Auxilian of the Year Alice Bogdasarian was honored at the Auxiliary’s annual dinner on October 9 at Traditions at the Glen. The Auxiliary also welcomed incoming board members Denise Asher, Nancy LaRose and Debbie Oven, and made the final payment on a $1 million pledge to Lourdes’ Mission 2012 construction project.

Alice Bogdasarian’s community service in Binghamton spans 40 years and includes activities with St. David Armenian Church, the Women’s Chapter of the Armenian General Benevolent Union International, the Rotary, the Monday Afternoon Club, Binghamton General Hospital and Lourdes Hospital.

In 1993, Alice came to Lourdes as a volunteer in the Auxiliary Gift Shop. She has also thoroughly enjoyed donating time in Lourdes’ Archives Department. She joined the Auxiliary board in 2001, and has participated in numerous Auxiliary projects, including chairing Associate Appreciation events, the By-Laws Committee and the Plaque Committee (which chooses the Auxilian of the Year). A bit of subterfuge by the rest of the Plaque Committee was necessary in order to surprise Alice with the 2013 Auxilian of the Year award!

Outgoing Auxiliary President and Plaque Committee member Carole Hagopian noted when presenting Alice with the award, “Alice has

**Vendor sale news**

Following are commissions generated by recent Auxiliary-hosted vendor sales:

- **Books Are Fun**
  - September 3 & 4
  - $130

- **Scrubs Express**
  - September 12 & 13
  - $1,720

- **Chocolates by Leopold**
  - October 22
  - $437

- **Bag Ali**
  - October 28 & 29
  - $443

- **Masquerade**
  - December 2 & 3
  - Approximately $1,400

Please make note of upcoming sales, which will all be held in the hospital’s main lobby:

- **Chocolates by Leopold**
  - December 19

- **Chocolates by Leopold**
  - February 7

- **Eric Andrews** (Swarovski crystals)
  - February 12 & 13

- **Chocolates by Leopold**
  - April 8

- **Chocolates by Leopold**
  - May 2

- **HCI** (jewelry & accessories)
  - May 7 & 8

**Secret savings at the Auxiliary Gift Shop!**

When you make a purchase at the Gift Shop during the month of December, you may pick a scratch-off ticket from Santa’s sack at the register and reveal your savings! Discounts range from 10% off to 40% off. (Discount not applicable to magazines, flowers, balloons, sundries, gift certificates, paperback books, individual cards, candy or already-discounted merchandise.)

Proceeds from the gift shop support Lourdes Auxiliary projects.
discovered as an individual that the sweetest way to happiness is to be part of something bigger than ourselves."

The Auxiliary was pleased to present Lourdes Foundation President Robert O’Connell and Lourdes Hospital President/CEO David Patak with the final payment on a $1 million pledge made to Mission 2012 six years ago. Members of our all-volunteer organization are very proud of this noteworthy accomplishment. We are grateful to the Lourdes community for its support of our fundraising efforts.

What a lovely evening! Sincere thanks are owed to the Annual Dinner Committee (Kate Newberry, chair; Alice Bogdasarian; Louise Neff; Barb Palmer and Bev Wasco) and to the Plaque Committee (Alice Bogdasarian, chair; Carole Brady; Connie Capani; Carole Hagopian; Eleanor Laing; Louise Neff and Marilyn Wasyliw).

The Auxiliary plaque is now mounted in the atrium at Lourdes.