

Thank you to all Auxiliaries/Associations for their ideas. It is certainly a wide, useful variety. I have included the ideas generated at the Round Table Session for Fundraising on Monday evening. It has been an enjoyable exercise. Elen MacMillan, HAAO Board Secretary

SPECIAL DAYS

1. Loonies for Leprechauns Shamrock Campaign (Mar. 1 – 17) – purchase a shamrock for \$1.00 and display them in a prominent place.
2. Victorian Tea – sandwiches, cakes, desserts, scones, fine jams and Devonshire clotted cream plus English Orange Pekoe Tea. Raffle items and entertainment (pianist and soloist)
3. Mother's Day Baskets
4. Mother's Day Draw – spa basket
5. Second Hand Rose Sale – gently used and still beautiful jewellery, china and other small treasures.
6. Teddy Bear Campaign - \$100.00 donation purchases a bear. Receive a hand-painted wooden bear tree ornament and donation for tax purpose.
7. Regifting Sale.
8. Basketless Bake Sales.
9. Bridge/Euchre Games
10. Marathon Bridge – A group of interested bridge players each pay \$30.00 per year. They are then committed to hosting (on a rotational system) a bridge game in their homes once a month with rotating couples. This event takes place over the course of the year.
11. Luncheon and card party.
12. Scarf Project – special knitted scarves sold for \$20.00
13. Sunglass sales – sold sunglasses for children and adults at a reasonable price.

BAZAARS – May use high schools, churches, Senior's Centre, Legion, etc.

1. Jams, jellies and pickles, spice mixes for dips
2. Food including chicken pot pies, cabbage rolls, cheese logs
3. Wooden table - bird houses, quilt racks, puzzles, paper racks.
4. Boutique Country Cupboard
5. Electrical and tools
6. Jewellery
7. Linens
8. Penny Table
9. China table – next-to-new cups and saucers, plates, trays, ornaments, vases, etc.
10. Loonie bags – Babies – toys (No stuffed toys unless new)
Older children – crayons, books, pens, pencils
Adults – small household items and toiletries
11. Books, videos, DVDs, pocketbooks, children's books and puzzles. Hard cover books are heavy and difficult to sell.
12. Shortbread

13. Baked Goods – pies, tarts, squares, cookies
14. Lunch Room – sandwiches, desserts
15. Crafts, knitting
16. Attic Treasures – good condition, no clothes or furniture.
17. Dolls, toys (No stuffed toys unless still in wrappers and never used. No Baby Toys unless never used).
18. Purse Table – purses, wallets and scarves (Not knitted)

Craft Fair – Outside vendors pay rental for the tables and 5% of their sales.

Mini Bazaar – a week or two after main bazaar if enough products left from main bazaar.

Yard Sales – no clothing, shoes or furniture

Antique Auction – invite vendors to participate.

Quilt Raffle

Calendar Sales - Take pictures around your own area. Make up into a calendar. Sell at \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00.

Symphony Balcony Partnership

Bingo

Hike For Health

Half Marathon/5 k/ 10 k

Doll House Auction

Purse Auction – silent Auction with 50 purses. All the purses had a surprise gift inside.

Dinner Dance – dining, dancing, entertainment and chances.

An Evening of Popular songs and Broadway Musicals

Martini Mingle – fine appetizers, drinks, entertainment and dancing.

“Taste of Italy” Dinner and Auction – silent and live auction (Prizes donated by volunteers, local businesses, theatres, etc.) Sponsored by a local restaurant.

Spaghetti Dinner with a silent auction – wine, Caesar salad, rolls, spaghetti with or without meatballs, homemade pies.

Barbeque and Rib Fest

Pizza Night Out

Wine Tasting/ Food Tasting/ Art Auction

Friendship dinner at an Italian or Chinese Restaurant

Patsy Cline Fundraising – her greatest hits were presented. Sponsors were obtained and tickets sold for \$20.00. A small band donated their talents to the night. Prizes were obtained from sponsors.

Cake Walk – Individuals and businesses donate specialty cakes. Each cake is given a value. A sheet of paper is divided into squares according to the values. People buy a square. When sheet is full, a number is drawn using a bingo machine with the appropriate number of balls.

Theme Basket Draw – The members of the gift shop package up a beautiful theme basket (e.g. Easter) and sell toonie tickets. Solicit various businesses. Volunteers make up “theme baskets”. They can be comprised of anything – Kitchen Basket, Handyman Basket, Chocolate Basket, etc. Baskets are filled and wrapped in plastic with ribbons. They are evaluated for cost – anywhere from \$10.00 - \$100.00. On the night of the event, people bid on the basket by depositing 25 cents in a circulating basket. They

are then given a number – the more quarters you deposit, the more numbers you get. Some baskets you might not want and others you might really want so it gets quite exciting. After approx 15 min., the number of the winning bid is drawn and then it is on to the next basket. Tea, coffee, fruit and cakes are served during this time.

Teddy Bear Clinic – Medical staff perform check-ups on favourite teddy bears or dollies (\$1.00 per patient). Teddy Bear raffles, fish ponds, face paintings. Barbeque outside.

Teddy Bears – dress up – best bib and tucker, etc. for a silent auction. Place each bear in residence at a designated place. Auction sheets in books where anyone can make a bid. Have over 2 -3 weeks. Sell just before Christmas.

Fashion Show – have fashions by a ladies wear, a men's shop and a children's store.

Wine Tour in Niagara area.

Casino Tour

Samosa Sale

Classic Car Show

Pennies For Miles – Set up a Penny Thermometer in the entryway. Approximately 850 pennies equal 1 mile. Give mile designation up the side of the thermometer (1/2 mile, 1 mile, 1 ½ mile, etc.) Total the amount received at the bottom.

Antique and Collectible Auction

Vendor Sales – Vendors are invited to come to the hospital to sell their products. Tables are supplied at a cost of \$125.00 each time they come in. Vendors have to sign a contract and have their cheque in 4 weeks before their sale date. They are not allowed to give their sale date to another vendor but have to book another time and refunds are not given. Recommend charging a flat fee and not a percentage of their work.

Grocery Store Tapes

Flower Delivery – charge florists to deliver flowers to a patient's room. (\$1.00)

Quilt Raffle – start in spring for draw just before Christmas.

Price is Right Table – Members bring something from home to a General Meeting that they don't want or need – bottle of jam, picture, scarf, candy, candles, cup and saucer, etc. Set up a table or shelf to display these articles with a box or bucket for the money.

Evening At Bapiste – Serve deserts in church yard and then go into the church for local entertainment.

Cookbook For Special Anniversaries – recipes submitted by volunteers and staff.

Round - Up – Customers at a local grocery store are asked to round up their grocery bill to the nearest dollar or more. Employees of store dress in Western theme. Draw prizes are available provided by the store and suppliers. Auxiliary mans a BBQ in the parking lot and passes out flyers advertising the event and the auxiliary.

Funky Friday or Freaky Friday – In the hall around the outside of the gift shop on the 13th of any month of the year which falls on a Friday. Regular items are on sale. Any items not moving, mark down more and place on special shelf or table.

Funky Friday – Bloomin Again – special items, bake sale, silent auction and gift shop items on sale.

Country Store – Volunteers use empty cereal boxes stuffed with tea towels, soaps, dish clothes, etc. Sell for \$2.00 in the gift shop. Children's boxes sell for \$1.00.

Flower Sales – Arrange silk flowers in cups, mugs, small baskets, etc. and sell in gift shop.

Necklaces – Purchase pendants and ribbon or cord chain. Member went to a Florida flea market and purchased Milano Glass pendants and ribbons for \$1.00. The auxiliary put them together and sold them for \$10.00.

SPRING/SUMMER

1. Bulb and plant sale - perennials, annuals, houseplants and containers.
2. Geranium Sales – Buy at special promotion from local nursery. Orders must be placed late April with delivery in May.
 - Use an order form for pre-ordering. Sell flats of 12 x 4” pots - \$36.00, 10” hanging baskets - \$17.00 or 4” pots - \$3.25. All taxes included. Prices are approx.
3. Strawberry Socials
4. Golf Tournament
5. Pink Lady golf tournament
6. Mother’s Day Flower Sale – Flower supply ordered through a local grocery store. Pre-orders taken as well. Small and large arrangements made by member. Can sell African violets as well as bud vases.
7. Hot Dog Day
8. Cookie Delight – 45 cookies or 45 squares to a package, sold and delivered.
9. Dragon Boat Races
10. July 1st Raffle – carved bird, patio furniture
11. Fish Fry Sale
12. Treasure Mart at local sales
13. Day at the Beach
14. Corridor Art Gallery – paintings for sale with 20% going to the volunteers
15. Personal Spa Day – massages, hair care, beautiful nails
16. Mardi Gras Pub Crawl

FALL/WINTER

1. October Pie Sale
2. October – Gourmet Baskets
3. Rock-a-thon – rocking chairs and gliders in your local mall
4. December – Tree of Life or Tree of Caring – Purchase an angel for the tree – 3 sizes.
5. December – Santa’s Breakfast
6. Gift Cards – You sell and get a percentage or sell handmade gift cards at 10 for \$10.00.
7. Father Christmas Raffle
8. Christmas/Harvest Bazaars – silent auction, art and craft donations bake and candy tables.
9. Festival of Trees – decorate trees for city hall, park, hospital entry, etc. Decorated Christmas trees for sale.
10. Tree of Lights – purchase a light bulb at \$10.00 for the tree.

11. Snowflake Luncheon.
12. February – Valentine Chocolate Sale
13. Valentine Campaign – purchase hearts for \$2.00. These are posted in a popular area.
14. Easter Chocolate Sale
15. Fall Auction and Fashion Show
16. Radiothon participation – full day. Community members, medical personnel, volunteers are asked to share stories of experiences with local hospital. Callers are asked to make pledges to the hospital auxiliary towards the purchase of a piece of hospital equipment. Challenge others in the area.
17. Autumn Leaves Arts/Crafts Show and Sales
18. Candy Cane Fair
19. Poinsettia Tea
20. Polar Bear Plunge – plungers get at least \$200.00 in pledges, register with the Auxiliary, jump in the lake, served a hot lunch and get appropriate recognition and prizes.
21. Valentine Luncheon
22. Christmas Luncheon – green place mats, Christmas crackers and stockings stuffed with ornaments, candy canes and chocolate. Poinsettia centre pieces. Christmas punch, turkey and trimmings. Donated door prizes.
23. Poinsettia Luncheon
24. Christmas plant sales – poinsettias, Christmas cactus.
25. Thanksgiving Bake Sale – pumpkin and apple pies
26. Christmas Bake Sale and Mitten Tree
27. Christmas in October – for all those who go away in the winter.
28. Christmas place mats, napkins and runners – Buy the material on sale after Christmas. Make sets of placemats, etc. Purchase clear dessert plates from a dollar store and mod-podge the material to the back of the plate to match the placemats. They are not dishwasher safe but may be wiped with a soapy cloth.
29. Stores called Big Lots in the States sell Christmas paper, letter paper and envelopes, etc. at 90% off a few days after Christmas.

House Tour

Gold Sale – donate unwanted gold chains, rings, earrings, coins, etc. Can sell to the public or to a professional buying team based on carat content and weight.

Honey Festival

Chocolate and Dessert Fantasy – Restaurants are asked to donate a special chocolate dessert.

Tag Days

Jewellery Jug – A large clear jug is put on display at the hospital for staff, visitors and volunteers to donate broken and unwanted jewellery including metal buttons and non-digital watches. A donation

was made by a local artist who remakes the jewellery into unique, one of a kind brooches, purse clips and bracelets. The pieces are sold in the gift shop.

Share responsibility for concerts, plays, etc.

Art Fest - Local artists display and sell their original work -paintings in water colours, acrylics, oils and pastels, as well as photography, jewellery, pottery, fabric, wood working...

Firemen and Police Events – raffle afghans,

Sell chocolate bars

Curling Bonspiel

Knitted Finger Puppets- Sayelle yarn, # 8 knitting needles. Cast on 12 stitches and K 10 rows stocking stitch. Next row: K 2 tog. across. Next row: Purl. Next row: K 2 tog. across. Cut yarn and pull end through remaining 3 stitches and sew together. Embroider face, hair and add hair (curly or pigtails.)

Cookbooks – Have volunteers and other interested people donate favourite recipes (at least 3 or 4 per person). Submit to a publisher who will arrange the recipes and print the books. Community sponsors could help with the costs. The Auxiliary who gave this idea, sent to the following company. They paid \$3.20 to get it printed. They sold 600 @ \$10.00. Cookbook Publisher – Rasmussen Company, 111 Plymouth Street, Winnipeg, Man., R2X 2V5. 1-800-665-0222 www.cookbookprinter.com

Cookie Delight – Bakers bring cookies and assemble in festive trays.