



GABRIOLA AUXILIARY for Island Health Care Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM LINDA HELLENIUS:

It has been a year since I became the president of the Gabriola Auxiliary, and the task has been both rewarding and challenging. As our Board prepares for the AGM of members on November 19. I can take pride in a profitable Big Draw, a celebratory Mother's Day Tea, and another successful year at THE GABE SHOP. We hosted a Volunteer Tea in appreciation of the many volunteers who make GAIHCS a dynamic organization, and it was enjoyed and attended by many. This year we provided funding for 6 non-profits and one scholarship, an amount just shy of twenty-six thousand dollars. I look forward to having the pleasure of working with the new board soon to be elected at our AGM. They will be welcomed to an organization that provides valuable assistance to Gabriola non-profits and helps them thrive.

Make sure to attend the AGM at the Rollo Center on November 19 at 1:00 p.m. Following the short meeting we will have Wine and Cheese!



Pictures from our Volunteer Appreciation Tea held at Marilyn Geater's beautiful garden on September 14. Thank you, Marilyn!

Did you know?

The successful applicants who received funding from GAIHCS this year are: The Ambulance Society of Gabriola, PHC Comfort Food, HOPE Centre, GERTIE Community Bus, Gabriola Health Care Foundation, and the Rollo Centre. We awarded a \$1500 scholarship to a Gabriola graduate to pursue a vocation related to Health Care. Total grant money distributed: \$25,797.45



Spotlight on Volunteers:

Nancy Hetherington Peirce and John Peirce

Nancy Hetherington Peirce and John Peirce joined the Meals on Wheels program as drivers about ten years ago, shortly after they moved to Gabriola. Many times they have seen the significant benefits of people receiving a hot dinner three times a week- and on every delivery, people express their appreciation for the meals. These experiences have deepened their commitment to being part of the Meals on Wheels service, to help Gabriola be a better place for all who live here.



A Special Thank You to the Businesses that Donated to the Big Draw on September 30. They are: Environmental Cistern Cleaning, Gulf Island Seaplanes, Page's Resort, Summer Rain Water Delivery, Arbutus Home Building Centre, Aquality Water Service. We made \$788.90!

The winners are: Dorothy Betts, Sylvia Thomson, G. Morse, Trisha Woods, Jeff Lofvendahl, C. Phillips

Tammie, the GABE SHOP manager's news:

Thank you to the Shop Volunteers!
I have a wonderful team who works very hard during their shifts. They steam all the clothes, merchandise, declutter, organize etc. They also welcome every customer and provide a warm, inviting and positive environment. Our sales go to Gabriola's health care initiatives.

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shop

Have you paid your membership dues for 2024? They are due now. \$12 for one year.

Pay at the GABE SHOP, or e transfer.