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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LINDA HELLENIUS:

The most important function of our Auxiliary is the disbursement of grant money to a number of non-profit organizations who provide programs and projects that promote health and wellness in our community. This is where the profits of the GABE shop and our many fundraising events go. This year's deadline of September 15 has been reached and we look forward to providing financial support to a number of organizations. Another major function of our Auxiliary is recruiting volunteers and leadership to Drivers to Doctors, and Meals on Wheels. We want to give a sincere thanks to the many members who volunteer for these programs and the GABE shop and who show up to support fundraisers like our Meat Draw, held every second Saturday, and who supported our recent "Everyone A Winner!" raffle. You are the backbone of our organization! There are plans afoot for another fundraising event in November, and we continue working with PHC to further a Hospital to Home transition plan for Gabriolans. Our Auxiliary is hard at work!

## Congratulations to our \$1500.00 Scholarship Recipient, Jasmine Ginn! This is the message on the card we received:

Dear Gabriola Auxiliary for Island Health Care Society,

I wanted to send this card to thank you for your generous donation of this scholarship so that I can pursue my university education. I'm so excited to study my passion at UBC. My goal is to help humanity one day with what I learn, and thanks to you I'm one step closer to that goal.

Thank you, Jasmine Ginn



### Everyone A Winner Raffle Event

On August 15, 100 pieces of art were won by ticket holders. Not only did we enjoy a fun party with wine and goodies, we made over \$3000 which will go towards Community grants.

Two of our lucky winners, Susan and Peter!



# We said good-by to Simone Halpin, our Past President and Volunteer Extraordinaire!

Simone has left the island and the membership were invited to say a last farewell as we shared cake together. Below is our President, Linda, standing with Simone. Best of luck, Simone!



## Save the Date! November 24<sup>th</sup>

Tammie, with our fundraising team, is organizing a spectacular Fall Fashion Show with music, signature cocktails and incredible fashions. You won't want to miss this! More information coming......



Spotlight on Tessa Spero, former head of Meals and Wheels, former and present Board member, friend and valued





#### Here's what she has to say:

Good public health is a pillar of a successful society. Our Auxiliary's programs are examples. Drivers, Meals, early childhood care are effective. They help Gabriola to be a great place to live.

Myself, I am trying to leave the world in a little better place than I found it.

We need volunteers! Do you know someone who needs something to do that will enrich their life and make them feel appreciated? Do you know someone new in town who wants to meet new people and really feel like a part of this community? If you know someone who might be a good candidate for volunteering tell them we especially need Drivers to Doctors, a few people who might enjoy selling tickets at our Meat Draws, and of course we need people at THE GABE SHOP! The contact numbers are:

Drivers to Doctors: Marni Laird 250-268-9433

Meat Draws and 50/50- Bridget Montgomery-250-802-7724

The GABE shop- Tammie Hennigar – 250-325-4223

Meals on Wheels-Linda Hellenius-250-247-0280