

2009 Annual Report
Auxiliary of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department

Officers for 2009

President	Karen St. Cyr
Vice President	Linda Abbott
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2009 marks the 37th year the Auxiliary has proudly served the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD). In addition to providing refreshments for the department when out on extended calls, the Auxiliary partnered with the fire company to bring the annual Fire Prevention & Safety program to FES students in October. The Auxiliary provided refreshments, and presented a Toadstool Literary Voucher to each teacher and their class. A corned beef dinner was catered by the Auxiliary for attendees at the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Warden March meeting held annually at the Francestown fire station.

Service extended into the Francestown community and beyond. In February it was the Auxiliary's turn to sponsor the monthly Community Supper at the church, and we were honored to host the luncheon following the Veteran's Day service. Commemorative granite posts, donated by the FVFD and Auxiliary, were installed at the main entrance of Cemetery #3. Ongoing support to Public Assistance Administrator Phyllis Naegli is an important commitment to the membership. Additionally we are partners in Francestown Friends, a collaborative including Naegli, the Community Church, FES, and the Crotched Mountain Resort & Spa. Sponsorship of the Welcome Basket, a civic project led by Diane Noonan and Lori Way to welcome newcomers to town, is another initiative. Preliminary support of the Antrim Boy Scout Troop (which includes Francestown youth) began this fall with the return of their annual "Scouting for Food" campaign to stock local food pantries. This was the 7th year of hosting semi-annual blood drives in town. Nearly 700 pints of blood have been collected from Francestown donors and donors from 12 area communities.

We are grateful to friends and neighbors for the show of support for our endeavors. Your continued support has enabled the organization to continue its commitment to the FVFD and continuation of our service to this special community.

It is with great sadness and loss, and abundant love that we remember Joan VanCleave. She was a founding member of the Auxiliary who actively and passionately served the organization until she passed from us in the spring. Joan's legacy lives on.

For information about the Auxiliary please contact an officer. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. St. Cyr
President