

First Meeting: July 8, 2004 Information:

75th Anniversary in 2006

Building of the First Hospital in Fort St. John 1931

The following is a **proposed plan** of organization for discussion at the first organizational meeting on Thursday, July 8 at 7pm in the Hospital Board room.

Goals: To celebrate 75 years of patient care at the hospital in Fort St. John.
To honour all those born at the Hospital since 1931
To recognize those still with us who impacted the Hospital
To highlight milestones in health care in the Peace Country since 1931.

Long term goals: To have a complete collection of history of the hospital and people involved in the past 75 years.

Dates: Proposed July 15 through July 22, 2006. The Canola Festival will be on one of those weekends which further enhances activities for all visitors.

Organizing committee: To be comprised of interested volunteers from Hospital Auxiliary, Hospital Foundation, Social Club, Nurses Association, retired nurses and employees of health care in FSJ, and other interested individuals.

Meetings:

Every 4 months -- In 2004: July 8 (Thurs), November 10 (Wed.),
In 2005: March 9 (Wed.), July 14, (Thurs)
Every 2 months—July to December
Every month December to July

Timeline:

- 2004 Establish interest and event date
 - Designate 5 major players for contacts
 - Register event dates with the City for promotional purposes
 - Create logo/letterhead
 - List major activities agreed upon
 - Collect names/addresses of all those who where born here but left.
 - Start collection of all hospital history
- 2005 Invite all families to plan reunions during celebration
 - Send personal invitations in July to all addresses collected
 - Book any venues required
 - Design a promotional plan

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Celebration 75 Committee:

Minutes July 8, 7 pm Hospital Board Room

The theme is 75 Years of Care.

The letterhead will have a pen sketch of the 19931 Hospital on top left and 2004 Hospital on top right. Sue to find an artist for the sketches.

The address: Celebration 75 Committee
Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre
9636 100 Avenue, FSJ V1J 1Y2
Contact phone 250-262-5299

Time : July 15 to July 22 Dan at Cosmic Grounds to verify Canola Festival on one of those weekend to give visitors another activity in FSJ while they are here. Garden Tour on third weekend too. Chamber says no other major events on those weekends.

Announcement of event: September 27-Oct. 2, 2004

Letter and brief description to go to: Sisters of Providence, Chamber, all media including BCTC/CBC, City/Taylor/Region District/Charlie Lake Com Club, Northern Rockies Tourism Assoc, Northern Health Authority, Larry Tocharuk COO FSJ Hospital, Library, Coop, Museum

Flyers handed out that week for people to get names and addresses of those who were born in the hospital or worked in hospital and have moved away. Invitations to be sent summer of 2005. Encourage family reunions the celebration week in 2006. Postage to be donated for invitations in 2005. IKON to be asked to photocopy flyers in Sept. 2004.

History Collection to start now:

The history of hospital is spotty and disjointed. Yolande is organizing all newspaper clippings since 1950. Need help on how to write and collect history. Lisa Bush to be asked to help write. Need funds to print/publish.

Need Ideas for major events for Celebration Week:

1. revive the old hospital bed race
2. have a community picnic on the grounds (ice cream social?)
3. have a roof top party on heli-pad
4. have a window sticker for everyone born in the Hospital
5. feature a display for each decade 30's. 40's.50's etc.- clothes/equipment/tools
6. auxiliary, social club, nurses, and/or foundation maybe host a returning doctor???
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8. Make suggestions for the November 10, 2004 meeting
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Funds to Organize: Postage, paper, and other funds will be required. Budget to be identified at November 10 meeting depending on the events decided upon.

Contacts who may be interested in this Celebration 75 to receive a copy of this information:

Ritha Johnson	Rosemary Landry
Teresa Walsh	Barb Marsh
Shirley Wortman	Joan Poitras
Rosalynn Baron	Mary Marcellus and Hospital Social Club
Barb Godbersen	Larry Evans and Historical Society/Museum
Claire Harwood	Judy Hawthorne
Jerry Rogers and Hospital Auxiliary	Shirley Viens
Marie Bailey and Reg. Nurses Assoc	Yolande Harrison
Linda and John Gentles	Lisa Bush and FSJ Arts Council
Charlotte Craven	Linda Stirling and Eastern Star
Marion Sodergren	Sue Popesku and Hospital Foundation

Other names to be added...

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Please consider attending the November 10, 2004 meeting of Celebration 75. Your participation will make easy work for everyone and great fun for all. Thanks.