



THE FRIENDLY CIRCLE

Afternoon Auxiliary to Royal Inland Hospital
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June 2011

The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

2011 Executive

President – Trudy De Luca
1st Vice President – Wilma Scheer
Past President – Lynda Desrocher
Recording Secretary – Kathie Aytte
Treasurer – Barb Bryant
Director – Beppie Crawford
Director – Janis Alford
Director – Joy Parkes
Thrift Seller Executive Liaison – Lynda Desrocher
Resource Person – Joannette Goddard

Reporters - Submissions of interest to the Friendly Circle Newsletter from all members are always welcome. Please call Kathie at 250-376-5435, email fourdrums@shaw.ca or leave your submission in the Executive Mailbox at the Gift Shop. And thank you.

Presidents Report

I am happy to say that the Afternoon Auxiliary donated **\$302,474.00** to the Royal Inland Hospital in 2010. We have pledged \$150,000.00 to the ICU for 2011.

We continue to grow & meet our objective of raising funds to provide special patient care Equipment for the Royal Inland Hospital.

At our June 6th luncheon we will be giving out certificates of service to all our volunteers.

Volunteers with 10 or more years of service will also be recognized with special certificates stating the number of years volunteering with the Afternoon Auxiliary to RIH.

There are 36 members with over 10 years of service. At present the Auxiliary has 184 paid members.

Hope you all have a great summer!
Take Care.

Trudy

Christmas Luncheon December 6, 2010

Ninety-two members and guests attended the Christmas Luncheon held at Calvary Community Church. Special guests included: Veronica Carroll and Pat Esdale of the RIH Foundation, Denise Chartrand, Director of Peri-operative Services, Debbie Cosgrove-Swan, Infection Disease Control Practitioner, Janis Kilback, Volunteer Services Co-ordinator, Kris Kristjanson, Ambulatory Care/Diagnostic Health Services Director, and Wilma Scheer, President, Evening Auxiliary to RIH. Marg Brown, Health Services Administrator to RIH sent her regards as she was attending a previously scheduled meeting.

A warm welcome was extended to the Evening Auxiliary Past Presidents; Jenny Quince, Carol Frost and Hema Wijesinghe and the Afternoon Auxiliary Past Presidents; Janet Doubt, Lynda Desrocher, Jo Hill, Evelyn Baziuk, Trudy De Luca and Joannette Goddard.

Mary Goddard gave the luncheon blessing.

The Quilt Raffle was held and door prizes were presented. Several cheques were presented to the Auxiliary. The Gift Shop, Thrift Seller, Quilters, Crafters and Knitters were acknowledged for their contributions to the Auxiliaries financial well-being. Thank you to all for your help in preparing this special day.

Joannette Goddard





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BCAHA Auxiliary Day



We celebrated Auxiliary Day on May 12 with a function on the second floor at RIH. Members of the Auxiliary served coffee, tea and various home-baked goods to the staff and public. The Quilters and Stitchers set up tables with a variety of their special items for sale.



Back Row L-R: Trudy, Marie, Andrea
Front Row L-R: Wilda, Audrey and Peggy



Lois Priebe presented a Gift Basket to Ben and Emma Allen and son Kesler, first baby born at RIH on Mother's Day May 8, 2011.



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New Volunteers

Welcome to new Volunteers: Ellen de Bruyn, Eric Esslinger, Rashida Agaera, Lorraine Harries, Edita Davis, MaryEllen Patterson, Halah Bajaber, and Mila Bagundol.

Wilma Scheer

Candy Stripers

Janis Kilback, Volunteer Services Coordinator and five local students attended the Candy Striper Conference held in Langley, April 29-30. Just one of the reports from one of the girls attending: "First and foremost, I would like to thank the ladies of the Auxiliary for providing the funds for this trip, it was truly wonderful! The candy striper's convention was definitely an experience that any young person interested in entering the medical field should experience."



Back Row L-R: Humayra Haq, Kennedie Maidment

Front Row L-R: Marina Goddard, Lena Pendlebury, Nikki Fredrickson



Vice-President, Wilma Scheer presenting Candy Striper Tina Nguyen a Bursary of \$1,500.00.



Candy Striper Midori Grant accepting \$1,500.00 bursary from Wilma.

Thrift Seller News

Welcome *Joy Parkes*, our new Thrift Seller Convenor.

At a recent meeting, Afternoon Auxiliary President, Trudy De Luca spoke on the role the Thrift Seller plays at RIH. She stressed how important the Thrift Seller is to our fund-raising. We sell approximately 125 items per day and average \$300.00 per day in sales. Our members average 32 hours volunteer time each day.

All the P.R. work we can do on behalf of the Thrift Seller will help to increase sales. Spring flowers were recently planted outside our store.

We celebrated Auxiliary Day on May 12 by hosting coffee and cookies for our customers.

We continue to work together toward our common goal.



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British Columbia Association of Health-Care Association – 67th Conference

A few of my highlights from the conference activities were:

Gaming, Rules, Regulations & Reporting – the presenter was Ursula Cowland – Executive Director, Licensing and Grants Division, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Ms. Cowland did a great job of presenting the topic; she had a good sense of humour and was eloquent in her explanations of the grant process.

Key note speakers – Dr. Doug Clement & Mrs. Diane Clement. Dr. Clements talk was informative. I only wish there had been more time to see Mrs. Clements cooking demonstration. It would have made a great break-out session.

The Denim to Diamonds “Mixer Reception” was a great time to network, meet new people and connect with some great new resources. I especially enjoyed getting to know some of the Evening Auxiliaries.

The Banquet – The food was fabulous and it was wonderful to see everyone “glamed” up and glittering in their diamonds. The installation of officers demonstrated the history and tradition of the BCAHA. I found it very remarkable.

The Entertainment - “Showstoppers” & the BCAHA President, Margaret Dawson trying to figure out Michael Jackson and a Fire Hydrant was hilarious ...can't say I would've ever figured it out.

Thank you again for the opportunity to gain such insight into our Hospital Auxiliaries. One thing I know for sure is that the day I retire ...I'm joining the Auxiliary! THANK YOU!

Janis Kilback

The BCAHA Conference was held April 18, 19 and 20 in Richmond. “Making it Happen” was the theme. The Conference was opened by B.C. Lieutenant Governor, Steven Point.

The AGM and Election of Officers were held and all officers were elected by acclamation. Eight delegates from the Afternoon Auxiliary to Royal Inland Hospital attended.

Concurrent workshops were held throughout the three day event.

Monday's sessions emphasized Catering as a possible fundraiser. There were lots of ideas and options presented for any Auxiliary interested in pursuing this particular fundraiser. A real emphasis was placed on Insurance and Food Safe practices.

Another session focused on Web Pages and encouraged us to include the word “auxilian” in our email address.

Lawyer, Aaron Dow suggested we become an “Incorporated Society”.

Leslie Abramson encouraged us to: **Be Bolder, Be Bigger, Be Better**

The conference ended with a message from Tara Sudbury to “**Make it Happen**”.

Barb Bryant

