

Health Co-op roaring into third year

Three years after its launch, the Aylmer Health Co-op can count on the support of some 7,000 members, with many attending the Co-op's annual general meeting, Wednesday, April 25, in the main hall of Grande-Rivière high school. Of high interest were reports on the Family Practice Group, the first-line emergency clinic, and the Co-op's financial situation, plus the election of new directors for the coming year.

The Co-op's chairman, Guy Benoît, stressed the importance of the Co-op's on-going fund-raising campaign to purchase new medical and laboratory equipment to enhance the rue du Couvent clinic's technical capabilities. This year, under the theme "Give yourself the gift of health", the Co-op hopes

to collect \$100,000 through the Fondation des Services de Santé d'Aylmer, an average of \$15 per member. "If each member were to make a donation equivalent to the cost of a cup of green tea each month, we would easily meet our fund-raising target for the year," said Benoît.

Benoît added that donating to the Health Coop through the Fondation des Services de Santé d'Aylmer is a self-gifting gesture, because 100% of the funds are used for the development of the rue du Couvent clinic.

All the information and documents pertaining to the AGM are available on the Aylmer Health Co-op's Web site at www.coopsa.org.
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