

THE PAPERCLIP

APRIL 2026



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER:

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 3, 2026 – Economy Shop Closed

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 5, 2026

EASTER MONDAY – Monday, April 6, 2026 – Economy Shop Closed

EARTH DAY – Wednesday April 22. 2026

REMINDERS:

- When filling containers for Cann Am (bags and boxes), please remember to keep a 20 pound limit on each item. This greatly helps the volunteers who move these items from location to location. There is a scale by the door at the back of the building in case you want to check the weight of anything.
- Please **do not** wear perfumes into the Shop as there are many volunteers who are very sensitive to any type of scents. Thank you.

- If there is no tag or price on an item in the Store, it must be taken and priced by the Department that it came from. We are finding that customers are removing tags and trying to receive the item for a lesser price. Some of these items are Specialty Items and have been priced accordingly, and only the Department that originated the sale would know the correct price. Thank you.
- Access to Auction Site – Join Facebook and befriend Kay Andews (our pseudonym name)
- If you would like to access our Website, go to the Members area in the website ([Powell River Health-Care Auxiliary](#)) and type in the password [fingerpuppets](#). There is a lot of information in there for you to look at.
- Historian Archives – If any Volunteer has interesting articles or pictures from years gone by, they would be welcome to forward to Sue McCallum for inclusion in the History binders. They can be dropped off at the Economy Shop or forwarded by email to sue.chuckmccallum@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW

When we have excess merchandise, that we haven't been able to sell at the Economy Shop, we package it up and take it over to the Island and drop it off at a few different locations which are really happy to receive it. This saves us a huge garbage cost and enables other charities to sell good merchandise that we couldn't sell here in Powell River. If you are heading to the Island, have room in your vehicle and would like to help out by dropping off some merchandise in Courtenay/Comox, please contact Dave or Colleen Bratseth at cdbratseth@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW

GET WELL CARDS

Bonnie Stephen sends out cards and well wishes from the Auxiliary to members who are ill. If you know of an Auxiliary member with medical issues that you think would enjoy a get well wish, please let Bonnie know.

george44@shaw.ca or (604) 485-6466

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers in all of our locations. Please check with your friends, family, neighbours and acquaintances to see if they would be interested in being a part of this very rewarding endeavour. .

This could be for a two or four hour shift. If you can help, please contact one of the Managers in the Economy Shop – Rhondda Schreurs, Willie Perry, Betty deGroot and Cathy Greiner

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please remember to mark your Volunteer Hours when you work. Every hour counts in our totals submitted to the BCAHA and for any Grants we might apply for in the future. Thank you.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

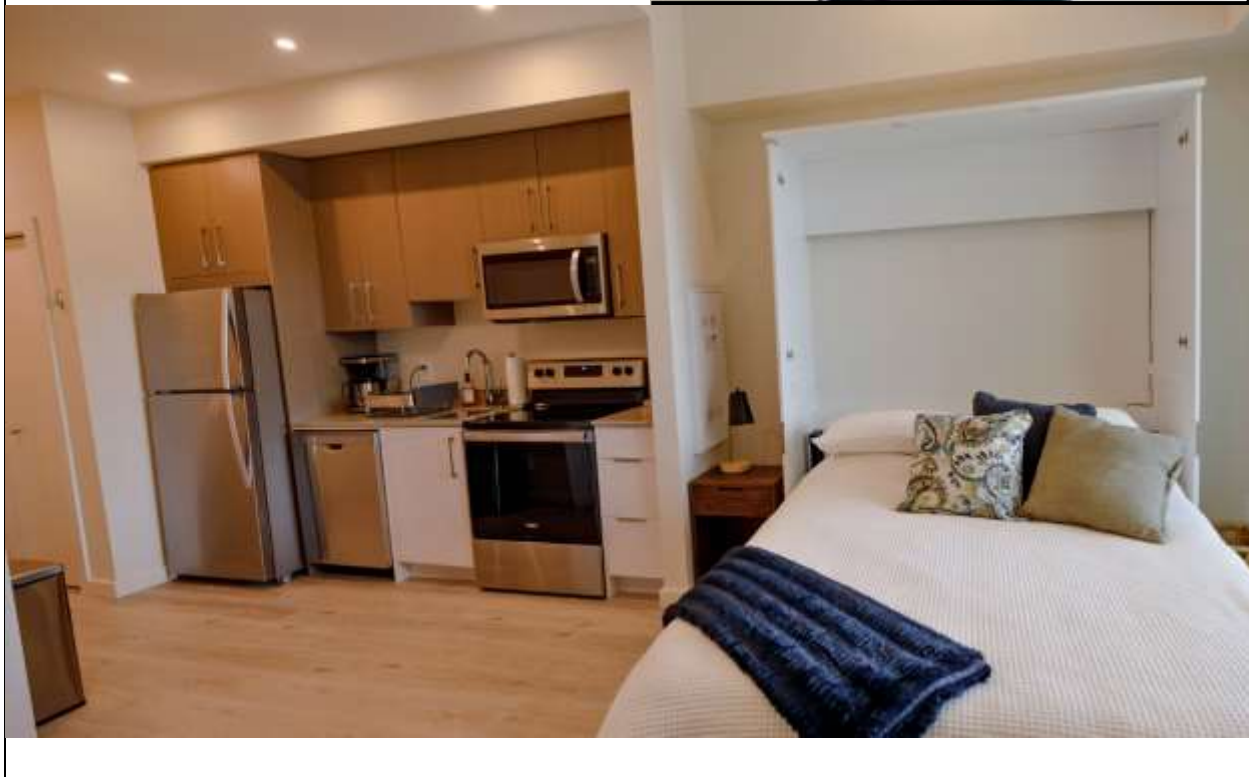
Crystal Matheson
Ann Lee
Colleen Erwin
Jessie Chernoff
Jo Thomas
Marion Kemp

We look forward to meeting and working with you

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE QATHET DIVISION OF FAMILY PRACTICE

Thanks to the generous support of the Powell River Health-Care Auxiliary, the qathet Division of Family Practice (qDoFP) has successfully established qathet Health Accommodation — a valuable resource for local healthcare providers. It has been especially supportive for newcomers like Dr. Chukwuten Enumah as he transitioned to our town.

In 2025, Dr. Enumah relocated his practice, and the Health Accommodation offered him a comfortable place to stay while he arranged housing for his family, who eventually joined him. Since the suite opened, six different physicians, including a couple of repeat guests, have rented the space – a clear indication the space is meeting the needs of our visiting medical providers.



The suite is beautifully furnished with all the comforts of home, thanks to the Health-Care Auxiliary grant. The building features a brand-new, modern gym, and the suite is conveniently located next to the Hospital.

Visiting locums and other healthcare professionals can enjoy a healthy work-life balance while receiving subsidized accommodations during their stay or as they transition to our beautiful town. Thanks to you, we are in a better position to recruit both permanent and locum physicians. This space contributes to burnout prevention among those who already practice medicine here, and in turn allow us to serve our patient population better.

STORE MANAGERS NEEDED AT THE ECONOMY SHOP

The Economy Shop is looking for more volunteers who would like to help with the Managing and day to day operations of the Store and have input into what is happening there. There are four managers at the present time, but Rhondda will be stepping away from the position soon, so additional managers are needed to take over some of the workload and responsibility.

If interested, or you would like more information, please contact Betty Degroot, Willy Perry, Cathy Greiner or Rhondda Schreurs.

RECYCLING – DID YOU KNOW

It is so important to make sure you are recycling items within your areas. The Auxiliary has paid \$13,653.41 in garbage fees (July 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026). Along with saving the Auxiliary money, which in turn could be donated to our town to help people in need, we are saving our Environment by recycling. There are marked bins within the Economy Shop for recycling. If you require help locating them, please ask one of the Managers and they would be happy to show you where they are located.

Please make every effort to recycle as much of our discarded merchandise as possible.
Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Membership Committee is now collecting the Membership Fees, beginning on March 1. All fees of \$10 are due by June 30th. Please place your payment in the staff safe, which is now located on the work side of the Economy Shop at the end of the shelf between the Linen and Book Departments.

ECONOMY SHOP GRAND OPENING

A date has been set for our Grand Opening of the Economy Shop. It will be held in conjunction with Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 9th.

More information to follow.

SPECIAL REQUEST

If you are unable to make your volunteer shift for any reason, please contact your Supervisor to let them know **in advance** so a replacement can be contacted. Thank you.

JUST A REMINDER - PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND
KIND - WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO