



Caring for the Future

2023 NEWSLETTER

Life at St. Paul's Foundation got mostly back to normal in 2022 - or at least, our version of a new normal! We look forward to hosting more in-person events this year and meeting with our wonderful donors.

We hope you will take a few minutes to enjoy the touching stories in this year's newsletter.

We wish you a healthy and happy year ahead. Thank you for your loyal support of health care in our community.

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John & Evelyn Bell - Champions at lawn bowling & life!

In the late 1940s, a vivacious young woman from Livermore, California, travelled to Vancouver with her mother to embark on a cruise to Alaska on a Union Steamship Company passenger ship. For Evelyn Tilton, life aboard was enhanced by the excellent care and attention paid to



her by their steward, John Bell. The budding romance eventually resulted in a Vancouver wedding at Christ Church Cathedral and the partnership of a lifetime. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2020!

John was born in Brandon, Manitoba, and raised in Vancouver. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and later went to work for Union Steamships before becoming a sheet metal mechanic. John had a talent for fashioning metal signs and, for many years, his work was on view throughout Vancouver.

Together the couple raised two boys, Clifford and Larry. Life was rounded out with Evelyn's various dogs, her camping trips with the boys, and John's enthusiasm for coaching soccer. John and Evelyn shared a devout Christian faith and a love for family, friendship, and community.

Following an encounter with breast cancer while in her 40s, Evelyn took up lawn bowling as a way to rebuild muscle. John accompanied her in this pursuit and the two of them became exemplary lawn bowlers. Evelyn won two gold medals in the Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships while John won silver medals at the Canadian Championships. John even served as a lawn bowling umpire at the 1996 Paralympics! Both were cherished life members and coaches at the Granville and Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Clubs.

The couple's adventures in travel, lawn bowling, volunteerism, and general good cheer came to an end in 2021. John and Evelyn passed away within two months of each other - companions to the very end. We are grateful for the gifts they left behind for both St. Paul's Hospital and Vancouver General Hospital, and we celebrate their lifelong championing of family, friends, and community. Thank you, John and Evelyn!

Caring for the Future Honour Roll

In 2022, St. Paul's Foundation of Vancouver received \$4,447,833 from the estates of donors who chose to make a very special legacy gift in support of health care. We received gifts for St. Paul's Hospital, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, St. Vincent's: Langara, the new St. Paul's Hospital on the Jim Pattison Medical Campus, Providence Living at The Views, and for programs, sites, and services across Providence Health Care. We honour each donor for their legacy of compassion and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals and their families:

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Caring for the Future Tea: Save the date

We are looking forward to hosting our Caring for the Future Tea this summer and ask that you hold the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 6, 2023** in your calendar for this event. We will be in touch in May with an invitation!



Melville E. Ives – A citizen of the world

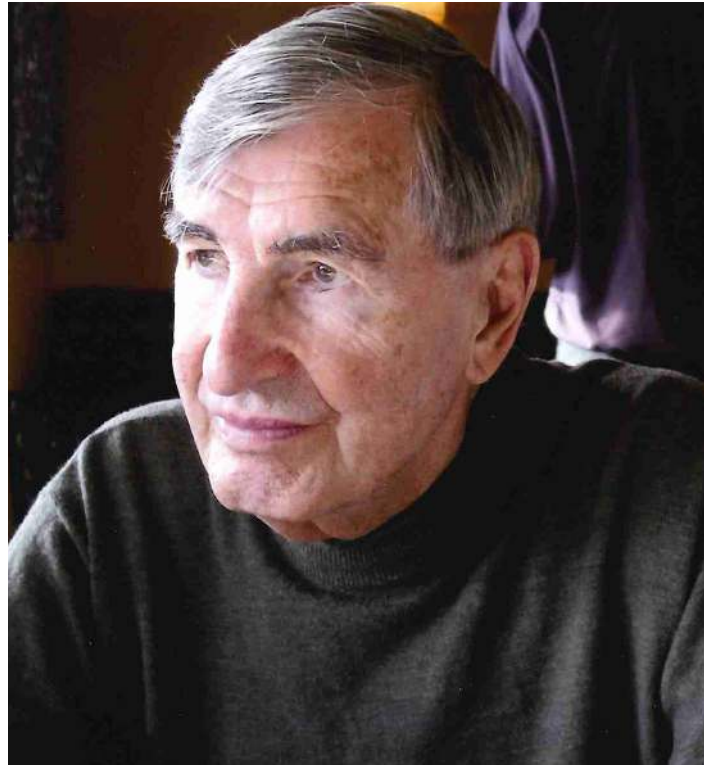
Melville Edward Ives was born in Bristol, England but for him, Bristol was simply the starting point. It would not be unfair to describe this gentleman as a citizen of the world - in terms of both his travels and his interests.

As a young man, Melville volunteered with the British Army in the early days of World War II. He completed training as an Army Royal Engineer before serving in India throughout the years of the war. At the conclusion of the conflict, Melville returned to England where he studied law at the University of London. Following graduation in 1952, positions in British law firms were in short supply and Melville decided to try his luck in Hong Kong. After a few years working in the firm of a senior solicitor, Melville decided to start his own law firm with a colleague. The endeavour proved successful!

Melville met Joan at a dance in Hong Kong and so began a rather lengthy courtship. Serendipitously, Joan turned out to be the daughter of Melville's first employer in Hong Kong - who remembered Melville as a hard working and serious young man. Blessings were given and marriage was embarked upon! Joan's social skills and ebullient sense of humour made for a happy and harmonious life in Hong Kong, where the couple lived for more than 30 years.

Joan and Melville relocated to a small town near Wimbledon, England following Melville's retirement but English village life proved not to be entirely to their taste. While on a cruise, the couple stopped off in Vancouver for a visit. After some investigation, Melville and Joan decided a further move was in order and so they immigrated to Canada.

Eventually, Joan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and came to live in a long-term care home. Coincidentally, Melville met Maria, who was caring for her own spouse at the same home, in a room a few doors down from Joan's room. The two became friends during their daily visits to their respective



spouses. Joan and Maria's husband each passed away within a month of the other. Melville and Maria found themselves companions in grief as they learned to cope with the passing of a beloved spouse.

Over time, their friendship blossomed. Melville and Maria became close companions and spent 19 years exploring the world together. Throughout his life, Melville was interested in the history and culture of other peoples. Melville and Maria's interests encompassed the entire globe and together they enjoyed more than one "round the world" cruise.

In arranging his affairs, Melville was a generous benefactor to health care in the Vancouver area. Portions of his estate came to both St. Paul's Foundation and the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. These gifts were given in gratitude for the care Melville and Joan received over the years, and to help provide support for future generations in the Vancouver area.

We extend our deep thanks to Melville for his legacy of kindness and compassion.

Physiotherapist Shauna Gould: Caring is her passion



How many of us knew what we wanted to be when we grew up? At the age of 13, Shauna Gould was assigned a school project on a possible future career. Her mother, a nurse, suggested: “Well you like sports, and you like helping people, so why don’t you become a physiotherapist?” Shauna took her mother’s advice and never looked back.

Shauna is now a qualified physiotherapist and has worked at St. Paul’s Hospital since graduating eight years ago. Currently, she provides rehabilitation care for older adults on the acute care wards and works in the Elder Care Clinic as an outpatient physiotherapist.

Working across various departments allows Shauna to provide continuity of care for patients. For example, if she attends to a patient on the ward, she can then follow up with them as an outpatient through the Elder Care Clinic programs.

One of the most rewarding parts of Shauna’s job is seeing patients connecting with each other through the structure she has helped create in the unit. In one particular case, a woman arrived on the ward and was initially not interested in engaging with anyone. After working with Shauna and her team for some time, the patient was not only participating in group activities, but also encouraging others to join in too!

Shauna also recognizes the efforts of the entire team that works together toward the same goal of supporting patients through their journey and focusing on quality of life. “It comes down to every nurse and care aid on the ward that makes a difference – our charge nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, rehab assistants, nurse practitioners, physicians...I’ve never worked in such a supportive, single-focused workplace. It’s a pretty amazing team. I don’t know how I got so lucky to be surrounded by so many amazing colleagues.”

For Shauna, everything goes back to what all staff at St. Paul’s Hospital aim toward: to treat others the way you would want to be treated.

If you would like more information about making a gift through your estate, or if you would like to discuss the purpose of your intended gift, contact:



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