



AUXILIARY NEWS

Nanaimo Auxiliary Nanaimo Regional General Hospital Winter Edition 2010

Christmas Greeting from Our President

While enjoying the warm colours of autumn, the fall and winter season is fast approaching with preparations for our Christmas activities – the Christmas Craft Sale, Thrift Store Christmas party and the Auxiliary Christmas party. To the Craft Ladies, we extend a very special thank-you for making the gifts for the patients' trays. What joy when they see them on their trays at Christmas.

You are indeed providing exceptional Care and Comfort to our patients and your good work and generosity of spirit is appreciated by everyone. We are so proud of you.

The members of our Executive join with me in extending to you and your families a Very Warm and Joyful Christmas.

Mary Chinn

Official Opening of NRGH Renal Unit September 2010



The opening of the Renal Unit was a very exciting day for the many people who have to use it I am sure. Not to have to travel to Victoria for their treatment to just mention one. It is another reason our Auxiliary members should be proud to be a volunteer in our organization.

Thrift Store Celebrates 5th Anniversary



Annie Watters the gal that got it started.

We owe a big “Thank You” to the wonderful people that started with the Thrift Store like Annie & Pete Watters, Maureen and Norm Kogstad, Betty & Gerald Beck,.... Carol Pearce, Joan Sawicki, Jeanette Muskeyn and Ethel Trudeau. These people have been the ones we have relied on to make decisions, order supplies, pay the bills and do the scheduling. Without these great individuals we would not have the store we have today. The people who man the store faithfully everyday are also not to be forgotten and we are all proud to be part of such a happy hard working family. “Congratulations” to all of you.

Thank You June Ravnborg for the great write-up in the local papers.

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Gift Shop

We have received a request for 4ply baby yarn and would appreciate some of the knitters to knit a few more hoodies in a size larger than new born so we can have a better selection. If any of the knitters require wool please feel free to call me at 250-753-1459 and we can arrange a time to meet and go through the wool on hand. I have asked to have a small display of knitting put in one of the windows in December so that visitors will see what we have.

Respectfully submitted
Lea Spooner
Convenor

Craft & Bake Sale November 26th & 27th

Our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale is the next "Big Event" coming up on November 26th and 27th from 10 AM – 3PM. Annie and the Bake Sale team are going to need lots of help with baking donations for our Bake Sale on November 26th. Our Crafts will be 2 days, both Nov 27th and 28th however Annie plans on the Bake Sale to be held on the 26th only!

We usually always sell out by noon so 2 days would be "over the top". We'll have to be happy with just the one day. The sale is coming up fast and furiously so look through those recipes of yours for your very favourite, even look through our new Auxiliary Cookbook. It contains some incredible recipes. If you would please write on the package what the item is and if it contains nuts, that would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

It would be very helpful if you could bring your baked goods to the Volunteers Room on the morning of the sale (EARLY) or to Annie Watters or Dorothy Irving at the Flora Arrangers Desk in the storage-stockroom on Thursday, November 25th.

Annie will be down with Dorothy and the other gals the morning of the 25th up until 1:15. Thank You very, very much in advance.

Annie Watters



Computer Workshop

Donna Sampson recently had nine of us at her home to show us how to clean out the dust and general cleaning of files from our "computers",

Donna also helped with many problems we had. We shared ideas over coffee and goodies.

Thank you Donna

\$8.00

NRGH Auxiliary Dues for 2011 are now due

The Dues for 2011 are \$8.00 as BCAHA increased our dues to them by a dollar. Please send your payment to:

Jeanette Muskeyn

236 Tahoe

Nanaimo BC V9R 6S2

Or you can leave them:

- 1) In the Gift Shop
- 2) Treasurer's box in Lynne's office
- 3) With the convenor at the Thrift Store

All Dues must be paid by December 31st 2010

Thanks Jeanette

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Be Safe & Sound

Annie and Pete used this service recently for celebrating Pete's Birthday. The cost was \$20.00 to come from roughly Rock City School to their home. They come pick you up, someone drives your car while someone follows. It worked slick, thought you might like to know.

"Safe & Sound Designated Driving Services"
250-924-2886

Hours of operation:

Sunday – Thursday 4PM – 3AM

Friday/Saturday 4PM – 4 AM

Their website is www.safedrivehome.ca

*Regards,
Annie*

Vancouver Island Area Conference

This was held in Qualicum this year, Mary Chinn, Mickey Lemmon and Joan Sawicki. Attended on behalf of the Executive.

Facts & Figures

There are 86 hospital auxiliaries in BC
1.5 million hours of time put in by BCAHA
volunteers.
\$10,866.58 was raised with \$1,967,393.00 raised
by Vancouver Island Auxiliaries.
Income from BC Auxiliaries Thrift Stores was
approximately \$10,866,000.50 of which
\$900,687.39 was earned by Vancouver Island
Auxiliaries.

Auxiliary Christmas Party

The annual Auxiliary Christmas Coffee Party will be held on Monday, December 6th in Room G245. The new BCAHA Area Rep. Will be invited. There will be lots of "Door Prizes" given out. All members are invited.

Our General Meeting

Monday November 15th

1:30 PM – in the Volunteers' Room

Our General meeting will be here before you know it and we are having two wonderful speakers from our very own Emergency Department. Doctor Drew Digney (pictured) and Suzanne Fox Manager of the Emergency Department. This should be very interesting with the building started for our new Emergency Department. I know you will want to hear all about it. We hope to see you all there.



*Until Next Time
Dianne Ross
Publicity Chair*