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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Steve Shannon

Over the past year, my messages here have served to update you about the hospital, the Foundation and the impact of COVID on both.

Unfortunately, there's a time difference between writing the message and the magazine being distributed. Coupled with how fast things change during the pandemic, quite often the information I'm presenting is already dated.

I can only hope that, as you're reading this, the number of people infected with COVID in our province is decreasing because vaccinations are working to slow the spread and save lives.

I also hope that the last few months meant the hospital continued to function as normally as possible – delivering procedures and services that change and improve lives for patients.

My hope comes because the Foundation is in the midst of a major campaign, Making the O.R. a PriORity. It's crucial because there are thousands of people every year who rely on the hospital for healing, recovery and even life-saving procedures.

The past year has proven just how dedicated medical staff are to doing their jobs, including job number one for them – the improved health of patients. You can show your support for these great and dedicated people by ensuring

they have the right tools to do what they love to do.

Making the O.R. a PriORity is a \$3.7 million initiative that will ensure the Operating Room at Saskatoon City Hospital has the best, the latest and the safest equipment.

Everyone deserves a good night's sleep, which is why we're also asking for your help to support the hospital's Sleep Disorders Centre. The centre treats thousands of patients for sleep disorders such as snoring, restless leg syndrome, and sleep apnea. Some can be diagnosed through home studies but many require deeper studies

which involve overnight hospital stays. Your support will help purchase six transcutaneous oxygen monitors and six bariatric beds for the centre.

Having this equipment in every room of the centre optimizes and expedites treatment for patients, especially those with urgent needs.

There are many ways to donate – if our offices have re-opened, you can visit us in person or call 306-655-8489. The most convenient way, though, is at the Foundation website, SCHFgo.com.

Thank you for doing so much for staff and especially patients! ☐



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## HOW YOU HELPED

Fluoroscopy suite, fridge, automated dispensing among items purchased



Thanks to you the last two major initiatives of the Foundation, both launched in autumn of 2018, have come to fruition this past fall and early winter. Saskatoon City Hospital is now home to an upgraded fluoroscopy suite and a brand new automated medication dispensing system.

For thousands of patients, their journey at Saskatoon City Hospital begins with a visit to the **Medical Imaging** department. Medical imaging – such as x-rays, MRIs, CT scans, and ultrasound – plays an important and crucial role in diagnosis and treatment.

As technology changes, so does medical imaging – results are sharper and processing is faster, leading to clearer decisions for more effective treatments. You decided to support this initiative and help upgrade the hospital's fluoroscopy capabilities. Fluoroscopy is

an imaging procedure that often uses a contrasting media – a liquid that can be seen with x-rays – when capturing live images.

Many people will know the fluoroscopy suite at the hospital for barium swallows, which are essential when looking at malformations of the esophagus and stomach, and even in cancer detection. The technology is also used to help patients with difficulty breathing or swallowing.

In addition to fluoroscopic x-rays, the room and equipment are used for many other procedures, including nephrostomy tube and PICC line insertions, joint injections, numerous obstetric procedures that benefit women with fertility challenges, uterine defects, endometriosis issues, and fallopian tube malformations; and in urodynamic studies to determine

causes of bladder control issues. As part of this initiative, you also helped purchase a new portable x-ray unit for the hospital. Used at bedside and mainly for patients with mobility issues, the unit has clearer imaging and is safer for patients and staff because it requires less radiation.

The new unit has been in use at the hospital for almost two years; the fluoroscopy suite was upgraded shortly before Christmas and staff began training early in the new year.

Thanks to donors like you, Saskatoon City Hospital is now home to an extensive **automated medication dispensing** system. The equipment arrived in early September, with installation and staff training completed by the end of October.

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Larger more complex units are found in locations such as the Emergency Department and the Operating Room while smaller units will be used in less busy units and even at bedside in procedure rooms.

The current standard in medication dispensing, the units are secure machines with several drawers containing medications. They're preloaded by **Pharmacy** technicians based on departmental needs. Staff, such as nurses, enter personal access codes with patient information and the unit pops open the drawer that the requested medication is stored in.

The system has several benefits. Being preloaded and on wards means patients have faster access to needed pharmaceuticals. The system also helps remove human error, ensuring patients aren't mistakenly given extra doses of



medication, medications they may be allergic to, or the wrong medication.

Like so many, professionals in the hospital's **Central Therapies** department wanted to do their best to limit movement and contact during the pandemic. Hoping to encourage staff to stay in the department for their entire shift, but finding the staff room fridge too small and inadequate for their needs, they asked Saskatoon City Hospital

Foundation to purchase a new one. It was an easy yes and staff in the department are now enjoying a new fridge and freezer, which they also use for long-stay patients undergoing occupational therapy.

The Central Therapies department at Saskatoon City Hospital is staffed by professionals such as occupational, physical and recreational therapists, who offer a wide range of services and treatments for numerous patients. □



## HOW YOU HELPED

### Hospital welcomes new geriatricians

When Dr. Megan Surkan and Dr. Krista Lagimodiere began working at Saskatoon City Hospital last October, they effectively tripled the number of Fellowship-trained geriatricians working in Saskatoon, while doubling that number for the province.

That was one of the reasons doctors in this field were emphasized when the Foundation's Fellowship/Residency initiative was launched in 2018.

The province's demographic trends towards those needing this kind of care as does Saskatoon City Hospital with departments such as the Convalescent Unit, the Transitional Care Unit, and Geriatric Evaluation and Management Services (GEM).

It was the latter department where Dr. Lagimodiere and Dr. Surkan began their careers at the hospital. The two completed Fellowship training in June – Dr. Lagimodiere at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver and Dr. Surkan at the University of Alberta (U of A) in Edmonton – and relocated back to Saskatoon in August.

It's not the first time their career paths have crossed. They first met while studying medicine and completing their internal medicine residencies at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Lagimodiere, who was born and raised in Saskatoon, chose the two-year program at UBC mainly because Saskatchewan didn't have a Fellowship program in geriatrics. "I was also ready to see what other places had



***Dr. Krista Lagimodiere and Dr. Megan Surkan are Fellowship trained geriatricians recruited to work at Saskatoon City Hospital. Their training was funded by the Foundation's Fellowship/Residency Training Program.***

to offer and was really grateful for the opportunity. It was a great program and I had a lot of great mentors.

"I always had the idea that I'd come back to Saskatchewan," she adds. "I have a lot of family and friends here and so does my husband. I never knew if there'd be funding for this but the stars aligned and it worked out for both Megan [Dr. Surkan] and myself."

"For me, it was personal reasons but also for academic reasons," Dr. Lagimodiere notes. "Internal medicine residency was when I was first introduced to geriatric medicine. I appreciated the holistic approach to care, and working on a team.

"But what really drove me to it was how you get to know the person on a deeper level and what really matters to them.

It's very person-centred," she continues. "It's also very challenging. Older adults present differently than younger adults. So, it's like being a detective and that's very rewarding."

Both the doctors also had personal experiences which planted the seed for their current careers.

"My grandparents always had a strong presence in my life," Dr. Lagimodiere says. "One of my grandmothers emigrated from Greece and is a very strong matriarch of my family. She is an inspiration and a big reason why I gravitated to this specialty. My paternal grandparents were very supportive and instrumental in my upbringing as well."

"I was drawn to the person-centred approach as well," says Dr. Surkan, noting her family experiences were a



motivation as well. “As Krista says, it’s more holistic. You get to know patients and their families and I feel it’s a better way to do medicine.”

From Prince Albert originally, Dr. Surkan says her road to Edmonton made sense. “My partner was doing ICU training there and it just worked out. We were able to finish at the same time and come back to Saskatchewan.”

She went through 12 years of school to get to this point in her career; Dr. Lagimodiere’s educational path has spanned 11 years.

“We were in the same med school class,” Dr. Surkan says of her classmate now turned colleague.

Both physicians had reached out to the university and the Saskatchewan Health Authority prior to their Fellowship training to express their interest in returning to Saskatchewan.

While the Fellowship/Residency program offers funding before young



*Proceeds from the EY Black Tie Bingo and other donors support Fellowship programs at SCH.*

doctors leave, the decision to apply it retroactively made great sense.

“We’re still working on the logistics of what specifically our work will look like at City Hospital,” Dr. Lagimodiere says. “For now, we’re falling under the umbrella of the GEM program but that will evolve we imagine.”

Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) Services sees patients age 65 years and older through a variety of different program initiatives.

Comprehensive geriatric assessment includes assessment and treatment of complicated medical issues, physical movement, cognitive ability, functional ability, the environment, social supports, mental health and medication issues.

The doctors will fit well into the interdisciplinary team, which also sees a psychiatrist, a nurse practitioner, nurses with geriatric training, occupational, recreational and, physical therapists, social workers, a pharmacist, a dietitian and speech language pathologist. □

## THANK YOU...

Thank you to all **EY Black Tie Bingo** sponsors, donors and ticket purchasers. Because of your support for the Foundation’s Fellowship/Residency Training Program, Saskatoon City Hospital has three more highly trained physicians:

**Dr. Gabriela Campos-Baniak** returned from Dalhousie University and is using her skills as a glaucoma specialist/surgeon at the Eye Care Centre.

**Dr. Krista Lagimodiere and Dr. Megan Surkan** have returned from Fellowship training in Vancouver and Edmonton and are just the third and fourth Fellowship trained geriatricians in Saskatchewan.

Attracting and hiring these new specialists has been made possible because of you and your wonderful support! The Foundation especially thanks the following donors for their contributions to the EY Black Tie Bingo:

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## MAKING THE O.R. A PRIORITY

Operating Room at SCH sees backlog from pandemic

When making preparations for the worst case scenario during the pandemic last spring, most elective and non-urgent surgeries at Saskatoon City Hospital were postponed. As normalcy returned and procedures resumed last fall, there naturally was a backlog.

“The Operating Room at the hospital was already a busy place, with 12,000 procedures every year,” says Foundation CEO Steve Shannon. “We expect it to be even busier as the hospital and staff try to catch up.”

Procedures performed in the O.R. include gynecology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, cystoscopy, urology, and cancer related surgeries.

Because of this, it's very probable that you know someone anxiously waiting for an operation at Saskatoon City Hospital. It could be your parent needing their vision corrected, an uncle or aunt waiting for a new hip, or even a friend with painful kidney stones.

This is why the Foundation's Making the O.R. a PriORity Campaign is so crucial, Shannon says. “The campaign was launched because of both how busy and how vital the Operating Room at Saskatoon City Hospital is. Now, with this backlog, it will be even busier and more vital. So, it's even more important to ensure that the O.R. has the best, latest and safest equipment.”

A heavy volume of procedures and heavy use of equipment means equipment will wear out or break down faster. Much of this was previously identified as end of life, meaning they




can't be repaired and aren't supported by their manufacturers.

“Replacement is the only option, especially for pieces that are critical need. It's important to replace and upgrade to ensure the flow of procedures is maintained,” says Terri Nixey, manager of the Operating Room.

Major items in need of replacement include a surgical table with fluoroscopy capabilities in the cystoscopy suite, a microscope for ophthalmology procedures, and two steam sterilizers (autoclaves) in the hospital's Medical Device Reprocessing Department.

The campaign, when launched in spring 2020, received a great boost, Shannon says. “Friends of the hospital, Irene and Leslie Dubé also saw the O.R. as a priority. They lovingly pledged \$1 million to get it all going because they believe that the campaign is so important.”

To join the Dubés and many other donors, visit [SCHFgo.com](https://SCHFgo.com) and click 'Donate.' You can also donate in person at the Foundation office or at 306-655-8489 or toll free 1-800-603-4464. 





## LOCAL COMPANY CONNECTS FAMILIES

Westcap donates quarter million dollars to COVID-19 hospital fund

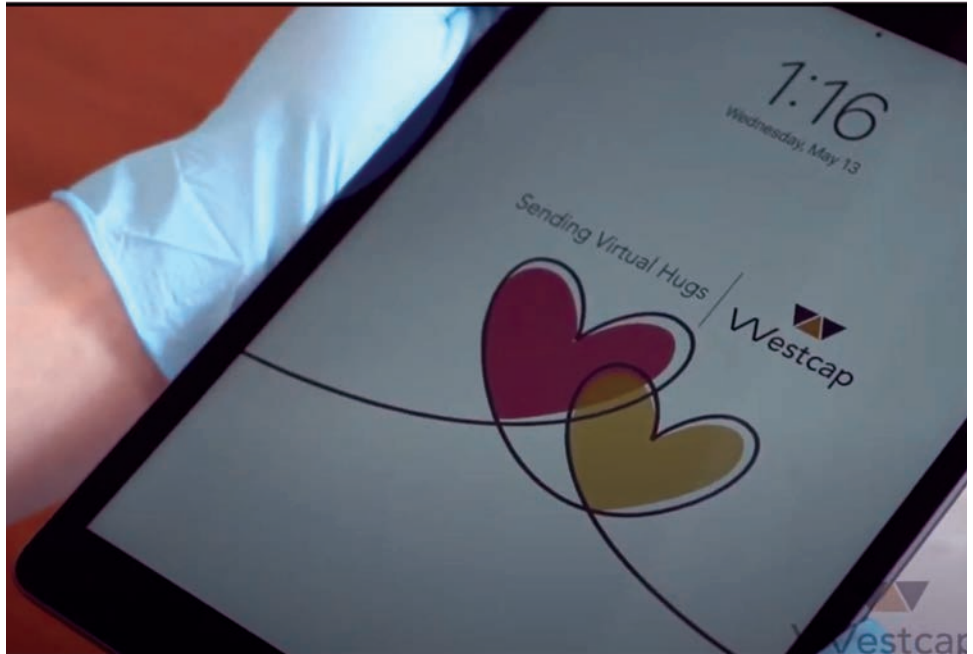
Residents in hundreds of Saskatchewan care facilities have been able to connect with loved ones through the pandemic, thanks to a generous donation from Saskatoon's Westcap Mgt.

In May 2020, the Saskatoon-based private equity and venture capital fund manager and its CEO, president and founder, Grant Kook, donated \$250,000 to the COVID-19 Hospital Fund, for the purchase of over 330 iPads to be distributed to 158 Saskatchewan public long-term care homes. Created by the four hospital foundations in Saskatoon, the COVID-19 Hospital Fund was established to meet emerging needs during the pandemic.

"Growing up with a dad who owned a Chinese restaurant, it was always the hub of the community and giving," Grant says of his motivation. "Because of that, Westcap Mgt. has always been a part of the giving community."

"During the first wave of COVID, we wanted to do something for the broader community. We considered many different ideas and started talking to the frontline workers at care facilities through which an important need was identified. The pandemic left many of our seniors isolated, lonely and disconnected from their families and friends. At such a difficult time, we wanted to help families stay connected and the iPads allow loved ones to spend time together virtually until they could reunite in person."

While Westcap initially considered a local gift, Grant says the number of care homes and their diverse populations led them to expand their goal. "We kept adding to the contribution and



*Westcap's Virtual Hugs donation saw more than 330 iPads distributed to 158 care facilities.*



eventually realized we just couldn't pick and choose. Our donation was large enough to ensure that more than 300 iPads got to all 158 public long-term care facilities across our province."

Westcap worked with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) IT staff and Jump.ca to determine logistics such as what type of iPads and what connections would work best.

"The technical teams at Jump.ca and the SHA deserve great credit for figuring this out and ensuring it happened. Frontline workers also played an important role, making sure iPads were cleaned according to protocol and that those using them, especially residents, were educated on how to do so."

When videos of residents using the iPads were shared, Grant realized exactly how meaningful the donation was. "We thought all along we were doing the right thing but it really hit home when we saw the response. We take technology for granted but this taught us how it's not always the norm. It was so humbling and emotional to see. I hope it inspires others to step up."

Some of the reactions were captured in a video, Virtual Hugs, that can be found in the news section of Westcap's website, [westcapmgt.ca](http://westcapmgt.ca).

Thank you, Westcap Mgt. and Grant Kook, for making such a difference! □

# HOW YOU CAN HELP: Sleep Disorders Centre needs beds and monitors

*Everyone deserves a good night's sleep. You can help people get that by supporting Saskatoon City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Centre. The centre needs six new transcutaneous monitors and six new bariatric beds to ensure all patients have a comfortable experience when staying at the hospital for overnight sleep studies.*





"The Sleep Disorders Centre is open five nights a week from Sunday to Thursday and all year round," reports project manager Holly Scott. "We see six patients every night and about 1500 patients every year."

The centre treats people with sleep disorders such as snoring, restless leg syndrome, and sleep apnea. While many patients are treated on an outpatient basis through home sleep studies, some require additional monitoring for overnight studies. The overnight studies are often performed for both diagnostic and treatment testing that is continuously monitored by a polysomnographic technologist. The data is collected and analysed by respiratory specialists to determine best treatments the next morning.

Scott says many patients are considered urgent cases and include people with respiratory conditions as well as those in critical safety occupations such as truck driving or heavy machine operation, for whom proper sleep is essential. "For these patients, we follow Canadian Thoracic Society recommendations and try to see them for an overnight sleep study within two weeks of referral."

Overnight sleep studies were suspended during the height of the pandemic, she adds. "In early fall, we had a waiting list of 400 patients with 30 per cent considered urgent. Instead of two weeks, it was taking two to three months to get these patients in."

Because sleep disorders are connected to other serious mental and health issues such as heart disease, this waiting list is detrimental and even dangerous to many patients who are requiring sleep studies.

Scott says the state of equipment in the centre at the hospital also has an effect



*Photos courtesy of Saskatchewan Lung Association/by Amy Thorp Photography.*

on when and how soon patients are treated. "We have six rooms but only two transcutaneous oxygen monitors, necessary for many of our urgent patients and especially those with respiratory conditions. So, we can only have two acute patients a night."

"There are also times when we don't know a patient's full history and may only realize part of the way through the night that they'd benefit from the CO2 monitor. If that happens, we could normally unhook it from another patient but, because of COVID, we can't do that. That means patients who require the monitors aren't being accurately tested and may require retesting for a complete diagnostic test."

Having six new monitors – one in every room of the centre – means the centre could see many more acute patients and would never need to move a monitor or patient during the night.

The new monitors also have a technical advantage – an easy way to disconnect should a patient need to use the washroom during the night. "If this happens with the current monitors, they must be removed, cleaned and recalibrated before being hooked up again. This can take 20 minutes and

the patient is often having to wait, which reduces valuable sleep time we are trying to capture" Scott says.

Like the monitors, she says the centre and its patients will benefit from having new bariatric beds in every room. "These are hospital beds which improve comfort and inclusivity for larger or taller patients. Because they're wider, they're also helpful for patients who toss and turn a lot due to sleep issues. We want patients to feel as close to home as possible, so these beds will be better for all patients, but especially bariatric patients."

The centre currently brings in bariatric beds to accommodate patients, Scott explains. "But we may not know a patient requires this until they come into the clinic. It's uncomfortable to have the patient wait while we go get a bed from somewhere else. They're already nervous coming to the centre. By having a bariatric bed in every room, we won't ever need to do this. It makes every patient feel welcome".

If you want to help patients get a good night's sleep, donate at SCHFGO.com. You can also donate in person at the Foundation office or by calling 306-655-8489 or 1-800-603-4464. □

## LEO DUBÉ, 1930-2019

Wynyard native enjoyed long career in retail

Leo Dubé, who passed away at the age of 89 shortly before Christmas in 2019, left a gift for Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation of \$10,000.

He was survived by his four brothers – Leslie, Arnold, William and Alvin – numerous nieces, nephews and other family.

Born in 1930 and growing up on a farm near Wynyard, Leo attended Rushville country school until Grade 8 or 9, his brother Alvin (Al) Dubé says. “After that, he worked in lumber camps in Ontario but would return home in the summers to help on the farm.”

Leo briefly worked for the CPR before embarking on a retail career. “His first job was with the OK Economy in Wynyard. He moved to management and worked in Unity, Melville, Swift Current and eventually the Loblaws at the Golden Mile Plaza in Regina. At that time, it was the company’s biggest retail location.”

Al says Leo was again promoted, first to the company’s retail office in Regina and then to its provincial offices in Saskatoon. “He was involved in pricing and computer work and that saw him involved in the first UPC scanning operations at OK Economy and Loblaws stores in Saskatchewan.

“I think he was only 60 when he retired,” Al adds. “He’d bought a house in Saskatoon and decided to live there. He was there for a long time before moving to Preston Park.”

“Leo was involved in the Catholic church and was a lifetime member of the Knights of Colmbus.”



**Above: Leo Dubé in his days as a working professional.**

The younger sibling recalls that Leo was very involved in the Catholic Church and was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, serving in executive roles such as treasurer of his local council and as editor of the provincial newspaper.

“We lived about six blocks away when we were in Saskatoon and spent a lot of time visiting,” Al recalls, noting Leo never married and had no children.

“He was really big into gardening and enjoyed growing things like raspberries,



**Leo enjoying his retirement.**

cherries and crab apples as well as vegetables. He really enjoyed it and gave a lot away because he couldn’t eat all he grew.”

Donating to Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation as well as other hospitals and charities was just something he did, Alvin says. He can’t recall if Leo had any direct connections as a patient or otherwise with the hospital.

The Foundation is grateful to Leo Dubé for his thoughtful gift. □



## BERNADETTE WEINKAUF, 1952-2019

Afflicted with MS, PA woman advocated for disabled

Despite living with MS for 48 years, Bernadette “Bernie” Weinkauff was a dedicated worker for others with MS and for all people with physical challenges.

It’s no surprise that she showed this caring upon her passing, leaving \$22,000 for the Walter and Mary Hader MS Research Endowment. The endowment provides financial support for Saskatchewan graduate students in scientific research into the cause and cure of MS and other related central nervous system disorders.

Born and raised on a farm between Primate and Denzil as the youngest of 12 children, her siblings recalled how she loved to make mud pies and dress in her older sister’s clothes. Bernie excelled at sports, especially softball but also loved to dance and play cards.

She did all of this while attending to many chores on the farm. After school in Primate, Denzil and with Ursuline Sisters in Prelate, she went to secretarial school in Saskatoon.

It was there that she first experienced numbness in her limbs and stumbling. Under the recommendation of Dr. Johnsrude, her family doctor in Macklin, she spent four months in hospital in Saskatoon.

During this stay, she lost the use of her limbs and was diagnosed with MS. At first, she walked using hallway walls for support, then used hand crutches and eventually a walker.

“Bernadette served many years in various capacities for the MS Society, the Disabled Women’s Network, the local Transportation and Accessibility Council, and the Prince Albert YWCA board of directors.”

After returning to live with her parents in Macklin, she moved briefly to Saskatoon, before going to Prince Albert to work for the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. She lived with a cousin until a wheelchair became necessary, and in 1985, at the age of 33, moved into a senior’s home, which had a specialized suite for her.

Bernie persisted, driving a hand-controlled car and then a van with a lift, which she could get herself into. After many years, she eventually needed an electric wheelchair and depended on family or friends to drive her.

She also worked for others, serving many years in various capacities for the MS Society, the Disabled Women’s Network, the local Transportation and



***Bernie Weinkauff, was a dedicated worker for people with disabilities.***

Accessibility Council, and the Prince Albert YWCA board of directors. These roles enabled her to continually advocate for the disabled.

In her final years, she moved into Samaritan place, enjoying the comforts of home with the care she needed. She especially loved the chapel, the activities offered, and friendship of other residents, notably her aunt, Sister Clothilde.

Even after suffering a stroke at age 65, Bernie was able to attend her brother’s 60th wedding anniversary. Sadly, though, she passed away on January 4, 2019 at age 67.

The Foundation is thankful for the life of a caring person such as Bernadette Weinkauff and grateful for her kind gift. □

## FOUNDATION EVENTS ADAPT TO CHANGING TIMES

Continued success thanks to sponsors, donors and participants



If you're reading this before March 19, then you still have a chance to take part in the **EY Black Tie Bingo Shopping Experience**, March 15-19.

While the 2021 Bingo could not be held because of ongoing pandemic restrictions while it was being planned, the organizing committee decided to present some of the fun of the event. Titled the EY Black Tie Bingo Shopping Experience, it's a week-long opportunity to take part in an online auction and raffles for terrific prizes. Bid early and bid often to make sure you get the item you want!

You can learn more at [bit.ly/EYBTB\\_Shopping](https://bit.ly/EYBTB_Shopping) or [Facebook.com/BlackTieBingoSCHF](https://Facebook.com/BlackTieBingoSCHF).

It's a safe way to support the event during these times, with proceeds benefitting the Foundation's Fellowship/Residency Training program. To date, three physicians have taken advantage of training and returned to Saskatoon City Hospital with new skills. You can read about the hospital's newest geriatricians elsewhere in this issue.

Originally planned for early 2021, **Swinging with the Stars Saskatoon** will now happen later this year.

While, like the Bingo, organizers had made changes with participant safety in mind, tightened restrictions announced in November meant the planned date was no longer feasible.

Supporting the Making the O.R. a PriORity campaign, the 2021 Swinging with the Stars will still happen. It will be a stunning celebration of dance presented in the safest way possible. If you want to stay informed, follow at [Facebook.com/SWTSSaskatoon](https://Facebook.com/SWTSSaskatoon).



Kudos go to the Foundation's two holiday partners, the **Festival of Trees** and the **BHP Enchanted Forest**, for deciding to pivot during the COVID-19 pandemic and enjoying great success.

While the Western Development Museum was facing attendance restrictions, Festival of Trees organizers chose to host an online event that ran Nov. 22 to 28, with a special online 50/50 running until December 18.



Virtual attendees could go online and see the usual heart-warming array of holiday themed trees, wreaths, centrepieces and gingerbread houses, which were all on sale. Every one of the 50-plus items was sold by the end of the sales deadline on Nov. 28! Also sold out were video calls to Santa Claus, gingerbread cookies, and cookie activity kits. The 50/50 raised \$1590; the lucky winner took half.

While proceeds normally support the Foundation, this year's Festival was about maintaining its presence in the Christmas landscape. Organizers plan to return bigger and better in support of SCHF in 2021. You can find more information at [Festival-of-Trees.com](https://Festival-of-Trees.com) or follow its social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Another event that supported SCH Foundation's O.R. campaign (and the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation) was the **BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour**, which ran Nov. 20 to Jan. 9. Because the Blue Cross Light Walks attract thousands of attendees, it was decided, in the interest of the public safety, to cancel the walks for 2020-21.

That meant more nights for people to view the dazzling light displays from the safety and warmth of their vehicles. The blizzard prior to the Enchanted Forest's opening week meant the entire season was a snow-filled wonder.

Crowds were also touched by the Enchanted Forest's newest display, the Blue Cross Tunnel of Lights. The Tunnel was a heart-warming tribute to all essential services workers.

Running through the new year and past Ukrainian Christmas, the BHP Enchanted Forest drew 91,995 visitors!

Proceeds were unavailable but will be announced on social media. For



*Tickets for the Hospital Home Lottery, offering its largest grand prize ever, are on sale now.*

information about the 2021-22 event, visit [Enchanted-Forest.org](http://Enchanted-Forest.org).

Ongoing now is the **Hospital Home Lottery**. This spring, the lottery is giving away it's biggest grand prize yet – a stunning \$2.5 million home

by Decora Homes! Between this and the last two 50-50 Add-Ons surpassing one million dollars, it's more than likely this lottery is close to being sold out.

For details or to purchase tickets, visit [HospitalHomeLottery.org](http://HospitalHomeLottery.org).



*The newest display at the BHP Enchanted Forest Light Tour was the Blue Cross Tunnel of Lights, a stunning tribute to essential services workers in Saskatchewan.*

**Golfun**, in support of the Cameco MS Neuroscience Research Centre, will take place on Thursday, May 20th. For more information, follow the event at [Facebook.com/GolfunSCHF](https://Facebook.com/GolfunSCHF).

The 2021 **Ouzopalooza** will take place in October. More details will be announced in the next Well Aware.

*While the Foundation and organizers work hard to present all events, the pandemic has meant rules and restrictions may change without notice and may affect these events. To stay informed, check in frequently with the websites and social media pages of the events you enjoy. □*

## KAYE LECTURE GOES VIRTUAL

18th event moves online amidst pandemic

First presented in 2002, the annual Kaye Pediatric Ophthalmology Lecture responded to the pandemic by holding the event virtually.

The Kaye Lecture is the highlight of Saskatchewan Orthoptic Provincial Seminar, says Jocelyn Zurevinsky, an orthoptist in the Eye Care Centre and event organizer. "It started more than 30 years ago as a way for eye care health professionals to earn education credits. Every year we've expanded and especially so in 2002, when we added the Kaye Lecture."

The lecture's goal is to connect local professionals with renowned people in the field. In addition to the keynote address, the guest spends the day teaching and doing smaller lectures.

"We generally invite speakers a year in advance and had confirmed Dr. Erick Bothun in October 2019," Zurevinsky reports. Dr. Bothun is a pediatric ophthalmologist working with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. His work includes cataracts, Graves' disease, metabolic disorders, nystagmus and strabismus.

Zurevinsky adds that, "in April we received word that, due to the pandemic, Dr. Bothun wouldn't be able to travel to the event, which we usually hold in September. So, in May, we started letting people know the event would be virtual."



*Constance Kaye in her childhood.*

That was a boon for the lecture and seminar. "While we usually get local people or from Alberta and Manitoba, this year we had attendees from all over North America. We normally have 25 people for the Kaye Lecture and 15 for other events. This year we had 70 attendees the first day and 58 the second. Many weren't the same so I'd say we had more than 100 people."

Zurevinsky says the continued support from the endowment is a huge factor in the success. "That's why we're actually considering calling it the Kaye Family Learning Day. Our success really comes from being able to attract the key speaker so we want to make sure the Kaye family is given credit for that."

While the endowment is named the Ludwig & Olga & Constance Kaye



*The Kaye Pediatric Ophthalmology Lecture's 2020 guest speaker, Dr. Erick Bothun.*

Pediatric Ophthalmology Endowment, it was really inspired by Constance or Connie as her parents called her. Connie was born at Saskatoon City Hospital in 1951. At her birth she was diagnosed with Rubella Syndrome and had mental and physical deficits through her life. At just seven months old, she had cataract surgery and through her life was a frequent patient in the Eye Care Centre.

Impressed with the tremendous care she received, her parents created the endowment. Connie recognized its importance and, on her passing at age 60 in 2011, designated funds from her trust, leaving a gift in her will to the endowment.

The Kaye Pediatric Ophthalmology Endowment is truly a lasting family legacy that will continue to have a positive impact for years and years to come. □



## HARVEY CRAIG, 1924-2019

Long serving entomologist leaves generous gift for Foundation

Before Harvey Craig passed away in 2019, he chose to remember Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation in his will, bequeathing \$125,000.

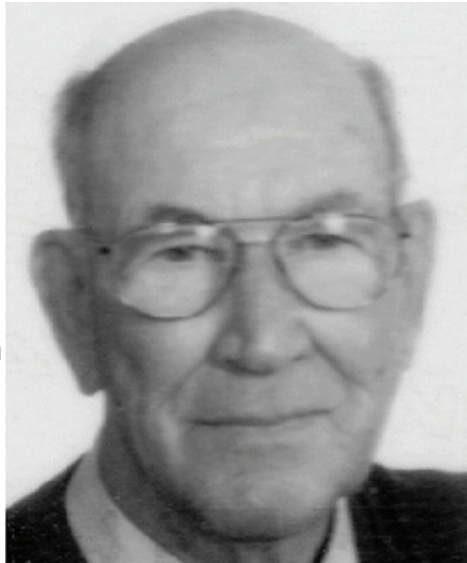
Charles Harvey Craig was born in Foam Lake in 1924 but his younger brother, Allan Craig, says “he went by Harvey throughout his life. I think it was because our dad’s twin brother was also named Charles.”

Eight years younger than Harvey, Allan says, “I wasn’t welcome to tag along with him, as you can imagine. But we always seemed to have a rapport, and were friendly brothers. We seemed to see eye-to-eye on many things particularly as adults.”

After Harvey graduated high school, he decided to enlist and joined the Canadian Navy just as World War II was occurring. “Harvey trained as a radio artificer and was responsible on-ship for radar and two-way radio communications. He sailed out of Halifax in the Atlantic for most of the war but ended the war in the Pacific, based in Esquimalt, BC.

“He was a quiet person, introspective, a thinker,” Allan adds. Harvey took advantage of returning veteran’s programs and went to the University of Saskatchewan. He majored in biology and received a B.A. in 1949. “That led him to the [Canadian] department of Agriculture that’s on campus.

“He spent his entire career with the government as an entomologist. His research centred on forage crop insect control with a view to increasing yield.”



*Harvey Craig in later years.*

Harvey retired in 1982, after 33 years of service, but remained active, especially as a golfer and curler. “We curled at the Granite Club and played at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club. We had a great rivalry but always had a good time,” Allan says.

Harvey was intensely involved in sports, eventually serving as

“They were great contributors because they saw it as their way to give back. Harvey decided to help hospitals and other charities. It was in his blood to be charitable.”



*Harvey and Isobel Craig.*

president of the Saskatchewan Curling Association and helping to publish a book on its history. He and Isobel, his wife of 61 years, loved travelling through curling but enjoyed many cruises and vacations to warmer destinations.

“After Isobel passed we had many discussions about his legacy,” Allan says. “They were great contributors to charities because they saw it as their way to give back. Harvey decided to help hospitals and other charities from his estate. It was in his blood to be charitable.”

Passing shortly before his 95th birthday, Allan says “He was insistent that he stay in the house he had built for as long as possible. That was his greatest wish so we’d arranged for home care that allowed him to do this. He passed away at home.”

The Foundation thanks Harvey for his enduring thoughts and bequest. □

## THANKING FRONTLINE WORKERS

A token of gratitude for all you do

The true heroes of the pandemic are the brave and dedicated frontline workers. These employees continued unquestionably to work every day.

Normally the Foundation treats staff to an annual pancake breakfast, serving 500 to 600 people. Safety protocols meant that was not possible to do so Foundation staffers put on their thinking and Santa caps and came up with another way to pay tribute.

On December 10, the Foundation greeted hospital employees with cheer, a few random give-aways and tasty gingerbread cookies, all safely and individually wrapped.

It was a small gesture but one that came from the hearts of the staff and on behalf of donors like you who respect their service.

Thank you for everything you do! 





## LIONS EYE BANK DONATES \$10,000

Service club supporting Eye Care Centre for nearly four decades

Established the same year as Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation, the Lions Eye Bank has a proud history of supporting eye care in Saskatchewan and at hospitals in both Regina and Saskatoon.

The Eye Bank's latest gift came last year when the Saskatchewan organization donated \$10,000 to help purchase a microkeratome for the hospital's Operating Room. The equipment is a critical part of corneal transplant surgeries.

"The Lions Eye Bank was once very involved in many aspects of eye health care, including things like corneal retrieval, corneal transport, and promoting organ donors," says its current provincial president, Garnet Davis. "That's evolved and we still work to promote organ donation but primarily we're now involved in equipment purchase. Over the years, we've donated more than a million dollars to eye care equipment in the province."



*The Lions Eye Bank has been active in Saskatchewan for 38 years.*

At Saskatoon City Hospital, the relationship has been enduring. Until recently, the Lions Eye Bank have maintained an office in the Eye Care Centre. Visitors and patients can see the Lions name on plaques throughout the centre, noting donations to purchase various equipment or sponsoring of professorships.

Overseen by a volunteer board of 18, Garnet says the Lions Eye Bank is funded through donations from individual clubs. "We'll have funds on hand to donate directly to pieces such as the microkeratome but, if there are larger requests, we'll send out a request to the clubs."

He says the Lions Eye Bank, an offshoot of Lions Clubs, operates around the world, responding to the needs of various jurisdictions and institutions. For example, they're more limited in Canada because of publicly funded health care but operate well in the model of Foundations serving to raise money for particular projects.

Lions Clubs also continue to be part of the strength of many rural communities, Garnet adds.

Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation thanks the Lions Eye Bank of Saskatchewan for this gift and for a lasting partnership. □

## IN MEMORIAM/ IN HONOUR

Donations were made from July 1 to Nov. 30, 2020 in memory of the following people:

Audrey Barry  
Margaret B. Beggs  
Connie Bews  
Merv Bodner  
Tom Bodner  
Helen Card  
Ed Diener  
James Duncan

Robert Evans  
Blanche Hurd  
Bill Insull  
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Owen Jenkin  
Peter Krawchuk  
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