

# June Newsletter 2012

## ***President's Message:***

When I assumed the Presidency, I set 3 goals for myself and I feel gratified that the Executive embraced these goals. Since April, we have all been working: 1) To increase awareness in the community of the work of the Auxiliary; 2) To encourage Auxiliary Members to feel they are part of a unified team; and 3) To continue to raise funds through special projects and activities. We are off to a great start and so far I have thoroughly enjoyed working more closely with Auxiliary Members. I wish you all a happy and restful summer here on our beautiful Island home!

## ***Middle of May Outing***



Lynda Avis, President



In the ball room at Government House, Victoria, BC. From left to right: Ann Karbonik, (an Auxiliary Past President), Joan Sawicki (Assistant Treasurer), Lynda Avis (Auxiliary President), Barrie Lynch (Executive Director of the BCAHA). Photo taken at the recent afternoon tea given by the Lt. Gov. to honor the work of the province's healthcare Auxiliaries.

### ***SAD News***

Beryl Bennett Albee passed on June 4, 2012. Beryl Albee held many volunteer positions including President of our Auxiliary (of which she was a Life Member of 57 and a half years) and she was also President of the Auxiliaries Division of the BCAHA. She was a President of the Local Council of Women, and in 1965, took over the nonsalaried position of Director of Volunteers at NRGH. During her life, she provided the impetus for many successful health-related programs in our community.

### ***GLAD News***

Beryl Albee Bennett has been nominated by our Auxiliary for the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. A great honor for a Great Woman!



### ***Annual Auxiliary Potluck***

Held June 18, 2012 this year at the Departure Bay Kin Hut. A roaring “clap, clap, clap” to our organizer, Tom Eymundson , for his outstanding successful effort. Games were held outside and all participated. A note to remember, the attendance at this year's picnic doubled.



### ***Profile of an Auxiliary Member***

Dianne Ross has been volunteering in one way or another, this past April, for 12 years. Dianne has held Executive positions during her Auxiliary years, yet smiles and quotes “quilting is her top love still today.” Her genuine air of friendliness has followed her; volunteering at the Front Desk (Info Desk), Crafts with the Work Party, and 4 years as Convenor for candy strippers. In 2004, Dianne held the position of President for our Auxiliary.

In 2005, Dianne and Annie Watters, made a BIG decision to mobilize their passion for new ideas and opened our Thrift Store. “If those big cities can have those Thrift Stores, then so call our little town, Nanaimo”.

Dianne was away from volunteering for awhile and when she returned, she worked 2 years as candy stripper convenor, spare person for our 50/50 program, and 2 and a half years in Thrift Store.

Dianne has 2 sons and 1 daughter, 5 great grandchildren, and let us not forget her quilting that keeps her busy in her spare time.

A pleasure having Dianne Ross be our Profile for June's Newsletter. Way to go, Dianne!!!

# Way To Go!!



***Dianne Ross***

### ***Craft Sale***

Craft Sale held June 1, 2012, in the Hospital Lobby could be renamed Craft-O-Mania. Last proceed total was \$2900.00, Congratulations and kudos to our work party!



### ***Announcement***

At present, a group of 6, known as our Feasibility Committee are investigating operations and options for the Auxiliary Thrift Store. September 10, 2012, is when the report is due and will be made available to our members.



As the newest publicity member, I would like to thank all of the Auxiliary members who have been so open and helpful in my new endeavors. Since the AGM in March, all of my questions and issues have been dealt with in a honest and genuine manner. I welcome you input and feedback and look forward to your newsletter contributions. *LeeAnn Hunter, Publicity* .