

# The Spirit



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St. Paul's Hospital



**THE LEADING EDGE OF  
SURGICAL INNOVATION**  
*Operating Theatres Advancements  
at SPH*

**IN HONOUR OF  
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Surgery

Dr. Mike Moser  
Surgical Co-Chair,  
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Program

# YOU CAN BECOME A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

SPH Foundation is taking on an exciting project for St. Paul's Hospital in 2015 and you can help. We are revolutionizing surgical care and teaching in our Hospital by raising \$4.2 million to acquire the most modern operating theatre technology for all eight of St. Paul's Hospital's operating theatres.

Over ten thousand surgical procedures are performed at St. Paul's Hospital every year and of those, 1,700 are for children. We are the home to vascular, urology, plastics and reconstructive surgery, as well as otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat) surgery and general surgery. We have the only dedicated thoracic surgery program in Saskatchewan and we are the headquarters for Saskatchewan's transplant program. Clearly, with all this surgical activity underway at St. Paul's Hospital, our surgeons, nurses and support staff deserve the finest working environment and equipment available in order to best apply their skills and treat patients. In this issue of The Spirit newsletter, we will introduce you to some of the St. Paul's Hospital surgeons who will benefit from these improvements.

I am pleased to report that St. Paul's Hospice plans for Saskatoon continue to move forward. Having already received approvals from our Hospital Board, the Catholic

Health Corporation and Saskatoon Regional Health Authority to acquire the Glengarda property on Hilliard Street from the Ursuline Sisters, there are just a few more steps ahead of us before we can purchase this building that will become home to St. Paul's Hospice. We look forward to further work with Saskatoon Health Region, the Ministry of Health and our community of stakeholders as we move ahead with this project and plan our fund raising campaign for Saskatoon's first hospice.

Thank you for continuing to believe in and support our mission of health, hope and compassion for all here at St. Paul's Hospital. Together we are stronger.



*Bruce Acton, CFRE*  
*CEO, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation*

## 2014 - 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Standing Centre: SPH Foundation Board Chair Colleen Cameron-Bergan, and SPH Board Chair Bill Edwards.*

*Seated (l-r) Darlene Cooper, Chris Boychuk, Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen, Melanie Hilkewich.*

*Back Row (l-r) Mercedes Montgomery, Dr. Linda Walker, SPH President and CEO Jean Morrison, Barb Berscheid, John Agioritis, Alan Koop.*

*Absent: SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton, Neil Weber.*

We are thrilled to welcome new Board members Chris Boychuk, Dr. Vivian Walker and Neil Weber to our Foundation.

Chris Boychuk is a lawyer and partner with McDougall Gauley LLP and Past-President of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Vivian Walker is the Co-medical Director for Palliative Care in St. Paul's Hospital / Saskatoon Health Region and a graduate of the U of S School of Medicine.

Neil Weber is the Managing Partner for Virtus Group Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors and has more than 20 years of experience in public practice accounting and industry.

We look forward to an exciting year of working together in philanthropic leadership in support of St. Paul's Hospital.



## OPERATING THEATRE ADVANCEMENTS AT THE LEADING EDGE OF SURGICAL INNOVATION



*Dr. Renée S. Kennedy*  
Division Head, Thoracic Surgery

A request for new operating theatre lighting at St. Paul's Hospital shone the light on their tremendous potential, and ultimately spurred a \$4.2 million campaign to significantly advance all eight of the Hospital's operating theatres.

Five of the eight operating theatres at St. Paul's will become integrated suites, combining many advanced technologies into one optimized system. Video equipment will project procedures to monitors located both within the room and/or remotely, allowing physicians to teach students without bringing them into the operating theatre, accessing a much wider "classroom".

St. Paul's Hospital is the only dedicated thoracic (dealing with diseases of the chest, trachea, esophagus and stomach) surgery space in Saskatchewan. Dr. Renée Kennedy, Division Head of Thoracic Surgery at St. Paul's, believes the upgrades will have a tremendous positive impact: "Simply replacing the lights will be a huge benefit in itself, but the other upgrades will offer so much more than that," she says.

Surgeons will experience practical benefits, as the updates will create a more ergonomically comfortable, safe and efficient working space. In addition to replacing the lighting system, all of the equipment will be mounted from a main beam on the ceiling, putting every tool at the staff's fingertips and doing away with trailing cords and waits for auxiliary equipment to be brought in.

Dr. Peter Lau, Urologist and Head of the Division of Urology, says upgrades like these will help make procedures more efficient and also contribute to patient safety. "These changes will streamline all the connections," he says. "In surgery, time is of the essence. So if we can reduce the time spent searching for things and have all the equipment set up in one place, it makes a big difference."



*Dr. Peter Lau*  
Division Head, Urology

Dr. Michael Moser, Transplant Surgeon and Surgical Co-Chair with the Saskatchewan Transplant Program, says that while the changes will bring immediate benefits, even more exciting are the potential long-term benefits: "An Integrated Operating Room is a strong foundation that will make it easier to integrate future technologies to our operating room environment, including technologies that haven't even been invented yet!"

Moser also points out that the vast majority of Canadian hospitals do not yet have this technology. The upcoming St. Paul's Hospital Operating Room upgrades will strongly influence attraction and retention of the best surgeons in the country and will greatly advance acute care operating theatre training for students, setting the stage for an even brighter health care future for the people of Saskatchewan.



*Dr. Mike Moser*  
Surgical Co-Chair, Saskatchewan Transplant Program

## HELPING SASKATCHEWAN PROSPER – JANET AND ART POSTLE BRING SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT TO SASKATOON



(l-r) Dr. Samson Haimanot and patient Nissa Long at St. Paul's Hospital with donors Janet and Art Postle

Janet and Art Postle helped purchase an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope for St. Paul's Hospital because they wanted to improve the lives of people from across the province. What they could not have known at the time was that very soon they would get to meet one of those people.

The Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope is a device that allows doctors to examine the lining and walls of the upper and lower digestive tracts and nearby organs including the pancreas. When the Postles arrived at St. Paul's Hospital to view the equipment they

had funded, they had the opportunity to meet both physician Dr. Haimanot and also Nissa Long, a 19-year-old from Kindersley who had just undergone a surgical procedure using the new scope. Before the Postles' help, patients like Long would have had to travel to Regina or Edmonton for a biopsy, sometimes multiple times and often requiring overnight stays. Long says she appreciates the reduced travel time thanks to their gift: "I need to find these things out fast. I come to the city all the time, so it's like being home and still being able to have access to the right equipment that you need."

When the Postles sought to make this second major donation to St. Paul's Hospital (read about their first major donation on page 6 in *The Spirit*, February 2012), they knew they wanted it to be for a clearly perceptible need. "That's something that appeals to us – seeing that there's something tangible that you can help out with," says Janet.

Art agrees: "Anything we can do that will help and provide improved care is vital. We're hoping this will be a very important aspect of patient care, enabling the physicians to be more effective." The Postles' donation of \$115,000 purchased the Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope for St. Paul's Hospital. Dr. Haimanot, a specialist in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Therapeutic Endoscopy, is confident the new scope will help him save lives, improve care and eliminate patient time spent travelling, waiting and worrying. Thank you, Janet and Art Postle! You truly are making a difference in patient care at our Hospital.

## BEHIND THE CURTAIN 2014

Our Foundation hosted "Behind the Curtain 2014" on September 24, providing donors the opportunity to see, first-hand, the incredible change inspired by their philanthropy. Donors enjoyed 'backstage' access to our state-of-the-art Laboratory, following fictional patient "Sarah" in her path from diagnosis through transplant to recovery.

Physicians and department specialists provided guided tours of the high volume laboratory, hematology and transfusion medicine, anatomical pathology, the Mosaic Laboratory – home of the Kinsmen Foundation Digital Transmission Electron Microscope Suite, and the Marc Baltzan Histocompatibility (HLA) Laboratory. Thank you to Laboratory staff and physicians who participated in the event, and contributed to a very special evening of information for our donors.



Cheryl Brenaut, SPH Chemistry Supervisor, demonstrating different collection tubes required for specimen testing at St. Paul's Hospital's High-Volume Laboratory during *Behind the Curtain 2014*



## ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGISTS LLP AWARDED FOR SERVICE, SUPPORT AND DEDICATION

"Associated Radiologists LLP" is a Saskatoon group of twenty-one radiologists and three nuclear medicine physicians who have demonstrated a significant commitment to St. Paul's Hospital for more than sixty-five years.

As a founding partner of Associated Radiologists, Dr. Earl Spencer forged a deep and long-standing relationship with St. Paul's when he became Chief of Radiology in 1946. Today, members of Associated Radiologists continue to provide their extensive knowledge to our Hospital. Dr. Bruce Berscheid currently serves on the Hospital Board of Directors, and Dr. Chris Wall recently helped our Foundation understand why St. Paul's needs an Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound.

To underscore their belief in the value of and need for this new equipment, Dr. Wall and his colleagues at Associated Radiologists have pledged \$85,000 toward the purchase of an Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound. Associated Radiologists obviously care deeply about our Hospital. Since 1989, they have contributed more than \$339,000 to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. By combining their close connection to our patients with an intimate understanding of our Hospital's needs, Associated Radiologists demonstrate outstanding engagement and remarkable community leadership.



*Associated Radiologists LLP with St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO Bruce Acton.*

*Standing (l-r) Dr. Anne Kenny, Dr. Sundeep Nijjar, Dr. Rajan Rakheja, Kelly Prodanuk, Dr. Geoff Marshall, Dr. Don McIntosh, Bruce Acton, Dr. Tom Waslen, Dr. Chris White, Dr. Tyson Mack, Dr. Heather Gordon. Seated (l-r) Dr. Cory Tremeeer, Dr. Andrew Scott, Dr. Carolyn Flegg, Dr. John Verrall, Dr. Todd Ross. Missing: Dr. Bruce Berscheid, Dr. Maxine Beck, Dr. Tiffany Buglass, Dr. Vance Chow, Dr. A. Almgrahi, Dr. Chris Wall, Dr. Cesar Chavarria, Dr. Ivan Norval, Dr. Meng Lim.*

As a gesture of our profound gratitude for their dedication and commitment as both physicians and philanthropists to St. Paul's, our Foundation was pleased to honour the Associated Radiologists LLP at the 2014 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon. Thank you, Associated Radiologists – you genuinely are helping St. Paul's Hospital achieve our vision of a community of health, hope and compassion for all.

## TERRY AND DENIS SIROIS GIVING OF THEIR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE



*(l-r) Donors Denis and Terry Sirois discuss the Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound with Lecina Hicke, SPH Foundation Manager of Major Giving, in front of a poster of Interventional Radiologist Dr. Chris Wall, one of the physicians who will be using the new ultrasound at St. Paul's Hospital*

Terry and Denis Sirois both grew up in Saskatoon's Holiday Park area. They met and married, and all four of their children were born at St. Paul's Hospital. "The Hospital is

very close and dear to my heart because we have those connections," says Terry, who is pleased they now are able to help out the community where they made their start in life.

The Sirois's most recent gift to St. Paul's Hospital is an investment of \$30,000 toward the purchase of a new Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound for the Department of Diagnostic Imaging. This advanced ultrasound device creates a faster and more accurate diagnosis in difficult-to-reach areas. In recent years, one of Denis's cousins was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer. Terry and Denis chose to fund this device with the hope that having one available will give other families access to outcomes earlier.

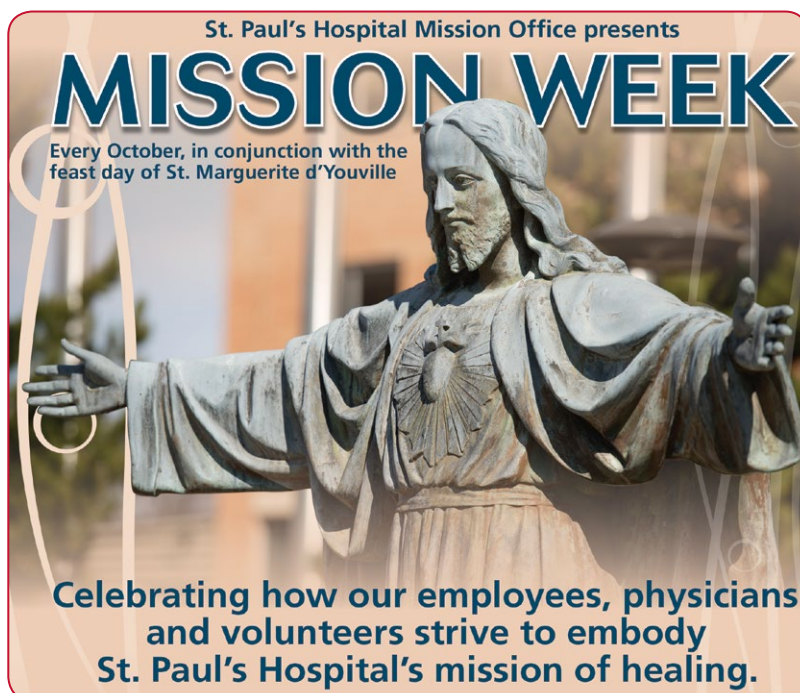
Terry and Denis strongly believe in giving back to their community, in whatever ways they can. Among other involvements, Terry has been active with the Saskatoon Friendship Inn and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation's Major Gift Committee. "Everyone can do something; they just have to find a way to do it on their own terms," says Terry. Since 1995, Terry and Denis Sirois have provided countless hours of volunteer time and nearly \$270,000 in support of St. Paul's Hospital.

# MISSION WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL

What does it mean to “live our mission”? How do we work together to build “a community of health, hope and compassion for all”? St. Paul's Hospital Mission Office reminds us daily of the importance of these questions.

Every October during Mission Week, Mission Office also recognizes and celebrates our people. On or near the Feast Day of St. Marguerite d'Youville, the Hospital serves a complimentary hot meal to all employees, physicians and volunteers. That same week, the Office holds a special Mission Week Commitment Ceremony to provide employees the opportunity to renew their commitment to the Hospital mission, and also presents five peer-nominated Mission in Action awards to people particularly demonstrating leadership in Hospital core values.

We are grateful to St. Paul's Hospital Mission Office for reminding us of the things that matter. Thank you to Mission Office and all of the volunteers who help with the events for celebrating our employees, physicians and volunteers during Mission Week each year.



## FOUNDATION AWARDS HONOUR THE SPIRIT OF SAINT MARGUERITE

*It is appropriate that on the day we celebrate Saint Marguerite, whose journey through life saw her respond with love and compassion to those who needed her help, today's awards provide another opportunity to continue our mission at St. Paul's Hospital to provide everyone who walks through our doors with the best in compassionate and holistic care.*

– Jean Morrison, CEO, St. Paul's Hospital



(l-r) SPH Foundation Board Member Melanie Hilkewich with Foundation Award recipients Dave Broda, Vicki Hoffman, Carol Grovestine, Sheila Joy Herbers, Laureen Magno, Ellaine Padilla, Meghan Meston, SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton and Brian Zimmer, representing the SPH Mission Office. Missing: Emily Alston-O'Connor; Diane MacPherson.

In the 1700s, Saint Marguerite d'Youville founded the Grey Nuns of Montreal, a religious order dedicated to helping the poor and the sick. More than 250 years later, the far-reaching impact of her ideals and her work can be seen today at St. Paul's Hospital, which was founded by the Grey Nuns in 1907.

On October 16, in conjunction with the Feast Day of Saint Marguerite, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation hosted its Professional Development Awards ceremony during Mission Week. The awards enable Hospital

staff opportunities to attend seminars, conferences and workshops that increase their professional abilities and improve the care they give. St. Paul's is also an acute care teaching hospital and by ensuring our staff has access to the latest knowledge and education in their field, we support their ability to train students and provide quality care to patients.

Thanks to an endowment fund from the Nurses' Alumni in 1991 and subsequent donor contributions, the Foundation now provides over \$90,000 in employee professional development opportunities annually via the Foundation Awards and the Saskatoon Health Region Professional Development Fund. This year, nine St. Paul's Hospital employees and one employee group received \$13,500 in funding through the Foundation Professional Development Awards. Our Foundation also contributes annually to the Saskatoon Health Region Professional Development Fund to an annual maximum of \$80,000.

### **2014 St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Professional Development Award Winners:**

**Janice Bergan Endowment:** Sheila Joy Herbers and Laureen Magno

**St. Paul's Hospital Leadership Award:** Dave Broda

**In-Hospital Program Assistance Award:** St. Paul's Hospital Mission Office

**Urban Donlevy and Les Dubé Scholarship Awards:**

Meghan Meston, Emily Alston-O'Connor, Ellaine Padilla, Carol Grovestine, Diane MacPherson and Vicki Hoffman



## DR. JANET MARKLAND – A HEALING AND HELPING FORCE IN THE THERAPIES UNIT



*Dr. Janet Markland*

For 30 years, Dr. Janet Markland played an integral role in the health and well-being of our community. Dr. Markland, a specialist in rheumatology, was dedicated to providing excellent and compassionate care to patients throughout the province of Saskatchewan. Over the course of those many years she saw and treated more than 90,000 patients and was committed to making life better for them all.

Dr. Markland's gift will allow the Department of Physical Therapy to fund ongoing education and professional development over the next 10 years, as well as provide funds for immediate equipment purchases including walkers, a dynamic stair trainer, a parallel bar glider, CPR dolls and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) trainers.

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is very grateful to Dr. Markland and family, and in particular to her husband Don Drysdale for his guidance and support in stewarding his wife's gift. A new plaque in the Therapies Unit commemorates Dr. Markland's deep and lasting contribution to our Hospital and reminds us of the importance of showing compassion toward all people in need of our help.



Though Dr. Janet Markland passed away in 2013, her care and concern live on through her donation of \$150,000 to the Therapies Unit at St. Paul's Hospital. The Therapies Unit works closely with patients from all units of the Hospital, helping people recover from accidents or deal with complications from surgery. "Nearly every patient who undergoes some sort of traumatic life change will have interactions with the Therapies Department," says Bruce Acton, CEO of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.



## SPIRIT OF LIFE HONOUR ROLL

The ***Spirit of Life Honour Roll*** recognizes the forethought of those who have made a provision in their estate plan to leave a gift to St. Paul's Hospital. Whether a gift of life insurance, a gift in a Will or a specialized gift, all will help St. Paul's Hospital meet the health care needs of our community. Thank you.

### ***Spirit of Life Honour Roll***

Bruce and Melanie Acton  
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Anonymous - Twelve Donors

# MAUNDERS McNEIL – TRUSTED CONNECTIONS LEAD TO STATE-OF-THE-ART BEDS



*(l-r) Robert Hickie, Lee Hergott and John MacInnes of Maunders McNeil Foundation*

After learning from physician Ken Stakiw about the need for beds in St. Paul's Hospital's Palliative Care Unit, Dr. Bob Hickie, John MacInnes and Lee Hergott knew they had to respond; Dr. Stakiw had been Hergott's family doctor and Dr. Hickie knew him through the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine.

Dr. Stakiw has been a physician at St. Paul's Hospital for 38 years and is currently the Co-Medical Director for Palliative Care Services. "We appreciate the respect that he has, and the way

that he conducts the Palliative Care Unit," says Dr. Hickie. "Both [Lee and I] have friends who have gone through that unit and they were so well cared for."

"St. Paul's Hospital has an incredibly good reputation for its palliative care," adds Hergott. Lee Hergott, Dr. Hickie, and John MacInnes, QC form the three-person team that manages the Calgary-based Maunders McNeil Foundation. Mr. Maunders McNeil established the Foundation in the 1970s to give back to the community, and when he died in

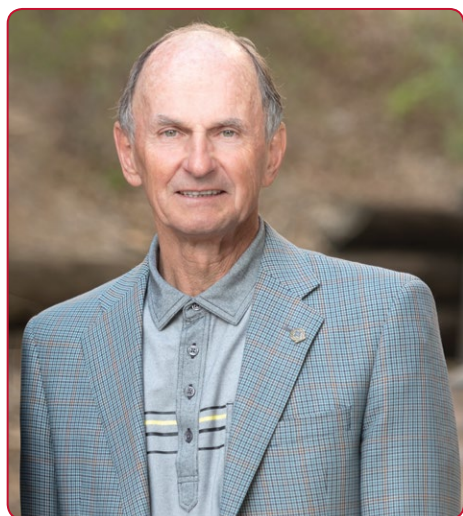
1993, the Maunders McNeil Foundation was the main beneficiary of his estate.

Dr. Hickie says that ultimately, the decision to donate comes down to "gut feelings" and the connections they already have with people they know and respect. The Maunders McNeil Foundation has many connections to St. Paul's Hospital: Hergott was on the Hospital Board of Directors many years ago, and as faculty at the U of S, Dr. Hickie has taught many of the doctors on staff at St. Paul's.

Maunders McNeil Foundation donated \$80,000 to help purchase new beds for the Palliative Care Unit. These special beds combine the best in comfort and safety features and are also large enough for loved ones to be physically close to the patients. "These are very state-of-the-art beds," says Dr. Hickie. "They are available at a time in patients' lives when they need that comfort."

Thanks to the generosity of donors like the Maunders McNeil Foundation, St. Paul's Hospital's Palliative Care Unit now has state-of-the-art beds in all 12 patient rooms.

## OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR END-OF-LIFE CARE BEDS



*Dr. Ken Stakiw, Co-Medical Director of Palliative Care Services*

In 1985, St. Paul's Hospital pioneered palliative health care in Saskatchewan with the development of the province's first Palliative Care Consultation Team, followed by the opening of a 12-bed Regional Palliative Care Unit in 1990. Today, our Hospital manages Palliative Care Services for Saskatoon and area through its partnership with Saskatoon Health Region.

Last spring, Dr. Ken Stakiw, Co-Medical Director for Palliative Services, appealed to our community to help purchase quality end-of-life care beds. The response was overwhelming! More than 800 donations were made, including an \$80,000 gift from Maunders McNeil

Foundation (see above article), and Golder Associates Ltd. matched gifts to the amount of \$25,000. In total, \$325,000 was raised and 12 new Palliative Care beds have now become a reality in our Hospital. Thank you to Dr. Stakiw for helping us understand patient needs, and thank you to our community for granting patients the best in comfort and care as they live for each day.

St. Paul's Hospital's leadership in end-of-life care has led to collaborative work with our community to develop Saskatoon's first Hospice. We look forward to launching a capital fund raising campaign in support of St. Paul's Hospice very soon.



### KINSMEN FOUNDATION

#### A GIFT FOR THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT FROM THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN



(l-r) Kinsmen Foundation (KF) Chair Leanne Wildeman, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO Bruce Acton, KF Past Chair Lorraine Duxbury and KF Vice-Chair Trent Fedorychka in front of the Kinsmen Foundation Family Room for Intensive Care Unit patients at St. Paul's Hospital

Each spring, Saskatchewan's Kinsmen Foundation hosts the "Telemiracle" telethon, a major event that inspires Saskatchewan residents to make a difference in someone else's life. The sole fund raiser for the Kinsmen Foundation, Telemiracle raised \$5.2 million in 2014 – an incredible feat for a province with a population of only one million.

"Telemiracle is the coming together of the people of the province," says Joan Steckhan, Executive Director of the Kinsmen Foundation. "It's a real focal point to have this as our only fund raiser; it pulls everyone's efforts together for a single purpose on a single weekend."

Using Telemiracle proceeds raised by the people of Saskatchewan, the Kinsmen Foundation made a \$175,455 donation to buy customized beds for the Intensive Care Unit, a specialized section of St. Paul's Hospital providing comprehensive and continuous care for critically ill patients.

Steckhan comments that it was easy for the Kinsmen Foundation Board of Directors to see the importance of the donation because the beds enable such improved care: "It's not just a bed; it's really a piece of equipment." In addition to offering patients a high level of comfort, the beds are designed to assist in the staff's care of critically ill patients. They offer a gentle rotation that can help patients breathe more easily as well as a "turn-assist" feature to help caregivers move the patient, and are equipped with monitoring systems for advanced patient safety. The beds are even motorized, so that movement of patients around the Hospital is smooth and efficient.

One of the beds the Kinsmen Foundation funded is specially designed for larger patients; before this donation, the Hospital had to order such beds from another site. Thanks to the Kinsmen Foundation, we can now offer all Intensive Care Unit patients at St. Paul's the same standard of care.



### EVENING UNDER THE STARS OFFERS UP A SYMPHONIC ROCK EXTRAVAGANZA

On August 13th under wide-open prairie skies, the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra and Jeans 'n Classics provided a night of fantastic music at "Evening Under the Stars" in support of St. Paul's Hospital at the Whitecap Sports Grounds.

The Saskatoon Symphony's orchestral style combined with the rock sounds of Jeans 'n Classics to create the ultimate symphonic rock concert featuring the music of Supertramp, Procol Harem, Moody Blues and ELO. Concertgoers brought their own lawn chairs, blankets and tarps, creating a music festival atmosphere.

Evening Under the Stars offered audience members more than just great music. Combining symphonic rock with First Nations involvement, the concert opened with a Grand Entry (a cherished cultural parade by the First Nations community), including traditional dance and drumming. Diverse and delicious food and beverage options delivered by food trucks and beer gardens kept everyone well-fed and no one left thirsty!

The whole event was extremely well received and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is grateful to everyone who helped make it a success, including the volunteer organizing committee, event sponsors, performers, volunteers and attendees.



The Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra accompanies Jeans 'n Classics at the 2014 Evening Under the Stars

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Hosting an outdoor event in Saskatchewan is always a bit of a gamble: prairie weather can be as unpredictable as the slots. Luckily, the odds were in our favour for St. Paul's Hospital Foundation's signature fund raising event "Driving Fore Prostate with Mike Babcock and Friends," held August 19 and 20 at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links.

The day of the golf tournament brought sunny skies and even sunnier dispositions to the event. Spirits were high as the day began, with Schryer's Smoked BBQ Shack providing teams with delicious pulled pork sandwiches prior to the event kick-off – a STARS Air Ambulance fly-by shotgun start and a Draganfly aerial photo of Mike Babcock's first swing.

With celebrities "auctioned off" to play with the 'highest bidders', the spirit was fun rather than highly competitive. The bar was set for a winning event by ice hockey coach Mike Babcock, World Olympic ice dancing champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir and local heroes like Saskatoon Police Chief Clive Weighill. Challenges on the course offered up a wealth of prizes to be won, including a hot tub and new car for a hole-in-one! Everyone was "well fed and watered" thanks to contributions by presenting sponsor Boston Pizza on 51st Street and other sponsors.

Special events coinciding with the tournament included "Off the Bench Community Breakfast" presented by Athabasca Basin Security and hosted by Mike Babcock and media celebrity and former hockey coach Drew Remenda, a Celebrity Reception and Auction, the golf tournament

and the "Grill and Gamble" windup celebration and dinner hosted by Saskatoon's John Gormley at Dakota Dunes Casino. An impressive \$250,000 was raised in support of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Urology Centre of Health at St. Paul's Hospital.

Planning is already well underway for this summer's Driving Fore Prostate Golf Classic with Todd McLellan, Head Coach of the San Jose Sharks hockey team, to be held on August 25 and 26, 2015. For more information, contact Grace MacLennan, Annual Giving Manager, at 306-655-5835.



Mike Babcock tees off to launch Driving Fore Prostate at Dakota Dunes Golf Links

## Circle of Angels

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation's monthly giving club called "Circle of Angels" offers a convenient way for you to contribute to projects and purchases that greatly improve the lives of our patients and their families. Members of the Circle of Angels receive special recognition at our annual Donor Luncheon, acknowledgement in our Spirit newsletter and invitations to special Foundation events throughout the year. Thank you to all of our Angels for your support. To become one of our Angels, complete and mail in the Circle of Angels form on the back of the envelope attached to this publication or contact Grace MacLennan, Annual Giving Manager, at 306-665-5835.

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## MISTLETOE BALL CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF GIVING



Guests dancing to the music of House Band at the 25th Anniversary St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Mistletoe Ball

Clad in elegant gowns and classic suits in shades of black and silver, the guests looked absolutely stunning at the "25th Annual Mistletoe Ball" presented by PotashCorp.

The evening included a cocktail reception with musicians Motel Tan, a sumptuous five-course menu created by

Sheraton Cavalier's Executive Chef Robin Andreas and dancing the night away to the music of House Band.

Held on November 15 at the Sheraton Cavalier, more than 260 people attended the 25th anniversary event that raised \$188,000 in support of St. Paul's Hospital. The funds raised purchased an Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery Carbon Dioxide Laser. The laser is able to remove cancer in the early stages, potentially eliminating the need for dozens of rounds of radiation treatment.

Since its inception, the Mistletoe Ball has raised more than \$2.8 million in support of medical equipment and patient care for St. Paul's Hospital. In celebration of the anniversary, a slide show displayed photos from past balls beginning with the first ball in 1989.

"It was amazing to see photos showing how the event has evolved over the past 25 years," says SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton. "Seeing 25 years of commitment and dedication from the volunteers, donors, sponsors and attendees at this event was truly a humbling experience."

The 2015 Mistletoe Ball will be held on November 14, 2015. For more information, contact Grace MacLennan, Annual Giving Manager, at 306-655-5835.

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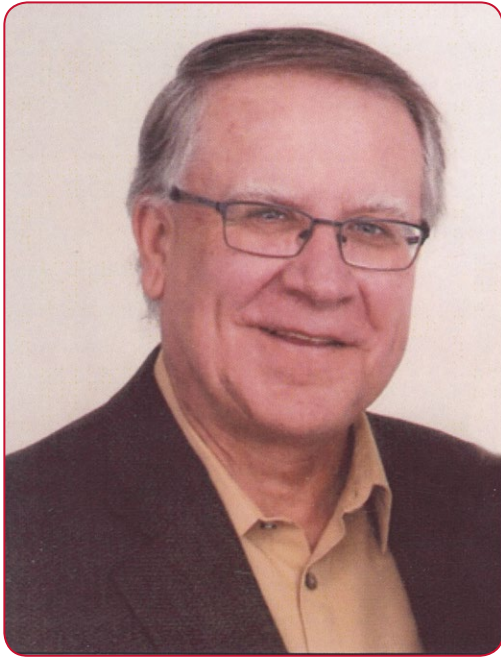
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## PAYING IT FORWARD – OREST CHORNEYKO INSPIRES OTHERS TO GIVE



Orest Chorneyko

When Orest Chorneyko passed away on August 1, 2013, his family lost a wonderful husband and father, and Saskatoon lost a pillar of its community. Orest volunteered with the Royal University Hospital Foundation, the Brier, the Credit Union Centre, the 2007 Juno Awards, the Vanier Cup, the Can-Am Police-Fire Games and much more. In 2012, he received the B’Nai Brith “We Are Proud of You” award.

“After Orest passed, a lot of his friends and co-workers were feeling at a loss because he was such a part of the social and business life of the community,” says his wife, Jane Chorneyko. Wanting to “pay forward” Orest’s

kindness, those friends and co-workers organized a fund raiser in his name, raising more than \$33,000 in support of St. Paul’s Hospital. The event was a silent auction and a gathering where friends and family could share happy memories of the community-minded family man.

“In life he gave to his community and appreciated his family, and now even in passing, he’s still able to contribute,” says Jane. The funds raised have been put into an endowment fund allocated to the Palliative Care Unit, and earnings are available for the Unit to use as needed. “Palliative Care was a wonderful place, the perfect place for Orest to be at that time,” adds Jane. “The patient care, the thoughtfulness, the hugs – my daughter and I and my son-in-law appreciated every word that was spoken.”



(l-r) St. Paul’s Hospital Foundation CEO Bruce Acton just outside of the Palliative Care Unit with Orest Chorneyko’s wife Jane, their son-in-law Marc, baby Anika and daughter Hayley at St. Paul’s Hospital

## MUSIC TO SOOTHE AND UPLIFT

*Music is a gift that helps us reflect our experience. It is my hope that Songs for the Heart will offer encouragement and balm for the hearts of those who are listening.*

– Ruth Eliason, Palliative Care Services Music Therapist

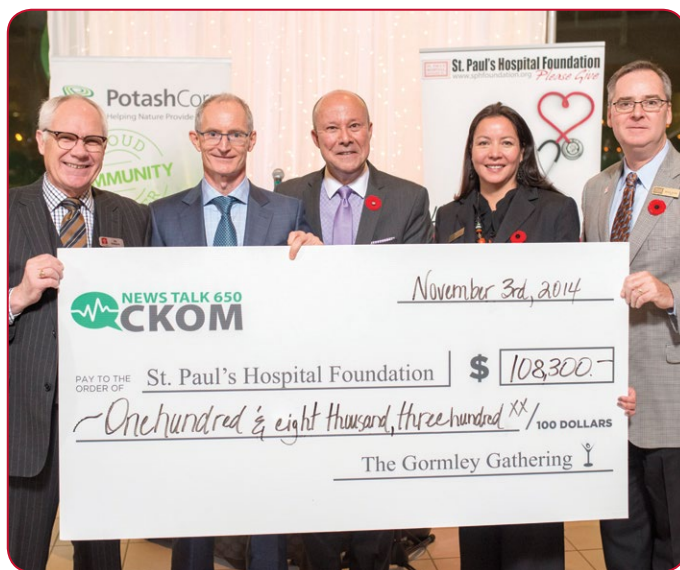
Part of the holistic care we provide at St. Paul’s Hospital is through music therapy delivered by Palliative Care Services and the Healing Arts Program. Music helps us to be present in our feelings and thoughts in a way that can be helpful, comforting and healing. Music Therapist Ruth Eliason of Palliative Care Services has compiled a beautiful collection on CD called Songs for the Heart. The songs are favourites from Ruth’s work as a music therapist in Palliative Care at our Hospital and reflect a range of themes from friendship to love and family and more. We are grateful to Ruth Eliason for her compassionate

care and dedication to the health and well-being of our patients. The CD is available at the SPH Foundation Gift Shop and McNally Robinson Booksellers, and proceeds will support the continuation of music therapy in Palliative Care Services.





### THE GORMLEY GATHERING – MIXED DRINKS, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND A BIG DONATION TO A GREAT CAUSE



(l-r) SPH Chair Bill Edwards, PotashCorp CEO Jochen Tilk, News Talk 650 CKOM's John Gormley, SPH Foundation Chair Colleen Cameron-Bergan and SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton celebrating success at the fourth annual Gormley Gathering

Cocktail parties provide the perfect setting for an elegant evening of socializing and sparkling conversation, but the "Gormley Gathering" adds another ingredient to the mix: fund raising.

Presented by PotashCorp and hosted by Rawlco Radio's John Gormley, the fourth annual Gormley Gathering, held on November 3, raised more than \$100,000 in support of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Urology Centre of Health. Major donations to the event included \$25,000 from PotashCorp, \$20,000 from Rob and Sandra Stromberg and 19,370 from the Lily Street Foundation. Funds will be used to significantly advance technology in Urology Operating Theatre #8, improving efficiencies and creating state-of-the-art educational and consultative opportunities for video-conferencing.

Best-known for his opinions as a radio talk show host, John Gormley is also a lawyer, best-selling author and philanthropist. Over the four years he has hosted the event, the Gormley Gathering has helped raise nearly one-half million dollars.

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is incredibly thankful for the many sponsors, donors and supporters who continue to make the Gormley Gathering a highly successful event.

### HOSPITAL HOME LOTTERY



## Winning Tickets

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**VIP Prize (Bahamas Getaway for two or \$8,000 cash)**

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**Bonus Prize (100-day cabin rental at Elkridge Resort or \$25,000 cash)**

For a complete list of winning tickets, visit [www.hospitalhomelottery.org](http://www.hospitalhomelottery.org)

Congratulations to all the Fall 2014 Hospital Home Lottery winners and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. You are making a difference in patient health and wellness at all three of Saskatoon's hospitals.

St. Paul's Hospital patients will benefit from improved diagnosis, expedited treatment and enhanced recovery through the acquisition of advanced medical equipment including an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope, a Vascular Surgery Ultrasound and an Ear, Nose and Throat CO<sub>2</sub> Laser.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Spring 2015 Hospital

Home Lottery, call 306-955-8200 in Saskatoon or 1-866-957-0777 toll-free in SK or visit [HospitalHomeLottery.org](http://HospitalHomeLottery.org).

Proceeds from the 2015 Saskatoon Hospital Home Lottery will significantly advance and improve the operating room environment and technology benefiting patients, physicians and staff.

These upgrades will significantly increase procedural efficiencies, improve the operating and learning environments, and allow for cross-site, peer to peer video conferencing.

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATRICIA SMITH



Patricia Smith

Patricia Smith was a Neonatal Transport Nurse who dedicated her life to health care, spending 30 years with the Royal University Hospital. She often travelled to remote communities to assist in treating sick babies, and by drawing upon a learned set of specialized skills, helped to decide when it was safe to move them. "We were all intensely proud of her," says her sister, Susan Yuzik. "She was extremely intelligent, very quick witted, never forgot anything."

"Many of her staff would describe her as a life-long educator," says her nephew, Adam Yuzik. "She had wonderful relationships with her co-workers that helped them develop their own skills."

Patricia (Pat) Smith passed away on June 5, 2013, at St. Paul's Hospital. In her memory, the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation (named for her uncle and aunt) has donated \$40,000 toward the purchase of new specialty beds for the Palliative Care Unit.

The Forbes Foundation wanted to thank the Palliative Care Program for helping make Pat's final days comfortable, and were especially thankful for the support she received at home before moving to St. Paul's Hospital. "The Palliative Care Program going into her home was brilliant," says Susan. "[So the purchase of] these tangible pieces of equipment is one way of supporting the whole program. . . . We felt confident that she would have supported the gift. The new beds will be wide enough for two people, and she would have really liked that."

Because several family members are health care workers, Adam says they know how difficult that work can be: "She received wonderful care at St. Paul's Hospital and we wanted to give back in recognition of that, to show our appreciation." Thanks to donors like the Forbes Foundation, St. Paul's Hospital's Palliative Care Unit has the top-notch equipment it needs to provide the best possible care for patients.

St. Paul's Hospital, in partnership with Saskatoon Health Region, provides Palliative Care Services for the entire region. These include a twelve-bed Palliative Care Unit at St. Paul's Hospital, palliative home care, consultation teams at all three Saskatoon hospitals and a palliative care volunteer program that includes bereavement support.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 23, 2015**

**SPH Foundation Annual General Meeting**

Bishop James Mahoney Room (BJM),  
St. Paul's Hospital

**May 5, 2015**

**Donor Luncheon**

Western Development Museum

**May 28 & 29, 2015**

**Rock 102 Caged for the Cure**

**May 27, 2015**

**Community Day**

SPH Front Lawn

**June 17, 2015**

**SPH Foundation Draws**

Cafeteria, St. Paul's Hospital

**August 25 and 26, 2015**

**Driving Fore Prostate Golf Classic**

Dakota Dunes Golf Links

**November 14, 2015**

**Mistletoe Ball**

Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon

### THANK-YOU NOTES

A year ago today, I underwent a radical prostatectomy, performed by Dr. Lau. It was a success, and a year later, I remain cancer-free.

The support of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Urology centre has been invaluable to me in this time, both before and after my surgery. I am told that I am the first "graduate" of the program; that is, the first person to go from symptoms to biopsy to diagnosis to surgery to follow-up appointment.

While I am thankful for the whole program, I particularly want to mention Nurse Practitioners Nicole Baba and Karen Moore. Their particular blend of kindness and no-nonsense practicality was enormously helpful both in preparing me for the surgery and in adjusting to life without a prostate.

Sincerely, Michael

### NEW FACE AT SPH FOUNDATION

**ANDREA KOPYLECH,**

**MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER**



Our Foundation would like to welcome Andrea Kopylech, who joined our team in November. Andrea is an experienced professional with a diverse set of skills in client care, stakeholder relations and fund raising. Her skills in relationship development previously led to a number of client-focused positions, including Director of Client Care at Fundraising Pharmacy.

Although Andrea was born and raised in Edmonton, she has strong roots in Saskatchewan and her mother was born right here at St. Paul's Hospital! Married with three children, Andrea is an active member of the Ukrainian community and is currently working toward her CFRE designation.



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# In Memory of Your Loved Ones

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is grateful to family and friends who have made donations from July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 in memory of the following:

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