

# Kelowna and District Society for Community Living (KDSCL) Newsletter

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## THANK YOU

KDSCL would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following individuals and groups for their generous donations to our Society:

- \* Westjet Airlines
- \* Don Wilkins

### Hole-In-One

Thanks to skillful abilities of KDSCL board member Rick Pushor, KDSCL received a donation of \$25,000!!! Rick got a hole-in-one on number 13 at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club during the annual Vipond Classic (see page 2).

KDSCL truly appreciates Rick's generosity and his exceptional golf talent!

**THANK YOU!!!**

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## Volunteer Appreciation

*By Miki Hanna*

KDSCL hosted a Volunteer Luncheon on April 5, 2006 at the Royal Canadian Legion. It was a huge success and a lot of fun. We had every organization we volunteer with attend and they brought each of their volunteers an appreciation gift. In addition, each volunteer received a certificate from the City of Kelowna and Kelowna Community Resources recognizing their pledge to the city for providing 100 hours of volunteerism in the year 2005, that commitment was made in conjunction with Kelowna's Centennial celebrations.

Brenda Shepard from Interior Health was the guest speaker and spoke to the importance of volunteerism and the positive impact it makes in other people and animals (of course) lives.

KDSCL provided each volunteer with tokens of our appreciation for their hard work, dedication and commitment to their community.

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## Larry's Cycle is Moving

*By Rod Oranchuk*

Larry's Cycle and Sports is moving to 123-1511 Sutherland Avenue effective June 26, 2006.

The new site has increased space and is central. Please come and visit us at the new location and check out our line of Jamis, Cove, Yeti and Azonic bikes, the Timbuk2 line of carrier bags and the Ultimate Direction hydration system water packs.

We are all very excited about the new location and the opportunities it will bring. We look forward to your continued business.

## KDSCL AGM

The KDSCL board of directors invites you to attend the KDSCL Annual General Meeting September 19, 2006, starting at 7:00 pm at 555 Fuller Avenue.

Guest speaker to be announced and refreshments will be provided.

## STAFF PROFILE: JULIA KERRY

*By Patti Carpenter*

Julia was born and raised in Switzerland. As a young girl, Julia did an apprenticeship as a seamstress (an area in which she is still very talented). As a young woman, Julia was trained to work with people with disabilities. Julia used this training to teach basic skills to folks in a school setting.



Soon, Julia met the love of her life, John Keery (as she calls him). They were married in 1977 in Switzerland. Shortly after the wedding, Julia and John moved to Canada. Boston bar was their first stop, and soon after, the big city of Vancouver. Julia worked in a daycare there. The big city life took some getting used to, especially with very little English. A few years later, The Keery's were on to Fort St. John. Julia and her friend Sharon ran the "Humpty Dumpty Daycare" there. The kids loved Julia, she was like the "Pied Piper." Ottawa was the next stop on the "Canadian Tour." A few years here and a few years there....Finally, in 1987, they got it right and made it to Kelowna!

It was in Kelowna in 1992 when Julia and John completed their family. The Keery's adopted Lorina, their daughter. Lorina was 7 years old. Life was now complete (and very busy).

Shortly after moving to Kelowna, Julia was hired by Kelowna and District Society for the Mentally Handicapped. She was hired as overnight staff at Richter Street, a position she has held all these years! Julia is a very important part of the Richter Street family....she is loved by all! Along with her work at Richter Street, Julia also works at The Clubhouse Daycare!

## VIPOND GOLF CLASSIC

The 21st Annual Vipond Golf Classic was held at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club, June 2, 2006. This event has raised \$260,000 for our society. KDSCL would again like to thank the co-chairs, Wayne Pawulski and Denis Gates, the sponsors, the individuals and businesses that donate and the participants.

We are indebted to the Kelowna Golf and Country Club Board of Directors, members and staff. Each year the members give up their golf course to allow this important event to occur. General Manager, David Walker and all the staff ensure the event's success by providing a welcoming, enjoyable day.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

## Wedding Belles and Baskets

Wedding Belles and Baskets is closing their doors July 14, 2006 after almost 17 years in business (KDSCL has been doing pompoms since 1968!).

We are very excited about the change! Over the last few years, business has declined and the activities the store provided are no longer available due to the changing wedding market.

The women will continue to be busy volunteering and participating in our community from our new location on Sutherland Avenue.

We want to thank all of our customers for their patronage over the years.

## Mexico Holiday

*Submitted by Maria Ruiter*

Everyone from Richter St. House was invited to go on a trip to Mexico while the house was getting painted. KSDSCL staff, Julia Keery and Maria Ruiter were invited to come along.

We left on March 4th with a drive to Vancouver, and came back on March 12 to Vancouver and back to Kelowna on the 13th.

While in Ixtapa we enjoyed the beautiful sunny days, swimming in the pools, walking in the ocean, checking out the markets - where we purchased clothing and shoes. We also purchased plates for the newly painted walls.

The food was excellent and so were the drinks! We tried to sit at a table which was visited by the kittens - they were hoping for scraps of food - and they were very entertaining in return!

We made friends who greeted us throughout the day and the entertainment was awesome.

All in all it was a great holiday, enjoyed by all!



*Enjoying the beach.*



*Night on the town!*

*Volunteer Appreciation continued from page 1...*

The women at the legion prepared a great light lunch that was yummy. The volunteers were invited to speak about their experiences, and we heard some great stories and comments.

We currently provide our services to 13 organizations through out Kelowna.

*KDSCL would like to thank and express our appreciation to Miki Hanna and Evadene Lovell for coordinating this wonderful event!*

**Reminder KDSCL will be closed for the annual summer shutdown from July 31 to August 11, 2006, reopening, August 14, 2006.**

**Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best.**

## Celebrating 20 Years: Richter Street

The home on Richter Street received its temporary license on February 19, 1986 and was granted full license on December 16, 1987. The house has been home to a number of individuals over the last 20 years. However the people who currently reside there have been there for almost the entire time of the homes existence. The house was originally licensed for four permanent residents and one respite person. On April 1, 1994 the respite space was converted to a permanent spot and a new person moved in.



This residence was originally set up as a transition house for people wanting independent living, it was to serve as a “training home” because of its ideal location in the community. Two other homes that were owned by KDSCL became the independent living homes. Richter remained home to the individuals currently living there. They have been childhood friends, attended school together, their mothers babysat each other’s children and as they left their parent’s homes became house mates. How fast time fly's!!!

### Who is KDSCL:

**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 bequeath \*Just be a friend!

**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 interdependently as possible.

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**Larry’s Cycle and Sports, 123-1511 Sutherland Avenue, 250-762-4920**

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**Special Events/ Community Participation**

**Advocacy**

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