Annual Report of the Great War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary – 2021 Presented at the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the PSFDH Corporation

This past year, 2020 to 2021, has seen many changes to the operation of the GWM Auxiliary. First the pandemic measures shut the normal duties down and then the incoming president, Marilyn Young, had a knee replacement that delayed the handover of the duties as incoming president. Gloria Mears kindly carried on the president's duties until July 15, 2020. The regular meetings were conducted by teleconference.

Come the fall, many meetings and discussions were made to explore possible ways to assist the hospital both by raising funds and for assisting the patients. Each idea, though, seemed to have problems attached to its implementation.

At this time, our past president, Gloria Mears, was unable to continue in her position. Gloria had put in a great deal of time and effort both organizing and setting up computerized files. She was a strong proponent of the Tourtière production and sales. For these and many other reasons we are most grateful to have had her for over two years.

The fall also brought on the need to decide how we could support the hospital financially. As is our custom, we chose from a list of equipment. These items we would purchase for the hospital. We also set aside funds for four bursaries of five hundred dollars each for graduating students of St. John Catholic High School and Perth and District Collegiate Institute. They are designed to assist students who are going into a medical field.

Come the spring of 2021, we have meet to decide on some yearly items and to discuss add and make some changes to the Auxiliary's policy and procedures.

As we prepare for a possible opening of the Auxiliary's activities this fall, we wish to thank the hospital staff for their assistance and guidance. A special thanks to Dr. Guppy for his endless patience, words of appreciation for the Auxiliary and offers to speak to our general membership. It was deeply appreciated. The many questions and guidance for Dr. Guppy, Karen Kelly, Donna Howard and the staff from around the hospital makes this hospital a warm and friendly but professional place to volunteer.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Young President, GWM Auxiliary