# Connections

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### 1. Most rewarding aspect of working in healthcare:

Being part of administration in a community hospital has given me a deep appreciation for the bond between the patients, community, and

community hospital. Many times, the patient is a friend, neighbor or relative; they treasure their community hospital and have a close relationship with the providers and especially the nurses. Most often we are the safety net residents rely on. We are there for them in the Emergency Department, offer inpatient services so they feel close to home and, patients know we will guide them to the correct care when we cannot provide the service ourselves. We always hear wonderful stories about how we help our community.

#### 2. Share an interesting fact that people may be surprised to know about you:

I like old movies – movies from the 40s, 50s and even the 30s. It was all about the acting. The special effects weren't what they are today, the focus was on the individual. I just find them more interesting.

#### 3. Best advice you have ever received:

I have been lucky to receive lots of good advice over the years but, one that stands out is "Learn to accept the things you cannot change." When I do this, my focus turns to how I can make a difference.



Ron speaking at a Senior Class membership event at Stanley Park in Westfield.