



AUXILIARY NEWS

Nanaimo Auxiliary to Nanaimo
Regional Hospital

Spring Edition 2010

Message from our President

This is the time of the year for us to establish new relationships and set new goals. As well, it is time for review and change to meet the challenges ahead.

The BCAHA Conference has proven to be very beneficial for everyone who attended; and what an opportunity to get to know each other, listen to their ideas, acquire knowledge from the workshops and listen to the guest speakers.

I know that with the combined efforts of all our auxiliary members who provide patient comfort services and funding for needed equipment, we shall continue to grow and be valued members of the Hospital family.

You are the best!

Mary Chinn – PRESIDENT

*Sign on the Law of a Drug Rehab Center:
"KEEP OFF THE GRASS"*

NRGH Annual General Meeting

May 29th, 2010

The annual General Meeting and luncheon took place March 29th, 2010 at the Nanaimo Golf Club. This was a great success thanks to Frieda Kalack for taking on the arrangements and Mickey Lemmon for looking after the wonderful meal.

Sharon Hart was our Nominating Officer.

OUR NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 2010-2011

PRESIDENT – Mary Chinn

1ST VICE – Mickey Lemmon

2ND VICE – Lynda Avis

- **REDORDING SECRETARY** – Nola Jones
- **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** – Louise Baker
- **TREASURER** – Jeanette Muskeyn
- **PUBLICITY CHAIR** – Dianne Ross
- **GIFT SHOP CHAIRS** – Eleanor Offert & Monica Kietcard
- **THRIFT SHOP CHAIRS** – Carol Pearce & Maureen Kogstad

Installation of officers was carried out by Cathryn Bolton, Vancouver Island Representative.

Outgoing President Ann Karbonick presented a cheque in the amount of \$230,000.00 to Maeve O'Byrne President, Nanaimo District Foundation and Christine McAuley Vice Chair Nanaimo District Hospital Foundation.

Immediate Past President – Ann Karbonick

Our outgoing President Ann Karbonick thanked our many dedicated Auxilians who work in our Gift Shop and Thrift Store and also in the many areas throughout NRGH, i.e. Hospitality, Day Care Surgery, Medical Day Care, Pediatrics, Library Cart, Flower Arranging, Psychiatry, Lost and Found etc. You are very much appreciated by all the staff and patients at NRGH and the entire community.

STATS FOR 2009

Paid Members – 201

Junior Volunteers – 135

Volunteer Hours – 40,554

Money Raised - \$638,104.00

Money Donated - \$314,818.00

“He who hesitates is smart”

B.C.A.H.A.

“HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU” (theme)

We had 19 members attend this wonderful annual even. We took in the Workshops offered and enjoyed the speakers. Sasja Nieuberk was our Motivational Speaker on “How you see yourselves, and how others see you”; Risk Frost spoke to us regarding change in our home auxiliaries. Dr Gloanni Cinel Doctor of Optometry spoke on Defining Optometrist and Ophthalmologist it was very informative and helped many of us understand our aging eyes. There were concurrent Workshops; Optician, Traveling, Customer Service, Photography, Cosmetician, Marketing Yourself (Your Auxiliary), and Diabetics. There was a Silent Auction. Some of our members took in the tours to their Thrift Store and Gift Shop to Royal Inland Hospital and their Hospice Home. We attended the Installation of New officers after a wonderful Buffet. There were awards given for the Newsletters and Photos.

“The easiest way to find something around the house is to buy a replacement.”

**OUR OWN ANNIE WATTERS
TOOK “PEOPLES CHOICE”
award for her photo of Joan
Sawicki holding our Cookbook.
ANNIE took 2nd prize for
“Publicity & Promotion” the
photo taken outside of the
Thrift Store.
“CONGRATULATIONS” Annie
from all of us.**

PARKING PERMITS

Our yellow parking permits expire as of May 31st, 2010. New Permits are available near the Cafeteria next to the stairway and entrance. Look for the “PARKING PERMIT” sign. Their hours of operation are 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM. They are closed during breaks 9:00-9:30 (coffee) 11:45 to 12:15 (lunch) 2:15-2:30 (break). You will need to know your license plate number and have your old pass and picture ID with you to receive your new “PERMIT”.

SPRING CRAFT SALE – May 21st

Penny Whittaker Convener for the “WORK PARTY” has kept her ladies busy once again. They have been at their sewing machines making many new quilts and useful items for gift giving or just to have. Be sure to tell

all your friends of the sale. There won't be another one until Christmas time this year.

AUXILIARY PICNIC – June 21st

11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Betty Beck has again graciously offered home for our annual picnic. Please remember to bring your own dishes, cup and cutlery. This is a Pot Luck so a container of food to share, maybe something out of our great Cookbook. The Auxiliary supplies the beverage.