



# AUXILIARY NEWS

To Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

March 2011

## **President's Message - Mary Chinn**

These have been very busy days for us, working on the new Auxiliary Pamphlet; preparing for our new Website; making plans for our AGM, the BCAHA Conference in Richmond, and the Candy Striper Conference in Langley in April.

The Thrift Store, the Gift Shop and the Craft Ladies continue to provide outstanding service in generating funds to provide patient comforts.

Our membership now stands at 223 men and women. We are proud of the contributions being made by them as they participate in our various Auxiliary Activities and Volunteer Hospital Programs.

With our year coming to a close, we are going to miss the members who will be finishing their term commitments on the Executive. In their positions, they helped to make a difference. Thank you and we shall miss you!

As your President, I have enjoyed all our time working together. I continue to be amazed at both the productive and creative energy which surrounds me in carrying out my role. You have all made my position easier and enjoyable.

## **Junior Volunteer - Lynne**

We were very pleased that another of our Junior Volunteers' was honoured by A Channel Television in their 'Amazing Kids' segment on Thursday evening and they came to the hospital to video tape Alliya Lawrence doing her volunteer service. Alliya has been a Junior Volunteer with us for approximately one year. We did not realize that her pleasant, quiet manner covered hidden strengths that make her an 'amazing kid' by anyone's standards. Alliya is 15 years old and while most girls that age are finding it challenging to cope with school and their social lives, Alliya has an additional challenge which she faces with a positive and giving spirit. .

She still manages to be a top student and in addition to her volunteering at the hospital, she volunteers with the local Ostomy Association and does presentations with the Nanaimo Ostomy nurse. Amazing enough, Alliya finds her condition 'interesting' rather than challenging, and is definitely the personification of that old cliché - "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" The Amazing Kids recognition comes with a \$1000.00 award which Alliya plans to use towards further schooling. I am sure this young woman will be a success at whatever she decides to do. (We have previously had two other Junior Volunteers honoured with the Amazing Kids Award - both young men have plans for careers in medicine.)

## **Alaska Cruise**

Jeanette Muskyn is selling tickets on a 7day Cruise for two during the week of May 13th. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the money benefits BCAHA.

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## **Junior Volunteer's Decorate**

Once again the boys and girls did a great job of decorating both the Volunteer room and the Cafeteria windows. All this work was rewarded with pizza and goodies in the cafeteria with their advisors pictured below.



## **Junior Volunteer Advisors**

(from left to right) ETHEL, DAWN, PATRICIA, LYNNE & DIANNE (MICKEY missing)

## **Anne George brings Sunshine**

To children's faces - delivering finger puppets and Santa bags. Anne is always on the look-out for small items to fill these bags. Items for Valentines, Easter and Halloween surprises also appreciated.

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## Christmas Coffee Party

This year a "Fashion Show" was the highlight of our annual party with all items donated from our Thrift Store. The models did a great job. Hope we can do it again.



## Work Party, Craft & Bake Sale

The Bake Sale brought in \$1,029.37. Hard to believe all those goodies could mount up to that amount. The ladies did a great job in both your baking and presentations

### Gift Shop

Tea Towels with the "Nanaimo Bar" recipe are now offered for sale in our Gift Shop. The Baby Showcase lady, Lea Spooner has many knitters. These ladies knit beautiful outfits and shawls. If you have any extra baby wool I am sure the ladies would appreciate having it for our volunteer knitters.

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## **Two ladies with a lot of history!**

Verna Jenkins was honoured recently by VIHA for 45 years of service and her friend Gladys Jackson who is 94 years old !!!! These two drive from Parksville every third Wednesday of the month volunteering in our Gift Shop. They work with Flo Duncan on the morning shift. Congratulations ladies.

## **NRGH Last Baby for 2010**

Tracie and Derek Finstad gave birth to Tyrus. Born the last day of December 2010. They were presented with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to be used in our Gift Shop by yours truly. The family lives in the North West Territories.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Vacancies**

The following Offices need filling for this next term: 2nd Vice President; Publicity Chair; Gift Shop Co-chair. Please contact Ann Karbonik if you are interested. Phone 250-390-7533 or email <akarbonik@telus.net

### **Annual General Meeting**

Monday, March 28th at 11:45 AM. at the Nanaimo Golf Club. Luncheon supplied and AGM to follow. Please confirm with Treasurer Jeanette Muskeyn at 250-753-5184 by March 21st. If you can attend.

### **BCAHA Conference**

April 17th to April 20th. Check with Lynda Avis, 2nd Vice President at 250-751-3706 if you are interested in attending.

## **SNOWBIRDS**

I have enjoyed being your Publicity Chair and I am willing to help who ever takes over this position. The Auxiliary is in the process of having our own Web site which will eliminate problems for those of you that have a computer getting our newsletter by email. This will enable you to bring up past issues of the newsletter and members won't need to print them unless needed.

This is a wonderful organization and I have filled a few different positions. I will continue volunteering but the warm weather down south is calling again. Dianne Ross