



# GRAND ROUNDS

Renfrew Victoria Hospital had plenty to celebrate at its annual general meeting on June 25.

For the eighteenth year in a row, the board of directors was able to present a balanced hospital budget.

“This is a remarkable accomplishment,” commented Kent Tubman, who retired from the position of chair of the board.

“We are living in difficult financial times in the health care sector, and the fact that we enjoy the benefits of a solid economic footing is truly something to celebrate.”

Tubman credits the ongoing vision of RVH boards past and present, as well as solid administrative leadership, the team approach of the medical community and hospital staff, and the active support of the local community.

“This is a community hospital in every sense of the word, and we all have a role to play in its tremendous success,” he concluded, noting that he was handing over the chairmanship to Catherine O’Neil with complete confidence.

“Our hospital will continue to be in good hands, and we will all work together as a board to share our ideas, skills and vision for the future,” Tubman remarked.

Among the past year’s success stories highlighted in the 2007–2008 RVH annual report:

- Full accreditation by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation. RVH received high ratings in all areas of the independent surveyors’ review, and was granted unconditional accreditation. Among the items singled out for praise in the accreditation report were: the focus on patient safety; the hospital’s partnerships at the community, regional and provincial levels; strong leadership that encourages innovation and change; and the overall attitude of staff who are proactive, engaged and client-oriented.
- Approval to add CT scanning (computerized axial tomography) to the health services offered at RVH. The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care granted this approval in

February 2008 and the planning for CT is now underway. No provincial funding is available to cover the initial investment of between \$2-million and \$3-million, or the ongoing operating costs. A dedicated CT fund has been established by the RVH Foundation and donations are being gratefully received.

- Expansion of the regional sleep lab program. In March 2008, the RVH sleep lab expanded from three to five beds, allowing the hospital to reduce wait times and provide diagnosis and care to more people who are suffering from sleep disorders.
- Aging at Home Strategy. RVH applied for and was successful in receiving

\$100,000 in funding every year for three years to help elderly patients access placements in long-term care facilities, providing them with more appropriate accommodations and freeing up hospital beds for acute care patients.

“This has been another year of achievement for us, and we look forward to continued growth as we set our path for new and exciting developments,” commented RVH CEO Randy Penney. “Our annual meeting is a great opportunity to take stock of our situation, and I am pleased to report that we are well-positioned to continue our tradition of high quality care for the Renfrew area.”



**The 2007–2008 RVH Board of Directors. Front, Sandi Heins, Kent Tubman, Bev Welsh, Catherine O’Neil and Murray Burwell; back, Past Director Dale Gillan, Dr. John Collins, Andy Boldt, Barbara Westgarth, Dr. Stephanie Langlois, Peter Emon, Ned Rafuse, Dave Lesaux, Bill Welsh and Dr. George Hermanson. Missing are Gerry Richards and Robert Jamieson.**