



GRAND ROUNDS

Each spring the RVH family gathers together for an evening of celebration, fun and recognition, and this year was no different.

The night of Thursday, April 28 may have been a windy, dark one for many in the area, but inside Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre all lights were shining on the 71 employees who received their service pins to mark milestones in their careers at the local hospital.

“It works out to be 1,227 years of service or 2.3 million hours spent dedicated to the care of our community,” calculated Randy Penney, RVH’s CEO.

The 15th annual dinner and celebration paid tribute to these dedicated individuals for their commitment to RVH, particularly to those who have retired in the past year.

“This is our way of thanking all of you who have worked hard and paved the way for all of us here.”

Penney also commended the RVH Board of Directors for continuing to recognize the importance of having an employee recognition event.

Part of the banquet tradition is to have the senior management team provide the pre-dinner entertainment by performing a skit. Julia Boudreau, Chris Ferguson and Paul Chatelain entered in fancy hats appearing as though they were heading to the Royal Wedding and switched into hospital gowns to sing about infection control, incorporating proper hand washing tips into their lyrics.

Following the laughs, attendees were treated to a buffet feast catered by Polly’s Shanty.

Presentations were made following dinner to honour retirees, volunteers and long-time staff for their commitment to RVH. Those who have hit a five-year, 10-year, 15-year or 20-year milestone were presented with a special pin.

Longer-term employees were roasted and toasted by close colleagues with kind words, stories and even a poem or two before being called up to accept recognition awards.

In her *Ode to Bonnie Ouellet*, Katherine Burwell, a co-worker and friend, composed a poem as her way of spicing up the evening speeches. Her last two paragraphs could easily be applied to so many of the hard-working staff of RVH:

*There was a great woman named Bonnie Ouellet
Anxious for retirement she deliberately set
So last year in the spring
She did her own thing
Never living a day with regret*

*So we say to this woman named Bonnie Ouellet
Happy with the lounging she’ll obviously get
Go forth every day
Live Laugh Love Play
And know that we’ll never forget!*

This year’s Worklife Award Recipients for 25 years or more are:

25 Years: Joan Armstrong, Dr. Max Buxton, Linda Evans, Susanne Forrest, Rachel Leclaire and Joyce Mulvihill.

30 Years: Kareen Lepine, Susan McLaughlin and Dr. Robert Duggan.

35 Years: Marie Murray, Dr. Arthur Dick and Bridget Virkus

40 Years: Shirley Pilgrim and Linda Shaw.

RVH also bid a happy retirement to a number of physicians, staff and board members:

Pat Colterman, Gladys Curry, Dr. Arthur Dick, Dr. Ted Gardiner, Janice Graham, Lorraine Lockwood, Theresa MacDonald, Bonnie Ouellet, Barbara Roy, Sadie Smith and Kent Tubman.



Back Row: Rachel Leclaire, Dr. Max Buxton, Barbara Roy, Linda Shaw, Pat Colterman, Dr. Arthur Dick, Bonnie Ouellet, Sadie Smith and Kent Tubman. **Front row, seated:** Susan McLaughlin, Joyce Mulvihill, Marie Murray, Linda Evans and Kareen Lepine.