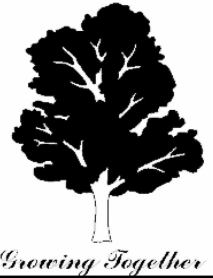


Kelowna and District Society for Community Living (KDSCL) Newsletter



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



Wedding Belles Moves

THANK YOU

Effective July 15, 2003, Wedding Belles and Baskets moved to their new location at 529 Lawrence Avenue, next door to Larry's Cycle and Sports. The new location has much more space and is conducive to walk-in traffic.

THANK YOU Darlene Hass and Helga Scott for packing and unpacking all the inventory. THANK YOU Leigh Edwards, Shane Milligan, Justin Roberts, and Marcus Prudaby for assisting with the move.

In this issue we have so many people to thank. KDSCL held and participated in 4 separate 50th anniversary celebrations. We had so much support from our staff, people with disabilities and the community.

Many thanks to our **Anniversary Committee Members: Chair, Susan Batsch, Cyndy Omand, Miki Hanna, Don Bach, Leigh Edwards, Susan Harney, Darlene Hass, Susan Gilmour and Julie Ploquin.** They donated a tremendous amount of time to ensure our events were a success.

We kicked off our celebrations April 24, 2003 and participated in Arbour Day celebrations with the City of Kelowna. KDSCL donated an oak tree that was planted in City Park. The mayor, council representatives, our President, Denis Gates and Tom Falardeau participated in the ceremony. Thank you Don Bach for coordinating our participation.

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We also held a very successful Chamber of Commerce new members breakfast April 29, 2003 to showcase our businesses. Thank you Leigh Edwards for coordinating this event and Darlene Hass and Rod Oranchuk for manning our displays.

On June 21, 2003 we held a 50th Anniversary "Party in the Park" at Mission Creek Park. Weather withstanding, the event was a success. KDSCL would like to thank the following:

Volunteers

Bernie Bassett, Jen Richardson, D'Arcy Bell, Evadene Lovell, Jim Batsch, Sandra Scrimbit, Reg Bourne, Glenn Moore, Alex Hanna, Rod Oranchuk, Sharon Simms, Kelly Tompkins, Jim Greenlay, Glenda Mallach, Mark Wengrowich, Helga & Rory Scott, Wayne Major, Pam Gerl, Tim Groom, Mike Johnson, Shane Milligan, Wendy Milligan, Dale Hooper, Donna-Lynne Kenyon, Louise Roberts Taylor, Syd Freeman, Marg and Gord Bretz, Jennifer Franklin, Travis, Caitlan & Ashley Omand and Shawna Osbourne.

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Volunteer Entertainers

Wing Chun Kung Fu Academy, Diane Wirtz and Friends, Piper Bob Hayward, Okanagan School of Irish Dance, Ken Dungate, Leta Prince and the Hawaiian Dancers.

Volunteer Donations and Displays

Kelowna Fire Department, Canada Bread Company, Joey's Only Seafood, Home Depot, Crime Stoppers and the Kelowna RCMP, Remax, Saturn Isuzu, Special Olympics, Capital News (Maxine Dehart), CKOV (Dave Pare), Canada Safeway, TNT Cotton Candy (Trevor Martens and Brenda Huntington), Buckerfields and Caroline Madaras.

On July 19, 2003 KDSCL participated in the Kelowna Regatta Parade. Our float was awesome! Thank you Miki Hanna for coordinating the construction of the float and to the following who assisted: Don Bach, Reg Bourne, Alex Hanna, Cyndy, Ashley, Caitlan and Travis Omand, Leigh Edwards, Jim and Susan Batsch, Sherry Melinson, Deshana Bennett-Daley and Susan Harney.

Thank you to the following people who came out the day of the parade and participated: Rod, Adam and Jarrid Oranchuk, Holly Wilson, Arlene Dietrich and Don (bride and groom) Shane and Lisa Milligan, Gertrude Welder, Angie Pizio, Karen Brown, Jim Champion, Ed McDonald, Pam Gerl, Sandra Scrimbit, Rob Tarko, Syd Freeman, Wayne Major and Teri-Lynne Moorbay.

We would also like to thank Jazel Enterprises for allowing us to use their truck and trailer, Bylands Garden Centre for lending us shrubs and an oak tree, Buckerfield for lending us a garden bench and Mohawk on Harvey Avenue for donating a propane tank.

Okanagan Lifetime Networks Association

In response to the growing demand for the services provided by Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network (PLAN), a local affiliate, the Okanagan Lifetime Networks Association (OLNA) was started. OLN is family directed non-profit group dedicated to supporting people with disabilities and their families to create a safe and secure future.

The 4 Core Values are:

1. OLN is family directed.
2. Friends form the foundation of a safe, secured and enriched life.
3. Independence from government makes us a more effective, responsive organization.
4. People with disabilities have an important contribution to make to our community.

To join OLN or for more information, please call David or Laurie Paynter at 250-768-4815 or Chris or Evan Thomas at 250-767-9422.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

We have now completed the majority of the application forms. Through this and the individualized service plan (ISP) we are able to establish goals that were set by the individual as well as the other stakeholders in the person's life. Under the CARF standard, each accredited agency must develop and use an ISP. While this has some similarities to the PSP process that the Ministry uses, there is enough difference that we must use a separated process.

The Society is working in conjunction with the Ministry of Child and Family Development to see if we can do our information gathering at the same time. This would mean that the individual and families would come to one planning meeting and share information with everyone concerned.

Darryl Harrand Elected to Provincial

We are pleased to announce that local self-advocate Darryl Harrand was elected the President of the provincial self-advocate caucus and to the British Columbia Association for Community Living Board of Directors. Darryl has been strong advocate for rights of people with disabilities. He is actively involved in the Kelowna chapter and will bring much expertise to the provincial movement.

Congratulations Darryl!

Rockabilly

By Kelly Tompkins

Rockabilly is a kind of music that has a slapping bass, drums, and a regular wooden guitar with strings that sounds like rockabilly style.

This is a short summary of how rockabilly started in the 50's.

In late 50's a DJ named Allan Freed invented rock and roll. They had a roll and roll anniversary rock concert in Brooklyn New York. He also starred in a movie called American Hot wax. Allen Feed liked rhythm and blues and he also liked it loud. The anniversary of doo-wop and rock and roll began in the street's of Brooklyn New York.

Brooklyn in the 1950's was a cool era to live in because they had more things to do back then like going to movies, submarine races, malt shops, playing pinball at the local candy store, cruising for girls, playing pool at the pool hall, drag racing, dances in the school gyms, and rock and roll concerts. There was the bad part of being young, parent's being strict, getting into rumbles with street gangs, juvenile delinquents, slashing and ripping up rock concerts and movie theatre seats and graffiti on the school locker's and the walls. They even stole cars in the back alleys. The music was a part of the teenagers lives but their parents hated it and they called it jungle music. The 50's had lots of fast food malt shops

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like Sonic's, Moon's and Mel's with girls on roller skates serving fast food to the greasers hot rods. Girls who wore ponytails, saddle shoes and poodle skirts could date nice clean guy's with crew cuts.

Girls who wore black tight pedal pushers with black blouses and pointed toe shoes dated greasers who wore black leather jackets, blue jeans and a black t-shirt and jet boots. Harley Davidson motorcycle and hotrod T roadsters are what greasers drove in those days. One of my favorite singers in the 50's was Gene Vincent he sang rockabilly songs.

Long Term staff, Niel Desjardins Retires

After 18 years of service, Niel Desjardins retired. During his tenure, Niel worked in almost every area of the Society. His dry sense of humor and words of wisdom will truly be missed. We would like to thank Niel and wish him the best!



Susan Harney and Charisse Daley leading the way for our Regatta float

KDSCL Website

Our website has been updated. Check out the great pictures. (Thank you Marc Houde!)

Additional Community Living Website Resources

-www.communitylivingbc.org
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www.individualizedfunding.com
-www.communitylivingcoalition.bc.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* The River of Change Conference, September 22-23, 2003 at the Ramada Lodge Hotel, Kelowna. For more information or to register call Leslie at 250-317-1866.

* **KDSCL Reunion Dance October 18, 2003 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Performance Centre. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at KDCL.**

* BC Association for Charitable Gaming Symposium, September 25-27, 2003 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel. Phone 604-585-8510.

* CACL Conference, Transforming Community Together, October 2-4, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Phone 416-661-9611 ext. 275.

* CSSEA 10th Annual General Meeting and Bargaining Conference, October 22-23, 2003 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel. Phone 604-601-3107.

* National Supported Employment Conference 2003 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg, October 22-24, 2003. Phone 204-786-1607.

The Role of Job Coaches

Submitted by Don Bach

1. Job coaches must respond to the unique differences of a variety of community-based work settings. Dress codes, behavior, jargon and the particular “culture” a worksite vary from company to company. Traditional agencies impose a single approximation of what service providers feel is typical. Job coaches must be careful not to expect community worksites to be similar to sheltered programs.
2. Depending upon the structure of the supported work service, the job coach may be responsible for developing the worksites at which the training and employment will occur. The relationship which one develops with an employer for the purposes of securing a supported work position is quite different from the more typical subcontractor relationship common for sheltered programs.
3. Job coaches must be able to “capture” all the requirements and needs of a particular job. This activity is often called Job Analysis. Additionally, for the provision of supported work services, the analysis must include all the related and subtle skills which will impact on success.
4. Job coaches might be required to restructure jobs in such a manner that a worker with severe disabilities can be successful. This task requires negotiation with the employer for approval of any restructuring of work routines.
5. The job coach must possess systematic training skills which are sufficient to assist persons with severe disabilities to successfully perform their identified jobs. These skills must include effective strategies for fading assistance to the greatest degree possible.
6. Job coaches must be willing to actively participate at the worksite when necessary to ensure production and provide for the gradually increasing job responsibilities by co-working initially with the employee with disabilities.
7. Job coaches must be able to facilitate relationships between the coworkers and supervisors and the person with disabilities. This activity might be the most vital for insuring a long term relationship.
8. Job coaches are expected to implement strategies for the provision of training and support through coworkers and supervisors. This requires the job coach to strike a balance between the needs of the worker with disabilities and the degree of cooperation and assistance available in each individual worksite.
9. Job coaches must provide services on an on-going basis, for as long as necessary for each assigned worker. This will involve the development of as many individualized agreements with employers, as to the form of the on-going support.
10. Job coaches must be prepared to offer assistance and training for needs and skills outside the worksite.
11. Job coaches must communicate regularly with the employee and his/her family or service provider and promote communication between the employer and the person’s home. Effective job coaches recognize the fact that a person’s work life and their non-work life are connected. Traditional services often promote a disconnection of these two fundamental areas.
12. Job coaches must be able to “trouble-shoot” problems which occur in worksites such as production problems, the method of performing tasks, relationships with coworkers, boredom, frustration, attendance, etc.
13. Job coaches must be able to walk on water, go without sleep, survive on fast food hamburgers, and generally neglect family life or any other unnecessary diversions which would otherwise hinder them from the fulfillment of their duties.
14. Job coaches must do all of these things while receive pay at a level only slightly above the official government figures on poverty- level income.

New Child Disability Benefit

On July 17, 2003 Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) announced the implementation of the new Child Disability Benefit (CDB) for children who have a severe and prolonged impairment. The first payment of the CDB supplement will be issued with the March 2004 Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) payment and will include a retroactive amount from July 2003 to March 2004 inclusively.

The CDB is a tax-free supplement, for eligible recipients, to the CCTB and the Children's Special Allowance. It helps families with the cost of caring for children under the age of 18 who have a severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment. The CDB will provide up to 133.33 a month of financial assistance for each eligible child.

The CCRA will automatically calculate and include the CDB in the CCTB payment in March 2004 for families who have already submitted Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate. They will not have to complete any other forms.

If you receive the CCTB for a child with a severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment but have not submitted Form T2201 on behalf of that child, please complete the form, get it signed by a qualified person, and send it to your local tax centre.

To find out if your child is eligible for the CDB, please see the eligibility conditions outlined on Form T2201. Families with an eligible child who have not submitted Form T2201 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to prevent delay when payment of the supplement becomes effective.

To get a copy of Form T2201 and for more information about the CDB supplement, the conditions for eligibility, and how to apply, visit the CCRA's Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/benefits or call the CCTB enquiries line at 1-800-387-1193.

Self-Advocate Update from Darryl Harrand

As I write this it's summer and all is quiet with the self-advocates. I have been working however, responding to all sorts of emails from Vancouver and I have taken part in a teleconference call regarding the children's budget. The highlight of this call was the news that the Government had put back nearly forty million dollars in the budget for children with special needs, natives were also included.

In the fall, I will be in Vancouver from September 4 to the 7 for a BCACL Board retreat. Lorie Seay is flying me in a day ahead so I am fully prepared. In October, the national conference is in Vancouver and as caucus chair, I will be over seeing our caucus elections. I also, note that our society, KDSCL is celebrating its 50 year of service with a dance in October.

Sacrifice is giving up something good for something better.



**Karen Brown distributing balloons at
the Regatta Parade**

Leave a Legacy

Leave a Legacy is a grass roots public awareness campaign to increase charitable giving from British Columbians through their estates. Not-for-profit organizations, allied professionals, the media and sponsors are collaborating in this mission.



The Vision is all British Columbians will be aware of their personal capacity to make a significant gift through their estate to a cause that is meaningful to them and they will know where to go for appropriate professional advice.

The simple act of making a gift to charity through a will makes it possible for everyone to leave a legacy of good works. A charitable gift from an estate is a way to express compassion and provide support for a cause beyond one's lifetime. It is an enduring expression of leadership to create a better community.

Most people who have a will have not included a gift to charity. When asked, however, thirty-four percent of Canadians state they would consider making a charitable bequest if they were asked.

As governments continue to decrease financial support for the not-for-profit sector, the delivery of many services is at risk. Annual donations from individuals fluctuate from year to year, making it difficult for not-for-profits to plan to meet increasing needs.

Consider supporting KDSCL. For more information please contact Leigh Edwards at 763-4839.

18th Annual Vipond

On June 6, 2003, the 18th Annual Vipond Golf Classic was held at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club. This tournament has raised over \$215,000 for KDSCL. The Society would like to thank the following and all those who participated and made this event a huge success.

Major Sponsors

Larry Smith, Ken Noble, SYSCO HRI Supply, the Kelowna Golf and Country Club & Blonde' & Blonde'.

Sponsors

Bennett Contracting, Cox Painting, Coast Copy System, Glen Valley Family Chiropractic, H & R Transport, Interior Lift Truck, Interior Savings, Investor's Group, Jimmy Trims, John Morrison Consulting, Kelowna Industrial Plastics, KPMG, Monashee Manufacturing, PD Logging, Phillips Hagar & North, Pro-Fresh Marketing, Pushor Mitchell, Rayburns Marine World, Siesta Motor Inn, The Happy Fryer Restaurant, Valley First Credit Union, Westbank Packers Ltd, the Willow Inn Hotel and Woody Investments.

Prize Donations

Bob Jude, Bob Oliver, Bruce Wright, the Chilliwack Golf & Country Club, The Dunes at Kamloops, Fairview Mountain, Gallaghers Canyon Golf & Country Club, Steve Hall, Gary McCloy, Grant Oben, Greg Murtland, Greg Pidlaski, Harvest Golf Club, Scott Smith, the Osoyoos Golf & Country Club, Okanagan Golf Resort, Predator Ridge Golf Resort, Rick Soutar, Rivershore Golf Links, Steve Graham, Sunset Ranch Golf Club, Terry Graham, Vernon Golf & Country Club & Ken Mitchell.

KDSCL 50th AGM

On June 23, 2003 we held our 50th AGM. We were very fortunate to have City Councilor Barrie Clark attend as our guest speaker.

Barrie provided a historical perspective of Kelowna 50 years ago. Barrie's mother was one of the founding members of the Society. We want to thank Barrie for his continued support.

The 2002/2003 KDSCL Board of Directors:

Denis Gates: President

Gail Meier: Vice-President

David Low: Treasurer

Susan Gilmour Secretary

David Paynter: Past President

Directors at Large

Jim Greenlay

Virginia Pisiso

David Fidler

Chuck Hopkins

They key to good barbequing is having a sauce that can cover up your mistakes.



Our float and entourage making its way in the Regatta Parade

Mission Statement: "To assist people with disabilities to reach their individual goals and to participate and contribute as equal members of the community".

Our New Vision Statement: "Ours is one of welcome. Join us in building communities that support the diverse abilities of all people".

WAYS TO HELP: *Become a member of KDSCL *Be informed and involved
*Volunteer a few hours each week *Involve yourself in a Committee *Support people to be included in their community *Make a tax deductible donations or bequeath *Just be a friend and we will all be winners!!

Services: KDSCL provides opportunities for people to learn employment skills, work (both volunteer and paid), participate in community recreation and leisure activities and live as independently as possible.

Day Service, 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-4484

Opportunities for individuals to participate in community based recreation and leisure activities, volunteer community and contract work. Activities with an emphasis on maintenance and development of cognitive and social skills.

KDI Wood Shop, 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-762-4915

Opportunities for individuals to work in an industrial wood shop setting. Sell and manufacture survey stakes, tree spreaders, sheds and custom wood products. We also manage the "Lost & Stolen Bike Program" for the City of Kelowna.

Larry's Cycle & Sports, 535 Lawrence Avenue, 250-762-4915

Retail bikes and accessories for sale. Quality bike repairs and bike assembly.

Wedding Belles and Baskets, 539 Lawrence Avenue, 250-862-8113

Sales and rentals of all wedding supplies including dresses (sold on consignment), flower packages and party supplies.

Integrated Community Opportunities (ICO), 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-9499 or 250-717-8924

Placement into work situations with job coaching until independence is acquired. These placements may be paid, volunteer or work experiences. Provide follow-up services, a job club and life skill development.

Residential Supports

Rental Assistance: Administers 15 apartments rent subsidies which enable people with disabilities and limited incomes to live in apartments throughout our community.

Housing: Provide 24 hour support to assist individuals to live interdependently in their own home in the community.

Special Events/ Community Participation

Increase the participation of people with disabilities in community events, while fostering good community relations. Events are planned on a regular basis.

Advocacy

Ensure the rights of people with disabilities are upheld.

Newsletters are distributed in the summer, fall, winter and spring. Please feel free to submit stories, articles and ideas to: KDSCL at 555 Fuller Avenue, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 7W8 or by email to cdaley@kdscl.bc.ca

