

Stevenson Memorial Hospital
Report of the Auxiliary President to the Annual General Meeting
June 18th, 2013

As I review the activities and accomplishments of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, I can once again state with confidence that this is a dedicated group of individuals who give freely of their time and knowledge in support for our community hospital.

The Auxiliary ends this fiscal year with a membership of 204 members, who gave 19,239 hours of volunteer support within the Hospital and in various fundraising activities organized to help with the equipment needs for our hospital. Twenty four students contributed 1,800 of these hours.

The Auxiliary began the year with a successful Tag Day in May, canvassing in the communities of Alliston, Angus, Beeton, Cookstown, and Tottenham. Our volunteers spent the spring and summer months participating at community events selling crafts and quilt raffle tickets. The fall brought the Annual Autumn Leaves Craft Sale at St. John's Church and the Christmas in October Bazaar at the Royal Canadian Legion. This year's Spring Tea was held March 23, 2013 at the Gibson Centre resulting in an increase in attendance and proceeds.

Through our accumulated fundraising activities and donations received from Investor's Group, Barrie and the Loyal Orange Lodge #66 of Alliston, the Auxiliary was able to forward \$123,945 towards the purchase of equipment for the Urology Department of our Hospital.

With the retirement of the Hospital's Chaplain and with the collaboration of management, community ministerial members and the Auxiliary, the new Spiritual Care Volunteer program was developed to provide non-denominational spiritual assistance and support to patients within our Hospital. Their friendly visits are making a difference and my hope for the future is to have this program continue to grow.

During this fiscal year, the Auxiliary's Student Bursary was awarded to Ashna Khanna at our June 7th, 2012 Annual General Meeting. Ashna is continuing her education in the Life Science Program at the University of Toronto. Her many volunteer hours were spent helping out in the coffee corner, information desk and Auxiliary fundraising events.

The HAAO Annual Convention was held in Toronto, on November 3rd through 7th, 2012 and was attended by the Auxiliary's President and Vice President. Five additional members attended the Tuesday seminars. Excellent discussions and information sharing occurred throughout the convention. Two of our student volunteers participated in the student portion of the convention and upon their return they shared with us how much they had learned through the different student workshops and presentations.

The Executive of the Auxiliary spent many hours during the summer months reviewing the Policies and Procedures of the Auxiliary and most recently completed a thorough review of the organization's Constitution and Bylaws.

This year, the Auxiliary implemented the position of Volunteer Recruiter to assist the President with the day to day recruitment of volunteers. Marilyn Smith has agreed to oversee this position and during her few months in this role has made a big difference in the President's workload. Effective March 31st, 2013 Annette Beusaert, after fourteen years, has retired from her role of Coffee Corner Convenor. However, you will still see Annette serving coffee during shifts and she has agreed to help our incoming convenor Ursula Gibson learn her responsibilities.

I have now completed two years in the role of Auxiliary President and the experience I have gained is immeasurable. I continue to be surrounded by individuals who focus their day to day life around the betterment of their community Hospital. With the on going changes taking place within our healthcare system, the need for volunteers will always be at the forefront and I am proud to be apart of this committed group. "Volunteering does make a difference"

Respectfully submitted,



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