



# GRAND ROUNDS

Rumour has it that Santa Claus will be arriving in Renfrew early this year, because he wants to be at the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation's Tree of Lights ceremony the evening before his big parade.

"We're thrilled to be hosting such an important visitor," comments RVH Foundation President Jim Lemenchick. "This is the busiest time of the year for good, old Santa, and it's really great that he's added our celebration to his list."

The activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5 in Low Square, downtown Renfrew.

Last year, the hospital's community Christmas tradition took on a fresh focus on family fun.

"We were delighted with the response," comments RVH Foundation Director Barb Desilets.

Low Square was filled with people to witness the lighting of the giant tree on the front lawn of the town hall.

## COMING EVENTS:

- **November 27, 1:00 p.m.**—The RVH Auxiliary is hosting a bridge and euchre party combined with an art show featuring the works of this year's Tree of Lights artist, Betty Flower. Admission is \$15, which includes dessert and a raffle ticket for Betty's original painting, "The Madawaska". There are a limited number of tables available. To reserve your place, phone Janet at 613-432-9177.
- **December 5, 6:00 p.m.**—Tree of Lights lighting ceremony, Low Square.

This year, new lights will make the Tree of Lights brighter than ever, and the emphasis will still be on an old-fashioned family gathering.

"The theme for this year has been set by our beautiful card, which features the artwork of Betty Flower," explains Desilets.

The event officially kicks off the Tree of Lights fund-raising campaign, which is the only direct appeal made by the RVH Foundation each year.

Last year's drive was a tremendous success, raising \$94,000 for the purchase of a portable x-ray unit.

This year's funds will be dedicated to the CT fund.

"We need to raise approximately \$3 million locally to bring this critical service to Renfrew," comments RVH CEO Randy Penney. "Our hospital board and management team have made this commitment because we know CT is a wise investment for our community."

"We at the RVH Foundation are confident that our community will help us make this happen," adds Lemenchick.

Hospital supporters will be receiving Tree of Lights Christmas cards, with details about the campaign, in the mail. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, or would like more information about the RVH CT fund, please contact the Foundation office at 613-432-4851 ext. 263.



**Santa's helpers have been busy getting the RVH Foundation Tree of Lights Christmas cards ready to mail. At work here are, front row from left, Doris Handford, Pat Blandford, Basia Stewart and Jean Sills; back row, Ray and Regina Puhalski.**

Please consider joining the RVH Foundation's Monthly Donor Club. Regular contributions can be an affordable way to make a huge impact on the health care we provide for our community. Contact the Foundation office at 432-4851 ext. 263 to learn more.