



Winchester
District
Memorial
Hospital

ANNUAL REPORT OF WDMH AUXILIARY 2007 - 2008

This has been an exciting year filled with changes, most of them physical as we squeeze into smaller quarters or different spaces in anticipation of the new places in our newly built hospital.

Every meeting I attend seems to bring to my attention new aspects of this hospital that I know the average person has no knowledge of. I would like to thank Trudy Reid for her work to keep the Auxiliary informed about all the ongoing construction and other aspects of the new building. I would also like to thank Dawn Cooper for keeping us up to date with all that the Foundation is doing with its fundraising events and ideas that even the Auxiliary can use to fundraise. Michelle Blouin, for keeping us in mind for purchasing of equipment and generally linked to the hospital.

I have been honored and humbled to work with the Auxiliary throughout this year. I am constantly amazed at all they do for this hospital and in this hospital. Volunteers have racked up almost 9,000 hours. My thanks goes to Hilda Vandekemp for her tireless work in that area, keeping track of numbers, and keeping the volunteers organized, and she is still collecting *Pennies for Oma*, her personal and very effective fundraiser.

Then there are those involved with the Gift Shoppe, who made a difficult move from their own space to their temporary shop seem effortless when I knew it wasn't. A small office and a storage closet has been transformed into a very neat and smartly laid out shopping area. They should be praised as they have earned over \$27,000.00 this year. Thanks go to Marj Phillips, Diane Crummy, and buyers Joan Farlinger and Elinor Jordan who find such wonderful things for us to spend money on, to name only a few and many unsung people manning the counter, keeping track of money and hours. This hospital would not be the same without the Gift Shoppe and those who work there.

Then there are those who work in Continuing Care giving of themselves most unselfishly. They keep joy and the happiness flowing and that is what helps to make this hospital such a wonderful and caring place.

The H.E.L.L.P. Lottery still continues despite challenges of all kinds. Roy Campbell and his volunteers have persevered despite being shifted and moved into different areas and they still make money, transferring \$6,000.00 to the main Auxiliary this year!

Thanks go to Dorothy Houze for her work with the In-Memorial Fund, keeping track of donations coming in, receipting and sending all those thank you cards out, etc. The reported balance for the In-Memorial Fund, including GICs, is \$127,130.42. It is a job Dorothy does with care and diligence. And as if that is not enough, she puts on her second hat as Special Event coordinator and makes our Bazaar and Tea and Card Party annual events that people look forward to.

The main Auxiliary fund has a reported balance of \$118,738.34, including GIC's. The Auxiliary was pleased to purchase a bariatric tracer chair (\$3,881.44) for the Emergency Department, from this fund.

Thanks go to Marj Phillips for keeping the notes and the minutes, sending out thank you's and keeping the press up to date on all our activities. As the saying goes, I have got to see it in black and white to believe it, and Marj makes sure it gets recorded.

Last but not least, thanks to Marion Carkner, my Vice President who efficiently and quickly fills in when I can't be there and is always a phone call away if I need help or advice.

All I can say is that I, as President of the WDMH Auxiliary, am just the tip of the iceberg and the real work goes on like a well oiled machine. I offer my heartfelt thanks to all of the Board and the members of the Auxiliary and look forward to our next year in the new hospital building.

Dawn Ouellette

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