

Chairman's Report

In the early part of this year the accreditation process was launched in conjunction with the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA). In January the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation confirmed a three year Accreditation for St. Joseph's General Hospital. Management and staff are commended for their diligent hard work in obtaining this renewal of our accreditation.

The grand opening of our new Cancer Care Unit was held in June 2007 and the installation of a new 64 slice CT scanner in Diagnostic Imaging in March 2008 was a welcome addition to St. Joseph's.

During the past year educational presentations have been made to the Board at their regular monthly meeting by several department managers including Vanessa Grieve, Cancer Care Unit; Claire Hilscher, Laboratory Services; Rosemary Simpson, Materials Management; David Somers and Janet Fletcher, Psychiatric Outpatients Services; Vicki Sheppard, Crisis Intervention; and Pat Allen, Volunteer Services.

These sessions were extremely important for our Board members in their deliberations.

I am continually impressed by the dedication of our management and staff as they direct their efforts in the provision of innovative solutions and enhancements to an increasingly complex list of competing priorities. Their liaison with their peers and colleagues in Vancouver Island Health Authority has done so much to promote the high standard of health care in the Comox Valley and the North Island.

To my fellow Board members, I wish to thank you most sincerely for all the work you have done at the Board and committee level. To our Medical Director, Dr. Don Fockler, the President of the Medical Staff, Dr. Richard Engman, our President and CEO, Michael Pontus, and his management and support staff, your hard work and insight have provided positive contributions to the efficient operation of St. Joseph's General Hospital.

To all who volunteer at St. Joseph's either with our Hospital Auxiliary or our Volunteer Programs, my sincere thanks. Over 61,000 volunteered hours has made our Hospital community and patient centred.

We have been most blessed as well by the work of our Hospital Foundation to raise significant funds for essential items to maintain our levels of care and its quality. My sincere thanks!

Respectfully submitted,



Ron M. Philip
Chair, Board of Directors