



## Auxiliary to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital

Spring 2017 Newsletter



Happy Spring to all!

Slowly, but surely our difficult winter is coming to an end. Despite the ongoing cool temperatures and wet weather, we are enjoying some bright days that give us a glimmer of better days to come. Thank you to the volunteers who braved the difficult driving conditions this winter to attend to their shifts as well as shifts of those who could not make it. It was considerate of volunteer resources staff to encourage volunteers to stay at home when the road conditions made driving dangerous.

### Changes All Around Us

As most of you are aware, we have many anticipated leadership changes in the auxiliary and the hospital that are about to take place or have already occurred. They include the following:

### **Darlene Knudson is retiring!**



In her email message that most of you received she wrote:

*I am celebrating my decision to retire, effective July 1st. I am so pleased to share this good news with you! Although I will miss working with you, I look forward to the retirement chapter of my journey. Thank you for the impact you have on my life!*

Congratulations, Darlene! May you enjoy all the pleasures that retirement offers. Thank you, for the guidance and leadership you have provided our auxiliary.

### **Executive Changes: 2017 - 2018**

President	Janet Hutchinson
Vice President	Maggie Gardiner
Secretary	Eleanor Christison
Treasurer	Janet Hutchinson

Thank you to this small, but dedicated group for taking on the role of Executive for the following year. We are particularly grateful to Janet for taking on two important positions. Thank you, Bonnie, for taking on this demanding position for the past two years.

### **Gift Shop Changes:**

Janet's roles as President and Secretary will keep her extremely busy so she has given up her Gift Shop Scheduler job. Margaret Cornies has graciously accepted an invitation to take on this responsibility. Please be sure to contact her at 604 859 7974 if you need to make changes to your shift schedule or if you have time to do another shift or two. Please give Margaret the support that you have given Janet over the past 6 years. Marilyn will continue as shop treasurer and Bonnie as

shop manager. Thanks to their excellent leadership, our gift shop continues to thrive and provide much needed support to our hospital.

### **BCAHA 2017 Area Conference**

Our Abbotsford Auxiliary is responsible for hosting and organizing the Fraser Valley Health Care Auxiliaries Conference on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. The committee met on March 22 to begin planning for this event. The Garden Park Towers meeting room has been booked as the venue for the event. These volunteers will need your help in the coming months. Any members interested in becoming involved can contact Marilyn Goodwin.

### **BCAHA 2017 Provincial Conference**

Janet, Marilyn, Anne and Carol attended the Spring Provincial Conference in Kamloops from April 23-25. We will anticipate hearing about their experiences at this year's event. It is now a biennial event (once every two years).

### **Bake and Craft Sale – May 12**

Our Spring Bake Sale will be held in the conference room. We anticipate the support of our wonderful bakers and crafters who donate their time, delicious goodies and lovely creations to make this event an annual success. Thank you to Lorna Cummings for spearheading this fundraiser. Baking trays can be obtained from Lorna. Please bring your baking to the front door of the hospital starting at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are still needed please contact Lorna Cummings

### **Volunteer Week**

Thank you to Irene and Shirley for their hard work in setting up a table display representing our auxiliary during our hospital's Volunteer Week, April 24 – 28.

### **Auxiliary Day**

Each year the Province of British Columbia proclaims May 10 as Auxiliary Day in B.C, in recognition of the achievement of our members. The purpose of provincial Auxiliary Day is to raise awareness of the volunteer contributions of the many dedicated Auxilians across our province. Our association is also proud to work under the distinguished patronage of The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. There will be a proclamation on display in the gift shop signed by the Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor.

### **Sunshine Committee**

Please remember to contact our Sunshine Convenor, Del, to advise her of any member who would appreciate receiving a card from the Auxiliary. 604 864 9731

### **Easter Basket Raffle Winner:**

Winner of this year's Easter Basket Raffle was Nancy Moore. Many thanks to Marilyn Eagan for the wonderful basket she created.

### **June Auxiliary Dinner**

Our annual June dinner will be held in the hospital Conference room on Monday, June 19. The Artichokes restaurant staff will cater the dinner. A cost has not yet been set, but it is sure to be reasonably priced. This is the evening when we also install our new executive and honour our long time volunteers as they reach various milestones with their years of service to the hospital. Please join us for a fun evening with your fellow auxilians.

### **Important Dates:**

May 10<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Day  
May 12 Bake and Craft Sale  
May 15 May Meeting  
June 19 Annual June Dinner  
October 3 Area Conference