## 2010 Auxiliary Annual Report

## Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department

## Officers of 2010

President: Karen St. Cyr Vice President: Linda Abbott Secretary: Pam Finnell Treasurer: Denise Hunsaker

The Auxiliary membership is comprised of women with one family member or more on the fire departments a well as members who have joined because they also are committed to "aid and benefit the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department." Refreshments were provided at extended calls for our department as well as mutual aid fire companies when additional support was needed. In October we partnered with the fire department to bring the annual Fire Prevention & Safety program to forty-four Francestown elementary students and, new this year, to the library for pre-school age children and the Wednesday morning story group. Refreshments were provided and a Toadstool Literary Voucher was presented to each elementary teacher and her class.

Multiple fundraising endeavors included Town Meeting refreshments at the deliberative session. A catered corned beef dinner, hosted by the Auxiliary for attended at the March meeting of the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Wardens, is an annual tradition at the Francestown fire station. Publication of the *2010 Francestown Telephone and Business Directory* is a community service project, as well as our primary fundraiser.

As has been the practice for many years, service is extended to the Francestown community and beyond. This year a milestone was reached since the Auxiliary began hosting semi-annual blood drives in town eight years ago – over 700 pints of blood have been collected from donors in Francestown and at least a dozen neighboring communities.

It is an honor to host the luncheon following the Veteran's Day service. At least eighty people attended the memorable service and afterwards gathering at the Town Hall for lunch and socializing. Support to Public Assistance Administrator Phyllis Naegli is an ongoing commitment. Sponsorships of the Welcome Basket (a civic project led by Diane Noonan and Lori Hardwick-Way welcoming newcomers to town) and the Antrim Boy Scout Troop (which includes Francestown youth) is another initiative.

Community support is integral to our success. Thank you, friends and neighbors, for you support. New members are always welcome. Please contact an officer or any member for information about the Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. St. Cyr President