



NEWSLETTER

Auxiliary to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital

Winter 2018



Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019

Thanks to the hard work of Maggie and Marilyn, our gift shop is once again decked out in Christmas splendour. Merchandise that was ordered in the summer is displayed and flying off the shelves as our customers enjoy selecting their Christmas gifts from our shop. Our best retail season is in full swing!

October BCAHA Area Conference

On October 2, the Annual General Meeting of the 6 Area Auxiliaries was held in Langley at the Cascades Casino. The 6 members of Fraser

Valley and Lower Mainland BCAHA include Abbotsford, Chilliwack Hospital, Chilliwack Service League, Fraser Canyon, Langley and Mission. 86 members attended with 7 members from our Abbotsford Auxiliary. Alyce Campbell from Mission was installed as the new area president by acclamation. A vote was taken at the meeting to determine if this conference should move to being held EVERY 2 YEARS or remain as is at ONCE A YEAR. The vote resulted in a tie so it will remain a once a year conference. Next year's conference will be hosted by Mission with date and place to be determined.



Volunteer Opportunities in the Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop is still seeking a permanent Manager. Marilyn has graciously taken on the role temporarily (now almost a year) with the assistance of Maggie. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication in keeping our gift shop humming.

Christmas Fair and Bake Sale – Dec. 5

Our Christmas Vendor and Bake Sale was held on December 5 in the Resource Rooms. Lorna Cummings and her helpers always work hard to ensure this event is successful. Thank you to members who contributed their delicious baking.

Donation to FVRH

Our auxiliary recently donated the funds for the purchase of an MRI Foot Coil. Janet is working with Liz Harris and the department to organize a tour to view this equipment. A tour may be arranged for the early part of the new year.



Donation to Cottage Worthington

This email was sent to Janet thanking our Auxiliary for our donation which was used to purchase gifts for residents.

Thanks Ladies Auxiliary and Foundation for the generous Christmas donation!! Please enjoy the picture of the residents wrapping the gifts. They still are wearing the bracelets from last Christmas. We have more jewelry, lotion, t shirts, calendars and cookies for Christmas day gifts.

Thanks for your generosity ... Karen Hohn



Special Recognition

Donors and members of the community came together on September 22 at Cottage Worthington for an Appreciation Tea celebrating recent donations from our Auxiliary and the Fraser Health Foundation. Guests included Mayor Henry Braun, MLA Simon Gibson, Councilor Les Barkman, Chair of the Foundation, Grace Saris, Director of Foundation, Liz Harris and our own Auxiliary president Janet Hutchinson.



Flu Shot Season

We are once again in Flu Season which officially began on December 1. Members were to report their flu shot status at the sign in computer in the Volunteer Lounge. If you are taking the flu season off or you will be wearing a mask, this will also need to be reported in the self-reporting database. Contact the Volunteer Resource staff if you have any questions.

Bye, Bye Blues

Our members have retired their blue smocks and are now sporting their new and modern looking black vests. Please let Janet know if you have not yet received yours.

Ivis Phillips

A long-standing member of our auxiliary, Ivis Phillips, passed away recently. Memorial services were held in Richmond on November 3rd.

Our Craft Ladies

Gina Hartley who convenes our talented group of knitting ladies has negotiated a new account for the purchase of yarn with a local retailer. Our knitting ladies have been busy this fall creating purple baby hats for the annual Click For Babies Campaign. The campaign raises awareness of how caregivers can cope with a crying baby and not react in frustration by shaking or harming the infant. Here are some of our ladies donating their purple hats to our Maternity Department.



Christmas Goodie Basket

Our Christmas Basket is on prominent display in the gift shop. Price is \$2 a ticket and the draw will be held on December 18, just in time for Christmas. A great big thank you to Marilyn Egan who always does a great job creating our special fundraising baskets.



Monthly Meeting Guests

Our president, Janet, has worked hard to ensure our meetings are not only a platform for group discussion and decision making, but also a time to

learn about the roles of staff who work closely with our Auxiliary. September welcomed Karen, Recreational Therapist at Cottage Worthington. At our October meeting, we had the pleasure of having our Volunteer Resource Manager, Janice Hansen, speak to us on how volunteerism has changed over the years. November welcomed, Liz Harris, Executive Director of the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation.

Christmas Socials

December 12th 6:30 – 8:00pm Volunteer Resources is inviting all volunteers to a Christmas Holiday Social in the Learning Center.

January 21st 7pm – Monthly meeting and Welcome to '2019' Social. In lieu of our December Christmas Social, members voted to have a social in January to kick off 2019. This is a less busy time for all of us to enjoy time together. Please join us for treats and a time to meet your fellow auxiliarians.

Gift Shop Story

This is a story submitted by our Auxiliary member, Caroll Daly, who has had the joy of observing the kindness of individuals in our sometimes overly troubled world. This heartwarming story about gift giving took place in our own gift shop.

A young man and an older gentleman were both shopping for a stuffed toy. They were looking and discussing the same stuffed toy. Each wanted to purchase the toy. The older gentleman insisted the younger man take it, which he did. He asked to have the toy gift-wrapped. He then turned around with the purchase in hand and presented it to the older gentleman saying it was his pleasure to give him this gift.

Important Dates

December 5 – Bake and Vendor Sale

December 12 – Volunteer Social 6:30 – 8:00pm

January 21 – Monthly meeting and Welcome to 2019 Social – 7pm

BCAHA Annual Conference in Prince George – April 14-19.