

Gateway Haven auxiliary

With winter on the way out Gateway Haven is busy planning its activities for the months ahead. A new Residents' Council was elected during March with Walter Engel as President. During the summer months there will be a corn roast, barbecue and the annual tea and bazaar June 7th, as well as the regular cards, bingos, baking, etc.

The Auxiliary held its first meeting of 1988 on March 8th to hear the new Activities Co-ordinator, Laurie Ann Barber, outline the

programme. Volunteers will be required to assist with exercises, shopping, crafts and quilting; to bring down wheelchair residents and assist others with the stairs and ramps; to call and assist at bingos and serve and assist at birthday parties, special functions and, occasionally, in the tuck shop when the residents are otherwise occupied. During the fine weather there are people who like to walk, but need to be accompanied; any volunteer with a short time to spare once or twice a week would

be a welcome addition to this programme. The first project for this year will be 100 cork notice boards for which \$800 has been budgeted and the monthly bus trips for residents which will amount to approximately \$500. Jim Coyne will purchase the material for the boards and these will be made by volunteers from the Home and the community.

Probably the highlight of the last few months was the Valentine's Dinner for the residents and their friends, at which over 150 people sat down to a most delicious meal followed by an evening of entertainment. Jamie Stokes and his staff are to be congratulated for such a gourmet event, and Judith Abel and the staff of the Home for their care and concern for the welfare of the residents.

Another "thank you" is due at this time to Bill Saranchuk, Barney Keeshig, Ernie Nadjiwon, Bill Crawford, Jim Coyne, Bob Craig and Don McLachlan for assuming responsibility for the Happy Hour in the Recreation Room in the afternoons. This is proving very successful.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be Monday, April 13th at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Haven.