



## *What a great idea.....*

**Hotel Dieu Hospital** in Kingston, Ontario is scheduled to open a world-class gait lab in Spring/Summer of 2011. The 3000 square foot lab is wide open, affording plenty of room for people to walk, jog or just go through everyday motions. Sensitive force plates will be embedded in the floor to measure the force with which the foot hits the floor, and special wall mounted cameras will help to provide motion analysis from all sides. Fluoroscopy, a kind of high speed x-ray will also be installed to get a good look at joints. It is estimated that one out of every three Canadians will be significantly affected by musculoskeletal disease during his/her lifetime and the need for orthopaedic care is anticipated to reach crisis proportions. The lab brings Hotel Dieu into partnership with the Human Mobility Research Centre, a Queen's University and Kingston General Hospital initiative. For additional information please see <http://me.queensu.ca/HMRC/index2.html#HMPL>

**Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre** in St. Catharines Ontario, first began using the Nintendo Wii system a few years ago as part of its Recreation Therapy program. Since that time an additional two systems have been added for a total of six. The additional systems are being used in the neuro and ortho rehabilitation departments under the supervision of the physiotherapists and occupational therapists. It's a fun way to supplement traditional therapy that helps patients meet their rehab goals. Adding a video game component to their traditional rehab exercise program is both physically and mentally beneficial.

**Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital** in Windsor Ontario recently unveiled the Softouch Wand, a high-tech neurosurgical tool, that provides surgeons with additional flexibility in immediately locating tumours and other masses that require removal. It works like a GPS system to locate tumours in the brain.

The **Values Integration Assessment Process (VIAP)** is underway at Rocmaura Nursing Home in Saint John New Brunswick. Ms. Claire Savoie, the Facilitator for the program for our francophone facilities, visited Rocmaura in late February, to review the results of the on-line survey that was conducted previously. Participants in the survey included: a selection of staff (5%-10%) as well as representatives from owners/sponsors, board/advisory council, physicians, volunteers, clergy, patients/residents/ clients, family and the community. The process produces a snapshot of the way values are lived within the organization. It seeks to help a Catholic health care organization to reflect on, appreciate, celebrate and build upon the good things that are happening on a daily basis in the organization. The VIAP also provides an opportunity to identify areas that may need to change or improve.

**Armando F. DeLuca, O. Ont., Q.C.**

It is with immense sadness that we advise you of the passing of our friend and colleague Armando DeLuca of Windsor. He was involved with Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital for many years; as Board Chair, Director and on various Committees. More recently, he was appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the Board and was appointed a Member of the Corporation. His expertise and kindness will be greatly missed by all. We ask for prayers in his remembrance.

On November 1, 2010, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new **Langlade Hospital** in Antigo Wisconsin was held.



Langlade Hospital opened its doors in 1933 and was dedicated as a Memorial to the service men of WW1. The new hospital has been designed as "the hospital of the future". Extensive focus groups have been identifying key areas for improvement in all areas of the hospital, from the physical to the procedural. For additional information and to see a video go to

<http://www.langladehospital.org/newHospital/index.cfm>

## **Joint Leadership Council—Plenary Session**

On April 14th and 15th 2011, the CEOs, Facility Managers and Board/Advisory Chairs will join the Board of Directors and staff of Catholic Health International in Montreal for the Plenary Session held biennially. Presenting are:

**Sister Annelle Fitzpatrick** CSJ, PhD Associate Professor of Sociology & Behavioural Medicine Saint John's University in New York will present on the "Cultural & Religious Diversity at the Workplace: Many Faiths—One Mission", which will provide an overview of the many points of synergy that Catholics share with their Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh colleagues.

**Sister Nuala Kenny** SC, MD, FRCPC will present on "Catholic Health Care Ethics: Challenges and Opportunities".



**Joy VanTassel** has been appointed Facility Manager of Hotel Dieu of St Joseph in Perth-Andover, NB. Although she has been the Facility Manager of the Upper River Valley Hospital in Waterville for the past 4 years (2007-2011) she is

no stranger to Hotel Dieu. Joy began her career at Hotel Dieu in 1982 and held various positions over the years including staff nurse, staff educator, Director of Nursing and Facility Manager. Joy completed the Catholic Health Care Leadership program in 1996. Please join me in welcoming Joy! See you in Montreal!

**Tom Maddix:**

Please join us in prayer for the health of our friend and colleague Mr. Tom Maddix. Some of you may remember Tom from his presentation at the 2010 CHAC annual conference.

**CHI BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Board of Catholic Health International (CHI) meets on a regular basis throughout the year. The following are some highlights from the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors:

- ⇒ The Board agreed to a partnership with the Religious Institutes to sponsor an event at the CHAC Annual Conference in Winnipeg.
- ⇒ The Budget for 2011 – 2012 was presented and approved effective April 1, 2011.
- ⇒ Report of the Investment Portfolio Advisor was received and he addressed the Board meeting.
- ⇒ Confirmation received from CRA regarding the filing of our Charity Return for the previous year.
- ⇒ Canonical approval submitted for construction of the new Langlade Hospital in Antigo, Wisconsin.
- ⇒ Dates announced for the first surveys under the new Values Integration Assessment program.
- ⇒ Registrations for Catholic Healthcare Leadership program for 2010-2011 were reviewed.
- ⇒ An environmental scan of the operations of Catholic Health International was presented.
- ⇒ A Memorandum of Understanding presented by the Ontario Alliance of Sponsors was approved.
- ⇒ Congratulations to those involved in the Partners In Mission Food Bank for producing the CD "Hungry for Christmas" which was a huge fund raising success.
- ⇒ 16 concurrent corporate meetings held.
- ⇒ Meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> with the General Council, RHSJs in Montreal regarding a special project presently underway.
- ⇒ Packages were circulated to facilities in Atlantic area regarding World Day of the Sick.
- ⇒ Dr. R. Stewart re-appointed to the Governor's Council of CHAC.
- ⇒ Delegates Sr. Anita Holmes and Fernand Rioux to attend CHAC Annual Conference in Winnipeg.
- ⇒ CHI Board supports the submission of the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario for the nomination of a candidate for the Performance Citation Award.
- ⇒ Two policies were reviewed, revised and approved – Borrowing Limit for Member Institutions and Approval of Loans for Member Institutions. The revisions related to supply pertinent information in support of the loan.
- ⇒ The Board reviewed the plans for the upcoming Plenary Session in Montreal in April.

**Hotel Dieu Grace Windsor, Ontario**

On January 5th, following a request from the Board, the Minister of Health in Ontario recommended to Cabinet that Mr. Ken Deane be appointed full time Supervisor at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor. Prior to this appointment, a part time facilitator had been working with the Hospital and the Board, to implement a series of recommendations for improvement resulting from a Ministry investigation that was conducted last year. The investigation was prompted at the Hospital, and subsequently across the region, due to surgery and pathology errors at Hotel Dieu Grace. The investigation also identified relationship, responsibility and reporting issues at the hospital that were causing trouble.

As Supervisor, Ken has assumed full power of the hospital and the Board, which now meets and acts in an advisory capacity to him. Ken previously served as CEO at Hotel Dieu Grace from 2002 until 2004, so his familiarity will help him as he diagnosis the problems and implements changes and recommendations from the August report,. He indicated this will probably take about a year. We wish him all the best and pledge our complete support in order to assist him in this endeavour.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....**

While the terms "hospice" and "palliative care" and even "end of life" care are often used interchangeably, there is a key difference. While palliative care addresses patients with life-threatening illnesses, anyone—regardless of life expectancy—can receive this type of care.

Hospice, meanwhile, provides for patients who can no longer benefit from regular medical treatment, per a doctor's determination, and are in the last stages of a terminal illness. Palliative care programs generally address the physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs and expectations of a patient with a life-threatening illness, at any time during that illness, even if life expectancy extends to years. Palliative care does not preclude aggressive treatment of an illness, and provides comfort to patients and their loved ones. Patients receive palliative care from a team of doctors, nurses, social workers and clergy in their home or a hospital, but also in nursing or assisted living facilities. Hospitals, hospices, skilled nursing facilities and health care clinics provide these services, which may include a monthly visit to a doctor, or weekly home visits from a social worker or nurse to help manage pain and symptoms.

The goal of hospice care is to keep pain and suffering of a person with a terminal diagnosis to a minimum—not to cure the illness. Provided in the patient's home or in hospice centres, hospitals, skilled nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, hospice is based on the belief that every person has the right to die pain-free and with dignity, and with family and friends nearby. Like palliative care, a hospice team is comprised of doctors, nurses, caregivers, social workers, clergy and trained volunteers who manage the patient's pain and symptoms; assist with the emotional and spiritual aspects of dying; provide needed medications and supplies; coach the family on how to care for the patient; and, provide bereavement counseling to surviving loved ones.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****Catholic Health International Board Meetings:**

April 6, 2011, June 8 & 9, 2011, Sept 14, 2011

**Joint Leadership Council—Plenary Session**

April 14 & 15 2011 (Fairmont Queen Elizabeth )

**CHAC Annual Conference**

May 4, 5, 6 (Delta Winnipeg) [http://www.chac.ca/conference/2011/Preliminary%20Program\\_en\\_web\\_jan.pdf](http://www.chac.ca/conference/2011/Preliminary%20Program_en_web_jan.pdf)

**Catholic Health Association United States**

2011 Catholic Health Assembly

June 5, 6, 7, 2011 (Hyatt Regency Atlanta)

**CHAO Annual Meeting / Convention**

September 28—30th (Courtyard Marriott Toronto)

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