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VOLUNTEER CORNER

THANK YOU

COMMUNITY LIVING UPDATE

KDSCL has been in partnership with the Central Okanagan Health Services since April 2001.

During this time, we have supported several service recipients to provide volunteer services for community care seniors, grocery shopping for those who are unable to get out and do it for themselves.

Our participation enables many seniors to continue an independent lifestyle in their own homes. This has greatly enhanced the service recipient's social skills with the seniors.

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KDSCL would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to:

* Bob Osborne of Starboard Cruises for taking a group from KDSCL for a free cruise around Okanagan lake this summer.

* The United Commercial Travelers (UCT) for their generous donation towards a new truck for the ICO yard crew.

*Paradigm Mortgage and the Rutland branch of the Scotiabank for their generous donations to our building replacement fund.

*Bob and Jean Hadgraft for their on going support.

* The Unitarian Church for allowing us to park in the church parking lot.

*Everyone who helped make our community living month Open House a success.

Excerpt from MCFD Memorandum dated September 10, 2004.

Phil Goodman has been appointed the Assistant Deputy Minister for Community Living Services (CLS)/CEO Designate for Community Living BC, effective October 1, 2004.

As the lead for the transfer of authority to CLBC, Phil will have responsibility for both transition planning and CLS operations. He will also recruit a senior management team that will be based in Vancouver, the future location of CLBC. These staff will be ministry employees throughout the transition period, becoming CLBC employees once the devolution of services is complete.

Phil brings a wealth of expertise in social services and child welfare to the position. Over the past four years he has served as ADM, Community Strategies Division

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Staff Profile Susan Harney

By Miki Hanna & Cyndy Omand



Susan grew up in Espanola Ontario. Her family moved to Kaleden BC in 1973. She moved to Winfield BC in 1976. Susan met her husband Michael in March of 1981 and they have been happily married since June of 1982. Together they have raised two wonderful children. The greatest gift that Susan's daughter has provided her is a grandchild. At least that is what you would think if you have the opportunity to discuss the subject with her.

Susan began working with KDSCL in January of 1981. She has worked in several different positions and has been instrumental in many projects over the years. Susan was the supervisor of the original Day Service, established in 1986. She worked in this capacity until 1989 when

she and fellow co-worker Shirley Agar, implemented the development and establishment of KDSCL's Wedding Belles & Baskets storefront.

Susan worked at the wedding store until 1994. Following this, she worked for a year with the society's supported employment service, Integrated Career Opportunities. Susan was then transferred to establish "First Choice", another storefront service for the society. Susan worked at First Choice until its closure in 2001. Susan currently works as a support staff in the Day Service.

Susan has been an active and dedicated Union representative for over twenty years. She has offered this support to fellow workers out of a sense of fairness for all and has sacrificed countless hours of her personal time to this end.

Susan enjoys traveling, photography, scrap booking and collecting anything that has an angel on it. However, this all pales when it comes to spending time with her grandchild!



Support the United Way

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The seniors have shown much gratitude, an increasingly positive attitude and appreciation for the services provided.

We also been involved in the "Shop By Phone" program from its inception in March 2004. The service recipients travel to Lakeshore Centre Save-On-Foods. Once there, they are provided with grocery lists for the seniors and they shop for them. Their groceries are then delivered by a delivery service.

We've provided approximately 500 hours to many community members. The service recipients involved have received an orientation, training and continued support with regular feedback. They have shown continued commitment, take their responsibilities seriously and are treated with mutual respect.

These experiences have provided the opportunity to grow and face new challenges, to meet a new circle of friends, build confidence and be a team member with their extended community and to personally contribute to a healthier and more loving community. They have been shown appreciation for their valued work through the Central Okanagan Health Services with an invitation to their anniversary celebrations.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT LARRY'S?

By Wayne Major

First Annual KDSCCL Golf Event

By Lisa Milligan

If you've recently stopped in at Larry's Cycle and Sports, 535 Lawrence Avenue, you might have heard a lot of hustle and bustle and tapping of hammers coming from the backroom. No, it's not the sound of Christmas elves making toys for Santa, but it is the sound of some very productive people. That's because Larry's has picked up another manufacturing contract. Yes! Thanks to ICO and Susan Batch, the crew at Larry's is assembling some high-tec electrical outlet box brackets or, as they are known in the industry, one, two, four or six gang brackets.

You also might see the new model of Zellers bikes currently being assembled at Larry's. They are sure to be a hot seller. Below is a picture of the new bike being checked over by long time bicycle assembler, Jim Soja.



You can soon expect to see us assembling the 2005 models of trail and road bicycles. They will be on display in the New Year, shining, polished, and ready to go. I'm sure they won't look so new once they are ridden on those muddy trails. Come on down and see what's happening at Larry's these days.



Trevor Jean holds up one of the finished product.

I would like to thank all the staff who participated in the First Annual Staff Halloween golf day at Michael Brook Ranch Golf Course October 30, 2004. It was so much fun and the weather was good. Thanks to all those who dressed up and to Doris and Wayne Major for donating their homemade Halloween gifts. Prizes were awarded for the best and worst scores. It was a fun day. Let's do it again next year.

(All those who participated would like to thank Lisa and Wayne for coordinating this event!)

Can you guess who the golfers are?



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and ADM, Accountability and Program Support Division for Alberta Children's Services. Prior to that, he held a variety of senior management positions related to children's services in both the Alberta and Manitoba governments.

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”.

Day Service:

555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-4484

Provides opportunities for individuals to develop skills and abilities that promote self-esteem and personal involvement through community-based recreation and leisure activities and volunteer work.

Business Services:

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

Larry’s Cycle and Sports, 535 Lawrence Avenue, 250-762-4920

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

Provides opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and work skills in society owned businesses that either enhance the person’s ability to secure gainful or volunteer employment in a time limited placement or provide the person with meaningful activity.

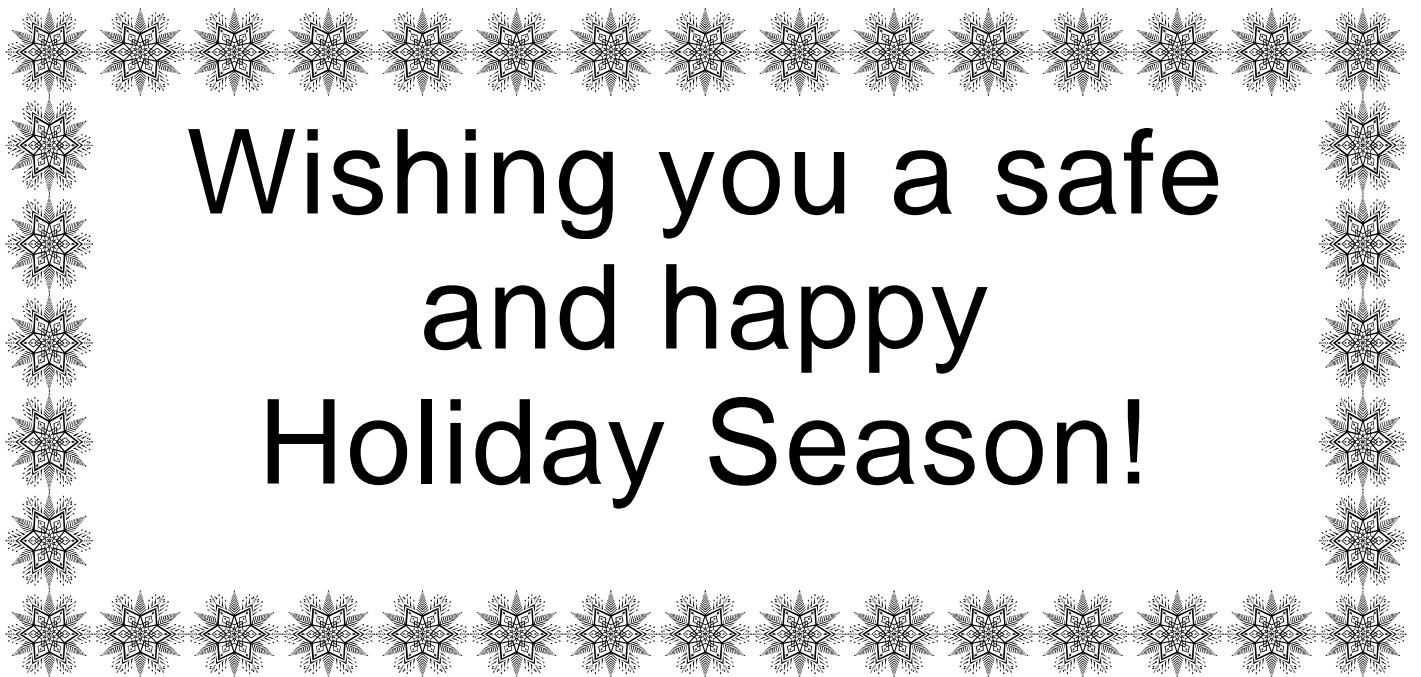
Integrated Career Opportunities (ICO), 555 Fuller Avenue, 250-763-9499 or 250-717-8924

Provides supported employment opportunities for individuals to learn skills to assist them to secure employment through training plans, group and independent employment by partnering with community.

Residential Supports:

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

Housing: Assists five people to live interdependently in their own home in the community



**Wishing you a safe
and happy
Holiday Season!**