

AUXILIARY – FRANCESTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2013 Auxiliary Annual Report

Officers elected for 2013

President:	Karen St. Cyr
Vice President:	Linda Abbott
Secretary:	Donna Barbalato
Treasurer:	Judi Miller

The Auxiliary is committed to supporting the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department with service and financial support, as well as extending service to our Francestown neighbors and beyond. In addition to providing refreshments for the fire company at extended calls and during various training sessions, 2013 was an exceptionally full year of activity, as well as a milestone year, for the Auxiliary.

In March, the Auxiliary provided refreshments at the deliberative session of Town Meeting, a long-standing tradition, as well as an Auxiliary fundraiser. The FVFD hosted its annual March meeting of the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Wardens at the fire station. The FVFD is the only local fire department that continues the practice of including a home-cooked dinner for at least fifty guests, always cooked and served by the Auxiliary.

In June, the community celebrated the lives of residents Ron Smart, Bert McClary, and Stephanie Barker with services at the Community Church of Francestown. The Auxiliary was honored to host two of the receptions and assist with the third one.

On Sunday, August 4, over 100 guests attended an event honoring O. Alan Thulander and the Dedication of the Heritage Museum, as the building was transferred to the Town. It was an honor for the Auxiliary to provide refreshments at this event.

The 2014 edition of the Francestown Telephone and Business Directory began production in September. The directory project is our major fundraiser, provides a service for our community, and supports the "shop locally" initiative with ads from local businesses.



The Auxiliary was represented as one of the town organizations at the first Town Hall Activities Day held on September 21 in celebration of the official re-opening of the Town Hall following preliminary repairs.

In observance of Fire Prevention & Safety in October, the Auxiliary partnered with the fire company with a presentation at the fire department for FES and home schooled children and their families. The Auxiliary provided refreshments and Toadstool Literary Vouchers for the four classrooms, grades K – 4, at FES.

The November 11 Veteran's Day luncheon at the FIHS Lodge was proudly hosted by the Auxiliary and attended by over 100 guests and participants.

At the close of the November Auxiliary-hosted blood drive, a record 1006 pints of blood had been collected at Francestown's semi-annual blood drives. Held in May and November, they began eleven years ago when we contacted the Red Cross in response to 9/11, and the earliest open date was the following May. As many as 3018 patients may have been helped by the generosity of residents from Francestown and over a dozen nearby towns! We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped reach this goal.

The Auxiliary is also a proud supporter of two community services that are very important to us -- the Welcome Basket (Lori Hardwick-Way and Diane Noonan) and Community Santa.

Thank you, friends and neighbors, for your continued support of our endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. St. Cyr
President