Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society

Supporting the comfort & care of patients and residents of Southern Gulf Island health-care facilities

LMHAS Newsletter June/July 2024

President's Message

Here we go into the madness of summer. It was suggested I write this letter about the success of the past 6 months. I agree it has been a very successful time with the monthly income of the thrift stop going up every month, the amount of donations on the increase and new volunteers joining up. In fact, May & June were record breakers for sales at the Thrift Shop.

With all this hustle and bustle going on, we also have holidays, visiting family and friends plus projects at home that are dealt with when the weather is fine. It can make your head spin just trying to fit it all in.

I would like to remind everyone to take time to step outside all of this, take a deep breath and relax. Your health is important to your family, friends and all of us at the auxiliary.

I know I'm finding myself being overrun by all those items mentioned above and I have seen it in some of the volunteers.

So, this letter will be short, I only wish a very pleasant, calm and peaceful summer season to all of you. Refresh yourselves.

Judith



Thrift Shop Meeting May 27,2024

More than 50 Thrift Shop Volunteers attended a Monday morning meeting followed by lunch at the Lions Hall. It preceded the General Meeting that afternoon. Convened by the Thrift Committee Head, Sonya Baker, almost all the specialty departments heads provided an update.





Reg Jefferd talking about alert system he installed at the Donation Room Entrance.

New Members

We welcome new members who joined this last quarter.

Olga McGill TS (Thrift Shop)
Catherine Elisa S. Banez ECU (Lady Minto Hospital Extended Care Unit)
Denis Stambuck TS
Kerry Coast Web Site Communications
Jill Fowles ECU
Birgitta Baker TS

Scholarship and Bursaries



Wyatt McMaster (Queens, physiotherapy), Meredith Boyd (UBC, Honours Psychology), and Haylee Guedes-Buckley (UBC, Midwifery) with Rosalind Hope and Sharon Callahan, June 7, 2024

2024 LMHAS awards list

GISS $3000	Meredith Boyd	(Honours Psych UBC)	Pender Island
GISS $3000	Haylee Guedes-Buckley	(MScMidwifery UBC)	Salt Spring Island
GISS $3000	Wyatt McMaster	(Kinesiology, Queens, physio)	Salt Spring Island
B/S $4000	Linda Herbert	BScNursing Camosun/UVic	Salt Spring/Vic.
B/S $4000	Hannah James	(UBC Med,)	Salt Spring Island
B/S $4000	Amanda Kimmel	(Reg.PsychNurse-Stenberg)	Salt Spring Island
Cont.Ed.$3000	Ana-Sofia Marshall	BSci (UVic /UBC med)	Salt Spring Island
Cont.Ed.$3000	Florence Nkatha	Practical Nurse - Discovery College Nanaimo	Salt Spring Island

Thrift Shop Displays Celebrating Our Special Days by Brenda Plaxton



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



EASTER



FATHER'S DAY



CANADA DAY!

Items collected and stored throughout the year by Brenda and Judith.

Life Members?

New Members asked good questions at a recent General Meeting. One was what are Life Members? We have not awarded any for several years. This membership category is awarded by mutual agreement with the Executive and Thrift Shop committees (Executive, Thrift Shop) and the ECU volunteers' representative. Life members do not pay annual membership fees. [1]The following criteria is used to award Life Membership:

1. Must be an active Member of the Auxiliary
2. Is an inspiration and an example to others
3. Length of service should be considered
4. Should be reliable, cooperative and enthusiastic

We currently have 6 Life Members.

Irene Currie works in the Thrift Shop in the Wednesday morning shift. Her speciality now is plant starts in donated pots. She joined 35 years ago in 1989.

Mary Fraser was an active member until very recently. She played the piano in the ECU every Monday morning for more than 30 years & joined in 2001.

Jackie Jensen is the TS shift leader Wednesday morning. She takes care of checking eye glass donations and coffee for volunteers. Jackie was a Thrift Shop Committee member until recently. Joined in 1994 - 30 years ago.

Ellen Karpinski works Wednesday afternoon at the ECU serving tea and coffee with home baked goodies to the residents and helps train new volunteers. Ellen joined 29 years ago in 1995.

Dorothy Kyle retired very recently. She was our Recording Secretary on the Executive for more than 20 years. At the same time, Dorothy was cashier Thursday mornings at the Thrift Shop, our Greenwoods (GES) liaison, on the GES board. and much more! Joined in 1988 - 36 - years ago.

Margaret MacKenzie retired ~5 years ago as our ECU Volunteer Co-ordinator. She provided orientations, trained new volunteers, managed the tea service morning and afternoon volunteer assignments, advocated for the ECU, took care of goodies & treats for the residents, special occasion gifts and wrote articles for the Minto Messenger and more! Joined in 2004.

[1] LMHAS Policies and Procedures 2022 Draft

Some photos of our life members from "recent days past".



Marjorie Nash with Dorothy Kyle
Christmas 2018



Mary Fraser with Muriel Hayle - Christmas 2019



Lorinne MacKenzie & Jackie Jensen
Christmas 2019



Ellen Karpinski with Isabel Christmas 2017

Knitters' Showcase

Another question after a recent General Meeting – **What is the Knitters' Showcase?** It is in the main entrance area of the Lady Minto Hospital on a wall to the right of the out-patient reception desks. Wendy McClean takes care of it, artfully arranging baby and children's knitted garments. She collects and prices these items from the knitters' cabinet found in the Thrift Shop processing area. She vets the yarn stored in this cabinet. Our members and friends can use this yarn to knit/crochet items for the Showcase. The showcase also holds baby quilts sewn by Gwen Denluck and purses crocheted by Judith Wardell.

Items are sold by the receptionists for cash or by Interac e-transfer. The showcase is doing better and better these days. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider knitting for the Knitter's Showcase.





Knitters' Showcase 2024

Vancouver Island Area Conference – Monday, September 6, 2024

Look for the poster on the Thrift Shop bulletin Board in the Kitchen. It is taking place in the Eagle's Hall, Ladysmith. These annual conferences are organized by the British Columbia Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries and are valuable for sharing ideas and networking. Our Auxiliary pays all expenses for members.

Cards

Have you noticed the Card Carousel next to the stationery shelves and across from the fabric and craft shelves? It is maintained by Bev Kay. She has a bin in the main donation processing room to collect all kinds of greeting cards. She takes them home, selects and sorts them to prepare for sale. She bags them in clear plastic bags, labels and prices them. There is a vast assortment all organized by category e.g. birthday, anniversary, blank…. The prices are a small fraction of what you pay in town. Janet Booth is helping taking care of the Christmas cards.



Barbie Dolls

Susan Hayne, a longtime member (17 years) of our Auxiliary prepares donated Barbie Dolls for sale at our Thrift Shop. She clothes them, adds accessories and prices them. They sell very quickly. A few years ago, she generously donated a beautiful large doll house & many beautiful dolls she had collected.


Barbie Dolls for Sale


Special Donation


Susan Hayne 2018

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Executive

President	Judith Wardell
1st Vice President	Reg Jefferd*
Treasurer	Carl Moolman
Recording Secretary	Judy Smith*
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Monro
Membership	Kay Woodhouse, Margaret Monro

Note * New members of our Executive
2nd Vice-President and Communications positions vacant.

Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Representative –
Greenwoods Eldercare Society Representative and Liaison –

Hospital Extended Care Unit (ECU) Liaison – Neil MacConnell*

Scholarship/Bursary Committee

Sharon Callahan
Rosalind Hope
Judith Wardell (ex-officio)

Thrift Shop Committee

Sonya Baker – Chairperson
Dianne Clement – Cashier training & Shift Leader Meetings
Debbie Moolman – Treasurer & Purchaser
Beverley Molson - Secretary
Dianne Schoeman – Communications & Publicity
Ann Heeley-Ray – Labels and Member at Large
Janet Kellar – Scheduling & Orientations
Judith Wardell (ex-officio)

New Premises Committee

Carl Moolman – Head
Terry Clement – Secretary
Reg Jefferd
Judith Wardell (ex-officio)

Showcase Co-ordinator – Wendy McClean

Newsletter Editor – Kay Woodhouse

Thank you to Sharon Callahan, Brenda Plaxton and Judith Wardell for their contributions to this newsletter. If you have photos and/or interesting stories to share, please send them by email to lmhas22@outlook.com. You can send your articles in Word format or simply in an email. Send Photos in .jpg format. Thank you.

Next General Meeting – September 30, 2024

Addendum: Volunteer Fair April 13 2024

Margaret Monro and Kay Woodhouse participated in a Volunteer Fair to promote our Auxiliary. Sonja Baker also joined us at the fair. We visited a lot of booths for other volunteer organizations. It was worthwhile. We received at least two volunteer applications later because of the fair.

