

March Newsletter 2012



President's Message:

With my term of office coming to a close, I would like to sincerely thank the members of the Auxiliary Executive and all the Auxiliary Members who made my role as President an inspiring and challenging one. Your generous effort, guidance, time, participation, creative ideas, kindness and sense of commitment, have made my role a very pleasant and effortless one – “a true gift to me.” I wish you all continued success in providing comfort for our patients in the hospital.

Mary Chinn, President



SURVEY RE NUMBER OF GENERAL MEETINGS: *Thank you to those members who completed the survey regarding the number of General Meetings held per year. The majority were satisfied with two meetings, one being the AGM, however, many members felt that a Guest Speaker would be a good addition. The Executive will comply with this request.*

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SAD NEWS: Elizabeth (Betty) Beck passed away on the 5th of February, 2012. A Memorial Service for Betty was held on February 17th, 2012 and among those attendees were many Auxiliary members. Betty was a very active community volunteer as well as a committed and valuable Auxiliary member. She made significant contributions to the successful operation of the Thrift Store and was a talented quilter. "HER HANDS NEVER STOPPING, ALWAYS WORKING, COUNTLESS HOURS GIVING, LOVING, LAUGHING." Betty will be greatly missed by our Auxiliary!

AUXILIARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The meeting will be held at the Nanaimo Golf Club on Monday, March 26th, 2012, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please be sure to attend this important event and LUNCHEON. It is an opportunity to get together with your fellow auxiliaries, to enjoy good food and a good time. Please register with Jeanette Muskeyn at 250-753-5184 by March 21st.

AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE FOR 2012-2013: Thank you to those members who have agreed to stand for positions on the new executive. We are still in need of the following: Co-Convenor of the Thrift Store and 2nd Vice-President. Please think about helping out in this regard, and either volunteer yourself or, perhaps, speak to another member who you think would enjoy being a part of the decision-making process.

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ANNUAL AUXILIARY PICNIC: Date: June 18th, 2012. Place: Departure Bay Kin Hut on Departure Bay Road. Time: 11:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar today! More details in June Newsletter.



PROFILE OF AN AUXILIARY MEMBER: Verna Jenkins has been volunteering in one Auxiliary or another for some 47 years and has a gold watch to prove it! She began in the Mt. Arrowsmith Auxiliary and when that was disbanded, she joined the Nanaimo Auxiliary. Verna has held many Executive positions during her Auxiliary volunteer years, and is also a long-serving volunteer at the SOS Thrift Store in Parksville. Verna is pictured here in the Gift Shop where her happy disposition and dedicated work ethic is appreciated by both her fellow staff and Gift Shop customers. Young patients at NRGH also benefit from Verna's creative talents. She makes 40 finger puppets a month to cheer those children who must endure the "prick of a needle." We salute Verna and her years of service!



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*Auxiliary Work Party
Members take a moment
off from their “labours” to
pose for the camera!*



A new person will be taking on the Publicity Portfolio after the AGM, so I say good-bye for now. Thank you to all the auxiliary members who have aided me so cheerfully during the past year. Lynda Avis, Publicity