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Housing Recreation Updates

We are very excited to announce that one Recreation Team member will be working with the residents who live in each building starting in early July. This will allow us to slowly start recreation programs (with safety precautions in place) and provide each building with one recreation contact to support residents and answer any questions you may have.

Below is information on who will be working in each building and how you can connect with them:

Soroptomist Suites Recreation:

The Recreation Team Member who will be supporting your building is:

Sandra

Phone: 250-740-2757

Days: Tuesday-Saturday

Hours: 9am-5pm

Email: Suitesrecreation@Kiwanisvillage.ca

House Recreation:

The Recreation Team Member who will be supporting your building is:

Carmen

Phone: 250-740-2740

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8am-3pm

Email: Houserecreation@Kiwanisvillage.ca

Villa Recreation:

The Recreation Team Member who will be supporting your building is:

Heidi

Phone: 250-740-2749

Days: Sunday-Thursday

Hours: 9am-5pm

Email: villarecreation@Kiwanisvillage.ca

Kiwanis Village Television Channel

We are very pleased to announce that as a result of a very generous grant from the Canadian Government through the New Horizons Program we have received **\$25,000** that we will be utilizing to offer recreation programming through your televisions!

Throughout the month of July we will be trialing new recreation programs but you can expect exercise programs, music based programs, trivia programs as well as horticultural based recreation programming – and eventually LIVE Bingo games! Please be patient with our team as we navigate operating this new technology.

As we will begin to focus on the television station we will no longer be offering the Kiwanis Phone Party Line. **The last program for the (250) 740-2727 will be on the morning of July 1st.** Thank-you to everyone who has participated, called in and engaged with this party line. We look forward to expanding the services from this program on our Television station.

Starting on July 1st if you tune into **Channel 398** on your television you will begin to see changes to this channel and in the future a variety of recreation programs as well as our recreation calendar, food menus and updates from Kiwanis Village. We hope in the future this will be the main place for people to stay connected and informed for everything happening at Kiwanis Village. We encourage you to tune in regularly as we add programs to our channel.

We are excited to hear feedback from you regarding your thoughts and ideas on the TV Channel. If you have any questions please call Selene at (250) 740-2836

Cars for COVID

We are thrilled to announce that Cars for COVID will be coming through Kiwanis Crescent every second Saturday night for the foreseeable future. **The dates they will be coming through in July are July 4th and July 18th sometime after 6:30pm** (likely closer to 6:45pm).

The individuals who have been organizing this event are raising funds by selling stickers and collecting donations. 100% of the money raised will be donated to the VGH/UBC Foundation, COVID Research Fund / First Responders. They have raised over 7000\$!

If you are interested in purchasing a sticker or donating money to support Cars for COVID please call (250) 753-6471 Ext. 1



Soroptomist International Club of Nanaimo BC

Kiwanis Club just celebrated 60 years! Giving back 65 years a group of executive women (Soroptomist) met twice a month to discuss the development of Nanaimo. They discovered there was a need for low cost housing for the elderly. If we had property we could raise funds to help with that. So we asked the City (Mayor Earl Westwood) and the City approved and sold us the 6 acres on Nelson Street for \$1.00.

Together to make money our ladies would get together every Christmas and make ingredients for puddings. Then we canned, cooked and labelled them with the Soroptomist logo - they were "so good" we had them sold out at \$2.00 per can and before we had them made.

We built 9 cottages along Nelson, however the job of up keep, collecting rent was too much for a small group of ladies so we asked Kiwanis for help and they accepted. Our ladies joined the Kiwanis Club and we held a huge Bazaar and other service clubs helped.

The first building built was Kiwanis House. The cottages were then taken down one at a time for expansion.

The Soroptomist Ladies also used to hold big garden parties to make money. They were very popular in those days.

This article was submitted by **Shirley Hopper Birrell**. "The last living lady of the Soroptomist Club". She currently lives at "The Villa"

This article was submitted in March 2020.

Getting to Know: Ken Potts (Resident of Kiwanis Lodge)

Ken Potts was born in Brocket Alberta and is the second oldest in a family of nine children! He grew up in Brocket and went to the boarding school that his family ran. Ken speaks two languages, Blackfoot and English. His Mother worked at the Boarding school and his Father worked as an Interpreter for people who spoke Blackfoot language. To keep busy during his school years Ken and all his family worked hard on the family farm. At the young age of nine years old he began to develop the love of riding. Not just the love for riding horses, but Ken loved to ride Bulls! Particularly Brahman bulls. It came as no surprise that Ken grew up to be a Professional Bull Rider!

Ken met and married Wendy in Alberta and they have three daughters, Ariel, Amber and Jen. They also have two granddaughters and three grandsons. Ken travelled throughout the United States participating in many rodeos. The life of a Professional Bull Rider was no easy road but Ken said he would do it all over again. Ken loves to chat about his experiences riding the Bulls and his passion for the sport. So many amazing stories to be shared!



Getting to know (Honorary) Staff Member: Charlie

Many of you have been enjoying the artwork Charlie (Daughter of Heidi who works on the House Recreation Team) has been contributing to the Jolly Trolley so we thought you might enjoy learning a little more about this very talented young artist.



Age: 5.5 years old

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Food: Grapes

Favorite Animal: Kittens

Favorite Hobby: Drawing

Favorite Music: Dance!

Favorite Thing I learn at School: Gym Class

Best thing about summer: Going into the water

Heart Park Visiting

Just a friendly reminder that socially distanced visits with your family and friends can be booked by calling (250) 753-6471 Ext. 1. All safety supplies are given to family members when they arrive including a mask and hand sanitizer.

These 20 minute visits are currently available to residents of the Suites, Villa and House.



We encourage everyone to continue to wash your hands regularly, wear a mask and practice social distancing.

And in the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry:

Be Kind, Be Calm and Be Safe