



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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At the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary, CEO Robert Biron was presented with an envelope by outgoing president Dale Hodge. The envelope contained nothing. The Auxiliary's gift to the hospital is handed over before the March 31<sup>st</sup> year-end and the envelope at the May AGM is usually for photo ops only. This year the Auxiliary had given Mr. Biron a cheque for \$150,000 in March, fulfilling its commitment for 2009-2010. After Dale's faux envelope was handed over Laura Scrivener, Director of Finance for the auxiliary presented another envelope to Mr. Biron. Much to the surprise of all, it contained a cheque for \$50,000, money the auxiliary has raised in excess of its commitment. This brings the total to \$200,000.00, a landmark sum and a tribute to the fundraising efforts of the members. It is money that will go to the replacing of 'tired' equipment and the purchasing of new.

Board Chair John Hudson praised the hard work and dedicated service of outgoing president Dale Hodge, the Auxiliary's representative on the Board, during what has been a very challenging time for the hospital. He praised the Auxiliary and its commitments, including its involvement in the Accreditation process. "To simply say thank you at this time seems a bit trite. We do recognize that we probably cannot say thank you often enough for all the hard work and fundraising activities that you do and do so well," Mr. Hudson said. "On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Directors allow me to express my heartfelt thank you to each of you."

Foundation Chair Jan Boycott expressed her amazement at what the Auxiliary accomplishes, especially extolling the virtues of Petticoat Lane, the 'gently used' clothing store that recently moved to 25 Munroe Street.

CEO Robert Biron gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the plans for the future of our hospital, acknowledging that the Auxiliary has an important role to play. He lauded the efforts of its "very creative" fundraising activities – the Polar Bear Dip, the "One-of-

a-Kind Petticoat Lane,” the Wine Tasting and the Poinsettia Tea. “The Auxiliary never seems to waver so we know we have its full support as we move ahead.”

After the presentations the Auxiliary conducted its Annual General Meeting and the new officers were installed.

The Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary is ready to begin another year of dedicated support for the hospital, uniting with the Foundation and the Board to create exceptional patient care and healthcare excellence.