

LOBBY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT December 31, 2008

In the recent past and the near future our foci are as follows :

REPAIR THE CARE CAMPAIGN

Presentations are planned for Wards 3L and 3R at Children s Hospital, followed by presentations at Louis Brier and Blenheim lodges in the New Year. The video will be shown to all staff, questions will be taken, and literature will be dispensed. Again, we are looking for solutions to workload issues, and greater involvement of the membership. At the last General Meeting some used the expression connecting the dots.... I am now utilizing this as a communication tool, expanding the campaign title to Connecting the dots....Repairing the Care.

COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION OF BURNABY

I continue to attend their meetings along with Valentina, the lobbyist for Fraser Health. The focus is upon finding solutions to homelessness. A forum will be held on January 21, 2009 searching for solutions. A number of politicians have agreed to attend. No politizing will be allowed.

AGENCY NURSES

Continue to encourage stewards to report monthly to Ross Early with data upon the use of Agency Nurses at their facilities. Also to provide the bulletin upon why one should not work for agencies

ELECTIONS

The response to communications regarding the Federal, Municipal, and Provincial By-Elections, emphasizing that Nurses Votes Count appears to be have been poor, as reflected by the general population votes counted.

There still appears to be the possibility of a Federal Election in the Spring of 2009, though with the Liberal Leadership changing, and the opportunity for Mr. Harper to react by January 26, 2009 to the Coalition, this seems less likely.

The Provincial Election is mandated for May 12, 2009. Plans are afoot to increase contact with the membership to get the vote out utilizing Twittering and Twitter Happenings upon the internet. At present this author is looking for several authors to keep a regular flow of communication via the Shaughnessy Heights Blog, and to increase awareness of it.

We now have a complete collection of electoral maps for entire Greater Vancouver Region. They are in the process of being updated. Of course we still need members to be aware of electoral region they live and who their candidates are, something that is sadly lacking. We need always to remember that we are a non-partisan organization.

WOMEN AS ACTIVISTS

Women remain under represented. We still need increased involvement.
Do you have any ideas how this might be achieved ?

SPEAKERS

A couple of new possibilities with regards to homelessness, and the degradation of the environment of the Greater Vancouver Region through the purchase of 6 new garbage incinerators at a cost in the billions, but

without an assessment of the one we already have in Burnaby.
Is there anyone that you feel would be of value as a speaker ?

WALKABOUTS and BROWN BAG DAYS

These appear to satisfy the memberships need for contact and information. The Lobbyist Coordinator intends to continue attending as a means of engaging the membership in Union activities. One was held in the fall at Children s and Women s Hospitals. It garnered the smallest response so far, though the walkabout itself was more effective.

What do you think ? What do you want ?

SAFE SHARP DEVICES

Are all LTC Facilities compliant ? There has been no response that I m aware of to this question. However there was one incident at St. Jude s with a none compliant Novopen insulin syringe. Fortunately there appears to be no sequelae.

Please let us know.

THE KEY DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

We are now using this conceptual expression to integrate all health issues, all life issues, those that are apparent and those that are covert. This frame work continues to expand. More will be communicated in 2009.

BASIC COMPUTER EDUCATION

It has been suggested that Stewards might appreciate a Basic Computer Education, especially regarding access to the Blog and websites.

No responses to date. What do you think ?

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