



"THE HEARTBEAT OF THE HIGHLANDS"

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Newsletter June 2014

President's Report



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world"

Anne Frank

This year has been such an amazing journey. Our purchases for the hospital exceeded \$95,000!

Included in this amount was \$35,000 towards the automated dispensing unit in the Emergency Department. I am very excited about the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre and am so pleased with your choice of funding the garden and landscaping. This has been a long time coming and we will look forward to watching the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Garden bloom!

We have had hugely successful fund raising activities and tireless volunteers behind each one of them.

Our Christmas ornament team has been going strong creating the 17th annual ornament. Many thanks to the Haliburton Quilt Guild for once again supporting our auxiliary and creating a beautiful quilt for our raffle. Our gift shop looks fantastic and the merchandise is receiving accolades from many people. Our geranium sales always start the spring off right, followed by the geranium tea, tag day and then in October we celebrate the 10th Italian Dinner and Silent Auction. So much to look forward to! Thank you to all those who convene these activities and all those who work so hard promoting, painting and selling!

Two years have flown by! This has been a fantastic opportunity for me and I have enjoyed each and every moment. It has been 2 years of learning, listening and laughing. I have especially enjoyed getting to know many wonderful people and getting so involved in our community.

I want to thank you all for your support and guidance. Thank you to the management and board of HHHS for being staunch supporters of our auxiliary and constantly recognizing our members for their efforts and contributions. I would be remiss if I did not thank our executive. I don't know what I would have done without them! Finally, I would like to give my thanks to Joan Stinson whose help I could not have done without.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to more fund raising success!

Tracey

2013 - 2014 HALIBURTON AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

President	Tracey Lear
Past President	Judy Skinner
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	John Skinner
Assistant Secretary	Pat Wright
Treasurer	Kathi Oke
Assistant Treasurer	Heather McMullen

Standing Committee Conveners

Constitution/Bylaws	Jan Vernon
Card Convener	Caroline Bebee
Finance & Fund Raising	Joan Stinson
Gift Shop Conveners	Jane Jaycock
	Judy Skinner
	Pat Wright
Volunteer Convener Gift Shop	Mary Hastings
Membership	Wendy Wilkins
Newsletter	John Skinner
Public Relations/Historian	John Skinner
Communications Convener	Barb Morrow
Long Term Care Coordinator	Doris Laine
Nominating Committee	Dave Lear

2014 CALENDAR OF AUXILIARY EVENTS

June - Sept.	Quilt Raffle - Ticket Sales
June 3rd.	Haliburton Auxiliary Annual General Meeting
June 6th	HHHS Annual General Meeting
July - November	A Wheelbarrow of Wine-Raffle Ticket Sales
July 18th	Tag Day
September	Midnight Madness
October	Colourfest
October - Dec	Christmas Ornaments Sales
October 18	"A Taste of Italy" Dinner & Silent Auction
November	Santa Claus Parade
December 7	Auxiliary Gift Shop Open House

2013 - 2014 HALIBURTON AUXILIARY PURCHASES

The Haliburton Auxiliary had a record year for purchases this past fiscal year, with a total contribution of **\$95,437.14**

- Two Emergency Room examination tables \$16,090
- Dishwasher for Food Services \$16,307
- Memory Boxes for Highland Wood \$2,688
- Automated Medication Dispensing Unit \$35,000
- Highland Wood Christmas Gifts \$350
- Memorial Garden for Palliative Care Centre \$25,000

This is a remarkable achievement, and indicative of the many hours of fund raising by our Volunteers. Give yourself a very large pat on the back!



President Tracey presents the cheque representing the Auxiliary's donation of a total of \$95,437.00 to the Haliburton Hospital in 2013 - 2014. Pictured L to R: Jane Jaycock, Doris Laine, Joan Stinson, Wendy Wilkins, Kathi Oke, Tracey Lear, Varouj Eskedjian, CEO HHHS, Dr. Greg Karaguesian, Chief of Staff, Debbie Watson, Director Patient Care, and Donna Tousaw, Emergency Room Nurse.

HIGHLAND WOOD LONG TERM CARE

After a long cold winter, the residents are glad to see their gazebo area, looking so inviting with spring flowers popping out everywhere. The newly paved walkway makes all areas easily accessible for walkers and wheel chair users.

While many hours of shuffleboard, cards, reading groups and visits were enjoyed in January and February, the Residents also enjoyed a Valentines Day party with Heather Fountain entertaining and a St. Patrick's Day Lunch at the Legion.

Pub nights continue with The Deep Bay Jammers, Custom Blend, Northern Jam, Gord Kidd and friends, and many more entertainers.

The residents are looking forward to the purchase of a stove by the Auxiliary, so that they can bake their own cookies. Volunteer help would be much appreciated.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for the Christmas presents of nightlights, which were supplied by **Andy Glecoff of V&S** at cost, and thank you Mr. Glecoff!

If you light a lamp for someone else, it will also brighten your path - Buddha

Doris Laine
Long term care Rep.



GERANIUM SALES

It's Spring!! I was so excited, I wet my plants!

And there were a lot of them to water, says Al and Ellenor Bagg as you can see from the picture below.

The geraniums arrived from the Holland Marsh at the Eagle Lake Country Store right on schedule. As always, each plant looked hand picked for their vigor, colour and abundance of blossoms. Our thanks to Nancy Elstone for once again providing the geraniums at cost and to Al and Ellenor for convening this fund raiser.



Pictured are Ellenor and Al, Tracey Lear, Wendy Wilkins and customers (and Auxiliary Members), Lynda and Graham Newton.

Maxine says: "Even doctors make mistakes. Mine asked me to undress"

"The only way I'll drop ten pounds, is if I go shopping in England"

"A household hint: stop dusting and you can use your coffee table as a message board."

FORT IRWIN MARINA partners with Auxiliary to purchase IV Unit

Each year, Brad and Maria Willing, owners of the Fort Irwin Marina, raise funds for a worthy cause. This year, they have selected the Haliburton Auxiliary to be the recipient of their efforts. Brad and Maria have chosen to partner with us, to raise funds for the purchase of an IV unit for the Emergency Department. Nurse Beth Archibald displays the needed unit.



QUILT RAFFLE

Conveners Keith and Lorraine Semple have received another beautiful quilt from the **Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** to raffle. Thanks to the dogged efforts of Keith and Lorraine, and the cooperation of V&S and the Independent to sell the tickets, this event is a significant contributor to the Auxiliary's fund raising efforts. What's your goal this year, Keith and Lorraine?????



Keith and Lorraine are shown set up at the annual Home & Cottage Show. Look at that beautiful quilt! The tickets almost sell themselves.

PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary has been looking forward to supporting the new Palliative Care Centre, to be located in the Haliburton Hospital, since this project was first discussed several years ago.

A major fund raising campaign is now underway, with a goal of \$900,000. This project will not be receiving any Provincial funding, and will rely on donations.

Plans for the new centre include two bedroom suites, a family room, and additional space. The Auxiliary is contributing \$25,000 for landscaping and a Memorial Garden.



President and CEO Varouj Eskedjian attended the Auxiliary's monthly meeting and presented the plans for the Palliative Care Centre, after which Tracey presented Varouj with a cheque for \$25,000.00

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The evening included a buffet dinner, live music, and words of thanks by many of the HHHS Staff for the efforts of the Minden and Haliburton Auxiliaries. Jane Jaycock was the lucky winner of a beautiful framed giclee print of *Miners Bay Church* by artist Shelley Beach, who is a regular contributor to our "A Taste of Italy" Dinner & Silent Auction. Pictured below: Jane is all smiles receiving the print from artist Shelley Beach, and Tracey with Shannon Feir and Debbie Watson



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

HHHS CEO and President Varouj Eskedjian shared his experiences of volunteering at the April Volunteer Appreciation Night. At a young age, he began volunteering by coaching his sister's soccer team. Years later, he became a candy striper at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto where *"it really taught me about real need"* said Varouj.

Below, we have Varouj entertaining Wendy Wilkins and Diane Smith (top) and Pauline Baumgartner and Jean Clark



GERANIUM TEA AND LUNCH

JUNE 8TH, 1.00 TO 3.30 PM

The first Geranium Tea and Lunch was such a huge success, that Joan Stinson had to look for larger quarters to handle this year's event.

Door prizes, a Loonie Auction, Demonstrations and more will entertain this year's attendees at the Haliburton Curling Club, not to mention a delicious lunch with desserts provided by Auxiliary members.

The proceeds of this fund raiser will be used to purchase a Bariatric Chair for the Emergency Department at the Haliburton Hospital.

You will have noticed that the Auxiliary has a sign posted on the Community Events Board at the entrance into town.

We look forward to a Large turn out for this Event, so let's get those tickets sold!



Gift Shop Report as of May 2014

In January Judy and Jane went to the Toronto Gift Show. Wow! With almost 1000 vendors there was a lot of ground to cover in one and a half days. Many of those at the show were out of our price range but we were successful in finding some very interesting vendors. It was great to be able to be hands-on with their merchandise.

Sales at the gift shop this year are going well and we are on our second order of tops and purses. We have brought the used books out front and now have weekly purchasers. This is excellent for the auxiliary as the books are donated. 100% profit on every book sold.

Speaking of donations.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all the knitters and quilters for their generous donations.

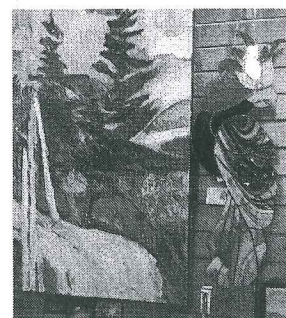
We have picked up the wheelbarrow for the Wheelbarrow of Wine raffle. Once again, Kim Emmerson (Emmerson Lumber) has generously donated the brand spanking new yellow wheelbarrow. The tickets should be ready to go in time for the Geranium Tea.



Thanks to all those who already brought in their donation of a bottle of wine, and thank you in advance to all those who are planning to donate to this very successful draw.



The gift shop will be having a "shopping table" at the Geranium Tea. Some of the artists' work from the shop will be there as well. It's shaping up to be a successful event with lots of interest from Haliburton ladies.



Thank you to all the gift shop volunteers who make our customers so welcome, and to Mary Hastings for the absolutely wonderful job you are doing on behalf of the gift shop..

Sales and revenue have been very good and such that the gift shop was delighted to be able to contribute \$3000.00 to our auxiliary fund.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

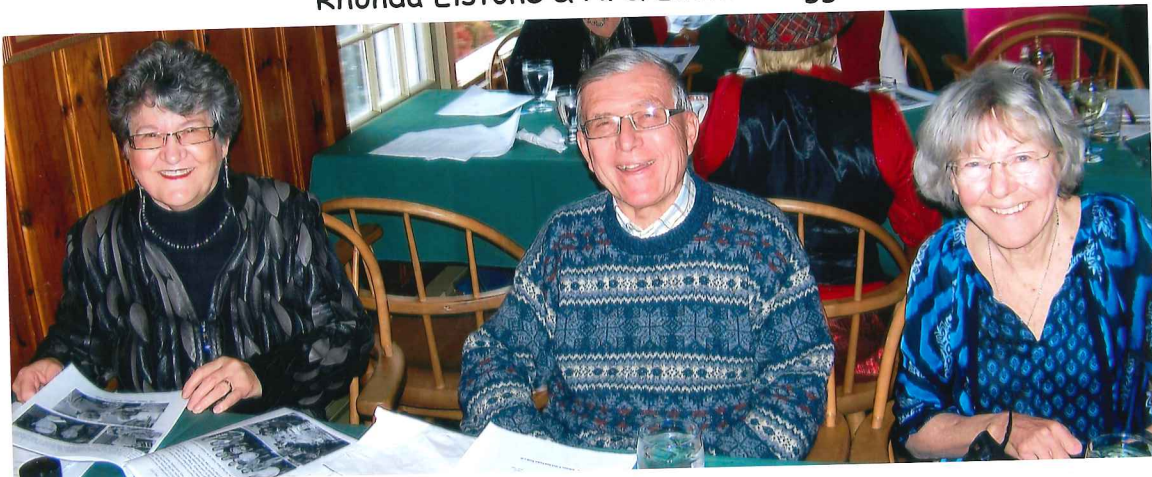
Once again, the Bonnie View Inn was the scene of the annual Christmas luncheon, and once again, the member turn out was huge. (It must be the soup) Here are a few of the happy folks who attended.



Jane Jaycock, Lorraine Virgin, & Beryl Rasmus



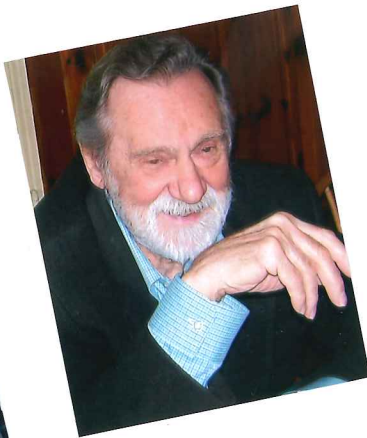
Rhonda Elstone & Al & Ellenor Bagg



Lorraine & Keith Semple & Diana Ferguson

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The paparazzi were out in force for the Christmas luncheon, and very few escaped the camera's lens.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Isn't this year's Christmas ornament just adorable?... and aren't Joan and Diane having just too much fun making them??



..and here's the rest of the Group that made these cute little critters, so everyone get out there, and start selling!



HALIBURTON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY DONORS

October 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is supported by the generous donations of numerous people over the year, many of them giving several times.

The Auxiliary is also remembered by those in our Community who have lost a loved one, and request that donations be made to the Auxiliary in memory of them.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our donors!

Caleb & Elaine Davison	Don & Joan Cameron	Glen Smith
Lenore Gillespie	Robert & Ann McIvor	Dave Ibbotson
Elizabeth Ibbotson	John MacDonald	Ruth Hunt
Doreen Cowen	Margo McCrea	Wendy Wilkins
Rhonda Elstone	Edward Stonebridge	Wanda & Kenneth Evans
Ruth & Kenneth Kelly	Robert & Noreen Bishop	Murray & Betty Austin
Mr. & Mrs. P Baumgartner	Donna Smith	Jean McBain
Rose Connaughan	Haliburton County Time Travellers	

Interested in becoming an Auxiliary Member??

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary offers many interesting and rewarding ways for Volunteers to contribute to the community.

A perusal of this Auxiliary Newsletter reveals many of the accomplishments of Auxiliary Members over the past six months which help make a significant difference to the level of Health Care Services available in the village of Haliburton. For more information, call Wendy Wilkins at 705-457-4816