Minden Health Care Auxiliary Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that another summer has flown by. I hope that everyone has had a chance to enjoy the long, warm days and that more are still to come.

It is also hard to believe that my term as President is coming to an end. We have accomplished so much in the past year.

Our biggest fundraiser, our Gala, was once again a great success, raising over \$10,000. Without so many volunteers pitching in to decorate, solicit items for the auctions, and then working so hard the evening of the event, we would be unable to accomplish what we do.

Thanks to Irene Alexander and Diana Spicer, we again held a successful Tag Day, as members were out in many locations in town to solicit for donations.

Maxine Snell, Mary Trumbull and John Fortune continue to have very successful card parties, donating the funds to the auxiliary. These three also work hard to put on a successful Bowl-a-thon each May.

Canada Day saw Dale Jewett and Carol Hussul setting up a very successful display by the Gull River. I had never seen so many people enjoying the day.

Thanks also go to Mickey Bonham for running a very successful Quilt Raffle. The lucky winner of the quilt was Mary Forbes of Minden. We are currently selling tickets for a wheelbarrow with 48 bottles of wine. Our gift shop has seen many changes this past year with new people stepping forward to help with buying, pricing and decorating. Things seem to be going very well.

It has been my pleasure to work with such a great group of dedicated individuals. Please read on for more details of our activities.

Val du Manoir

MINDEN HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY S

6th Gala Dinner and Auctions

Saturday, November 14, 2015 Minden Community Centre

\$50 per person

Dinner prepared by Karen Saunders of Caleb's Meadows Catering

Wine compliments of the Wine Store

Favours empliments of Molly's Bistro and Bakery

7ickets available by calling Mary at 705 455 9943

GIFT SHOP HOURS

SUNDAY TO FRIDAY

Noon to 3 p.m.

(Closed Saturdays)

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Our gift shop underwent some volunteer changes this past year. Tasks were divided up among more members as running a gift shop is a huge job.

Marian Gillanders and Marie Lennard stepped forward to take over the task of buying. They have now attended three gift shows in Toronto as well as sourcing other suppliers. Dee MacLean and Susan Ungar do the pricing of new items with Susan also doing the decorating with the assistance of Donna Monk. Donna also "oversees" the gift shop. Estella Burche looks after our used book cart. Of course we also have to thank all the members who work in the gift shop!

MAY BOWL-A-THON RAISES OVER \$2000

Another fun day was had at Minden Bowl as our Annual Bowl-a-thon took place on

May 14. Although we had fewer bowlers, those that attended had lots of laughs watching unusual bowling styles.

Not only did we bowl two games but we were also able to purchase 50/50 tickets and tickets for draws of multiple items.

Thanks go out to Maxine Snell, Mary Trumbull and John Fortune for planning the event and Jean Dutka for her financial expertise.

HYLAND CREST TEAS

We hosted four teas for the residents of Hyland Crest in November, February, April and June. Our June tea featured ice cream with maple syrup. The teas are most appreciated by the residents.

Thanks to Irene Alexander for arranging for the food and volunteers for these events.

WINE ON WHEELS RAFFLE

(48 bottles of wine and a wheelbarrow)



Only 1200 tickets available at \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Draw to take place on November 14, 2015

Tickets available from any auxiliary member, in our gift shop or by calling 705 286 3101

MHCA EXECUTIVE for 2015-2016*

President Mickey Bonham
Vice President Susan Ungar
Past President Val du Manoir
Treasurer Jean Dutka
Secretary Dee MacLean

Directors

Irene Alexander
Carol Hussul
Dale Jewett
Judith McNeilage
Ollie Rome
Diana Spicer
Anne Stephens
Maxine Snell
Mary Trumbull

CONVENORS

Gift Shop	Donna Monk
Advertising	Dee MacLean
Membership & Phone Lists	Diana Spicer
Telephone Convenor	Maxine Snell
Newsletter	Val du Manoir

^{*}subject to election at September AGM

DATES to REMEMBER

September 10 Annual General Meeting

October 1 General Meeting

November 5 General Meeting

November 14 – GALA

December 3 General Meeting

March 3 General Meeting

April 7 General Meeting

May 5 General Meeting

June 2 General Meeting

All meetings are held in the Fireside Lounge of Hyland Crest at 9:30 a.m.

5, 10 AND 15 YEAR PINS AND RIBBONS TO BE AWARDED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our auxiliary celebrated its 15th Anniversary in 2015. At our AGM we will be presenting pins and ribbons to the following members. Congratulations to all these hardworking individuals.

15 Years	10 Years
Irene Alexander	Blanche Carr
Corrine Arsenault	Sheila Corp
Hector Arsenault	John Fortune
Marilyn Burrows	Marian Gillanders
Ruth Hamilton	Carol Hussul
Donna Monk	Marie Lennard
Billie Schuyler	Lynda Preston
Winn Taylor	Mary Trumbull
Irma Walker	

<u>**5 Years**</u> Marg O`Shaughnessy

TAG DAY 2015 RAISES OVER \$1600.



Marilyn Burrows and Winn Taylor on Tag Day

Highlights from our "Highlands`Fling" Gala



Erskine Flook, Don Ballantyne and Joyce Nilsson



John Lennard and our Auctioneer Jack Brezina



Mickey Bonham announcing 50-50 draw was about to take place



The tables were set.....



Silent Auction items ready for bidders



...socializing and bidding



Loonie Auctioneer Richard Forsythe hard at work.

MINDEN CO-HOSTS 2015 HAAO CENTRAL EAST CONFERENCE "Making a Difference"

Pinestone Resort was the site of this year's HAAO Central East Spring Conference. The conference was co-hosted with the Haliburton Auxiliary and a wonderful day was had by all attendees.

Over 110 Volunteers from the 11 Auxiliaries that make up the Central East Region gathered for an enjoyable day of guest speakers, round table discussions and networking.

Haliburton's own Fay Wilkinson of "The Creative Cocoon" was the guest speaker and inspired us to be creative and innovative when dealing with all those we encounter as we volunteer at our hospitals.



Minden Auxiliary members Anne Stephens, Diana Spicer, Mary Trumbull and Ann Mahar are just a few of our members who attended the HAAO Central East Spring Conference

HYLAND CREST PILOTS A NEW MUSIC PROGRAM

One on our members can be found volunteering at Hyland Crest whenever she can. In addition to visiting with the residents, Pat Bradley has been helping with a new music program geared for people with dementia.

Pat is very excited about the "Pathways Singing Program" as it has had a big impact on some of the residents.

The program is comprised of twelve 30 minute video programs which include warm-up exercises and songs.

Each episode also comes with activities for each song to enhance the program and further engage the residents.

Pathways is meant to be delivered by caregivers: program leaders, care providers, volunteers, and family caregivers. Those delivering the program do not have to be music experts. An online training resource will train and support program facilitation in whatever setting Pathways is used.

Pat loves volunteering at Hyland Crest and would gladly show anyone interested in joining her how rewarding it is.

CANADA DAY A HUGE SUCCESS



Carol Hussul and Dale Jewitt manning the Auxiliary booth they created for Canada Day

It had been a few years since the Auxiliary had a booth at the Canada Day Celebrations in Minden, but thanks to the efforts of Carol and Dale we had a very successful day with lots of interest in the Auxiliary.

15 YEARS

....of fundraising, fun, friendships, and caring.....

