President's Report General Meeting April 29th, 2025

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president over the past 3 ½ years. As always, time seems to go quickly, and as we look back, we have a number of accomplishments in the last 7 months.

I am honored to work with such a great team of fellow board members. I am always impressed by their hard work and dedication in doing what they can to make Desert Cove a great place for all of us. Although it may not be always visible, there is an enormous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes on an on-going basis.

We currently have:

- 804 Residents
- 671 DCHA Members
- 84% of Residents are DCHA Members

Board accomplishments of note:

- Flu Clinic October 2024. **220** people received their shots, the most we have accommodated to date. We experienced some wait time challenges and will tweak the process a bit for this fall so we can avoid this.
- Remembrance Day. Over **100** residents attended the personalized ceremony and the feedback was very positive. We are looking forward to another lovely ceremony this year.
- Our presentation to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital in November is always a proud moment for Desert Cove and our donation amount keeps growing thanks to all those who contribute, so keep those bottles coming.
- December was our annual Christmas Dinner, with great attendance, **180** folks attended over two days. We are looking at doing something a bit different this year; more to come on that later.
- As you know, an emergency buzzer was installed at the Recreation Centre last fall. We conducted a sound range test on April 1st with spotters located throughout the Cove. We now have a good picture of the buzzer's effectiveness and are discussing with management options for improvement.
- April 12th the board hosted a thank you luncheon for our volunteers. Desert Cove would not be the active community that we are so well known for if it wasn't for the time and dedication of our volunteers.
- Rhonda and I will be leading the Garage Sale Team this year, so you will be hearing from us.
- As with any volunteer organization, recruitment of new volunteers is an ongoing endeavour for the board, along with ensuring any new member is given the training and support they require.

And on a side note, there is a team working behind the scenes, wading through the red tape, in an attempt to find someone who can take action to improve the safety of the Head of the Lake Road.

The Director reports will provide more specific details on the board's achievements over the last 7 months.

Our intention is to keep you (our members) in the loop with items of importance to you. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any concerns or questions.

We are looking forward to another full and active year ahead!

Respectfully,

Marilyn Richardson

DCHA President