

2008 Annual Report
Auxiliary of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department

Officers elected for 2008

President	Karen St. Cyr
Vice President	Linda Abbott
Secretary	Nicole Kullgren
Treasurer	Denise Hunsaker

Proudly serving the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) since 1972, the Auxiliary is on call as needed. Additionally the organization extends its service to the Francestown community and beyond. The dedication of Auxiliary members, along with extraordinary community support, makes it possible for the organization to continue its broad range of community service.

The Auxiliary provides refreshments for the fire department when it is out on an extended call. Most recently, it assisted with meals following the devastating December ice storm while electricity was restored to the town. Refreshments for the well attended Fire Department and Public Safety Open House, held in the spring, were provided by the Auxiliary. In October, we partnered with the FVFD to bring the annual Fire Prevention & Safety Program to Francestown Elementary School students. The Auxiliary brings chocolate chip cookies and cider for everyone, and presents a Toadstool Literary Voucher to each classroom.

The organization's primary fund raiser, the Directory Project, is the publication of the Francestown Telephone & Business Directory on even years. It also provides a valued community service. The sale of refreshments at Town Meeting and catering a corned beef dinner for the March meeting of the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Wardens at the firehouse are also fund raisers.

Community Service initiatives include sponsorship of the Welcome Basket. Led by Lori Hardwick-Way and Diane Noonan, it is an organization which welcomes new residents with a bountiful basket of gifts and information about Francestown and the region. The February Community Supper customarily hosted by the Auxiliary unfortunately was cancelled due to stormy weather. A collaborative organized in November, Francestown Friends, provides assistance to Phyllis Naegeli, Public Assistance Administrator. It includes Naegeli, the Community Church, FES, and the Auxiliary. In November the Auxiliary was honored to host the luncheon following the Veteran's Day service. Almost 600 pints of blood have been collected at the Auxiliary sponsored semi - annual blood drives since they begun in 2002. Participation in Community Santa is an established tradition for the organization.

Friends and neighbors, thank you for your support. For information about the Auxiliary please contact an officer. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. St. Cyr
President