

# Minden Health Care Auxiliary Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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As President of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, I wish to commend each and every one of you for your tireless work and effort in making our auxiliary the success that

There have been meetings cancelled and rescheduled due to the closing of the Long Term Care facility during flu outbreaks, and members evacuated from their homes due to the Minden Flood, but you have soldiered on with our fundraising projects.

In the New Year, we began holding our general meetings at 9:30 a.m., instead of 1:00 p.m. This change seems to be a hit with our "bridge players". We have seen an increase in attendance, proving we can be flexible.

On Saturday February 23, 2013, I had the privilege of attending and receiving on behalf of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, the Warden's Award of the Year at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Business & Community Achievement Awards dinner.

The award is selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton and is awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization that has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2012.

Our auxiliary is very proud to have been recognized in this way.

To recap some of the highlights of our successful year:

- Our Gala "Evening in Paris" which was held in November was the most successful thus far, netting over **\$10,000.00**
- We distributed poinsettias to all the residents of Hyland Crest at Christmas
- Our auxiliary hosted Hyland Crest Teas during the year
- We helped with the residents' bingo games on Saturday mornings
- Some talented members provided music in Hyland Crest

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## EXECUTIVE

<b>President</b>	<b>Judith McNeilage</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Susan Ungar</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Chris Wilde</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jean Dutka</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mickey Bonham</b>
<b>Directors</b>	

<b>Irene Alexander</b>	<b>Blanche Carr</b>
<b>Mary Trumbull</b>	<b>Ollie Rome</b>
<b>Pat Bonnell</b>	<b>Maxine Snell</b>
<b>Val du Manoir</b>	<b>Susan Ungar</b>

## CONVENORS

<b>Gift Shop</b>	<b>Susan Ungar</b>
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>Pat Bonnell</b>
	<b>Val du Manoir</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Irene Alexander</b>
<b>Phone Lists</b>	<b>Betty Sharpe</b>
<b>Phone Convenors</b>	<b>Maxine Snell</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Val du Manoir</b>

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- Our annual bowl-a-thon at Carnarvon Bowl and Billiards
- Our annual fundraising raffle, featuring a buffet/ hutch donated by Chaulk Woodworking, a \$100.00 Gift Certificate from Canadian Tire, and a \$100.00 Gift Certificate from Home Hardware

On April 25, 2013, several members attended the regional HAAO Spring Conference in Campbellford, and enjoyed listening to a guest speaker, luncheon, and participating in round-table discussions.

Susan Ungar and I went to Cobourg on May 23, 2013 to attend the HAAO Presidents' and Vice-presidents' Spring meeting. It was wonderful to share ideas with other auxiliaries.

On November 16, 2013, the Minden Health Care Auxiliary will be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual fundraising Gala**. The theme this year will be "Paris Encore". Tickets cost \$45.00 each, which include a delicious dinner, wine, silent and loonie auctions.

Other fundraising events are in the works to help the Auxiliary fill the special needs of the patients and residents in our community.

We thank you again for your continuing support of your hospital and Long Term Care facility.

*Judith McNeilage*

## **SUCCESSFUL BOWL-A-THON**

Over 40 members and bowlers spent a fun afternoon at the Carnarvon Bowl on May 14. Many laughs and lots of cheering could be heard as the bowling balls made their way

down the lanes. This event raised \$1750 for the auxiliary.



*Maxine Snell makes a shot at the bowl-a-thon*

## **RAFFLE WINNERS**

June 6, 2013 Draw

**1<sup>st</sup> prize** -- Buffet/Hutch donated by Chaulk Woodworking – Helen Ford

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize** -- \$100 Canadian Tire Gift Card – Ellen Foster

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize** -- \$100 Home Hardware Gift Certificate – Marian Gillanders



*Helen Ford, pictured, was the winner of the beautiful hutch*

## **AUXILIARY UPDATES LIGHTING AND PURCHASES MATTRESSES FOR HOSPITAL**

Seven stretcher mattresses and new lighting, both totalling \$11,000, were purchased by the Minden Health Care Auxiliary.

Below, Haliburton Highlands Health Services's chief executive officer and president, Varouj Eskedjian, tests out the new mattresses and lights (above) recently installed at the Minden hospital's emergency department.



*Back from left, Judith McNeilage, Donna Monk, Norma Nobles, Barbara Ayres, Christina Johnson, hospital RN and Melanie Flood, manager of patient care services for HHHS. 6*

A special thanks to Angelica Blenich of the Minden Times for providing the photograph.

## **HYLAND CREST TEAS**

The auxiliary will be serving ice cream sundaes to the residents on June 27. This is the third tea that we have held for the residents this year. We often have over thirty residents attend, especially if we serve ice cream! A special thank you goes out to all the members who bake for and help with the teas. Our current membership is 62!

*Irene Alexander*



*Auxiliary members enjoyed themselves at the HHHS Appreciation dinner*

## **HHHS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

A big thank you goes out to HHHS for the wonderful dinner and entertainment they provided for all the volunteers on June 3.

The evening was very well attended and enjoyed by all that were able to make the event.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA Dinner and Auction**

### ***PARIS ENCORE***

Saturday, November 16, 2013  
Minden Community Centre

Tickets on sale in September

\$45.00

Contact Mary at 705 286 4054

*Wine compliments of The Wine Store  
Favours – Molly's Bistro Bakery  
Dinner by Chris Price of MCS Catering*



## AUXILIARY HONoured WITH WARDEN'S AWARD

Judith McNeillage attended the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Business and Community Achievement Awards dinner to accept on behalf of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, the **Warden's Award of the Year**. This award was shared with the Haliburton Auxiliary.



*The certificate and glass memento for the Warden's Award of the Year*

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CARD PARTY

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Maxine Snell another successful card party was held on March 16. With a St. Patrick's Day theme, the card players enjoyed delicious treats prepared by June Fortune.



*Mary Trumbull and Maxine Snell selling 50/50 tickets at the Auxiliary Card Party at Hyland Crest*



*Pearl Cowen playing cards at the Auxiliary Card Party. Pearl also helped with the scorekeeping*

## GIFT SHOP

We have had a busy year in our gift shop. sales have been very good despite closures due to flu. The shop is decorated for the summer and loaded with great gift ideas. The best part of all we do not have to charge HST.

In August we will again be off to the Toronto Gift Show to bring in new items for the fall and winter. We would welcome any new ideas items you would like to see in the shop.

I want to take this time to thank the volunteers who help make our gift shop what it is. Without you there would not be a gift shop. I would like to welcome our new members Diana Spicer and Estella Burch.

Call your convenor if you are unable to fill your shift.

### NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS

*Sunday to Friday*

*Noon to 4 p.m.*

*(closed Saturdays and  
Holiday Mondays)*

## **VISITING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF HYLAND CREST**

If you want to learn about something, the best thing to do is to talk with someone who was actually there. For example, in my recent visits with the residents of Hyland Crest, I have learned about the Flood of '43 (it wasn't as bad as the recent flood), what it was like to live in half of the Clergy House in the 1950's (a bit cramped), and about travelling to some very interesting places, like Uganda, South America and Europe (the last trip was paid for by the Government of the time – it was during World War 2).

For the past several years, I have been a regular visitor at Hyland Crest, sometimes singing with the residents, sometimes just sitting and talking. It is a very rewarding way to pass the time.

Nancy Ballantyne has also been a visitor for many years and enjoys it very much. Pat and Burrt Bonnell lead a sing along every month.

Pearl Cowen and Maxine Snell are involved with running the bingos and card games, which the residents really enjoy.

Irene Alexander organizes regular tea parties for the residents, with MHCA members providing the goodies and serving.

Also, there have been several other Auxiliary members involved with the Palliative Care team at Hyland Crest.

This is just a partial list of the many connections between Hyland Crest and the MHCA.

If you would like to get involved at Hyland Crest, please speak with Nancy or myself."

***Mickey Bonham***

***....PROOF THAT A SMILE  
HAS MORE THAN IT'S  
FACE VALUE***



*...Maxine Snell*



*...Mickey and Glen Bonham*



*...Pat Bonnell*