



KEEPING THE **BEAT**

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Delta Hospital Foundation is dedicated to ensuring the best health care possible for our community. Since 1988, the Foundation has provided over \$22M towards updating medical equipment and facilities at Delta Hospital.

MISSION We raise money to provide the best health care at Delta Hospital.

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Delta Hospital FOUNDATION
Building for life

Pat Swenson Shares in a Gift

Driving down River Road West in Ladner, you are quickly reminded of the farming that still exists in this community. This is something we tend to forget when going about our daily lives. Situated within all these farms is Pat Swenson's home. The Swenson family arrived here almost 125 years ago and they have remained in the area since, as farmers, as a part of this community and as a family.

In the early 1970s, while Pat's six children were in school, she was inspired by her friends to begin volunteering with various organiza-

tions within the community. Her connection to the Delta Hospital began while it was still in its dreaming process. The community was petitioning for the hospital, and it seemed like everyone was getting involved.

The Farmer's Institute had donated land for the site, and a group of women – dressed in blue – gave their time and raised both awareness and funds for their hospital: "Many of the women involved organized bake sales, rallies and other ways to fundraise; I connected with the women at the thrift store. We just wanted to make this hospital work".

Pat joined these women in blue, the Delta Hospital Auxiliary Society, as a way to lend a hand to her friends, help them raise awareness, but it quickly grew into building a hospital for her community. "I got involved with the hospital when it was still a dream, before there were walls, and doctors and patients. We wanted somewhere closer to home that I could drive to, for my family to get to quickly".

Nearly forty years later, and forty years with the Auxiliary Thrift Shop, her connection to the hospital is as humble as it was when she started. Pat was inspired by friends to commit to Delta, and in her opinion this commitment is no more than anyone else's: "So many people have donated their time to Delta Hospital. The hospital had grown with me and it's grown for my family." The growth of the hospital and the new CT scanner has now helped Pat when her family needed it most. "One of my family members needed a CT scan recently and it was done only days after being ordered. I'm so thankful this equipment is so close to our home".

In the past, Pat and her husband Don generously donated their time to Delta Hospital. Today, Pat has the opportunity to make a greater impact than she ever thought possible. Pat's daughter Burnie suggested that she make a Gift of Securities to Delta Hospital and further that relationship that began forty years ago. By giving a gift of securities she was able to maximize the value of her donation. The contribution she made will help future generations of Delta families – even those families who still farm at the far end of River Road West.

With her gift, Pat's relationship with her hospital will continue well into the future: "The hospital is the most important thing that has happened to Delta. There were a lot of families who struggled to get and keep it. I can get there quickly and it's there when I need it most".



Pat Swenson

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LOIS WILKINSON
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What's news at Delta Hospital

All of the great things happening at Delta Hospital are only possible through the wonderful support of all of our contributors, whether that contribution is through time, talent or treasure.

At our Annual General Meeting in September, we took time to look toward future opportunities. We are partnering with Fraser Health on the creation of a Master Site Plan for Delta Hospital. This plan will provide direction to the programs and services of our hospital as well as the foundation to plan for our future with confidence through a three, to twenty year projection of requirements throughout the Fraser Health region.

This fall we said good-bye to two long-serving directors; Bruce Warren and Eileen Campbell. Their experience, patience and insight were invaluable to the foundation and we sincerely thank them for the time they have invested in making Delta Hospital the 'jewel' that it is. At the same time, we are also pleased to welcome two new directors to the board; Laura Cassidy and Don Sangster. We look forward to their insights and ideas for improving healthcare in Delta.

When I visit Delta Hospital, I am reminded of the committed and enthusiastic medical team who touch the lives of patients and their families in such a positive way. By making a gift to Delta Hospital Foundation, you provide our medical staff with tools and space to do the best job possible. You are making a difference at Delta Hospital. Your giving spirit truly makes this a wonderful community hospital and we thank you.

STACEY BOYDA
INDIVIDUAL GIVING MANAGER



Giving a Gift of Securities

Making a gift of publicly traded securities to the Delta Hospital Foundation is one of the most tax effective ways you can give. When you make a gift of securities to the Foundation you will not have to pay any tax on your capital gain. You also receive a tax receipt for the fair market value of your shares which help you to reduce the tax on other income. If you were to sell your shares first and then donate cash, 50% of the capital gain is taxable. When you consider making a gift of securities instead of cash, you might be able to

make a larger gift than you thought possible. You should always consult with your financial advisors when considering making a gift of securities to discuss your personal circumstances. Once you have decided to make a gift of publicly traded securities we can help you with the process and answer any questions. Please contact Stacey Boyda at 604-940-9695 about making a gift to support the Delta Hospital Foundation.

Robert T. Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Awarded

For the first time, the Delta Hospital Foundation has awarded the Robert T. Reynolds Memorial Awards to two recipients. Jason Speidel from Delta Secondary and Esther Tung from Seaquam Secondary both received \$500 towards a post-secondary education at a ceremony attended by Mrs. Georgina Reynolds, wife of the late Robert T. Reynolds.

Speidel has been a volunteer at the Delta Hospital ECU since 2007 and volunteers with Ladner Boys Soccer and BC Special Olympics. Other activities include running the Coffee Corner Cafe for the Delta Arts Council and working with the Fraser Valley Gleaners. Speidel also maintained a 99% grade average and will enter UBC this fall to study engineering.

Tung has a 98% average and has organized school events such as the CIBC Run for the Cure. She is a leader on the Youth Advisory Council, Seaquam's Solution Society, and played a major role in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. Tung will enter the School of Human Kinetics at UBC to achieving her career choice as a physical/occupational therapist.

Robert T. Reynolds, one of Delta Hospital Centennial Society's first Chairmen, dedicated much of his time and energy towards obtaining a hospital for Delta. His 'call to arms' in 1976 for the residents of Delta to join the Society, along with his dedication and perseverance in the face of many obstacles were major factors in Delta Hospital becoming a reality.

The scholarship is open to grade 12 students in Delta who intend to undertake post-secondary education. An applicant's success is measured on their participation in extra-curricular activities, community volunteerism and academic achievement.



Mrs. Georgina Reynolds with Jason Speidel and Esther Tung

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ALBERT EINSTEIN 1879-1955

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12TH ANNUAL

Moonlight Gala a Success!



Sarah Toigo, 2010 Moonlight Gala Chair; Jackson Davies, 2010 Event MC; Lois Wilkinson, Delta Hospital Foundation Chair

Over 225 guests at the Delta Hospital Foundation's 12th annual Moonlight Gala, September 25, took to the skies raising \$250,000 for the foundation's First Class Night themed event.

Arriving guests got the 'first-class' treatment as they were welcomed aboard by representative from around the world. The theme encouraged guests to savour culinary flavours from all over the globe in an elegant cocktail reception and dinner. The international transformation of Alpha Aviation's 15,000 square foot facility gave a spectacular feeling of globetrotting as guests walked about the Shanghai lounge viewing over 95 silent auction items as well as a live auction.

The foundation's executive director, Teresa Cooper, said that since the Gala, an anonymous donor has been generous enough to top up the moneys raised to a total of \$250,000 from the night's proceeds of over \$220,000.

Local actor Jackson Davies was master of ceremonies for the night, entertaining everyone with his unique brand of humor. He noted Delta as an extremely caring community that recognizes the importance of such causes as the hospital.

The excitement of the evening hit its highest altitude with the presentation of the cheque to the foundation chair, Lois Wilkinson, by the ecstatic gala chair, Sarah Toigo.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of the evening," said Toigo. "We reached our goal. Delta is a very lucky community to have such dedicated volunteers and residents who make these events so successful."



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Kathy O'Connor Shares her Delta Hospital Story

When I moved to South Delta, I was nervous about finding a GP doctor who treated me excellently as my doctor in Ontario. Thankfully, I was introduced to Dr. Ruth Turnbull, GP. When I first met Dr. Turnbull, I was immediately put at ease and impressed with how she interacted with me. Over the years she has proven her clinical skills, compassionate care, advocacy, and patient centred interaction both for my short and long term medical needs. These qualities, in my opinion, make her one of the top GPs in the province. Delta should be very proud to have such a dedicated and skilled physician working for them, both at the hospital and in the community.

Even though I have since moved to White Rock, I still continue my treatment as an out-patient and have become very acquainted with Delta Hospital. This includes routine tests, day surgeries, ER visits, and other treatment.

People always ask me, "Why do you still drive to Delta Hospital when you live in White Rock?" To me the answer is simple, I trust Delta Hospital. This trust has been built by knowing Dr. Turnbull is on staff, my multiple



Dr. Ruth Turnbull and Kathy O'Connor

positive experiences, and interactions with a variety of staff in different departments. I have observed that the medical care given is as personal and timely for young children as it is for the elderly – which is not always the case in larger hospitals. Regardless of hospital size, I believe that all healthcare professionals can take the time, even briefly, to interact with all patients to provide an update or information. This is definitely done at Delta Hospital, and in a detailed personal manner from the pro-

fessional to the patient.

I believe the Delta Hospital Foundation has a strong voice in the community and will continue to raise awareness for the strength of the hospital and its overall needs. The quality of healthcare that Delta Hospital provides to the members of the community and beyond should not be underestimated. The many corporate and individual donors who contribute to the Foundation are much appreciated, especially by this patient, for their confidence in Delta Hospital and what it provides for the community. These donors give much needed fundraising dollars to the hospital for needed services, particularly in this time of financial restraints in healthcare across BC.

I will continue to access any medical care when needed that can be provided at Delta Hospital. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and admiration for all the excellent care I have received by every person I have come in contact with at the hospital. For a small hospital, Delta is certainly a prime example of what all hospitals should strive for on a daily basis.



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In memory of the late **Lorraine Guichon**, the **Guichon grandchildren** held a roadside corn and potato sale raising **\$2600** for Delta Hospital



Joanne & Kevin Husband, Betty Husband, Bill Husband and Sarah Garnham of Emma Lea Farms on Westham Island raised **\$3200** for Delta Hospital with **\$1000** dedicated to Residential Care



Linda Edwards, manager of Doghouse Celtic Band, presents **Teresa Cooper** with **\$1000** which was raised at a recent concert



Rotary Club of Ladner president **Guillermo Bustos** and past-president **Lynn Cameron** recently presented **\$8,000** to **Bev Matushewski** and **Stacey Boyda** for the Wander Guard system in the residential care unit