

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 7, 2023

What a year it has been. It just seems like yesterday that I was inducted into the role of President. Since that day my responsibilities have been quite exciting, frustrating, enlightening and fun.

COVID-19 continues to raise its ugly head but we are moving forward. The Lobby Screener program has been removed with Auxiliary volunteers filling the role of making sure that visitors follow the expected protocols when entering the hospital. We have also begun to move forward in our role within the hospital. The Lobby Greeter program is in full swing, diagnostic imaging calling has been restarted, and the hospital continues to provide more lenient expectations on everyone. We are not quite there yet but moving in a positive direction.

Throughout the year, I have been actively involved with the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, hoping to share our positives and learn from theirs. A visit was made to the Auxiliary's Board meeting in Bracebridge, a short tour of the hospital was received, and I was introduced to some of their Volunteers. One area of need appears to be installing a computer program that tracks all volunteers, their years within the Auxiliary, volunteer schedules, a tracking system to inform us of who is in the hospital at any given time. The SMMH Auxiliary uses Volgistics.

Our ongoing focus is to recruit new volunteers in a variety of ways. A YourTV Muskoka (Cogeco) video was facilitated by Saleem Hall at the YMCA. The purpose of this interview was to help us bring awareness to the Volunteers and future opportunities to increase our recruiting efforts in our communities. Allyson Snelling was instrumental in assisting us with newspaper ads and with online scholarship applications. Brody Purser has also been very supportive in our efforts to increase our membership.

I have also been actively involved with the Foundation. They have been very supportive of the Auxiliary and there is nothing that they would not do to assist us in our efforts throughout the hospital.

We officially became incorporated in February 2022. This was a long process but was necessary for us to get our AGCO license for the 50/50 Lottery. It was also a good way to ensure that the Auxiliary is protected.

Our Christmas Wish was won by the Lab. They requested a new cart for the lab technicians to use when travelling through the hospital. It has been purchased and received by the department.

In partnership with the Foundation, Auxiliary volunteers worked at one of three Tim Hortons for their Smile Cookie program. This took place during September and was a great time for all. All proceeds went to the Focus on Imaging campaign. We are back on for another week in May, and once again proceeds to the diagnostic imaging campaign.

We held our first Cookie Delight in December and it was amazing. The response from the public was phenomenal. Due to COVID protocols, we could not operate the sale of the cookies in the Boardroom. It was necessary to move to St. Mary's Church which worked out very well.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Love

President Hours: approximately 400

Board of Directors meeting hours: 91.5 (total for all members of the Board)

General Meeting hours: 225