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## \$185K needed to replace essential ultrasound machine

The ultrasound machine in the Diagnostic Imaging Department isn't a huge piece of machinery like the CT scanner and the MRI. Nor is it as expensive, however, it plays a vital role in our health care system.

An ultrasound uses high-frequency sound waves to capture live images of soft-tissue structures such as the liver, kidneys and other organs and parts of the body. It can also help detect blockages. Unlike an x-ray or a CT scan, it does so without using ionizing radiation.

The ultrasound in Diagnostic Imaging is



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*Technicians (L-R) Jessica Trask, Brenda Robichaud and Ginette Levesque are looking forward to replacing the 14-year-old machine.*

14 years old and is nearing its end of life.

The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation (YHF) has earmarked fundraising for its replacement as a major goal of the 2018 Spring Gala, the Jody Shelley Golf Fore Health and the Spring/

Summer appeal. The Gala raised \$56,000 towards the cost.

"We're off to a great start," says Foundation chair Don Cook, "but we still have to raise another \$129,000 to fulfil our pledge to fund the new machine."

### Did you know?

#### *New theme, new date*

The 2019 Spring Gala will be held at the Mariners Centre the last Saturday in May — the 25th — instead of the traditional last Saturday in April. The theme is Bollywood.

### Coming events

**Jody Shelley Golf Fore Health** will be held Friday, July 13 at River Hills Golf and Country Club. Platinum sponsor is Pam & Keith Condon.

**Hospital Hullabaloo**, the largest yard sale in the Tri-Counties, will run at the Mariners Centre Saturday, Sept. 22. The event also includes live, silent and Dutch auctions, bake and food sale.

## Nursing scholarship winners

The annual selection of winners is always a special time for the members of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's scholarship committee, says its chair Greg Barro.

"As a committee, we enjoy the interviews and are always impressed with the

candidates for the three scholarships awarded to students enrolled in the Dalhousie School of Nursing, Yarmouth site," Barro says.

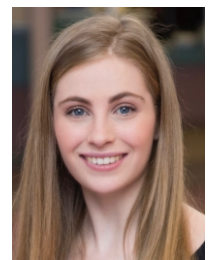
"This year's winners are impressive young people who surely will do credit to their chosen profession," he adds.



**Leanne Goodick**  
*David R. Hall Scholarship*



**Ian Bullerwell**  
*Parkash Scholarship*



**Barbara Webster**  
*YHF Scholarship*

*"I have found that, among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." — Maya Angelou*



## Radiothon raises record \$105K for mat/child unit

When the call goes out, the community steps up.

The 2nd annual WE CARE Radiothon, sponsored by Y95-CJLS, raised more than \$105,000 to purchase two pieces of vital equipment for the Maternal/Child Unit at Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

They will replace a portable ultrasound and a radiant infant warmer, both past their prime.

"We more than doubled our target of \$50,000," says Radiothon Chair Jeff Little. "That covers the cost of both pieces of equipment, and leaves some to spend in other areas of greatest need."

"We had a great team and fantastic support from our sponsors and the hundreds of people from across the Tri-Counties who phoned in, walked in or donated online to support our regional hospital," Jeff says.



*Lucy Melanson, with Hector LeBlanc and Emile Dugas, presented a cheque for \$25,000 to YHF Managing Director Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, Clare Legion Branch 52, to kick off fundraising for the new urology program.*

## Urology program launched

No more making the long drive to Kentville for people needing the services of urologists.

Since January, three urology surgeons based at Valley Regional Hospital — Drs. Trevor Butler, J.P. McCarthy and Bruce Palmer — have been coming to Yarmouth Regional Hospital three days a month to serve patients.

The program was launched with the

support of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, which committed to raising the entire \$107,000 cost.

Some medical equipment was already in place at Yarmouth, but more specialized pieces were needed in order to launch the program.

That's when the former Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 in Clare, stepped in to help with

a cheque for \$25,000.

"Everyone was in agreement to support a program that will help veterans and civilians by reducing the need to travel for health care," says Emile Dugas, Chair, Clare Veterans Association. "It's the right thing to do."

About 40% of the people on the waitlist for urology procedures in Kentville are from Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties.

### Ways to give

- Donate by cheque, credit card or online
- Set up a monthly donation.
- Leave a bequest.
- Make a memorial donation.

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### Donna's smile lingers on

The first thing you noticed about Donna Kitter-Lloy was her smile. The second was her wonderful warm speaking voice.

Donna, the Women's Auxiliary representative on the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation for eight years, passed away March 20.

This issue of *To Your Health* is dedicated to Donna, who will be forever remembered for her unwavering dedication to the work of the Women's Auxiliary and Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

