

Auxiliary hears Annual Report

Mrs. Vera Petapiece reviewed the past year's activities in her

annual report of the Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital for 1976.

"As usual, we had a very busy and productive year," said the president. "A new floor loom was purchased for use in Extended Care and the residents have made good use of it, weaving pillows, place mats and other articles. New smocks with auxiliary

crests, are now being worn by the members, many of whom purchased one for their own use.

The New Year's babe was presented with a layette with the compliments of the Auxiliary.

In March, the Auxiliary celebrated its 40th anniversary.

"It's come a long way in those years!"

At the regular meeting, the Hospital Board presented the Auxiliary with a beautiful oak plaque to be engraved with the names of all past presidents. This has proved to be quite a task as no one really kept a record, she recalled.

At the conclusion of the meeting they were treated to wine and cakes, courtesy of the Board.

SECOND PLACE

At the Area Meeting in Victoria in April, it was noted that the Lady Minto Auxiliary was second in the Vancouver Island area for raising and donating funds in 1975.

The annual bursary was awarded to Marianna Shelby for the second year. She is in nurses' training in Victoria.

Once more, this year, at the annual convention, our residents in Extended Care won the award for their craft work. They were very pleased as they really enjoy their morning sessions.



At the convention it was noted there were 122 auxiliaries in B.C., giving 400,000 hours of volunteer labour and raising \$960,000.

This past year the constitution was changed to include the proposed Intermediate and Personal Care unit of the hospital to allow the auxiliary to include it in the disbursement of their funds.

Group was saddened by the death of one of the Life Members, Mrs. Maude Clark. Her floral arrangements were always a delight, recalled Mrs. Petapiece.

CANDY STRIPERS

The candy-striper programme has started again with many willing students learning to help out at the hospital.

Salt Spring Island Lions Club received a quick response to their donation of a Bunny Bus for Salt Spring Island bedridden patients. Last week the Hospital Auxiliary voted \$500 to the service club to assist them in the costs involved. Here are seen Vera Petapiece and Nora Chester making the payment to Gil Humphreys last week. Bus has already been enthusiastically received by patients in the Extended Care Ward. With its hydraulic ramp, the bus will lift wheelchair patients to floor level. The two spokesmen for the Auxiliary expressed the gratitude and the appreciation of their own group and the hospital for the bus.

The Extended Care residents held their Christmas sale of work in December. It was well attended and throughout the year, \$350 has been realized from the sale of their work.

"A sincere thanks to all the ladies who work so hard helping the residents to help themselves in making so many lovely articles. Also thank you to the ladies who go in every afternoon and serve tea - a total of 1,546 hours."

Once again the Thrift Shop has been the greatest money-raising area. Total sales for 1976 were \$31,560. Approximately 7,000 hours of work were put in by all the ladies.

She also expressed thanks to all members connected with the Thrift Shop, washing, mending, sorting, pricing, selling. "there is so much to do".

The new carpet does look nice in the shop, she added.

PURCHASES IN 1976

Some of the larger purchases during the past year are: a loom, \$136; sewing machine, \$500; E.C.G. machine, \$1300; wooden physio tables, \$638; occupational therapy supplies, \$351.

The auxiliary has not spent so much during the year as they are

anticipating the great need for furnishings in the proposed Intermediate and Personal Care Unit "which will, hopefully, soon be started." Money has been put into good interest - producing term deposits. Anything asked for, was provided, she reminded members.

The hospital received its accreditation in the Fall.

The Flower Ladies provide an important service at the hospital. Every afternoon one or two are there, freshening the flowers and watering the plants. Another thank-you was expressed to the Galiano ladies who come over every Tuesday and play Bingo in Extended Care, even providing the prizes.

The meal trays for the whole hospital were decorated every holiday and festive occasion. This is also an important aspect of our auxiliary and many thanks to those responsible.

"Finally, I would like to thank my very capable executive for always being so willing to help. I have enjoyed this past year, working with so many members who make our auxiliary so worthwhile."

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