



AUXILIARY NEWS

Delta Hospital Auxiliary
"Supporting healthcare in Delta since 1969"

Spring 2016

President's Message

Spring is definitely upon us. At my house the Pink Dogwood is in full glorious bloom and the Rhododendrons are not far behind. Every day there is something new to see in the garden. The past few weeks have also been full of new things for the Auxiliary: a new bus for Mountain View Manor, new Pre Admission Clinic, new Auxiliary Unit Coordinators, new equipment purchases and a new year of funding our Spiritual Health Practitioner. I wish you all a Springtime full of great new things!

Robbi

"Oh the places we'll go!"

The new custom Bus for residents of Mountain View Manor has arrived just in time for good weather outings. Seating 14 with a state of the art wheelchair lift, it is very well designed for



passengers and staff as well as 6 wheelchairs. The Auxiliary is delighted to provide this vehicle for the Residents so that they can get out and about in the community and beyond. This gift is made possible by a generous community and our dedicated volunteers.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bus was held April 11 at

Mountain View Manor with invited guests, Fraser Health execs, Rec. Therapy staff as well as a good group of Auxiliary Volunteers in blue. After an inaugural ride around Ladner, the residents enjoyed refreshments back at Mountain View Manor with visitors and volunteers.

May Day Parade

Mark May 29 on your calendar and join in the May Day Parade with the bus this year. Wear your blues and walk beside, in front and behind the bus. We are already registered and what a fun way to show off Mountain View Manor's new transportation.



"Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals." [Unknown](#)

Annual General Meeting & Luncheon

The Auxiliary's 2016 AGM & Luncheon at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn, Wednesday, April 6 was well attended and volunteers and guests enjoyed the attractive venue and an excellent lunch.

Auxiliary President Robbi Schultes spoke about the immeasurable value of volunteers in today's world; making a difference in the lives of others, not for money or for glory but to create a stronger community where people can feel connected and supported.

*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*

Auxiliary Treasurer Navreet Virk reported on our financial situation. Our four business enterprises are running well and we are more than half way to our goal of \$2.4 million for equipment for the new Diagnostic Centre.

Two new Unit Coordinators were announced: Jane Wheeler for the Gift Shop and Allison Jordan Knox for the Office Unit, and we can now announce that Kitty Sawycky has graciously accepted the position of Café Coordinator. Our thanks to those Coordinators whose terms have ended for their dedication and hard work: Carolyn Dodds; Gift Shop, Lori MacLennan; Office Unit and Dave McMillan; Café.

The Auxiliary recognized years of volunteer service with the presentation of 5, 10, 15 and 20 year pins to volunteers. As well, 4 lifetime memberships (25 yrs) were awarded.

500 volunteers gave 100,000 hours of volunteer time in 2015 - Huge thanks to all our dedicated and hardworking volunteers for their commitment and kind hearts - none of our successes would be possible without you.



"Those who can, do. Those who can do more volunteer"

Help finance your studies with an Auxiliary Bursary



Each year the Auxiliary awards six student bursaries of \$1500 for students going on to post-secondary studies in the health care field and two staff bursaries of \$1000 for staff at Delta Hospital who wish to upgrade their training. Applications are now being accepted and forms and

information are available at the Auxiliary Office 604-946-1121 loc. 783212. Deadline is May 1.

Pre Admission Clinic

Delta Hospital has a smart new Pre-Admission Clinic ready for use. Furniture and equipment have been moved in to this bright, airy space containing 2 consult rooms, reception area, office and a sunny waiting area. A well designed and much better use of the formerly dark and underused Day Surgery waiting room, it will be appreciated by patients and staff. The Auxiliary co-funded this renovation with the Foundation and as well the Auxiliary has provided the funds for the furnishings and equipment.

Need some Retail Therapy? Come shopping!



If you haven't visited for a while, now is a great time to drop by the Auxiliary Gift Shop in the Hospital Lobby where new items are arriving daily. Choose from a selection of spring clothing ranging in size from Extra Small to 3X. There are also great choices in jewelry and handbags. In

Giftware, check out the English china mugs featuring Canadian artist Robert Bateman. Each mug is presented in an art form box, perfect for gift giving and priced from \$14.94 to \$39.95.

The Auxiliary Office Unit

Volunteers provide information to the public and clerical support to the units and Auxiliary Council. Hours are 10 am to 2 pm and the office is open Monday to Friday. To get involved, email Allison Jordan Knox at Allison_knox@yahoo.ca.

HELP WANTED

Auxiliary Council Secretary

Are you looking for an opportunity to use your skills in a good cause? The Auxiliary Council has need of a Secretary to take minutes at our monthly meetings. This is a volunteer position and a chance to be part of the decision making process for Delta Hospital Auxiliary. Contact us for more information on this position at the Auxiliary Office 604-946-1121 ext 783212.

Auxiliary Hospital Unit Coordinator

This volunteer position acts as a liaison between Auxiliary Council, Auxiliary Hospital volunteers and the Fraser Health Manager of Volunteer Resources. More information as above: Auxiliary Office 604-946-1121 ext 783212

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Congratulations!



Zlata Nikic, Tuesday Supervisor at the Thrift Shop walked in the recent Sun Run and finished the 10K distance in one hour and thirty minutes! Definitely an inspiration to us all.

Let's challenge Auxiliary volunteers to enter next year's Sun Run.

South Delta Garden Club

Annual Plant Sale is Saturday May 7 on the patio garden at Mountain View Manor. A portion of proceeds goes to the Residents' Garden at Mountain View Manor.



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