

Monitor

Spring 2011



News on how your generous contributions are improving patient care at the Greater Niagara General Site

New clinic in Niagara Falls for hip, knee patients

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— Dr. Bryan Rittenhouse, *Chief of Orthopedics*

A new joint assessment clinic for patients with hip and knee problems is focused on finding possible non-surgical solutions – and also reducing wait times for joint replacement surgeries when they are required. “When you can no longer get in and out of a car or climb stairs without pain, it’s time to have an assessment, and this clinic is unique because it’s focusing on more than surgical interventions to improve patients’ quality of life,” says Monica Koepke, Clinical Manager for the surgical program at Greater Niagara General Site.

The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) has developed the new Regional Joint Assessment Program in Brantford, Hamilton and Niagara. At Greater Niagara General Site in Niagara Falls, the outpatient clinic serves patients from across the region who can be referred by their family physician or orthopedic surgeon. The program gives patients the choice of seeing the next available surgeon to manage their condition if there is a long wait list for the surgeon to whom they have already been referred.

“The Regional Joint Assessment Programs have played an integral role in patient care and patient access in other parts of our LHIN,” explains Donna Cripps, HNHB LHIN CEO. “This clinic at the Niagara Falls hospital will help to manage the growing demand for total hip and knee replacements and help to reduce wait times for surgery in Niagara.”

The OHIP-covered clinic specializes in preventive options, diagnosis and therapy.

The clinic expects to see up to 20 patients per week, but if there is a need for more clinic time, it will expand. Each appointment is about 45 minutes long, and patients will have their appointment within two weeks of referral.

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Message From The Board Chair



It’s hard to believe that I’m writing my final Monitor report. In my first article – Fall 2009, I mentioned that I was a recent colorectal cancer survivor and today I write as a double survivor. Bladder cancer “reared its ugly head” in 2010. Again I had all my surgery, care and follow-up treatments at GNGH. Thank you Dr. Ian Brown and the great staff who put up with me.

Shortly after my surgery I had a chance to tour the new Health Complex under construction in St. Catharines. It is going to be a magnificent building and brought tears to my eyes. It’s a million square feet of hope and it’s right here in our back yard. Currently an estimated 1200 patients travel to Hamilton, Toronto and beyond each year for cancer radiation treatment. The New Walker Family Cancer Centre will now provide this service in Niagara. This will allow all cancer treatments to be available to 95% of our patients. For me, this gives a whole new meaning to the importance of the idea that we are a “Niagara Community.” The news is exciting. In the beginning there will be three active radiation “bunkers.” A fourth one will be provided as needed and there is room for a fifth one.

As Chair of the GNGH Foundation I’ve been given a lot of advice from people about ways to improve health care and I welcome the input. One of the things I have learned from listening to the concerns is that the majority of people don’t realize that all of the equipment from anesthetic machines to hospital beds to heart monitors to wheel chairs etc. is paid for through donations made by people like you and me and not the government. If it weren’t for our local donors we would not have a hospital.

As a long time financial supporter of GNGH I’m living proof that “putting your money where your mouth is” works. Excellent medical care along with good equipment helped save my life. Please consider making a donation to our Foundation. It could save your life!

Carol Mae Maidens
GNGH Foundation Board Chair

New Education Award for Registered Nurses GNGH

The family of the late Helen (Martindale) Ferguson, RN, has created an annual award in her memory in the amount of \$500. This award is designed to provide funding support for continuing staff education for Registered Nurses at the Greater Niagara General site of the Niagara Health System. The award is to be used to enhance their ability to provide comprehensive, holistic, quality care to patients and their families.

Helen graduated from the GNGH School of Nursing program in 1953. Born the oldest of three siblings, Helen was raised in Port Colborne. She applied for nursing school at the GNGH because two of her friends from Port Colborne were also going there. The fact that Niagara Falls was a small city and close to home appealed to her. She used to bring classmates from out of town home for the weekend when they were not able to return to their own homes.

Helen spent most of her professional working career with the Victorian Order of Nurses. She was exceptionally kind with her patients and always gave them whatever time they needed from her. To honour Helen’s life and commitment to nursing, the family felt it only appropriate to create this nursing award. We are exceptionally fortunate to have individuals like Helen (Martindale) Ferguson who provide care and comfort for our patients – our thanks goes out to the Ferguson and Martindale families for their support of the Registered Nurses at our hospital.

For application forms and more information about this award, please contact the GNGH Foundation office.



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Tell us your story

The GNGH Foundation invites you to share your experience(s) with us on the health care you received at GNGH and/or why you support your local hospital. We want to feature stories in upcoming editions of our newsletter. Please include your contact information i.e. phone number and email address.

Thank you for your “Good News” Story.

Leave a Legacy

Every day, twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred and sixty five (365) days a year, people are helped and lives enriched by the dedication and compassion of the Medical and Allied Health Professionals at the Greater Niagara General Hospital.

In order to provide the quality care that we all deserve, the hospital must purchase new equipment, upgrade facilities and invest in innovative procedures.

Unfortunately, the Federal and Provincial Governments do not provide funding to our hospital for the purchase of new or replacement hospital equipment - that burden is left to the local community and our donors, who year after year provide funds to support the fundraising campaigns of the GNGH Foundation.

Every year, new and exciting procedures and technologies become available that have a profound effect on our health care. In the last century these procedures, techniques and enhanced equipment have raised our life expectancy from an average of forty five (45) years to over seventy (70) years. Imagine what is in store in the next century as our Medical Professionals continue to make extraordinary advances in health care related services.

These procedures and the equipment necessary to implement them require expenditures that continue to increase each year. This is the challenge facing our hospital today. The GNGH Foundation appeals to our community to secure the funds needed to support the professional teams that work at our hospital.

In the past couple of years, we have been very fortunate to receive well over \$1.5 million dollars from our Leave A Legacy benefactors.

Through the generous donations from our donors like William H. & Alma A. Patrick, Evelyn A. Fenwick and Franklyn & Alda Griffiths, the GNGH Foundation has been able to provide funds to the Greater Niagara General Hospital for the purchase of new equipment and upgrades for our medical professional teams that directly benefit our patients.

Some examples of the recent purchases that have utilized these Legacy Gifts include:

- New electric beds, new mattresses
- Chair lifts for the Trillium Unit
- Ultrasound Machine for cancer diagnostics
- Bone Density Machine utilized in Diagnostic Imaging

There are many ways to Make a Difference for the Lives that Follow and the GNGH Foundation is your vehicle for the distribution of funds to support and enhance the Patient Care programs at the Greater Niagara General Hospital.

The top ten things that you can do:

- Prepare a will and leave a portion of your estate to the GNGH Foundation
- Leave a Gift – Real Estate, Stocks, Bonds etc.
- Be Specific – Make sure your gift goes to the hospital that you want to support
- Existing Life Insurance – Change the beneficiary to the GNGH Foundation
- New Life Insurance Policy – Tax advantages in naming the GNGH Foundation as the Beneficiary
- Memorial Gifts – Leave a Legacy as a Memorial
- Ask your Lawyer, Accountant or Financial Advisor – Everyone's situation is unique so we suggest that you consult a professional who understands your situation
- Let the GNGH Foundation Know – we would be pleased to recognize your donation on our Donor Wall and work with you to ensure your gift is used as you wish
- Decide on Your Gift – As always the GNGH Foundation would be pleased to offer assistance in your preference to make the GNGH Foundation your "Charity of Choice"
- Step Forward and Be Recognized – Let the GNGH Foundation tell your unique story as a way to say thank you to the Medical Professionals who have "touched" your life and to encourage others.

While the gift that you leave can and will be based on your desire to assist our community and our hospital, your donation is also Tax Deductable, depending on the rules set out by the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Canada Revenue Agency.

The GNGH Foundation would like to extend our appreciation to all of our Heritage Members and is looking forward to hearing from you about becoming a member.

Contact Rick Powers at the GNGH Foundation Office 905-358-4900 or email rick.powers@niagarahealth.on.ca



GNGH Foundation Welcomes New Employee

The GNGH Foundation is pleased to announce that Mr. Rick Powers has joined the Foundation as Development Officer.



Rick's primary role will be promoting awareness on the importance of the Leave a Legacy Program. This Program is designed to encourage people to leave a gift through their will or any other gift planning instrument to the GNGH Foundation.

The objective of the Leave a Legacy Program is to stress the importance of a thoughtful, well-planned, tax-preferred gift to the Foundation. The Foundation will, based on the donor's wishes and the needs of the Greater Niagara General Hospital, utilize that gift for the purchase of equipment and/or assist in a capital plan.

Born and raised in Niagara Falls, Rick's career in manufacturing spans over thirty years with a great deal of experience in the areas associated with Business Development.

Having recently returned to Niagara Falls with his wife Lydia, Rick is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and meeting new associates as we strive to improve the quality of Health Care in Niagara Falls.

To reach Rick contact GNGH Foundation at 905-358-4900 or by email at rick.powers@niagarahealth.on.ca

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"In many cases, surgery is not the only answer, and our clinic is staffed by an advanced practice physiotherapist who carries out a thorough functional assessment of the patient's flexibility," Monica says. "This information helps the orthopedic surgeon as he/she evaluates the patient's medical complexity. Together, the team will diagnose and make treatment recommendations, including the urgency level if joint replacement surgery is necessary."

Treatment options range from conservative management such as physiotherapy and nutrition management, to intermediate interventions such as arthroscopy or cortisone injections, all the way to total joint replacement surgery.

"Having an advanced practice physiotherapist complete a thorough assessment of the patient and create an individualized plan of care will help them manage joint pain and optimize their mobility and quality of life," says Dr. Bryan Rittenhouse, Niagara Health's Chief of Orthopedics. "The goal of this new program is to help patients stay active as long as they can and prepare them for surgery if required."

Last year, Niagara Health performed 1,156 hip and knee replacements, and according to the latest stats is below the provincial wait time for hip replacements at 138 days, compared to 190 provincially. The hospital is slightly above the average for knee replacement surgery wait times at 230 days, compared to 202 provincially.

For more information on the clinic, go to replacemyjoint.ca, call 905-378-4647, ext. 53110, or 1-888-868-5568. ■

ERIC'S TENT EVENT

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THE PREMIERE



SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2011

Eric Wein's Estate – 3705 Ninth Street, St. Catharines • 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
DINNER 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy seafood, roasted pork, grilled delights and desserts provided by Johnny Rocco's Italian Grill at Stone Mill Inn, St Catharines

CASH BAR FOLLOWING DINNER

THIS EVENT IS AN OUTDOOR TENTED EVENT, CASUAL DRESS REQUIRED - HEELS ARE NOT SUGGESTED FOR THE LADIES



Get your heart racing with a bird's eye view of the Niagara Health System Hospital via a complimentary ride courtesy of Niagara Helicopters!

Proceeds to GNGH Foundation and It's Our Time Campaign for Cardiac Care

Tickets \$250 • To purchase please call GNGH Foundation Office at 905.358.4900 • email gngfoundation@niagarahealth.on.ca

GNGH FOUNDATION
Annual
*Festival of Life &
Memory Tree Celebration*

The GNGH Foundation in partnership with the Palliative Care Program at the GNG site illuminated their Festival of Life Memory Tree on December 4th. The annual holiday celebration was held at the historic Stamford Green at St. John's Anglican Church and was open to everyone in the community. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season by "turning on a light" in honour or in memory of a loved one or someone special by making a donation to the GNGH Foundation campaign or to support the palliative care services at the GNGH. The evening's celebration included

carolling by the CAA WFOL Choir, the Singing Saints and holiday tunes by harpist Katiana and on piano Nicole, followed by wonderful refreshments in the church hall.

Approximately \$36,000 was raised in support of equipment needs and the palliative care program. Thanks for your continued support.



We wish to acknowledge the following for helping to make our Festival of Life & Memory Tree Campaign a great success.

Proceeds from the 2010 "Festival of Life and Memory Tree Campaign" will be used to purchase much needed equipment at the Greater Niagara General Site and to provide comfort aids to our Palliative Care patients.

Note: The list is in alphabetical order by donor name with those being honored/memorialized in italics. (Names listed here were received too late to be included in the Niagara Falls Review listing)

Anonymous *in honour of Geoffrey Allanson*
Mrs. Evelyn Booth *in honour of Christine Broderick, and Douglas Booth*
Ms. Kathleen Butcher *Max (cat), Brian McCarthy (brother)*
Burke & Gaylene Charles *in honour of Edward Hicks, Doug & Sue Hicks*
Linda Collard *my mother Eleanor Wright*
Reenie & Family *Dennis Elliott*
Mrs. Patricia Fedorowicz *Anthony Paul Fedorowicz*
Mrs. Gwen Hall *Kyle Hall*
Dorothy Hand *Edward Hand, Pete and Martha Gibson*
The Harvie Family *Roy & Marie Daboll*
Ladies Auxiliary Club Heidelberg *Ladies from the Auxiliary Club Heidelberg*
Joe Hinzer
Islamic Society of Niagara Peninsula
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Longster *Philip Foster, in honour Elaine Foster*

Mrs. Wendy Lyon *Roger Breane*
Mrs. Pearl MacKay *Lillian MacKay*
Mrs. Irene Nikifortchuk *Sergei Nikifortchuk, beloved husband 52 yrs, dear Father to son Alex & daughter Luey, Grandfather and Greatgrandfather*
Mrs. Margaret Pointon
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Mrs. Linda Rufrano *Frank & Teenie Maraldo*
Ada Saccone *Richard Saccone*
Rick Saccone *Esther McArthur, Richard Saccone*
Hans Soellner *In memory of Mina*
Brenda & Family *Jack Spittle*
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tredwell
Jim & Doreen Wallace & Family *Mr. & Mrs. Charles Swain, in honour of Mary Wallace*
Mrs. Linda Wichert *my husband Ronnie*
Dan Zakula *Rose Zakula*
Mr. Victor Betts

**Big Smiles All Around
for It's Our Time
Campaign Team**
Thanks to Tim Hortons

On November 12, 2010, It's Our Time Campaign representatives joined participating Niagara Tim Hortons restaurant owners at the construction site of the new healthcare complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Catharines to thank them for their generous donation.

Through the Smile Cookie Program, participating Niagara Region Tim Hortons restaurant owners, team members and their guests raised an amazing \$100,000 - one smile at a time - for the It's Our Time Campaign in support of health-care services at their local community hospitals.

"The success of the program would not be possible without the support and generosity of our customers, states Christine Darbyson, local Tim Hortons franchisee. "On behalf of all Niagara Region Tim Hortons Owners and Staff, I would like to thank all our customers for their continued support of this meaningful cause."



In photo (l-r) Niagara Falls Store Owners, Cathy Hopkins, Tom Newell, Carol Maidens, Chair, GNGH Foundation, Rino DiMaurizio

It's Our Time...



Lisa Wilson & Tim Hendry of Niagara Falls

Cancer fighters, warriors and survivors were honoured on September 12, 2010 at the 2nd Annual Big Move Cancer Ride as 439 cyclists, 190 volunteers and dozens of sponsors rallied together to raise money for the regional Walker Family Cancer Centre.

We are pleased to announce that the 2nd Annual Big Move cancer Ride raised a net revenue of \$425,000 for services and patient care equipment for the Walker Family Cancer Centre making the two year total over \$700,000. Overwhelming support from cyclists, volunteers, sponsors and our generous community made this possible - THANK YOU!

Sunday • September 11, 2011



Be a part of this history making event in Niagara as we ride to support the Walker Family Cancer Centre!

The Big Move Cancer Ride is a non-competitive bike ride taking place on Sunday, September 11, 2011 to raise money in support of the Walker Family Cancer Centre. The Ride includes a 50K and 100K cycle through Niagara Region starting and ending at Club Roma, St. Catharines.

For more information go to:

www.bigmovecancerride.com

Because They Care...



◀ Bank of Montreal

Personal Banking Area Manager, Shawn Namvar (l) and Dave Duval, Branch Manager BMO St. Catharines Main Office visited the GNG Site to present a pledge payment to Michael Somerville, Executive Director, GNGH Foundation.

Bank of Montreal staff were on hand to present their final payment on their pledge of \$37,500 to the Jeff Morgan Emergency Department. Gratefully accepting the cheque on behalf of the foundation, Mr. John Hopkins, Board Director (far right) ▼

In photo – Helen Gemmell, Heather McGrimmond, Nancy Gondocs, Chris Mayhew, Chuck Monger, Diane Cain, Patti Gonyou, Josie Alaia Formisano, Patrick Roberto.



▲ Foster Hewitt Foundation

The Foster Hewitt Foundation has been a long time supporter of the GNGH Foundation.

To date the Foster Hewitt Foundation has donated a very impressive \$265,000 to healthcare at the Greater Niagara General Hospital with their most recent commitment of \$100,000 for Operating Room Renovations.

The foundation was established in August, 1982 and is located in Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario.

In photo – Fred and Marta Dixon with Michael Somerville



▲ Club Italia

Club Italia continues support of the GNGH Foundation.

Club Italia Golf Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary members extend their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all who have participated in making their golf tournament and spaghetti dinners successful yearly fund raisers.

Front Row: (l-r) Marguerita Radice, Carol Maidens

Middle Row: (l-r) Tom Carlini, Joe Berardi, Tara Santo, Lina Rizzo, Nick Radice, John Notte, Joyce Morocco, Joe Maggiolo

Back Row: (l-r) Angelo Toto, Nick D'Ascenzo, Tony Barranca

Missing: Nick Cicchino

◀ Menechella Family

The GNGH Foundation recently honoured the Menechella Family at a small reception held in the Foundation Office. A plaque was presented to Cosmo Menechella and Family in recognition of their outstanding support for the Greater Niagara General Hospital through the Marriott Fallsview Golf Classic held from 2000-2009.

An amazing \$620,000 was raised.

In photo (l-r) Gina Menechella, Laura Menechella, Carol Maidens, Cosmo Menechella, Maria Menechella

Strabag ▶

It's Our Time Campaign team extends heartfelt thanks to STRABAG for investing in the advancement of healthcare in Niagara!

(front row l-r) Jeffrey Prime, George Waters – Chair, Niagara Falls Cabinet It's Our Time Campaign, Ernst Gschnitzer, Alexander Boehnke

(middle row l-r) Crystal Andres, Michael Somerville - Executive Director Greater Niagara General Hospital Foundation and Campaign Director for Niagara Falls, Teri O'Neill, Tasha Mandato

(back row l-r) Shari Sewell, Roland Schremser

STRABAG's generous \$50,000 donation will support the purchase of new medical equipment for the Greater Niagara General site of the Niagara Health System.

"We are very appreciative of STRABAG's gift, which helps us provide the most up-to-date equipment for our physicians and allied health-care workers," says Michael Somerville, "We rely on the community and good corporate citizens such as STRABAG as vital partners in delivering an exceptional health-care experience for our patients."

STRABAG, a world renowned engineering and construction company based in Austria, has extensive experience including tunneling and specialized underground engineering and project development. The company was selected to design and construct the Niagara Tunnel Project in Niagara Falls, scheduled for completion in 2013, enabling Ontario Power Generation to better utilize excess Niagara River water to generate much-needed clean, renewable electricity.



Because They Care...



◀ Al Reid Memorial Golf Tournament

(l-r) Doug Aitchison, Jim Sparkman, Carol Maidens, Winston Auld
Ms. Carol Maidens and the GNGH Foundation Board thank the Al Reid Memorial Golf Tournament organizers.

First Ontario ▶ Credit Union

First Ontario Credit Union make their annual donation to GNGH equipment needs. Thanks to staff and customers for their ongoing support, over \$8500 has been donated since 2004. This year funds were put towards the new Stroke Unit at GNG.

In photo (l-r) Carol Maidens, Chair, GNGH Foundation, Maria Di Pompeo Grotola



◀ Niagara Falls Professional Firefighters Association

In photo (l-r) Mike Collee (Past President), Wayne Willett (Vice-Pres), Ken Henry (Public Relations Chair), Carol Maidens (Chair, GNGH Foundation), Dave Thorpe (GNGH Foundation Board Member) Todd Brunning (President), Justin Canestraro (Public Relations Co-chair). Niagara Falls Professional Firefighters Association present a cheque for \$25,000. Funds were raised through several variety shows and dinners etc.

Thanks to Wayne Bendo for all of his hard work and all who support our Firefighters.

Mandarin ▶ Restaurant

The Staff at GNG site wish to thank the Mandarin, Niagara Falls partners for their generosity in donating a free lunch or dinner buffet for all staff at Greater Niagara General Site. Michael Somerville, (back left) Executive Director, GNGH Foundation presented a certificate of appreciation to the Mandarin partners and staff thanking them for their thoughtfulness. Next to Michael is managing partner, Daniel He, staff and Jeff Ge, (far right) managing partner.

Absent from the photo, managing partner, Ivy Wang, and partners Kitty Lee and Ekin Lin.



▼ Sunstrum's Florist Easter Donation

Ten years and counting!



For the past nine years during the entire week of Easter including Easter Sunday, Sunstrum's donates the proceeds from all deliveries to the GNGH Foundation. Volunteers dressed in bunny suits travel with the drivers to deliver flowers, hand out Easter eggs and solicit additional donations. Thanks to Sunstrum's and their bunnies (and all who "tipped" the bunnies) the GNGH Foundation received a donation of \$1,526 following Easter week 2010.

Let's make this year the best yet!

Call Sunstrum's Florist from April 18th – April 23rd 905-354-3841

In photo – Dennis "The Bunny" Sunstrum



▲ Mick & Angelo's

Chef's Roberto Conversano and Andy Beaudoin of Mick & Angelo's preparing for the annual customer appreciation dinner held on December 24, 2010. Proceeds are donated to GNGH Foundation for equipment needs.

Thanks to Mick & Angelo's, Ralph Biamonte and their patrons for their generosity.



**Saturday
May 28, 2011**

Proceeds in support of local
Cancer Support Organizations
905-937-6298

www.rankincancerrun.com



OCTOBER 23, 2011 • BOSTON QUALIFIER

Walker Family Cancer Center Fundraising Program

The Niagara Falls International Marathon is proud to announce that its primary charity will be The Walker Family Cancer Center. Currently more than 6,700 Niagara residents are diagnosed with cancer each year; many of these patients must travel outside the region for cancer treatment that is not available in Niagara. The Walker Cancer Center will provide comprehensive cancer care, and 95 per cent of Niagara cancer patients will be able to receive their treatment right here in the region. The Niagara Falls International Marathon will support the state-of-the-art health-care complex "It's Our Time" Campaign, recognizing that our commitment will make a difference in the lives and future of our community.

Funds raised through the Niagara Falls International Marathon support the building of The Walker Cancer Center thereby enhancing patient care for those suffering from cancer. Your fundraising efforts ensure that whenever our cancer patients need us most we will be here to provide the very best care for them.

Help us continue this important work by asking friends and family to run and raise pledges with you. After you register, you can link to an online pledge form. Copy this link and send it to friends and family who wish to support you and help those fighting this dreadful disease. It is easy and it is for a great cause. Run in memory of or to honour a loved one — a family member, a friend, a colleague at work who has suffered from this terrible disease. Collect pledges or make a donation yourself or sponsor a participant — a charitable tax receipt will be issued to all donors.

All monies raised will go directly to the campaign to build the Walker Family Cancer Centre. Our goal is to bring cancer care and treatment closer to home for thousands of patients — with your help we will reach our goal. Thank you!

The Marathon course is a Boston Qualifier.

The Niagara Falls International Marathon starts by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo N.Y. The first 6.5km (4 miles) of the race travel the majestic parkways of Buffalo before crossing the Peace Bridge into the historic old town of Fort Erie, Ontario. The route then follows the beautiful Niagara River Parkway and finishes at the magnificent Niagara Falls.

It is the only marathon in the world that starts in one country and finishes in another. The course is considered flat and fast and has hosted two USA men's Olympic marathon trials in 1980 and again in 1984, along with the World Veteran's Games marathon in 1995.

For information and to register, go to www.niagarafallsmarathon.com

Niagara Falls Pilot Club Inc. welcomes you to....

Carnivale

Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon

Sunday, May 1st, 2011
Delphi Banquet Hall
Portage Rd.
1:00 pm
Tickets: \$40.00

Fashions by:
The Queen Muse
(Queen St.)

Proceeds Go Towards Purchase Of Wheelchairs For GNGH
Tickets Available From Members Of The Pilot Club
Or Call: 905-356-5049 or 905-354-4138

NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION EVENTS

in support of the
IT'S OUR TIME CAMPAIGN



April 3, 2011 • 11:30 – 4:30

Community Chefs Showcase Challenge

at Elements on the Falls Restaurant and Table Rock Grand Hall. Seven Niagara Falls Chefs will compete for the top spot! Enjoy Niagara wines and sample each Chef's creation, then vote for your favourite. Tickets are \$65 inclusive. To reserve, please call (905) 371-0919.

June 5, 2011

Annual Spring BBQ at Queenston Heights

Join the fun at Queenston Heights Restaurant Patio, high atop the Niagara Escarpment, at the foot of Brock's Monument. Cost \$30 Adults; \$18 children plus tax and gratuity. Space is limited.

August 28, 2011

Annual End of Summer BBQ at Queenston Heights

September 8, 2011

"It's Our Time" Charity Golf Tournament

at Legends on Niagara. Details to follow.

For more information check out

www.niagaraparks.com

EVENTS SUMMARY

Club Italia Pasta Dinner SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011 • NOON – 6:00 P.M.

Club Italia – Gnocchi & Meatballs, Salad and Dessert.

\$10.00, under 10 \$5.00, 3 & under free.

Sunstrums Easter Bunny Flower Deliveries APRIL 18 – 23RD

Contact Sunstrum's 905-354-3841 to have the "bunny" deliver your flowers. Proceeds to GNGH Foundation.

Pilot Club Fashion Show SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011 • 1:00 P.M.

Delphi Hall – \$40.00 per ticket. Contact 905-356-5049.

Proceeds used to purchase wheelchairs at GNGH.

The Rankin Cancer Run MAY 28TH, 2011

www.rankincancerrun.com or 905-937-6295.

Niagara Motorcycle Ride for Dad MAY 29TH, 2011

Queenston Heights. www.motorcycleridefordad.org for more information and to download a pledge form.

Eric's Tent Event SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011

Come and support your local health care system with an afternoon/evening filled with Magic, Excitement, Thrills, Great Food and Terrific Music. Featuring Danny ZZZZ (hypnotist, mentalist, illusionist, magician, entertainer) & Niagara Helicopters for a ride over the new Walker Family Cancer Center. Call 905-358-4900 for more information.

Club Italia Golf Tournament SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011

Papa Nick's Bakery & Caffeateria

"All About Alio" fundraiser SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011

The day is being dedicated in memory of Alio Stirpe, who was a proud owner of Papa Nick's Bakery. ALL proceeds from sales and activities being donated to the Walker Family Cancer Centre. The goal is to raise \$10,000. Please join Debbie Bessey-Stirpe and her dedicated staff in their fundraising efforts. Call 905 358-4655.

Conservatory of Music Concert JULY 16, 2011

Held again this year at Fireman's Park. More information 905-356-3491.

Pink Ladies Golf Tournament WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

Rolling Meadows Golf Club. Contact 905-374-1205 to register your team.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

Join hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts for a parade through the city followed by a scenic country poker tour.

Motorcycle Ride For Dad events take place in every province and territory, for a complete listing go to: www.MotorcycleRideForDad.org

"Fighting Prostate Cancer with the new Walker Family Cancer Centre in St Catharines".

Net proceeds from the MRFD go to Research and Awareness. The Awareness portion of the proceeds are managed by the MRFD.

First 350 riders to register get a **FREE BBQ Lunch and a gift.**

LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

Registration and Donation forms at: www.MotorCycleRideForDad.org

JOIN THE FIGHT 2011 AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER

Media Kickoff Launch
April 27, 2011
110 James Street, St Catharines

RIDE DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

LOCATION:
QUEENSTON HEIGHTS,
NIAGARA PARKWAY, QUEENSTON, ON

REGISTRATION: 7:30-8:45 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES: 8:30 AM

RIDE DEPARTS: 9:00 AM SHARP

Contact Information – mfdniagara@gmail.com

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The "Ladies in Pink" continue their efforts to raise money for our local hospital. At the February Luncheon held on Tuesday the 15th the GNGH Auxiliary presented a cheque to the Foundation for \$100,000 representing the first instalment on their \$500,000 pledge to the It's Our Time Campaign.

Since September 2010, special fundraising events resulted in the following:

- Tag Day in September \$2200;
- Bake Sale in December \$620;
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In November, two auxiliaries, Emily James and Connie Siebel were presented with Provincial Life Membership awards for their many years of dedicated service and leadership. Congratulations Emily and Connie!!

Don't forget to register your team for the "Pink Ladies" golf tournament being held this year on August 3, 2011 at Rolling Meadows Golf Club. Contact GNGH Foundation for more information. 905-358-4900



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