

Stevenson Memorial Hospital
Report of the Auxiliary President to the Annual General Meeting
June 16, 2015

This has been a year of change for the SMH Auxiliary. On December 9, 2014, I became the Interim President and Diane Munro temporarily took on this role as I had already planned to go south for two months. At this time, Kelly Gripper took over my role as Treasurer to allow me to be President. Health has been a big issue for our group, and unfortunately, on my return, both Diane Munro and Carla Beckett had to resign their duties as Past President and Secretary. Thankfully both ladies have been a huge help with preparing for the Auxiliary Annual General Meeting (AGM), doing reports and providing advice. Also, Linda Edmonds, by default became the Chair of the Nominating Committee and Pat Fox (Reed) was called back to be Secretary until our AGM in June. Both these ladies have also been very helpful, as has, Annette Beausaert, guiding and reassuring me.

On a positive note, we have had several volunteers begin working in Med/Surg doing comfort rounds. We have also had new applications for the Spiritual Care program. The Information Desk is back in full swing after the changes caused by the Ebola monitoring and there are usually 2 volunteers per shift. The Gift Shop and Coffee Corner did experience cuts in sales during this time and hopefully are on a rebound. There has been an increased need for volunteers for the Cardiac Rehab program being held at the Rec. Centre and applications are being processed.

We continue to have a great group of students helping in many areas of the Hospital. Unfortunately, we had to dismiss some due to factors caused by the Ebola situation. We continue to provide a Bursary for our students continuing in a medical field and last year's recipient was Amber Hirstwood. As well, we were recently informed that Sarah Carson, currently attending University in Ottawa, received the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO) Central Region bursary.

In September, we presented the Foundation with a cheque for \$21,250 towards a Tourniquet for the Operating Room and we will be presenting a cheque to the Foundation at the Auxiliary AGM in the amount of \$25,000 towards the refurbishment of two patient areas.

In November, Annette Beausaert and I attended the HAAO convention in Toronto on behalf of the Auxiliary and learned a little about insurance, including the importance of the membership fee. I was one of nine that attended the 2014 Spring Conference in Orangeville, also very informative.

I have been able to attend a few Hospital Board meetings and Hospital Finance meetings sharing some Auxiliary information with them and learning a lot about the background activities of the hospital.

We have been very fortunate for the dedication of our volunteers to the Hospital and the Auxiliary. They have provided many volunteer hours, even when our hospital, like all hospitals in Ontario, had to deal with Ebola issues and seasonal flu outbreaks!

Respectfully submitted

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