

LOBBY COORDINATOR REPORT JUNE 18, 2009

The Brown Bag Day held at the Children's and Women's Auditorium provided an opportunity to watch several different videos, primarily the 'Repair the Care.'

An opportunity to peruse literature and obtain copies.

Converse with members of the executive and stewards, who provided information about the 'Associate Membership,' also the new BUS, and encouraged members to vote in the upcoming election.

Approximately 56 members attended.

Stewards also visited the wards in pairs to provide information and answer specific questions as they arose. It was most gratifying that two LTC members attended the day, and were part of the delivery team. They reported enjoying this introduction to C&W.

Following the Leadership Conference this author and several other members visited at the new BUS as it was displayed to the public for the first time outside of St. Paul's Hospital. Plans are afoot to have the BUS return in the Fall.

Prior to the Provincial Election several members attended the All Party Meeting at the Seniors Community Centre downtown. No Liberal candidate was available, however this did not stop questions being put to him. He was reluctant to answer. The other parties put on a good show, though it was apparent that their knowledge of the issues surrounding Seniors and Health Care were sadly lacking. Pamphlets were distributed widely.

Another All Party Meeting was attended by several members in Burnaby. All of the Parties attended. It was unfortunate that the moderator applied extreme control over the meeting, allowing only written questions, which she censored heavily. This resulted in a frustrated and angry audience, precipitating several people to leave prematurely. Pamphlets were distributed widely.

As a result of the enthusiasm and energy of one of our acute care members, on May 11, a complete walkabout of the LTC Facilities was performed by her and the Executive Steward Liaison, with especial attention paid to 'Repair the Care,' getting out the vote, and members issues. It was reported as being highly successful. That same evening the BUS made a flying visit to Children's and Women's Hospitals. No specific report has yet been garnered.

Further essentially unsuccessful attempts to communicate with the membership have been made utilizing Twitter [2 followers so far], updating the Shaughnessy Heights Blog as information upon events was made available continued, and data and encouragement was also communicated to members via e-mail.

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