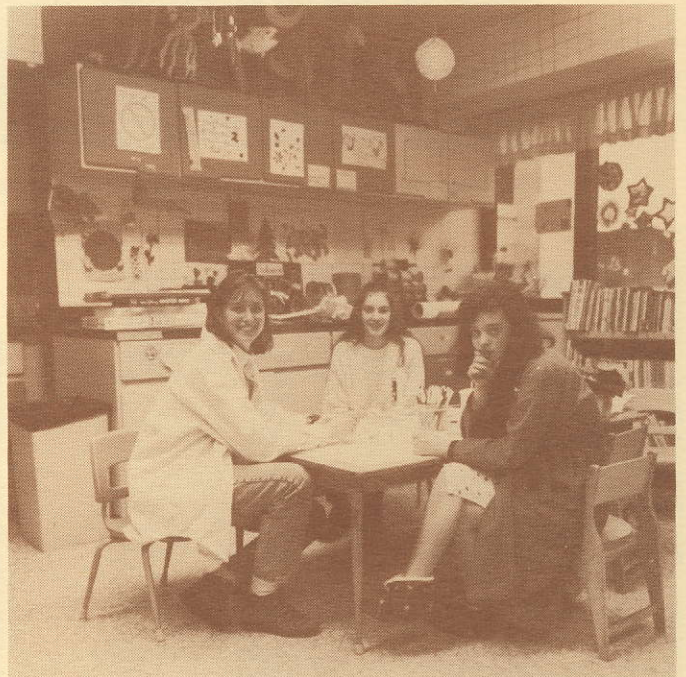


*Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 1994.*



*Child Life Volunteers (left to right)  
Indrani Tahapatra, Julia Ingles  
and Katy Biltensbinder.*

*Indrani Tahapatra and Julia Ingles  
with patient Michelle Key in  
the Child Life Department.*



*Katy Biltensbinder and Anthony Peterson  
in the Child Life Department.*

# Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital Executive and Board of Directors, 1994-1995

## Executive

Honorary President	Sister, Anne Russell, Provincial Superior
President	Bernadette Cotman
1st Vice President	Sherri McCullough
2nd Vice President	
Past President	Carmel Marshall
Recording Secretary	Barbara Doyle
Corresponding Secretary	Mary McLean
Treasurer	Gwen Prentice
Moderator	Sister M. Coderre
Special Projects	Carmel Marshall
Coordinator	Linda Tucker

## Board of Directors

### Standing Committee Chairmen

Child Life	Eileen Pike
Anna Hanlon Foundation	Gwen Prentice
Coffee Shop, Convenor	Evelyn Greenwood
Gift Shop, Manager	Opal Malden
Friends of HDH	Irene McKinven
Hairdressing, Convenor	Opal Malden
Lottery Booth, Convenor	Jessie Hallett
Membership	Rose Beeler
Public Relations	Phyllis Bray
Social	Marge Harrigan

### Others

Coffee Shop Treasurer	Barbara Marchen
	Esther Machacynski
Gift Shop Treasurer	Barbara Marchen
	Esther Machacynski
Gift Cart, Convenor	Betty Kealey
Flower Arranger, Convenor	Jean Haunts
Hairdressing, Treasurer	Gwen Prentice
Coffee Cart, Manager	Connie Belcastro
Library, Convenor	Marjorie Jones
Lottery, Treasurer	Mary Lou Wybenga
Typist (labels)	Pauline Scott
Typist (minutes)	Eileen Pike



Marjorie Jones and Jessie Henderson in the Patient's Library on Mary Alice 3.



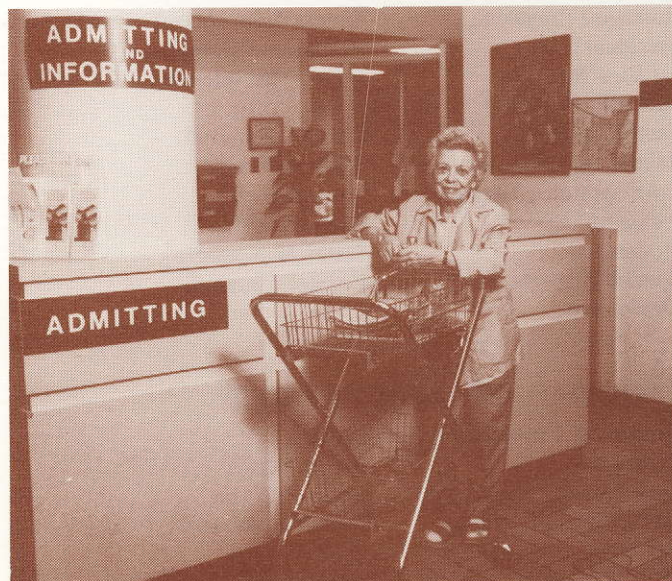
The Volunteer's Lounge on Mary Alice 3.

## Provincial Life Members

<i>Year Presented</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
	Anna Murray	1963
1988	Mary Sampson	
	Helen Carson	1963
1987	Leona Cotnam	1966
1987	Kathie McElligott	1967
1988	Gerry Law	
	Muriel Hall	1968
	Shirley Henderson	
1994	Dorothy Shanas	1969
1994	Marge Harrigan	1973
	Marnie Whalen	

## Local Life Members

<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
Sister Loretta Gaffney	1963
Florence Lawrenson	
Anna Murray	
Mary Sampson	
Marjorie Smith	
Mary Stanford	
Bunny Fraser	1964
Lois Hazlett	
Dreda Quinn	
Leona Cotnam	1966
Rita Livesey	
Bev Colwell	1967
Gerry Law	
Kathie McElligott	
Marilyn Braden	1968
Muriel Hall	
Shirley Henderson	
Doreen Morgan	
Liz Hooper	1969
Dorothy Shanas	
Lola Gourdie	1972
Marge Harrigan	
Anna Buratynski	1973
Claire Dominik	
Maxine Greer	
Irene Milo	



Marie Benoit in Admitting and Patient Information on Jeanne Mance I.



Gift Shop Manager Opal Malden with Frances Casterton, Thelma Martineau and Liz Rodgers.

## Local Life Members (continued)

<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
Dorothy Briceland	1974
Frank Brown	
Blanche Davy	
Mary Gallivan	
Goldie Murphy	
Jene O'Neill	
Johanna Polsak	
Marnie Whalen	
Lois Hopkinson	1976
Pat MacDonald	
Jean Hunter	1977
Dorothy Johnson	
Betty Kealey	
Eileen Moore	
Nora Quigley	
Pauline Scott	
Yolande Connors	1978
Peggy Etmanski	1979
Marjorie Jones	
Kay Turkington	
Connie Wood	
Phyllis Barwick	1980
Sylvia Burke	
Leslie Higgins	
Rose Beeler	1981
Rita Donnelly	
Mary Timson	



*Gift Shop.*



*Volunteers at the Annual Tree Lighting Service, December 1994.*

## Deceased Local Life Members

Mrs. Theo Burr  
 Mrs. Florence Farrell  
 Cecily McKeown  
 Estelle Murphy  
 Sister St. Oswald  
 Sister Elizabeth Rouble  
 Mrs. Ruby Thurlow

## Deceased Provincial Life Members

Sister Elizabeth Rouble



# Membership List 1994-1995

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Ackerman, Elsie  
Ayers, Miss Theresa  
Bain, Miss Megg  
Barrell, Mrs. Joan  
Barwick, Mrs. Phyllis  
Beeler, Mrs. Rose  
Bell, Mrs. Jean  
Benoit, Marie  
Blute, Mrs. Marie  
Blyth, Mrs. Elsie  
Boles, Mrs. Joy  
Borlase, Mrs. Jean  
Boyle, Mrs. Mary  
Braden, Mrs. Marilyn  
Brasch, Mrs. Christel  
Breen, Mrs. Jean  
Brennan, Mrs. Rose  
Briceland, Mrs. Dorothy  
Brook, Mrs. Marion  
Brown, Mrs. Yvonne  
Browning, Mrs. Jo  
Buratynski, Anna  
Burke, Mrs. Sylvia  
Campbell, Betty  
Carey, Mrs. Mary  
Carey, Mrs. Rita  
Carson, Mrs. Helen  
Casterton, Mrs. Dorothy  
Casterton, Mrs. Frances  
Catlin, Miss Margaret  
Catlin, Mrs. Dorothy  
Clarke, Mrs. Jean  
Clarke, Mrs. Mona  
Coderre, Sister Mary  
Colwell, Mrs. Bev  
Conley, Miss Carmel  
Connors, Mrs. Yolande  
Corsi, Ms. Geraldine  
Cotman, Mrs. Bernadette  
Cotnam, Mrs. Leona  
Cox, Mrs. Rosemary  
Coyne, Mrs. Rita  
Cross, Mrs. Kaye  
Dame, Mrs. Helena (Leny)  
Darling, Miss Diane  
Davy, Mrs. Blanche  
de Groot, Mr. Henk  
De Re', Mr. Gelindo  
De Re', Mrs. Rena  
Dessanti, Mrs. Rita  
Dinda, Mrs. Ria  
Dineley, Mrs. Isabelle  
Dominik, Mrs. Claire  
Donnelly, Miss Rita  
Douglas, Mrs. Bobby  
Doyle, Miss Barbara  
Doyle, Mrs. Anne  
Dow, Miss Grace  
Dunbar, Mrs. Sheila  
Dungan, Mrs. Margaret  
Etmanski, Mrs. Peggy  
Evans, Mr. John  
Ferguson, Mrs. Jeanne  
Fitch, Mrs. Marjorie  
Flint, Mrs. Pearl  
Ford, Mrs. Norah  
Ford, Mr. Bob  
Fowler, Mary  
Fowler, Mrs. Pat  
Fraser, Mrs. Bunny  
Frier, Mrs. Irene  
Froats, Mrs. Marion  
Froats, Ms. Vera  
Fullarton, Mrs. Helen  
Gaffney, Sister Loretta  
Gallivan, Mrs. Mary  
Ghent, Mrs. Alison  
Gray, Mrs. Janette  
Groen, Mrs. Nicole  
Good, Mrs. Lorraine  
Gowsell, Mrs. Ethel  
Graeber, Mrs. Marga  
Graether, Mrs. Roswitha  
Greenwood, Mrs. Evelyn  
Greer, Mrs. Maxine  
Gregory, Mrs. Rita  
Gros-Louis, Miss Marie Paule  
Guindon, Mrs. Yda  
Hagan, Mrs. Mary  
Hall, Mrs. Muriel  
Hallett, Mrs. Jessie  
Halligan, Lois  
Halligan, Mrs. Mary  
Harrigan, Mrs. Marge  
Hartnett, Ms. Eileen  
Hatt, Mrs. Therese  
Haunts, Mrs. Jean  
Hazlett, Mrs. Lois  
Henderson, Jessie  
Henderson, Mrs. Shirley  
Hendrick, Margaret  
Hetherington, Miss Joanne  
Higgins, Mrs. Leslie  
Hoglund, Mrs. Duffy  
Hooper, Mrs. Liz  
Hudson, Mrs. Mary  
Huffman, Mrs. Charlotte  
Hutchinson, Mrs. Marjorie  
Hutschler, Mrs. Hilda  
Irwin, Jean  
Jackson, Mrs. Florence  
Jackson, Mrs. Margaret  
Jarrell, Mrs. Helen  
Jechel, Elise S.  
Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy  
Jones, Mrs. Marjorie  
Joyce, Rose  
Kealey, Mrs. Betty  
Keir, Ms. Mary  
Kerr, Eleanor  
Killen, Mr. Ken  
Klein, Mrs. Catherine  
Koen, Mrs. Margaret  
Koester, Mrs. Carole  
Labrie, Mrs. Diane  
Ladiges, Mrs. Christa  
Laframboise, Mrs. Teena  
Law, Mrs. Gerry  
Lawrenson, Mrs. Florence  
Leeworthy, Mrs. Patricia  
Levak, Mrs. Shirley  
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Machacynski, Mrs. Ester  
Malden, Mrs. Opal  
Marchen, Mrs. Barbara  
Marsh, Mrs. Shirley  
Marshall, Mrs. Carmel  
Martineau, Mrs. Thelma  
Mastrianni, Mr. Michael  
Mayhue, Mrs. Margaret  
McAfee, Mrs. Helen  
McCloy, Mrs. Gloria  
McCrinkle, Mrs. Shirley  
McCullough, Mrs. Sherri  
McDonald, Florence  
McDonald, Mrs. Pat  
McElligott, Mrs. Kathie  
McEvoy, Mrs. Tay  
McKay, Mrs. Jean  
McKinven, Mrs. Irene  
McLean, Mrs. Ina  
McLean, Mrs. Mary  
McMahon, Mrs. Bea  
Miller, Mrs. Margaret  
Milo, Mrs. Irene  
Mitchell, Mrs. Margaret

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Monette, Mrs. Ruth  
Moore, Miss Eileen  
Moore, Ms. Lois B.  
Morgan, Mrs. Doreen  
Morley, Mrs. Edith  
Moses, Mr. Errol  
Mosier, Mrs. Joyce  
Mouldey, Mrs. Eleanor  
Mullin, Mrs. Margaret  
Murphy, Mrs. Goldie  
Murphy, Mr. Ron  
Murray, Mrs. Anna  
Murray, Mrs. Joan  
Murray, Mrs. Muriel  
Newlands, Mrs. Catherine  
Nolan, Mrs. Margaret  
Oliver, Mrs. Mary  
O'Coin, Ms. Colleen  
O'Connor, Mrs. Louise  
O'Neill, Mrs. Jene  
O'Neill, Mrs. Peggy  
Ottenhof, Ms. Margaret  
Palmer, Mrs. Leona  
Palmer, Mrs. Madeline  
Pawling, Mrs. Nettie  
Payne, Mrs. Irene  
Pierce, Mrs. Mona

Piercy, Mrs. Kathy  
Pike, Mrs. Eileen  
Polsak, Mrs. Johanna  
Prentice, Mrs. Gwen  
Prevost, Mrs. Marie  
Quigley, Miss Nora  
Quinn, Mrs. Dreda  
Radic, Mrs. Kathryn  
Rapin, Miss Emilie  
Rappell, Ms. Alayne  
Ready, Mrs. Trudy  
Revell, Mrs. Lilian  
Riddell, Mrs. Joyce  
Rini, Mary  
Robinson, Mrs. Marie  
Robinson, Mrs. Pearle  
Rodgers, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Ross, Mrs. Norma  
Roy, Ms. Barbara  
Russell, Sister Anne  
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Sampson, Mrs. Mary  
Samuels, Mrs. Shirley R.  
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Scott, Mrs. May  
Scott, Mrs. Pauline  
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Shanas, Mrs. Dorothy  
Sharpe, Mrs. Mary  
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Sleeth, Mr. Frederick  
Slater, Mrs. Elaine  
Smith, Audrey  
Smith, Mrs. Helen  
Smith, Mrs. Marjorie  
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Stecenko, Mrs. Nadja  
Stenson, Mrs. Betty  
Stone, Mrs. Ellen  
Strong, Mrs. Helen  
Tucker, Linda  
Turcotte, Mrs. Dolly  
Turkington, Mrs. Kaye  
Usher, Mrs. Margaret  
Wale, Mrs. Ann  
Watt, Ms. Helen  
Williams, Mrs. Marion  
Wilson, Mrs. Phoebe  
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Wood, Mrs. Connie  
Woodcock, Mrs. Helen  
Wybenga, Mrs. Mary Lou



Joy Boles, Jewelry Buyer for the Gift Shop.



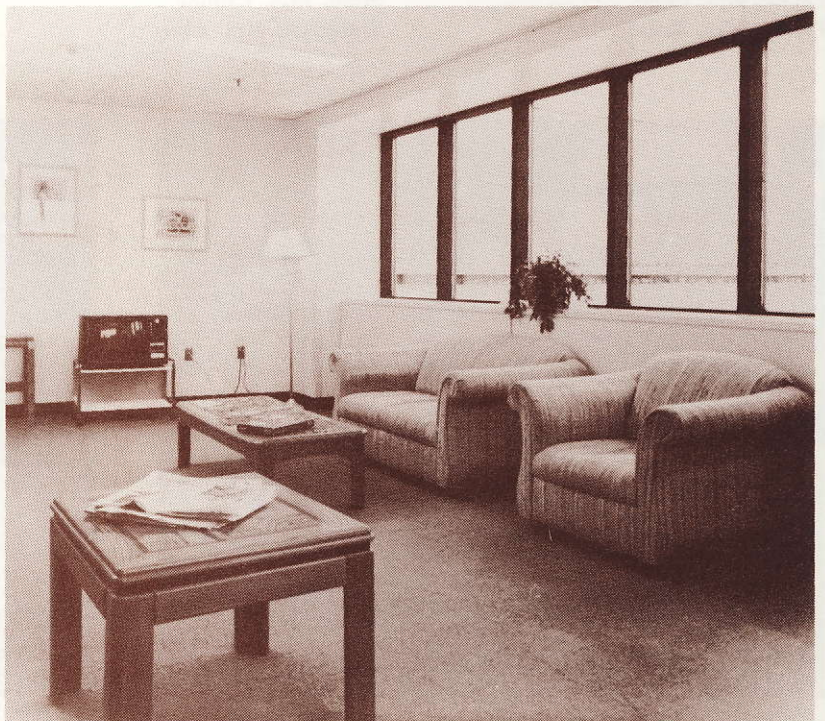
Jewelery display in Gift Shop.

## **Shirley Henderson 1980-1981**

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**M**rs. Shirley Henderson became the 27th President beginning in 1980 through to 1981. During her tenure the print shop was modernized with new equipment so that its output capacity was doubled. As well, the Murray Building was dedicated on November 20, 1981 and the Sister St. Oswald Library was named. These and many other improvements to the hospital were realized through Shirley's dedication to the volunteer spirit as well as her keen eye to the importance of direct appeals for funds needed for important projects including the 1981 Capital Appeal which pledged through Volunteer Services a goal of over \$200,000.00. Although it took a few more years to meet the pledge, substantial progress was made.

As Shirley said in her epilogue to the 1980 edition of From Words to Loving Action Volunteers must continue their "willingness to give of time and talents" and be open to change to meet all needs. In maintaining the high level of membership of Volunteer Services and directing it towards a better sense of the importance of fundraising, Shirley Henderson well reflected those ideals.



Sun Room and Patient Lounge on Johnson 7.

## Carolyn Strapp 1982-1983

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**A**s the 1982 President, Carolyn Strapp continued the progress on meeting the \$200,000.00 pledge. Carolyn, like her predecessor, Shirley Henderson, believed firmly in the interest of the common cause and the need for cooperation within the extended hospital "community" on all levels.

In addition, the executive strongly supported heritage values: they were instrumental in organizing a bus trip to our sister Hospital in old Montreal and the continuing support of the Jeanne Mance Foundation.

In 1982 the volunteers organized a telethon in support of obtaining a catscanner. In its feature article as part of volunteer week on April 17, 1982 the *Kingston Whig-Standard* reported the burgeoning of volunteerism in Canada and quoted Carolyn Strapp as saying that volunteers had become "one of the backbones" of the organization of the Hotel Dieu. The importance she recognized at that time has only increased with fiscal cutbacks in the nineties.

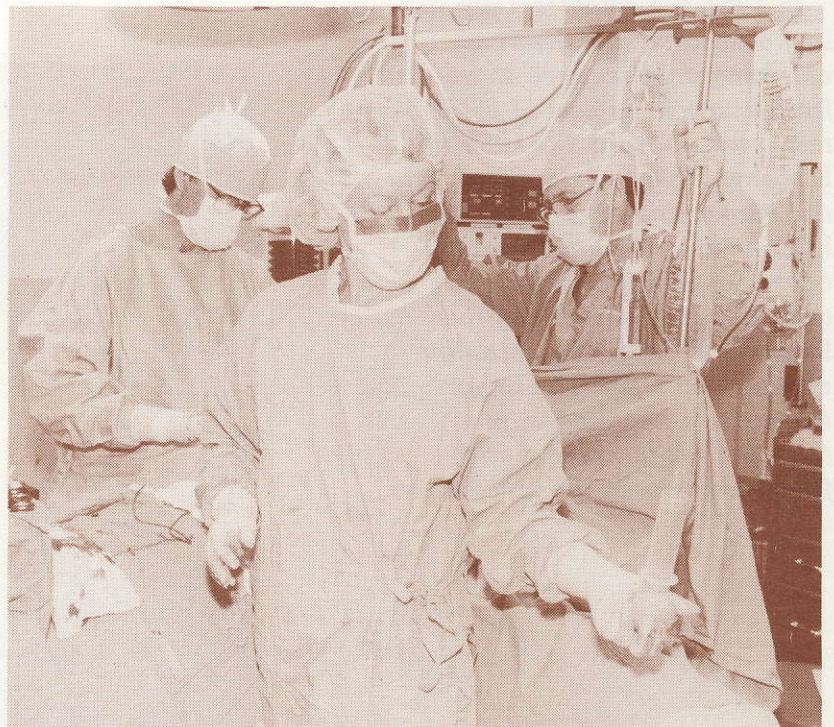


The Chapel on Sydenham 2.

## Mrs. Alison Ghent 1984-1985

**I**n 1984 Alison Ghent and the executive oversaw the opening of the Coffee and Gift Shops in the new Jeanne Mance wing which was officially opened on May 17, 1984. As part of the 80th anniversary of Volunteer Services. Alison presented to the Hospital executive a cheque for \$80,000.00.

As part of the opening and operation of the Jeanne Mance wing many changes occurred in the day to day routine of the hospital; and further opportunities for the expansion of the role of volunteers was recognized and realized at this time with the enthusiastic support of the new Chief Executive Officer, Hugh Graham in early 1985. Many of the innovations were to occur in subsequent years but the Coffee and Gift shops led the way. To this day the Coffee and Gift Shops, re-opened while Alison was President, remain the two most valuable components of the fundraising efforts of the volunteers.



Operating Room, 1994. (left to right): Dr. John Davidson, Plastic Surgeon; Cathy Jack, O.R. Technician; Dr. Jim Henderson, Anaesthetist.

## **Mrs. Rose Beeler 1986-1987**

**M**rs. Rose Beeler became the 30th President of Volunteer Services in October of 1986. Rose is the wife of Warrant Officer Russell Beeler (retired) and the mother of two daughters. She brought all the grace and dignity to the chair which she has displayed throughout her entire life and 46 years of volunteering in various hospitals wherever they were posted across the country.

With the support of membership of 225, the honour role was updated with Sister Eileen Sullivan supplying the calligraphy talents. The Mary Ellen Welch lounge for volunteers was secured and beautifully decorated through the tireless efforts of Shirley Henderson and Mary Sampson.

A special motion to pledge \$350,000.00 towards a Cat Scanner in honour of the 350th anniversary of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph became a reality.

Many volunteers also became involved with "The Auction" as a major hospital fund raiser.

1987 saw the last unpaid Volunteer Coordinator, Carmel Marshall. It was at this time Rose and her Executive realized the need to change the position as it had grown to the point that it required many more hours than any one Volunteer could possibly carry.

Mrs. Beeler handed the gavel over to Leona Cotman and graciously thanked her Executive and membership for their support and guidance both physically and spiritually.



Rose Beeler presents Bev Colwell with a Local Life Award.

## **Mrs. Leona Cotnam 1988-1989**

**M**rs. Leona Cotnam commenced her term as President in the "Year of Changes."

The full time position of Volunteer Coordinator commenced on January 4, 1988 with Linda Tucker filling the position and Carmel Marshall orientating her through the first few months.

Leona in her wisdom saw the desperate need to update the Constitution and By-laws to bring them in accordance of the new and more complex demands of Volunteer Services. A committee was formed, many meetings took place and three drafts were written and the final was submitted to the Sisters and Administration for their approval. With both parties' blessing the amended Constitution and By-laws were unanimously passed by the members.

A notice of motion was sent to Volunteers for the pledge of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a new mammography machine, which arrived January 17, 1989.

June 2, 1988 saw the realization of the "Finishing Touch" hair salon operated by Volunteer Services, which under the management talents of Bev Burns became an instant success with patients and staff alike.

It was also during this time Sister Loretta Gaffney, our beloved and invaluable Moderator left on sabbatical and was replaced by Sister Mary Coderre and her kind gentle ways.



(left to right): Carmel Marshall, Leona Cotnam, Irene McKinven.

## **Mrs. Joan Billing 1989-1991**

**M**rs. Joan Billing assumed the Presidency in October of 1989 from Mrs. Leona Cotnam. Joan was determined to leave her special mark and acute business sense with the Volunteers and began the enormous task of setting the wheels in motion for the Lottery Booth which was destined to become a major profit center for the organization. Along with her Executive the pledge for the Cat Scanner was completed in three years as opposed to the scheduled four.

Early May of 1989 saw the official opening of the "Finishing Touch" hair salon on Jeanne Mance 7. Opal Malden, Carmel Marshall and Sheila Lindsay worked very hard to make the salon a delightful room where patients and staff relax as they are pampered by Bev Burns, the resident hairdresser.

In late May the Volunteers assisted in the successful improvement to Nutritional Services with a \$30,000.00 contribution of the Insul-Plus system which insured food would always arrive warm in the patient's rooms.

June brought new developments in the Coffee Shop. Jan Coulas was appointed Manager. Ariel Sleeth became the Coordinator and Barbara Macchen became Treasurer.

Before the close of Joan's term she noted the great contribution of Jessie Hallett and Mary Lou Wybenga to the organization of the Lottery Booth, which had become a pet project of hers.

Joan stated that "All Presidents of volunteer organizations think that their volunteers are special, but I KNOW that the volunteers at Hotel Dieu Hospital are in a class by themselves."



Jessie Hallett in the Lottery Booth with Marie Wright of Admitting Office Staff.



## ***Evelyn Greenwood 1991-1992***

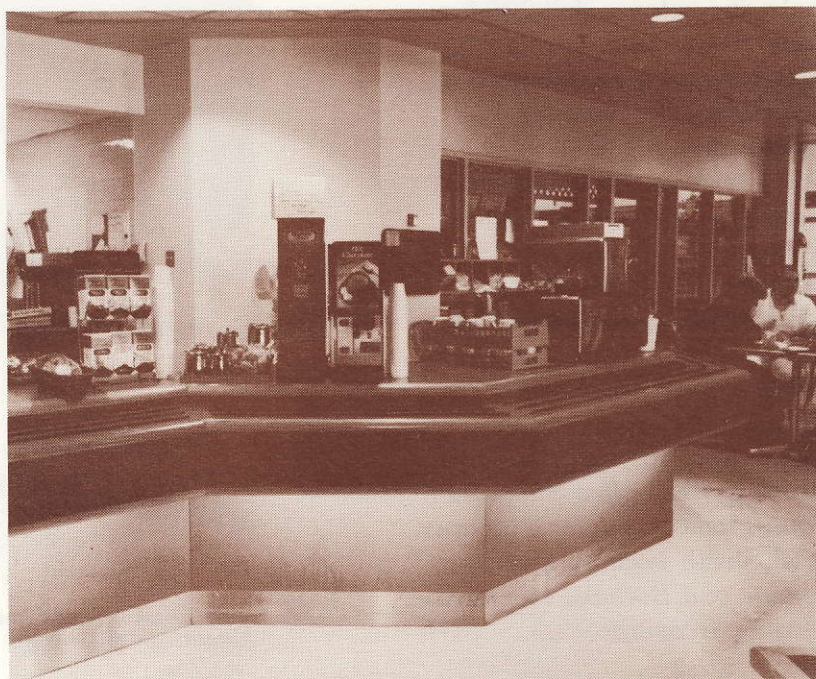
**A**ll members of Volunteer Services were saddened when Joan Billing and her husband David decided to return to their native England, but thrilled to have the strength and leadership skills of our next President Evelyn Greenwood.

Evelyn immediately was thrust into the overwhelming and tedious task of the complicated Coffee Shop renovations with numerous oversights and unforeseen problems.

Evelyn spent numerable long and frustrating hours to achieve the outstanding results and her brilliant organizational skills are evident everywhere in the Coffee Shop. She felt so strongly about the Coffee Shop she became its next Convenor, and the results have grown at such a rapid pace it has and will certainly continue to be a major profit area for Volunteer Services and a great area of pride for Mrs. Greenwood and all Volunteers of Hotel Dieu.



*The Coffee Shop on Jeanne Mance I.*



*The main counter in the Coffee Shop.*

## **Mrs. Rose Beeler 1992**

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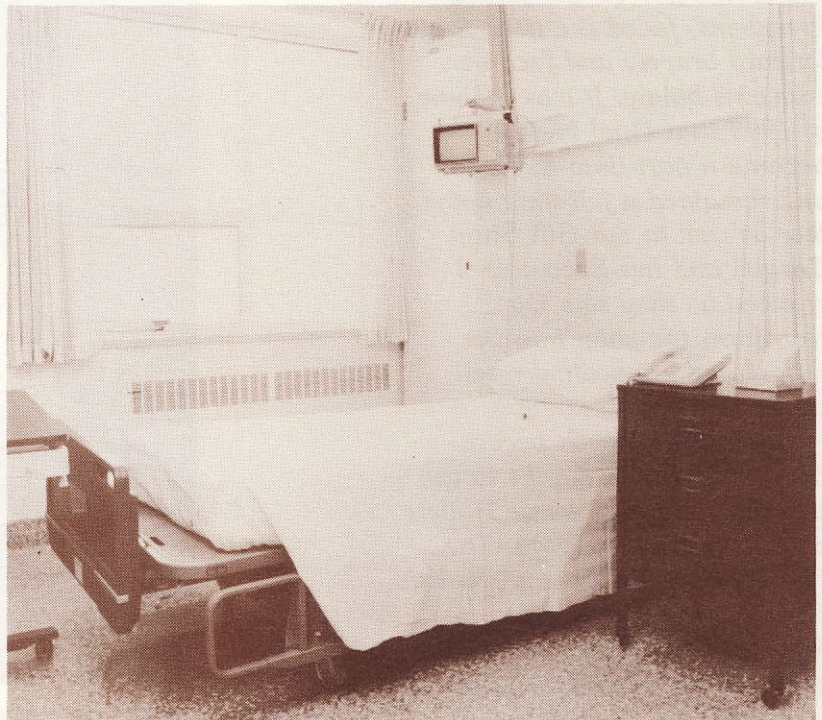
**R**ose, being the dedicated and enthusiastic woman that she is, decided to return to the President's chair once again in 1992.

Another busy and productive year followed with a thriving business in the renovated coffee shop, new lottery booth and the Beds campaign to which the Volunteers donated very generously.

Rose at this time felt we should not forget that an army of volunteers who serve in the not so high profile areas of the hospital, but who diligently and faithfully go about their tasks in more than 25 others areas of service in the hospital.

Everyone would also agree our Volunteer Coordinator Linda Tucker is often the glue that holds everything together with her Stop! Look! and Listen! attitude, this was a crucial factor during this period of change and rebirth for Volunteer Services.

Rose said eloquently, "Change just for change—no! Change out of necessity and progress—yes! Survivors we have been and Survivors we will be."



*A private room in 1992 on Johnson 7.*

## **Mrs. Carmel Marshall 1993-1994**

**T**he 25th President of Volunteer Services Mrs. Carmel Marshall graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1944.

Carmel had been involved with Volunteer Services since 1983, starting as a volunteer in the Old Sydenham Coffee Shop. She then joined the Gift Cart Service, next the Recovery Room and then the ultimate challenge as Volunteer Coordinator.

1993 marked the pledge of \$500,000.00 by the Volunteer Services to Health Care 2000, a joint appeal for the Kingston hospitals to raise \$15,000,000.00 over a five year period.

Carmel, like all her former Presidents, faced the need to go forward bravely and face new concerns boldly. It was in June of 1993 that Opal Malden became a part-time manager and remained a full-time volunteer as well in our Gift Shop. Carmel and her Executive rejoiced as they saw Opal transform the shop into the modern and appealing retail outlet it is today.

The Lottery Booth became financially viable thanks to the persistent work of Jessie Hallett and Mary Lou Wybenga. The Hairdressing Salon continued to flourish. The Coffee Shop just kept growing and so did all the other 47 areas of Volunteer

Services. Mrs. Marshall was extremely proud of the advancement of Volunteer Services and Hotel Dieu Hospital itself. Having 50 years of involvement with the hospital, Carmel's devotion and expertise will long be cherished and admired. Her greatest wish for volunteers is that everyone continues in good health, good faith and good fellowship.



Sister MacPherson at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 1994.

## Bernadette Cotman 1994

**K**nown to all her friends, family and colleagues as "Bunny", she became President of Volunteer Services in October, 1994. She feels truly honoured to be President in the year of these two anniversaries, celebrating both the 150th anniversary of Hotel Dieu Hospital and the 90th anniversary of Volunteer Services.

In 1946 Bunny left Renfrew, Ontario to enter St. Joseph's School of Nursing. On Bunny's first day she met a postulate nun named Mary Coderre who, in 1995, just celebrated her 50th anniversary in religious life, mostly at Hotel Dieu and continues as moderator of Volunteer Services. Bunny's dedication to the Dieu is similar: 12 years as Director of

Nursing, 13 years as Director of patient care, taking time out for these activities when raising her family of 15 children would allow.

In the brief period Bunny and her executive have been in office, much has already been accomplished: \$100,000.00 installment to the "Healthcare 2000", further renovations in the Coffee Shop, new capital equipment for the Hospital in excess of a value of \$60,000.00, new funding for the Child Life Program and the Children's Development Centre.

No doubt that in the year 2015 (or whenever this book is again revised) we are certain the list of accomplishments will be exhaustive.



Updated Plaque proudly displaying contributions from Volunteer Services, 1905-1995, a total of \$1,851,000.00.



Terry Bergeron in the Children's Development Center with the television and VCR purchased in 1994 with funds from a \$5,000 donation from Volunteer Services.

# Volunteer Services Coordinator Linda Tucker

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**S**ince 1905 the Ladies Auxiliary, now known as Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital, has evolved into a sophisticated enterprise. Volunteers make a significant contribution to the hospital, both in terms of hours of work and raising funds to purchase much needed equipment for patient care. Volunteers presently contribute more than 30,000 hours each year.

Since 1988, a full time coordinator staffs the volunteer office focusing on recruitment, screening, orientation, training, scheduling and general coordinating of volunteer activities. Well over 250 interviews are conducted and more than 200 new volunteers are registered each year. At any given time during the year there are approximately 250 regular volunteers and 125 students all having something unique to give to Hotel Dieu Hospital.

The Coffee Shop and Coffee Cart, Gift Shop and Gift Cart, Flower Arranging, Hairdressing and Lottery Booth are services which otherwise would not be provided. These businesses are the main fundraising source for the Volunteers. Many very dedicated individuals, regularly scheduled Volunteers, Buyers, Convenors, Treasurers and paid Staff ensure these services are a success each year.

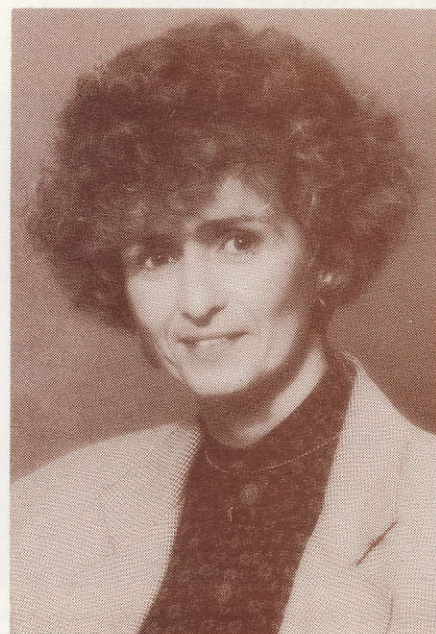
Volunteers provide support and patient comforts in many Hospital Departments. Pastoral Care volunteers, working closely with the Pastoral Care Department make a significant contribution in giving personal comfort to patients. Child Life Volunteers support children and families on Paediatrics covering three shifts a day, seven days per week. Our Book Cart Volunteers visit patients on nursing units each week with a variety of reading materials. (All pocket books and magazines are donated.) This service also stocks hospital waiting areas and sunrooms. When required, volunteers will help comfort patients on a one-to-one basis. As Outpatient Services become busier, support from volunteers has expanded. For example, in 1987 Volunteers on the Admitting and Information Desk covered two shifts per day; they now provide services for the duration of four shifts per day.

Hotel Dieu Hospital attracts many volunteers from Queen's University. Students gain valuable experience with the Child Life Program, assisting in the Post Aesthetic Recovery Room, Operating Room, Speech pathology and Physiotherapy Departments. The Child Life Program offers a Leadership Training Program to local High School students twice a year. Throughout the year High School students volunteer in a

variety of areas such as the Coffee Cart, Coffee Shop, Admitting and Information.

On Friday, October 28, 1994 more than 100 hospital volunteers attended a Volunteer Conference organized jointly by St. Mary's Hospital, Kingston General Hospital, Ongwanada Hospital, Kingston Psychiatric and Hotel Dieu Hospitals. This has been an annual event successful in providing educational opportunities and an opportunity for volunteers from different facilities to meet and exchange ideas and experience.

The devoted work and combined efforts of the Executive and Board of Directors and each volunteer of Volunteer Services to Hotel Dieu Hospital continues to be a vital contribution to the quality of care given at Hotel Dieu Hospital.



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## PRAYER FOR HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES

*Almighty God and Heavenly Father of Mankind,  
bless we pray Thee, our endeavours in those hospitals in  
which we strive to bring comfort and hope to all who are in  
distress of mind or body.*

*Guide us so that we may use the privilege given us  
to help the aged, the ill and the very young—  
with generosity, with discretion and with gentleness.*

*Give us the strength to labour diligently,  
the courage to think and to speak with clarity and  
conviction but without prejudice or pride.*

*Grant us we beseech Thee both wisdom and humility  
in directing our united efforts to do for others  
only as Thou would have us do.*

*Amen*



*“From words to loving action...”*  
*1905-1995*

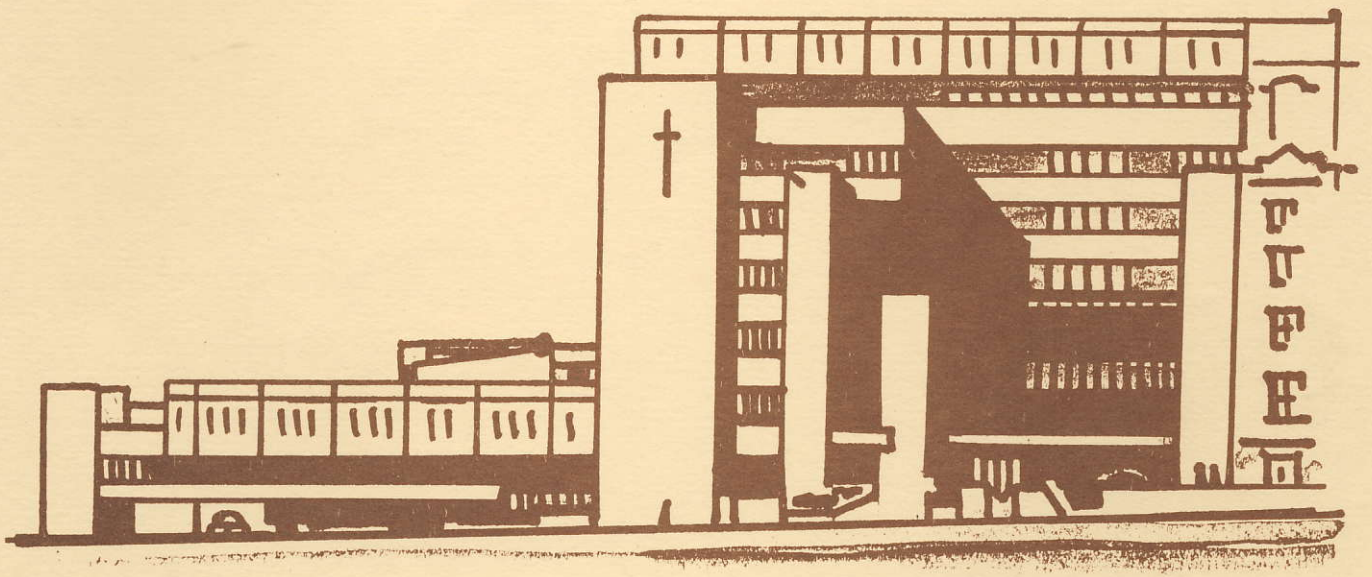
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