



BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries

BCAHA June 2023 President's Report

Started my service off with a 'bang' accepting an invitation to attend The Honourable Lt. Governor Janet Austin's invitation to attend the May 5th Coronation Luncheon in honour of King Charles & Queen Camilla. So many decorated military members, current and past, in attendance, that it seemed quite overwhelming. Not to mention the Police Chiefs, Mayors and other assorted dignitaries scattered amongst her patron organization representatives.

I was proud indeed to represent BCAHA and be included in such an auspicious event!

(Full Disclosure – all attendees received a lapel pin and a Murchie's gift box of tea)

We are growing the number of members who wish to receive their personal copy of our newsletter. We're edging closer and closer to 2000 general membership readers.

Our Editor, Sharon Egglestone (Prince George), is showing such creativity with displaying your successes. No contribution, be it large or small, to your community is not worth celebrating! So please continue to send her your latest accomplishment(s) for all to share!

You just might be giving another auxiliary an idea they hadn't thought to try before.

Besides attending great parties, I have been spending time enjoying the quality of your facebook pages. Easy to find on our website and well worth successive visits.

Also on our website are two new reference materials –

"BCAHA Auxiliary President's Handbook" (revised 2023)

As we should only be using to most up to date forms and/or information, the website should be your newest, best friend. Our Communications Officer, Cheryl Fry, stands ready to assist you with setup.

Or, perhaps as Cheryl often says, you could also ask your 12 year old grandchild/neighbour for help? For all of us, being 'online' is considered a necessity now.

Last March, Area Director Nadi Bottomley and I visited Port Alberni, Tahsis and Gold River Auxiliaries. I will be looking forward to scheduling further 'outreach' visits to VIAD (South) in August. Then in September, I'm planning on heading north to Vanderhoof (NE/NW Area AGM).

Please don't forget, we're all getting together again next **April 21-24, 2024 in Kamloops**, so watch for AGM updates from our new Vice-President Ian Burke.

Regards,

Carole Murray

BCAHA President