


# Kelowna and District Society for Community Living (KDSCL) Newsletter website: www.kdscl.bc.ca



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<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>KDSCL LEGACY</b> <i>By Miki Hanna</i>	<b>CLBC SEEKING INPUT</b>
<p><b>KDSCL</b> would like to extend a heartfelt <b>THANK YOU</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Alex Hanna for donating his time to repair the damage at Wedding Belles and Baskets due to a break-in.</li> <li>*ACT/UCT of Kelowna for their donation enabling KDSCL to purchase new tie downs for the lift van.</li> <li>* All the staff, service recipients and volunteers that helped make October Community Living month events a huge success. Special recognition goes to chair Cyndy Omand, for her hard work and dedication.</li> <li>* Unitarian Fellowship Church for allowing KDSCL to use the church as our emergency relocation site.</li> </ul>	<p>Kelowna Centennial celebrations continue. Internationally renowned artist, Geert Maas created the Centennial Time Capsule. He designed a large cast bronze apple on top of a stainless steel column which contains the 25 and 100 year time capsules. The capsule will live at the Orchard Park Mall dedicated to the citizens of Kelowna and their many contributions to this community. The capsule was closed December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and will be opened every 25 years leading up to 2105.</p> <p>KDSCL placed an envelope in the capsule containing an overview of the organization's current services, the 2005 AGM Report and our Mission, Values and Vision Statements. We included a synopsis of where we are today and where we hope to be in the future. A picture of the current service recipients and staff was included, with a list of the board of directors. We also placed miscellaneous items that relate to KDSCL and our community.</p>	<p>CLBC is seeking input into 2 very important initiatives, the development of their 3-year Strategic Plan and "Making Community Councils Work".</p> <p>Copies of documents relating to both these initiatives can be obtained from their <a href="http://www.communitylivingbc.ca">website</a> at <a href="http://www.communitylivingbc.ca">www.communitylivingbc.ca</a> or by contacting Charisse Daley at 763-4837.</p> <p>It is extremely important that those with an invested interest in services to people with disabilities review the documents and provide feedback. Community is finally able to participate in the evolution of the provincial body, governing services and supports to people with disabilities. Please take the time and provide your input.</p>
<b>Inside this issue:</b>	<p>I wonder who will open the envelope 25 years from now? More importantly, what will we have accomplished? I wonder what our future generations will have to add to make our dreams for the next 100 years a reality?</p>	<p><b>Support the United Way</b></p> 
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## Patrick Smart

July 4, 1981- November 15, 2005

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Patrick Smart on November 15, 2005. Patrick will be missed by all his friends at KDSCL.

The following beautiful tribute was written by Thomas Burd.

Patrick! You're gone and so is the chair, the place where you sat, your tousled hair. Your presence will always be felt in the air. We miss you little buddy, you taught us to care.

Your smile, your laugh, that endearing stare, as though you were saying, "How ya doin up there? Got a minute to listen? I have a little time to spare?"

Your eyes told a story, if one listened well, "I miss my mother and cannot tell, give me a hug, a warm embrace. I don't have to tell you, just see in my face."

"Let's walk by the water and set a spell...But not too long or I'll start to yell. The wind in my hair, the movement of space. I feel like I'm flying and full of grace."

"Now I am free and out of the chair. I'm no longer chained amid despair. The bright shining sun, the wind in my face. Finally!! I'm free and running the race."

For all of us who had the PRIVILEGE of working for Patrick, he paid us well. He was kind and generous to a fault. He taught us patience, without cost. He asked for little, a touch, some care. All of us, whose lives were enriched by this amazing man, will never forget him. "Round, round, round goes the teddy bear, one step, two step, is he under there?"

## STAFF PROFILE: Cyndy Omand

By Susan Harney and Miki Hanna



Cyndy is a home-grown girl, born and raised in Kelowna. Cyndy is married and has two daughters, one in grade 12 and the other in grade 7. She has been actively involved in their lives, as a Girl Guide leader and helping with school events.

Cyndy started her career with the Society as an overnight staff at the Bach Road "group home" in August of 1984. She shared the position with another staff working a week on and a week off. When the group home changed locations, Cyndy joined the day service and works in that area at present.

Cyndy is a very dedicated, hard worker and a strong advocate for the individuals she supports. She has been involved in many projects: the first market garden, paper routes with the Capital News, therapeutic riding and the first recycling plant on Crowley Avenue. Cyndy was also involved in Special Olympics for over 10 years.

She is and has been an avid volunteer for all the Society's events over the years; assisting with Regatta floats, craft sales, celebrating our 50th Anniversary and many open houses for Community Living Month.

Cyndy is without a doubt one of our most thoughtful individuals as she is always remembering birthdays, and has a kind word and thank you for everybody who helps along the way.

It was a dark day in Cyndy's life when the restaurant at the Bargain Store finally closed down. She likes a glass of wine and her favorite question is "can you come and sit with us for a cup of tea or a quick lunch conversation?"

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555 Fuller Ave., Kelowna, BC, Y1Y 7W8  
or by email to [cdaley@kdscl.bc.ca](mailto:cdaley@kdscl.bc.ca)**

## Four Seasons of A Tree

*Submitted by Evadene Lovell*

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly, so he sent them on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in the summer and the youngest in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said the tree was ugly, bent and twisted. The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed, he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with them all; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen **ONLY** one season of the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy and love that comes from that life can only be measured at the end, when all season are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, the fulfillment of your fall. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Preserver through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later.

(Author Unknown)

## KDSCL Closure Dates 2006

Christmas: December 26 - 30, 2005

**2006**

April Fools Day: April 1, 2006

Easter: April 14 and April 17, 2006

Victoria Day: May 22, 2006

Canada Day: July 3, 2006

Summer Shutdown: July 31 to August 11, 2006

(Reopening Monday, August 14, 2006)

Labour Day: September 4, 2006

Thanksgiving: October 9, 2006

Remembrance Day: November 13, 2006

Christmas Closure: December 25 - January 1, 2007

## ACCREDITATION UPDATE

At the beginning of November, three CARF surveyors from the United States spent 3 days evaluating KDSCL services to determine if we were in compliance with the standards set out by CARF. CARF is a private, not-for-profit organization that accredits programs and services in Adult Day Services, Assisted Living, Behavioral Health, Employment and Community Services and Medical Rehabilitation. CARF develops and maintains practical and relevant standards of quality for such programs.

The standards are developed by the field, which consists of the persons receiving services, rehabilitation professionals, and purchasers of services, and are applied through a peer review process to determine how well an organization is serving it's consumers. Every year the standards are reviewed and new ones are developed to keep pace with changing conditions and current consumer needs.

The surveyors based on an evaluation of the organization's compliance with the standards determines if they are in complete compliance and issue a 3-year designation, in partial compliance and issue a 1 year designation or not in compliance with no designation. KDSCL will know the outcome of our survey in 6 to 8 weeks. We are optimistic and anxiously await the results.

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

**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 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**

**Integrated Community Opportunities (ICO), 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-9499**

**Kelowna Diversified Industries Wood Shop, 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-762-4915**

**Wedding Belles and Baskets, 529 Lawrence Avenue, 250-862-8113**

**Larry's Cycle & Sports, 535 Lawrence Avenue, 250-762-4920**

**Residential Supports**

**Special Events/ Community Participation**

**Advocacy**

**Administration, 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-4836 or 250-763-4837**

