



*Auxiliary to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital*

# NEWSLETTER



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## **Fall Days are here!**

What a lovely summer it has been! It is time to say goodbye to the warm sunshine and welcome the lovely colors and cooler days of fall. Many of you had the good fortune to enjoy travels with family members or journey to visit family in other regions of our province, country and beyond! If you stayed home for the summer, I'm sure you enjoyed the pleasantly warm days with minimal smoke from the tragic fires around the province. We are very fortunate to live in this beautiful region of our province.

## **Gift Shop**

- Despite inflation and cost of living struggles in our communities, our gift shop sales remain steady. The recently added shifts on Thursday and Friday, as well as the weekend, has had a positive effect on our revenues.
- As noted by Marilyn, our Gift Shop Treasurer, our shop managers have placed a large volume of orders in preparation for the Christmas season. These include some of our best sellers, such as stuffed toys, purses and baby items.

•Our confectionary sales are also doing very well. Margaret is kept very busy running around town sourcing chocolate bars, salty snacks and beverages. It is also hard work lifting half a dozen flats of soda pop and water from Costco! We may need to consider some assistance for Margaret.



•Our scheduler, Judie, is also challenged in her roll to fill our many shifts with 2 volunteers. We are grateful to those members who have stepped forward offering to do multiple shifts. Please be reminded to call Judie as early as possible if you are unable to do your shift. It has also been suggested that you “Call a Friend” from the Gift Shop Volunteers to replace you or swap shifts.

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•We are grateful to Pat who has helped out with the scheduling while Judie was unavailable. Thank you for keeping us on track!

### **June Dinner and Installation of Auxiliary Executives**

On June 17, Auxiliary members enjoyed a delightful tribute dinner for the work we do as volunteers. We were treated to a complimentary dinner, fun prizes, and colorful flowers. We also witnessed Joanne Bydal, Area Director for BCAHA, officiate at the installation of our executive for 2024-2025.

President – Janet Hutchinson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Carole Keighley

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Gillian McWhinney

Secretary – Marie Kerber

Treasurer – Janet Hutchinson

Past President – Maggie Gardiner



## Our Enthusiastic Volunteers

In June, Margaret and Pat were enthusiastically drawing attention to our Father's Day display while Janet and Marie along with Karen Hohn celebrate Canada Day with the residents of Cottage Worthington.



## Maggie Gardiner

Congratulations to our Past President and Gift Shop Manager, Maggie Gardiner, who was recently appointed as Volunteer Representative to sit on the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation Board. Bonnie remains on the Board as Honorable Member. No doubt they will both offer their support and insight into the great work the Foundation does for our hospitals.

## Colposcope

Our Auxiliary recently agreed to a donation towards the purchase of a colposcope. It is a medical instrument that allows examination of the cervix under light illumination at various low-power magnifications. The medical staff have now received this equipment which will help with the detection of cancer cells so that early treatment can begin.





## Our Talented Auxillian

Caroll Daly is our talented piano player who provides the 'sounds' of music for visitors as they enter our hospital. Caroll also takes care of our greeting card supply. Thank you, Caroll for your special contributions!



## Christmas Basket

Marilyn Egan has once again created a wonderful Christmas basket for our annual Christmas Draw. There is a delightful assortment of products in this generous basket which is now displayed in the Gift Shop. Draw slips are available for \$2 each. The draw will be held on December 18. Thank you, Marilyn for all the time and effort you put into providing this fundraiser!



## Bonnie Bushby

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to yet another member of our auxiliary member

Bonnie Bushby who passed away on August 19, 2024. She was a member of the Auxiliary for over 10 years. A service for Bonnie is to be determined at a later date. Her obituary can be found in the Abbotsford News website.

## Past Events

Thank you to members of the Auxiliary who helped support the many fundraising events in the past few months.

### •HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

On a very hot September 4, the Foundation, with the support of members of our Auxiliary, held a successful golf tournament. \$101,000 was raised in support of health care.

### •ANNUAL HEALTH CARE HEROES CHARITY SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT –

On September 28/ 29 several members of our Auxiliary helped at this fun event.

### •PUPPY LOVE

Puppy Love events were recently held on September 14 and 26 in the Ace unit of the hospital. Members of our Auxiliary assisted at this event which is funded by our used book cart sales.



•STAFF APPRECIATION DAY – October 1.

The event was supported by members of our Auxiliary and Volunteers. Staff enjoyed yummy samosas and root beer or orange ice cream floats!

## Upcoming Events

These events require support and help from our Volunteer and Auxiliary members.

•FVHCF GRAND GALA – November 15

The evening event will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford. Volunteers needed! Janet is the Volunteer Coordinator for this event so please contact her if you are available - [jandav1970@shaw.ca](mailto:jandav1970@shaw.ca) or Liz Harris can be contacted at [liz.harris@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:liz.harris@fraserhealth.ca)



•BAKE SALE – November 21.

Gail Bostrom is once again taking charge of this event. Under her leadership and the support of our talented Auxiliary bakers we have had great success with this fundraiser. So, get your recipes ready for this important date. More information will be coming to you soon.



## Final Fun Meeting of the Year!

December 16 at 7pm will be our final meeting for 2024! Come and wish your fellow Auxilians a Merry Christmas! Remember that we only have 4 meetings a year now and 2 of these include social events. Along with a brief meeting there will be time to socialize and enjoy a beverage and snacks. It will be fun!

Contact our executive if you need a ride to this event. We can message members who may be able to pick you up.



**Auxilians Working Where Needed!**



**"Don't ever question the value of  
volunteers.  
Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was  
built by  
professionals."**

