



# NEWSLETTER

Auxiliary to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital

Spring 2018



## Happy Spring to all!

Hooray! Winter seems to be a fading memory of blustery winter winds and damaging ice storms. Spring is finally here and the blooms around us are a reminder of glorious days to come. Despite the hazardous winter driving conditions, our gift shop only had a few closures through the winter events. Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the challenging weather.

### New Executive

At our March AGM the following members were elected to these executive positions:

- President – Janet Hutchinson
- First Vice President – Maggie Gardiner
- Second Vice President – Joyce Grummett
- Treasurer – Janet Hutchinson
- Secretary – Eleanor Christison

### Gift Shop Changes

Our gift shop and the responsibilities our members take on is constantly evolving.

Currently we have the following members keeping the gift shop humming:

- Shop Acting Manager – Marilyn Goodwin
- Shop Buyer – Maggie Gardiner
- Shop Treasurer – Marilyn Goodwin
- Scheduler – Margaret Cornies
- Assistant Scheduler – Caroll Daly
- Pricing Team – Tina, Lorna, Caroll, Joan, Betty, Maggie

Please advise Marilyn or Janet if you are interested in the continuing position of Gift Shop Manager. More gift shop volunteers are also needed.

### New Florist

“She’s My Florist” is our new provider of floral arrangements. This new partnership began on December 19, 2017. “She’s My Florist” has won ‘best florist’ in Abbotsford for the last two years. Our volunteers and customers have been pleased with the quality and style of the florals. We are delighted to have this company work with us and look forward to a long working relationship.



## Volunteer Resource Manager Changes

Debbie Kennedy took on the role of our Volunteer Resource Manager after Darlene Knudsen's retirement last June. After her brief time with us she has decided to begin a new 'chapter' in her life as a semi-retired professional and is leaving ARH. Debbie's leadership provided us with a new, secure location for our gift shop stock as well as an on-line application for new volunteers. There will be a time of transition before a new manager is hired. Janice Hansen, Coordinator of Volunteer Resources for Cottage Worthington and the Residence in Mission will be taking on the part time, support role. She will be the primary contact for our Auxiliary and will be on-site Monday and Friday as well as the occasional Wednesday. Joanne Halligan and Sally Ganzeveld will provide support to the Resource Department in their respective roles. We wish Debbie all the best in her new career move.

## BCAHA Provincial Conference – April 20-22

Harrison Hot Springs is the site of this year's provincial spring conference entitled, Strategies For Success. This conference is now held every two years and our delegates who have offered to attend include Marilyn, Eleanor, Maggie and Joyce. We look forward to having them share their experiences with us at our May meeting.

## Remembering

Sadly, two of our long-time members, **Tim Ngai** and **Del Baily** passed away this winter. They will be missed.

## Mission Accomplished in 2017

Our auxiliary's 2017 contribution to the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation totalled \$108,000. Our donations helped to support the purchase of a variety of equipment and the support of various programs. One such purchase is the Broda Chair.

We are also being recognized for our support of the new Abbotsford Regional Centre for Health Education and Simulation. Our name was included on a new Donor Board unveiled at a grand opening event on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Broda Chair



## Guest Speakers

Our dynamic president, Janet, has invited guests at many of our monthly meetings to give us their perspective on health care in our community. This spring we had the following presenters:

- Jan. – Karen Hohn, Recreational Therapist at Cottage-Worthington who highlighted the benefits of our donations to their programs, especially to their ballet program.
- Feb. – Sue Jenson, ARH Social Worker with Social Programs who expressed gratitude to our members for their sponsorship of the Resource Depot under the leadership of Carol Eyford.
- April – Speaker from Forensic Nursing. We support this department with the purchase of clothing and supplies under the leadership of Joan Pike.

## Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Many thank you tributes to our dedicated members have been expressed at our spring meetings.

- Bonnie McEwan for her leadership over the past four years in the gift shop. Her eye for style and

appealing merchandise have helped create a successful retail destination.

- Marilyn Egan for the many baskets she has assembled annually for our winter and spring draws.
- Workroom Ladies for their contribution of Purple Hats to B.C. Children's Hospital.

### Upcoming Events

On June 22, FVHCF is once again hosting a Golf Tournament – “Golf Fore Your Hospitals”. Our auxiliary voted to donate \$3000.00 to support a putting contest and lunch at this event. Organizers are seeking golfers and volunteers to help run the event. The event takes place at the Chilliwack Golf Club and will include a day of games, silent auction, prizes, Tailgate Lunch, a Banquet Dinner and of course golf!

Cost is \$150 for early birds before June 1 and \$175 after June 1.

### Year End Dinner

On June 18, we will have our year end dinner. Members have voted to individually pay a maximum of \$20 to have the event catered by Klassic Catering. Janet and Maggie met with the caterers to negotiate a menu that they hope will be suitable for all our members. Sign up forms will be made available in May. We will need firm numbers and payment 10 days before the event to ensure our costs are covered.



### ICU Coffee Program

The coffee program for the families of patients in intensive care is now well established. With a start-up donation from the Harris family to provide the Keurig machine, our auxiliary now funds the cost of coffee pods and cookies under the leadership of Gail Bostrom.

### Important Dates

- April 26, 10-11am – Grand Opening of the Abbotsford Regional Centre for Health Education and Simulation. Donor Board to be unveiled.
- May 14, 7pm - May Monthly Meeting  
\*\*\*\*NOTE: Meeting moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday because of Victoria Day on May 21.
- June 18 – Dinner and Installment of Executive
- June 22 – FVHCF ‘Golf Fore Your Hospitals’

