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KDSCL Celebrates 55 Years of Service

KDSCL celebrated 55 years of community service on June 10, 2008! In honor of this momentous milestone **we invite you to a celebration** barbecue September 3, 2008 at 5:30 pm at Camp Owaissi located on Westside Road 3 kilometers before Lake Okanagan Resort.

Please come, help us celebrate and enjoy good food and great company.

Please RSVP Glenda Mallach at 763-4484 by August 25, 2008.

BCACL CONFERENCE & AGM

Submitted by Miki Hanna

Eight Self-Advocates from Kelowna attended the annual BCACL Conference and AGM from June 12 to 14th in Surrey. The theme this year was “Tools for Change” with the largest turn out ever of 579 people in attendance.

Driving home Sunday we had the chance to discuss the sessions and workshops people attended. Feedback was positive and we are already looking forward to next year’s conference in Victoria. We all agreed the film festival was one of the highlights. There were 9 short films presented in segments of 3 with a brief discussion that followed. The films all related to people with developmental disabilities.

Three new self advocates joined us this year. I loved to see the individuals experience an event like this for the first time; it is amazing to me to get to know people in different settings and see all the abilities each has to offer.

The dances of course were also highlights, everyone had a blast and got to visit, see old friends and make new ones.

There is still much work to be done for community inclusiveness and making change for people with developmental disabilities. I was surprised to learn there are a lot of communities with no self-advocate groups. I think community living associations, friends, families and other community members across the province need to assist individuals in developing self-advocacy.

Nella Clinaz was elected to sit on The BC Self Advocate Caucus Seat for the next two years. Congratulations Nella!

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Reminder!

⊗ KDSCL will be closed from August 4 to August 15, 2008, reopening Monday August 18.
⊗ KDSCL Annual General Meeting September 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Staff Profile: Jayne Stolz

By Rhonda Campbell

Jayne Stolz is one of the few people you will meet that can say she was born and raised in Kelowna and has lived here most of her life. She has 3 siblings, all of who live in Kelowna, so has a large extended family.

She did move to Calgary with a girlfriend for about five years to fill her dream of working for an oil company and making “big money”. She laughs about getting hired at the Royal Bank while she was sitting in the waiting room while her girlfriend had a job interview. Those were boom years in the “oil” city.



She had dated a handsome young man named Don while she was a teenager in Kelowna. They hooked up again in Calgary and moved back to Kelowna and were married in 1980. They have two now adult children Amanda and C.J. who both live in Kelowna and enjoy coming to Mom’s for dinner every Sunday night. Her & Don spent many hours helping Amanda and her friend Jeremy renovate a house they bought this last year. A time well spent as Jayne loves to have her family close.

She has worked in Kelowna for One Stop Video and Bridges.com. She started working as the Accountant at KDSCL in 2004. Her job includes payroll and the many related duties that go along with that, accounts receivable and payable, billing and many miscellaneous accounting duties. As importantly she keeps the office running on a calm and even keel, answering questions, un-jamming the photocopier that her favorite Finance Manager leased, doling out pens and office supplies, handing out faxes, showing customers where they can buy a bike, the list is endless. She greets everyone with a smile and a warm hello and is very well liked by all. Her attention to detail and organizational skills keep everything running smoothly.

Some random comments from co-workers who know Jayne say:

- She loves her job and truly works for the enjoyment of it.
- She loves to garden (in pots) and knows her flowers and plants well.
- She loves fine wine and tequila.
- She loves to travel. This year her & Don spent a month in Thailand and Cambodia and saw & did many amazing things. She is a wonderful photographer and enjoyed taking pictures of the many temples, beautiful beaches & sunsets.
- She never makes an error.
- She does not do housework, never has, never will.
- She enjoys a shopping weekend with the girls to Spokane or Seattle and always finds many amazing deals.

Her and Don (also born in Kelowna!) have many friends and a large family and do a lot of entertaining and often have overnight guests, especially in the summer. Of course we could not talk about Jayne without mentioning Oscar & Winston, her two Shih-Tzu-cross puppies. They are active, inquisitive little fellows who enjoy a walk with Mom at the end of the day or just a nice quiet cuddle on the couch.

We thank Jayne & Don for offering their home and pool !! for our staff summer get together. We are all looking forward to an afternoon of summer socializing!!!

Travel Club Ucluelet / Tofino Trip 2008

By Jeremy Thompson, Arlene Timmer and Trista Thomson

Monday May 26, 8:00 AM twelve members and staff of the KDSCL Travel Club left in two vans for Ucluelet and Tofino located on the west coast of Vancouver Island. We were a little bit rushed as we were trying to catch the 12:45 ferry from Vancouver. We made it just in time, with only a couple of minutes to spare.

We arrived at Duke Point outside Nanaimo and set off for Coomb's Market. There we saw a lot of local arts and crafts and stopped next at Cathedral Grove. Here we saw a lot of really old trees, that were the biggest that some of us had ever seen. We took a few pictures here of everyone hugging the trees, and Larry posing as a stump!!! We walked a little ways into the forest, and enjoyed the nature.



We stopped briefly in Port Alberni to buy some groceries for the week, and then went out for dinner with Jeremy's parents and sister. After dinner we went off to our cabins in Ucluelet, finally got settled in for the night after an interesting reception.

We stayed at Terrace Beach Resort right on the ocean. The two cabins that the ladies stayed in had a porch that looked out over the ocean. It was beautiful. The guys stayed in a cabin off of the ocean, and were very comfortable for the five of them.

On Tuesday we woke up to a beautiful breakfast of pancakes and sausages that Arlene prepared for everyone. After we all ate and relaxed for a bit and we went out exploring. We found the Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre, which had some really nice views of the Ocean. We even saw some surfers!!! You know you're in a hippy town when you see people carrying their surfboards while riding their bike!! The interpretive center had a little museum that taught us about the history and fishing in the area. We spent some time in the area, and then went to a nice little café for lunch. Upon our return to the cabins, some people rested, while others went for a walk along the boardwalk on the West Coast Trail. The day was completed with barbequed hamburgers and an evening playing games.

On Wednesday, again we woke up to a beautiful breakfast...thanks Arlene!!! We played the role of tourists in Tofino, took pictures, shot a video, explored the town, and shopped for some souvenirs. We ended up at a nice restaurant on the ocean, where we stopped and had lunch. After this we walked back to the vans, and went in search of a nice beach that we walked along. We drove slowly back to the cabins to cook huge steaks for dinner. Larry especially enjoyed his steak.

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After dinner a small group of us went for a walk, again on the west coast trail in search of a light house.

On this walk, one person in our group earned the nickname “wipeout”, but we won’t mention who!!! After the walk, some people chose to watch a movie, and others played some games. Where did the day go??

Thursday was spent whale watching with Jamie’s Whale watching tours. Ten people from our group went on the boat, while two stayed back and did a few errands. The whale watching lasted four hours!!! Many whales showed up for everyone’s enjoyment.

At the end of this great day, we went for a really fancy dinner on an old ship called the Canadian Princess. We all enjoyed our meals, and Trista found out the hard way that it was a hotel as well.

After dinner it was time to go back to the cabins and begin the tedious task of packing. All went well and we all got to bed early, as Friday was going to be an early morning.

Friday came fast, some of the ladies slept past their alarm, but we still managed to leave close to the departure time of 9:00AM. We had a ferry to catch!!! We drove straight to the ferry and made it just in time to save our reservation. Everyone had a great time but was happy to be home. The members of our group: Larry, Dale, Jeff, Brad, Laura, Katarina, Bev, Angie, Kerri, Trista, Arlene and Jeremy.

What a great group!!! What a wonderful time!!

“Thank you Jeremy, Arlene and Trista, you did a fantastic job planning, participating in & facilitating the trip.”

Leagh Edwards

It deeply saddens all of us at the society to announce that Leagh Edwards passed away very unexpectedly April 18, 2008.



Leagh worked for KDSCL for over 25 years. He was a kind, hardworking and gentle man who was very devoted to progressing the rights of people with disabilities. We miss him terribly.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICY & PROCEDURE

KDSCL believes that conflicts should be resolved with “mutually satisfying” outcomes.

Because of the various relationships, different procedures have been identified to ensure that resolution is obtained effectively and respectfully.

We basically operate on the idea that if you have a conflict/problem with someone that you are going to talk to the person first to try and solve the issue. If the issue cannot be solved, you will then follow the steps outlined in the KDSCL Conflict Resolution and Discrimination procedure.

KDSCL also has a complaints policy and procedure. It is not intended get around (circumvent) the conflict resolution and discrimination policy or procedure. It is in place to ensure that complaints are addressed in a timely and effective manner.

All KDSCL policies and procedures are available on our website at www.kdscl.bc.ca or if you would like a copy please call 250-763-4837.

*What do giraffes do when they fall is love?
Neck !*

23rd Annual Vipond Golf Classic

The 23rd Annual Vipond Golf Classic was held at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club, June 6, 2008.

This event has raised \$290,000 for our society. KDSCL would again like to gratefully thank:

- *Co-chairs, Wayne Pawulski and Denis Gates!
- *The sponsors!
- *The individuals and businesses that donate prizes!
- *The participants!
- *The Kelowna Golf and Country Club members and staff. Each year they give up the golf course for a day to allow this important event to occur.

Thank you!

HandyDART Services in Lake Country

It's been a long wait but Lake Country is finally receiving handyDART service. It was scheduled to start in July but may be delayed until August.

Everyone would be more than happy if it was up and running by September 2008. It is wonderful news for all of us out in Lake Country!

Registration for handyDART service can be found online at www.busonline.ca and the application can be faxed to the office at 861-7872. If you have any questions please call handyDART at 762-3278.

We are so pleased and want to thank everyone who helped advocate for this much needed service.



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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 *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 bequeaths *Just be a friend!

Day Service: 555 Fuller Avenue and 925 Sutherland Avenue, 250-763-4484
Provides opportunities for individuals to develop skills and abilities that promote self-esteem and independence through productive meaningful activities in recreation and leisure, volunteerism and life skill development.

Business Services: KDI Wood Shop, 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-762-4915 and Larry’s Cycle and Sports, 123-1511 Sutherland Avenue, 250-762-4920
Provides opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and work skills in society owned businesses that enhance the person’s ability to secure gainful employment in a time limited placement or provide the person with meaningful activity. Enables the society to subsidize the costs associated with not-for-profit service delivery.

Integrated Career Opportunities (ICO): 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-9499
Provides supported employment opportunities for individuals to learn skills to assist them to secure independent and/or group employment by partnering with community.

Residential Supports: Provide a safe, respectful, healthy and supportive service to assist individuals to live interdependently in a manner conducive to their life style choices.

Rental Assistance: Administers 19 apartment rent subsidies.

Housing: Assist 5 individuals to live interdependently in their own home in community and support 1 person who is home sharing.

Individualized Funding:

Provide services that are directed by the person with a disability, their family and/or support network. Funding is provided by the person, their family, their support network or CLBC.

Special Events/Community Participation/Advocacy