

"Between the optimist and the pessimist, the difference is droll. The optimist sees the doughnut; the pessimist the hole!" ~Oscar Wilde

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# HOSPITAL CHALLENGE

## June 1 - July 31, 2014 Donate Blood at any clinic







#### P.A.R.T.Y. Program Celebrates 20 Years, Looks Ahead to Warn Against Drug Use

A celebration of P.A.R.T.Y. - which stands for Preventing Alcohol and Riskrelated Trauma in Youth - took place on June 20th, along with a warning about increased drug use by youth in Windsor-Essex.

P.A.R.T.Y. began its classroom-style sessions for students in 1994 at the Ouellette campus, focusing on the dangers of drinking and driving and other risky activity that can lead to significant injuries. It's an interactive



Elsie Galbraith (right, a retired HDGH employee who started the program) and Diane Bradford, Manager, Trauma Services and Injury Prevention.

program that includes demonstrations by paramedics, former police officers, and hospital staff, as well as "role playing" where students play victims and other roles.

In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in drug use related to motor vehicle collisions. In 2011-12, the use of THC - tetrahydrocannabinol, the most recognized ingredient of marijuana, was found in 21% of youth under age 25 injured in trauma incidents. In 2012-13, that percentage rose to 55% and in 2013-14, remained much higher than two years ago at 46%.

"There is a sense that drugs aren't the same as alcohol when it comes to getting behind the wheel, or attempting other risky behaviour," says Diane Bradford, Manager of the Regional Trauma Program/Injury Prevention for Windsor Regional Hospital. "We can see by the statistics that we have collected that it is becoming more prevalent and combined with alcohol use is a toxic mix."

On a brighter note, the number of trauma cases among youth under age 25 at WRH's Ouellette Campus declined last year. The number of individuals treated for trauma injuries related to motor vehicle collisions, sports, falls and intentional harm totalled 13 in 2013-14, down from 29 in the previous year.

It is hoped that the P.A.R.T.Y. program has played some role in the decline. Since its inception in Windsor, the program has taught 4,134 students from 239 schools in the Windsor-Essex area.

The 20th anniversary celebration brought many guests who have assisted in the program over many years, including Elsie Galbraith, the retired former Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital employee who kickstarted the program in Windsor, and Kathy Woronty, a longtime volunteer who was recognized for her contributions over the past two decades.

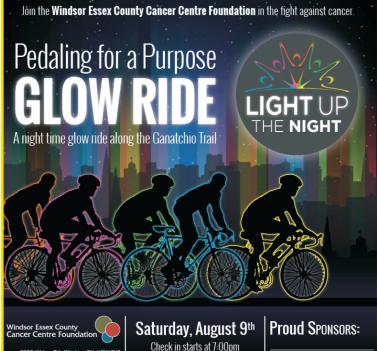


Standardization & Optimization Process

**Training Sessions:** Many department leaders have already completed our training which is designed to get everyone on the same page by helping them understand the tools and methods we will use in the Standardization and Optimization Process. We have two more training sessions scheduled for July 3rd & 4th.

**Workshop Dates:** We held our first 2-hour 'work-shop' session with members of the OR team on both campuses. We got some great inputs and ideas on how OR on both sites could be improved and it is definitely the start of idea sharing and best practice cross campus. We have two additional workshops scheduled for next week with Surgical Services and Medicine Services staff.

**Send Us Your Vision:** We held a visioning session for some members of the WRH leadership team who had the opportunity to brainstorm ways to improve patient experience and future services. If you have ideas you would like to add to that discussion, please send them to **future@wrh.on.ca** or come by the KM&T office to share them with members of the SOP team.



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### HOSPITAL TEAMS READY TO PADDLE TO SUCCESS!

Thanks to both Windsor Regional Hospital and Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, staff have come forward to support the Dragon Boats For The Cure community races taking place on

Sunday, July 13th at Tecumseh's Waterfront Park (Riverside Dr E at Manning). A total of 13 teams have registered and plan to participate as part of the hospital contingency during the 2014 Dragon Boat Races.



Kudos to the following teams, team captains and their participants for supporting the Breast Health Centre and diagnostic equipment required to provide just-in-time service to women requiring a mammogram and, if required, timely follow-up.

- Dieu-ey Ta-tas Captain: Chris Shannon
- Fight Like A Girl Captain: Jason Petro
- Malden Park Boo-Bees Captain: Julie Laliberte
- Pharma C-Cups Captain: Renee Gee
- Renal Rebels Captain: Dr. Amit Bagga
- Saving Second Base Captain: Melissa Simas
- Sugar Shakers Captain: Jodi Cummingham
- Tayfour's Tantalizing Tah Tah's Captain: Shelley Elslinger
- Teets Ahoy Captain: Sheena Kechego
- The Best In Chest Captain: Priya Philip
- The Rack Pack Captain: Kelly Glaves
- The RCC Cups Captain: Shaun Ouellette
- We Labour For Life Captain: Debbie St. Pierre

We wish all teams a successful day and thank all of you for supporting the Dragon Boat cause. We know the winners are the patients receiving the service as a result of your generosity.

There is no irritation or reaction expected when alcohol contacts skin because it evaporates before it can be absorbed. The harmful effects from alcohol are caused through ingestion.



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can honour a loved one, recognize an anniversary or mark a milestone by purchasing a paving stone in the John Tregaskiss Family Healing Garden at the Tayfour Campus. The cost is \$250. Contact Pat Valleau at ext. 33966 for more information.

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