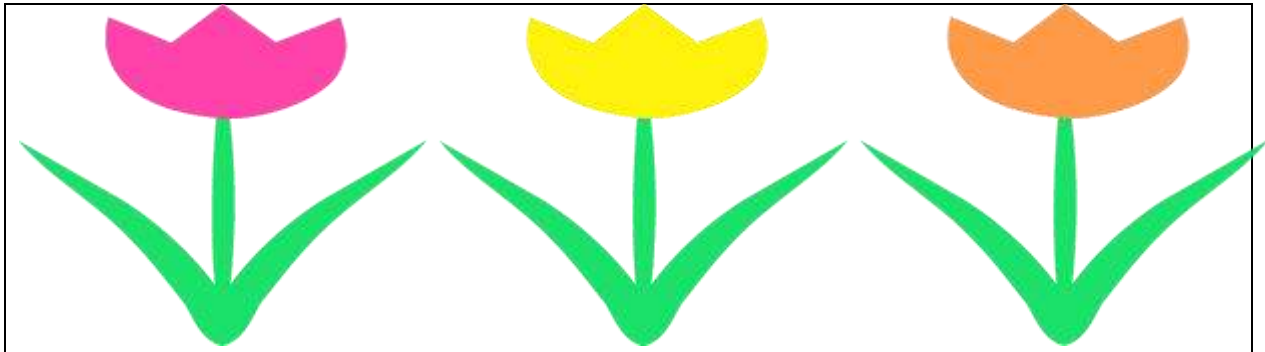


THE PAPERCLIP

MAY 2026



MAY DATES TO REMEMBER:

MOTHERS DAY – Sunday, May 10, 2026

VICTORIA DAY – Monday, May 18, 2026

POWER OUTAGE IN POWELL RIVER – Sunday, May 24, 2026 (8 am to 8 pm)

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 – Willie Perry, Betty deGroot ,Cathy Greiner and Barb Howorth

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 MEMBER

Debra Jansen

We look forward to meeting and working with you

This lovely write-up was placed on Facebook from Miklat Recovery.

Miklat Recovery

There's something powerful about giving back to the people who have quietly supported you for years.

Today, our Miklat crew had the opportunity to lend a hand to the Powell River Healthcare Auxiliary as they moved a massive truckload of donated items into their new space. What started as "just helping out" quickly turned into a couple of sweaty, hard-working hours of hauling bags, lifting boxes, and sharing laughs—done with genuine appreciation.

The Healthcare Auxiliary has stood behind Miklat in ways that have made a real difference in people's lives. From essential equipment like commercial laundry machines, medication safes, dish sanitizers, fridges, and freezers—to something as simple yet meaningful as clothing packages for new clients arriving in treatment—they've been there, time and time again.

So when the chance came to support them, it wasn't a question—it was an honour.

This is what community looks like. People showing up for each other. Volunteers giving their time to raise funds that directly support healthcare services in Powell River. Quiet acts of generosity that ripple outward and change lives.

To the Powell River Healthcare Auxiliary: thank you for everything you do. Your impact reaches further than you may ever see, and today we were proud to give a little bit back.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Membership Supervisor, Colleen Bratseth, is stepping down from her position and a new volunteer is immediately needed. If you are interested or would like information about this position and what it entails, please contact Colleen at cdbratseth@gmail.com or one of the Managers at the Economy Shop.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Membership Committee is now collecting the Membership Fees. 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.

DONATIONS FROM AUXILIARY

In March we, as an Auxiliary, made a donation to ECU to purchase a replacement warming cupboard for blankets for the comfort and care of the residents. It was very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR AUCTION SITE

Doug Love has decided to step away from the Auction Site. If you are interested in taking over this position or have any questions of what this position involves, please contact Doug Love at dugluv@telus.net or one of the Economy Store Managers.

TWO OF OUR BEAUTIFUL BOOK LADIES



Shelley Steven and Peggy Wrubleski

ECONOMY SHOP GRAND OPENING, 80th ANNIVERSARY AND CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

Our Big Celebration is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 9. If you would like to sign up to help in any way, the sign-up sheets are in the kitchen at the Economy Shop.

We thought it would be very nice if we all wore our Auxiliary pinnies, aprons and shirts to distinguish us from the customers in case they are looking for assistance. This way they will be able to locate a member if needed. It will also be nice for any pictures taken.

If you do not have an Auxiliary outfit, please see one of the Managers at the Economy Shop, as there are a few at the Shop that can be used.

SPECIAL REQUEST

If you are unable to make your volunteer shift for any reason, please contact your Supervisor to let them know **in advance** by calling or placing your days off on the whiteboard so a replacement can be contacted if needed. Thank you.

RECYCLING

Thank you all for the extra diligence in recycling articles from the Economy Shop. It has made a difference, but much more can be done to save recyclable items from being thrown in the garbage and costing the Auxiliary a large amount to dispose of.

If you need help in recycling or to know what to recycle, please see one of the Managers in the Shop.

Thank you.

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

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO