

KIWANIS VILLAGE NANAIMO

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Monthly Newsletter



Our Light Up Helper Charlie

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We had a fabulous time at our Light Up Party with friends, lights, hot chocolate and music!

Holiday Greetings from Lori Walker, Executive Director of Kiwanis Village

I would like to extend my warmest greeting to our residents, staff, and all those who are part of the Kiwanis Village family. Here's wishing you happiness, laughter and cheer all through the holiday season and into the New Year.

While 2021 has been a difficult year for all of us due to the constraints of COVID-19, I would like to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and flexibility as we rolled out, and continue to adhere to, all the corresponding Provincial Health office orders. As we look ahead to 2022, we are ever hopeful that things will continue to trend toward the return to a normal way of life.

To all our residents, we look forward to the prospect of organizing special dinners, site-wide events and gathering with friends and family. We know how important a sense of community can be in supporting our residents here at Kiwanis Village.

I feel truly blessed to be part of this amazing community, and I am looking forward to a joyful 2022!





Happy December Birthday To You!

Beth Atchison ~ 2nd

Mark Pipke ~ 5th

Kit Doell ~ 8th

Gertie Wolden ~ 6th

Jessica Church ~ 11th

Bob Ainsworth ~ 18th

Jim McNeil ~ 20th

Rena Phillips ~ 28th

See you at the Birthday Celebration on Wednesday,
December 15th

1:00 in the Auditorium with a special video by the
Ramblers!

Christmas Cheer



One afternoon when I was teaching music in the mall, one of my little boys came in a little late. He was carrying a candy cane and told me he had been to see Santa and Santa's Gramma had given him the candy cane. Santa's Gramma ? not Santa's wife ? I asked. Keith replied " No she was old and everybody's gots a Gramma." Happy Holidays to everyone who's "gots" a Gramma or is a Gramma...or a Grampa.

Thanks for sharing Bonnie!

Resolutions

No one will ever get out of this world alive.

Resolve therefore to maintain a reasonable sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good Health is every ones major source of wealth.

Without it happiness is almost impossible.

Resolve to be cheerful and helpful.

People will repay you in kind.

Avoid zealots.

They are generally humourless.

Resolve to listen more and talk less.

No one ever learns anything by talking.

Be chary of giving advice.

Wise men don't need it and fools won't heed it!

Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the wrong.

Sometimes in your life you will have been all of these.

Do not equate money with success.

There are many successful money makers who are miserable failures as human beings.

What counts most about success is how a person achieves it!



Submitted by Agnes Moore
Thank you for sharing Agnes!

Recreation News

Piano Concert

Friday, December 5th Piano Music with the amazing "Tim Westguard "
1:00 in the Auditorium



Gift Basket Raffle

Starting Tuesday, December 7th you can purchase raffle tickets to enter a draw to win some amazing gift baskets. Tickets will cost one toonie for each ticket. Tickets will be sold in the House and Suites before lunch time and the winners will be drawn on Friday December 16th!!



Catch the Spirit of Christmas December 21st



Wear something Christmassy and enter your name in a draw! Enter the draw in the Finance office or in the Suites dining Room!

Gifts for Staff



Gifts at Christmas time are a tradition, and often residents and their families want to express their appreciation to staff with small gifts. Kiwanis Village policy, however, restricts staff from accepting individual gifts from residents. A card of thanks or a personal word of appreciation is always gratefully accepted. If residents or their families would like to give a gift that would benefit all staff, a donation to our Staff Appreciation Fund can be given in the Finance Department.

Bottle Money

Wow!! There has been **\$930.00** raised in bottle money since the beginning of June! Thank you so much to all of you who are helping to make this happen! All money goes towards the Recreation Department! Please share any ideas for purchases with the Recreation Department.



Some Food for Thought



The surest way not to fail, is to be determined to succeed.

Half doing is usually a person's undoing.

When one will not, two cannot quarrel.

Revenge always hurts both the offender and the offended.

The wise conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them.

Our doubts are traitors that often lead us to fail, through fear to attempt.

Never raise your own praise. If you're worthy, someone will raise it for you.

If I were told that the world will end tomorrow, I would plant an apple tree.

Do you really love life, then do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of.

Life is no idle dream, but a solemn reality. It is your own, it is all you have to confront eternity with.

With a thirst for knowledge, the more I learned, the more I realized how little I knew about anything.

Many of our youth think they have all the answers; they haven't even heard all the questions yet.

The universe may be as great as they say, but it wouldn't be missed if it didn't exist.

The greatest thing you'll ever learn, is just to love and be loved in return.

If we live in the past, we destroy the present, but if we ignore the past, we destroyed our future.

There can be no happiness without peace, and there can be no peace without forgiveness.

Forgiveness is the fragrance that a blossom gives to the heel that just crushed it.

Submitted by: John Martin

Thanks for Sharing John!

Getting to know Bob and Geraldine Neil



I was so fortunate to have a visit with Bob and Geraldine Neil who live in the Soroptimist Suites! From the moment I stepped into their suite I could feel the strong love for their family! Bob was born in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Gerry is from Thunder Bay, Ontario. A tragic accident left Gerry a widow with ten amazing, loving children to raise; six sons and four daughters. Her twin brother was instrumental in providing love and support to Gerry and all the family. Gerry relocated to Edmonton where she worked with children who had special needs for over thirty years at Winnifred Stewart School.

Bob relocated to Edmonton and is also a widow who had two sons and one daughter. Bob had a busy career working as a contractor at Dow Chemicals. He assisted in running the Rail Operations along with working as a Safety Coordinator. Bob is a Veteran and spent five years as a Reserve in the Army in Edmonton.

It was thanks to some friends that Bob and Gerry were introduced and they have now been married for 34 years! They moved to Nanaimo to retire but Bob soon found himself working at the hospital as a retirement job!

They both feel so fortunate to have over 34 grandchildren and 22 great grand children! Their suite is full of family photos and they are such proud parents, grand parents and great grandparents! It was a privilege to listen to their stories of admiration and love for their family. They also have a wonderful sense of humour!

If you are ever wondering what the Neil's may be up to you can be rest assured it is something to do with their family and friends!

Thank you for Sharing!





Coffee and Tea Time with Muffins in the Suites

Please join us for coffee and a muffin in the Suites Lounge! Coffee and tea will be available 7 days a week starting at 8:00am.

Tea time will be in the afternoons from 2:00-3:00 (every day except Sundays) also in the Suites Lounge. Looking forward to seeing you for a coffee and visit. A huge thank you to everyone helping out to make this happen!


Please Help Out

We are asking that you please put any glass items for recycling in the white bucket that will be outside of your elevator or by your current recycling bins. This is greatly appreciated as it is good for our environment and for keeping everyone safe.

Thank you so much!



Searching for December

The words listed below can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward. Disregard spaces between words.



B	M	W	X	H	N	W	H	H	C	B	S	D	X	S
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ARCHER
(Sagittarius)

BOXING DAY

CAPRICORN

CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER

DECORATIONS
GOAT (Capricorn)

HANUKKAH

KWANZAA

NARCISSUS

NEW YEAR'S EVE

PRESENTS

SAGITTARIUS

TURQUOISE

WINTER