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Dr. William Paulick, chief of radiology at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, was part of the team that helped convince the province to locate an MRI in Yarmouth.

The main reason for magnetic resonance imaging is that it provides a diagnosis in many cases where there is no substitute

An MRI is a non-invasive, painless and safe procedure. It can help diagnose medical conditions that are difficult to detect such as Multiple Sclerosis, slipped disks and disk, shoulder and knee problems.

The images captured by an MRI become part of the Picture Archiving and Communications System. Once in the system, the information can easily be shared with other healthcare professionals across the province

-Dr. William Paulick

MRI CAMPAIGN ENJOYS QUICK START THANKS TO WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The launch of the MRI campaign began on March 21st with a healthy injection of cash thanks to a \$250,000 donation from the Yarmouth Regional Hospital's biggest supporter.

"The Women's Auxiliary has once again shown its leadership in supporting healthcare in our area by stepping up as our lead donor to launch the MRI campaign," says Yarmouth Hospital Foundation chair David Arenburg.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital came forward with one-third of the \$750,000 to be raised locally to bring the MRI to the hospital.

"Their support of our hospital is legendary, having raised over \$3 million for the hospital since their formation in 1907," says campaign fundraising chair Mark Muise.

"The Women's Auxiliary of Yarmouth Hospital is not only pleased but proud that through our work we have been able to raise this much money to start the campaign to purchase an MRI for the Yarmouth Hospital," says Ann Robicheau, Women's Auxiliary president.

Through its volunteer work and commitments, the auxiliary has a long history of contributions to the hospital including raising \$1 million for the redevelopment of the hospital in the 1990s.

"It's a fact that the Yarmouth Regional Hospital facility would not be what it is today without the Women's Auxiliary," says Mr. Arenburg.

Last December, the province announced Yarmouth Regional Hospital would be one of four sites to receive a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine. The funding for the equipment will be divided 75/25 between the government and the community.

The campaign is enjoying a quick start with over \$300,000 raised already, says Mr. Muise.

The arrival of an MRI marks a huge step forward in health care in Southwest Nova Scotia.

"This is an important piece of equipment," says Mr. Arenburg. "The arrival of an MRI will assist every citizen of Southwest Nova Scotia. It will eliminate the need to travel to Halifax and reduce wait times." An MRI will also help the area retain and attract health care professionals, he adds.

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L to R: J. Gordon Wood, Past Chair; David Arenburg, YHF Chair; Anne Robichaud, President Women's Auxiliary; Ruth Ricker, Treasurer Women's Auxiliary; Ron Horrocks, Chair South West Health Board.

Photo by Eric Bourque, Yarmouth Vanguard

MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- YHF Inaugural Spring Gala, presented by Rodd Hotels & Resorts, Wednesday, May 11th, Rodd Grand Convention Center.
- YHF Inaugural Jody Shelley Fore Health, presented by Tri-Star Industries, Friday, July 8th, Pubnico Golf Course, to register contact the Foundation office at 749-1669.
- Women's Auxiliary Hospital Hullabaloo, Saturday, September 24th at Mariners Centre
- Celebration of Christmas Holiday Trees, sponsored by Rudder's Restaurant, will take place in early December. Date to be announced.

YHF BURSARY

Foundation Offers Bursary for First Year Nursing Students

All first year students enrolled in the Dalhousie University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, Yarmouth Site are eligible to apply for a bursary provided by the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation. The bursary, awarded every second year, amounts to \$5000.

The bursary, designed to assist a student in his/her primary and second year of studies, is available only to those entering the nursing profession for the first time. The deadline for application is September 1st. The bursary will be awarded on or before September 30th. Funds will be distributed in four equal installments over two years. Application forms are available from Liz Prime, Administration Assistant, Dalhousie School of Nursing, 58 Vancouver St. (742-3542ext 213) or by email elizabethprime@dal.ca



The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation and Tri-Star Industries have joined together to present the Foundation's inaugural golf tournament this summer. *Jody Shelley's Golf Fore Health* will take place on Friday, July 8th at the Pubnico Golf Course. All proceeds from the event will go towards an MRI for the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

The tournament, to be played by 132 golfers in a shotgun team scramble format, is chaired by former practicing surgeon, Dr. Al Legere.

Jody Shelley is a star forward of the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets. He played his minor hockey in Yarmouth and completed his junior hockey as captain of the Halifax Mooseheads.



YHF DONOR WALL OF HONOUR

The YHF Donor Wall of Honour, located in the Yarmouth Regional Hospital's front lobby, is a tribute to the many individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations, which have given a cumulative total of \$5,000 or more to the Foundation since its incorporation in 1992. Many donors choose to make a pledge commitment that they pay over time, making it easier to give a major gift to support the work of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation. Donors have the opportunity to move up through the different levels as their giving total increases. Recently the Foundation had to add a new plaque to the Wall of Honor to accommodate increased donations at the "Friends" level (\$5000- \$9999).



RECOGNITION BESTOWED FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO REGIONAL HOSPITAL

J. Gordon Wood, Ruth and the late Irving Pink, and the Women's Auxiliary were honored this past fall for their exemplary service to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. In recognition of their many years of volunteer service, the Hospital Foundation and South West Health have assigned their names to three meeting rooms within the hospital complex.

Foundation Chair, David Arenburg and South West Health CEO, Blaise MacNeil announced that, Lecture Room 1 will be named the J. Gordon Wood Meeting Room, Lecture Rooms 2 & 3 will become the Ruth and Irving Pink Meeting Room. A newly established area located across from Diagnostic Imaging was named The Women's Auxiliary Meeting Room. All three rooms are on the main floor of the hospital.

"We're pleased to acknowledge these significant contributors to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Not only have they dedicated a life time to making our hospital a center of excellence in health care, their actions also serve as a springboard for others to follow."
David Arenburg, Chair, Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

"Volunteers are important contributors to our health care system and recognizing them in an appropriate way is important to South West Health.," says Blaise MacNeil, CEO, South West Health. "My sincere congratulations to the Pink family, to Gordon Wood and to the YRH Ladies Auxiliary and thank you for all you have done to support your hospital," he adds.