

## Greenwoods Eldercare Society Bulletin

### 23 March 2021

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#### **Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting - 31 March – 1.00pm to 2.00pm**

We would like to invite you to join a Family and Friends Engagement Zoom Meeting next week on Wednesday 31 March from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. We have missed the opportunity to host meetings in person at Greenwoods and, as it will be a while yet before we can gather in groups, we would like to connect virtually.

The purpose of this initial meeting is to provide an opportunity for Residents, Families and Friends to meet the management team and the Executive Committee of the GES Board, share updates on what is happening at Greenwoods and Braehaven, and discuss what type of meetings or forums we would like to hold on a regular basis.

If you are interested in attending, please register by clicking on this link. You will also be able to send in questions you would like addressed at the meeting through the registration.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcO6qqD8jEtxTILDxFLrJWh2K4dkAPdgg>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

#### **COVID-19 Protocols – Support from Island Health**

We were very pleased to welcome Melanie Stack, Manager of the COVID Response Team at Island Health, to Greenwoods on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Melanie was on site to complete the follow up to the COVID protocol audit that was conducted earlier in the year. Melanie also held education sessions with the Team in the use of PPE and was available to directly answer their questions.

The feedback from Melanie was very positive. We were signed off on all elements of the audit and Melanie gave great accolades for the team, our preparedness, and for the protocols that we have in place. In her words 'I will be holding others up to your high standards'. Praise indeed, and well deserved as the Team has worked exceptionally hard over the past year to implement the ever-evolving protocols and ensure that the safest care and services possible are delivered. Many thanks to Barb Williams, Director of Care, for her ongoing leadership.

### **COVID-19 – Ongoing Response & Preparedness**

Although we are feeling more confident having the added protection of vaccinations at Greenwoods and Braehaven, we are aware that transmission of the virus can still occur even if you are immunised. A third wave is building and, we are aware of cases increasing in our own Salt Spring community.

In order to be as prepared as possible, we have asked Island Health to work with us to run a simulation of an exposure at Greenwoods. We look forward to scheduling in this activity in April and will share any developments and improvements from that experience.

Please continue to be diligent in following the public health directives including avoiding non-essential travel, socialising inside only with members of your own household, physically distancing, washing your hands frequently, and wearing high quality masks.

### **Greenwoods Foundation**

The Greenwoods Foundation held their Annual General Meeting last week. The Foundation Directors work throughout the year supporting the Greenwoods Eldercare Society with communication and fundraising activities. The funds raised support the care, comfort, and quality of living for Residents at both Greenwoods Long Term Care and Braehaven Assisted Living. The Foundation also provides education grants to GES employees.

On behalf of GES, I would like to express my great appreciation to the Foundation Directors for all that they contribute to the Residents and Team. At last week's AGM, Bob McWhirter stepped down as Chair of the Foundation Board. We are very fortunate to have Bob staying on as Past-Chair to support the new executive. Bob served for many years as a GES Director and then as soon as his term on the GES Board was finishing, he stepped in to lead the Foundation. Bob's service to the Greenwoods, both the Society and Foundation, has been extraordinary and we thank him for his leadership, humour, and guidance.

The current Greenwoods Foundation Directors are Wayne Glover (President), April Wright (Vice President), Donna Madsen (Treasurer), and Directors at Large - Kim Ballantyne, Kim Carlson, Lynn Clark and Cathy Ward, and ex-officio member Dorrie Ferster (GES Board Chair). Kim B, Wayne and Dorrie are also on the GES Board - very busy people that we are so fortunate to have engaged with Greenwoods and Braehaven.



### **Thank You Jeannie!**

Once again Jeannie Paynter has transformed the Greenwoods windows with her beautiful artwork. Jeannie is part of our support services team but also a professional animator. Jeannie generously donates her time, talent, and supplies in creating such welcoming and smile-inducing creations.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards  
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