

The "Wee" Builder

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While surfing on the internet, I came across the Top 10 Most Common New Year Resolutions:

- 1) Lose weight
- 2) Stop smoking
- 3) Stick to a budget
- 4) Save more money
- 5) Find a better job
- 6) Become more organized
- 7) Exercise more
- 8) Be more patient
- 9) Eat better
- 10) Become a better person



Reading through the list, I noted that they all had to do with self-improvement. This reminded me of a story I once read, called "The World".

One sunny day a little boy's father was sitting on the couch, drinking a beer while watching a baseball game. The boy rushed into the house exclaiming "Daddy, daddy, daddy, show me how to play catch!" The father, blankly staring at the television screen, replied " In a little while son, let me finish watching this inning, come back in five minutes." "Okay daddy" said the boy and ran out of the room.

Five minutes later the boy returned, ready to play.

The father turned to the boy and asked him to come back in five more minutes. Sure enough, five minutes later the boy returned once more.

By this time, the father had cracked open another beer & a new inning had begun. Angered and annoyed, the father grabbed a magazine from the coffee table and began ripping the cover in small shreds. On the cover of the magazine was a large picture of the world. He placed the torn pieces on the magazine and, turning to his boy, said "Son, once you put this picture of the world back together we can play catch, but do not interrupt me again until you are finished!"

Apprehensively, the boy took the magazine and sulked into his room as he sobbed "Okay, daddy I won't". A few moments later he returned and said, "I'm done daddy, can we play catch now?" Stunned, the father glanced towards his child, and there in his small hands laid the magazine with the world pieced perfectly together. Amazed, the dad asked his child how he put the world together so quickly.

"It was simple" stated the boy "On the back of the world was a picture of a person, and once I put the person together, that's when the world came together. — Author unknown

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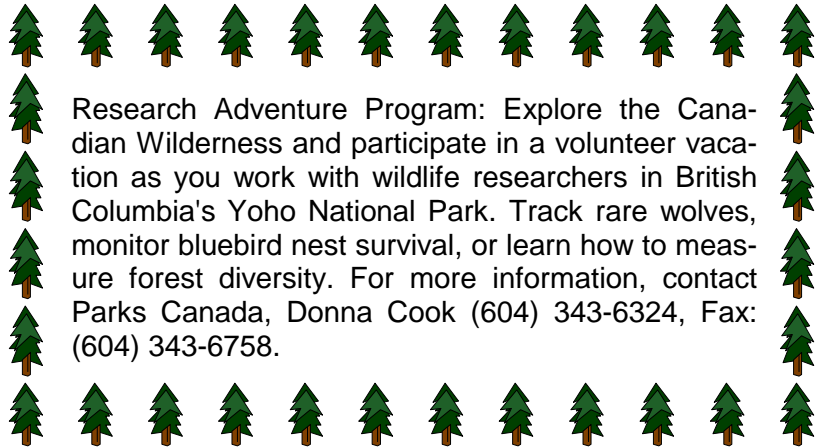
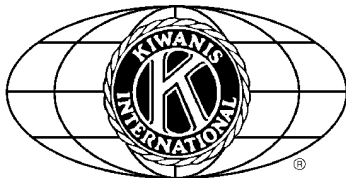


Our Annual Christmas Toy Drive was a huge success once again. Approximately 480 toys were distributed in the community this year, with another 283 being returned to storage. Two boxes of stuffed toys were given to Saanich Neighbourhood Place, for 1-3 year olds. The large stuffed toys were given to Mary Seaborn to distribute to adult day cares or other seniors facilities. There are three boxes of unwrapped toys designated to be sent north via former member Eric Hurwood.

Donations were received from various sources, including the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans of Sidney, the Peninsula News Review cookie sale, Philbrook's Boatyard, as well as private donations. Total donations total over \$1500.

Our members performed 209 hours of service, and at least 10 hours of administrative work can also be added on to that. Friends and family performed an additional 30 hours. A group from the North Saanich Girl Guides also helped wrap toys.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out in one way or another. Without such support, this event could not continue to be so successful. **A special thanks and huge round of applause to Service Chair Ray Emerson for his fantastic leadership!**



Research Adventure Program: Explore the Canadian Wilderness and participate in a volunteer vacation as you work with wildlife researchers in British Columbia's Yoho National Park. Track rare wolves, monitor bluebird nest survival, or learn how to measure forest diversity. For more information, contact Parks Canada, Donna Cook (604) 343-6324, Fax: (604) 343-6758.

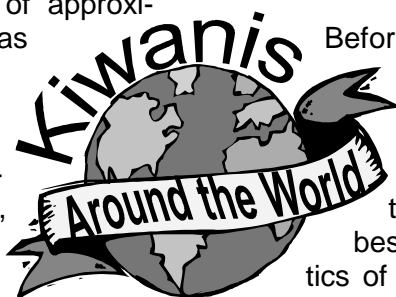
Tips for Volunteers

- * **Know what you want out of volunteering.** You can volunteer in order to promote a cause, advance your career, meet new friends, gain recognition, or simply enjoy the personal satisfaction that comes from helping others.
- * **Check the time** it takes to do a particular volunteer job. How does the time commitment fit your schedule and lifestyle?
- * **Think about your skills,** interests, and life experiences and how they could be useful in a volunteer setting.
- * **Let your employer help.** Many companies have corporate volunteer programs or referral services for volunteer opportunities.
- * **Keep your eyes and ears open** when you're at schools, libraries, places of worship, hospitals, civic and arts events. They're all good places to find out about volunteer opportunities.
- * **Talk to the director of volunteers** (most larger organizations have one) about your prospective job as a volunteer: training, hours, supervision, and mutual expectations.
- * **Be open and honest** about your desire for meaningful and satisfying work and the need to have acceptance and respect of the staff.
- * **Be willing to give and take** honest feedback in your volunteer job, and, when necessary, to be an advocate for change.
- * **Respect confidentiality** in volunteer settings.
- * **Most important of all,** bring your heart and your sense of humor to your volunteer service, along with the enthusiastic spirit which is, in itself, a priceless gift.

The Kiwanis Club of Keila, Estonia, was chartered on October, 1993 and has been involved in several community projects ever since. The club has 25 members, with an average age of approximately 40. The average has been decreasing as newer, younger members join the club and take up the challenges and rewards of community service. At present, they have three female members and are hoping to attract many more.

The Kiwanis Club of Keila cares about the town's children. The club focuses on helping first grade school children in Keila. During the school year, the club presents the children with useful supplies

such as "glitters" in the beginning of school year to help them survive in the traffic, school equipment, & "Kinder Surprise Eggs" on Easter Day.

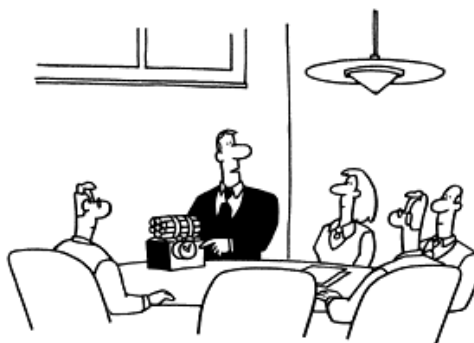


Before the end of the school year, the club organizes a Drawing Competition between all first grade classes in Keila to find the young artist who can best portray the characteristics of the town's everyday life.

The topic of the competition is "Our Keila" and the best drawing is printed on a postcard, along with the Kiwanis logo. Those cards are used as "Happy Birthday" cards to first-born children in Keila and the surrounding area.

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Potential Member
Wine & Cheese Social
January 27, 1999, 7:15 pm
I roquois Park Clubhouse



"To insure that we keep this meeting under thirty minutes, I'll just set this timer."

The 84th Annual Kiwanis International Convention will take place in Denver, Colorado, June 18-22, 1999. What can one expect at this International Convention?



- * Exciting forums, workshops, and seminars
- * Speakers & entertainers such as Anne Murray, Three Dog Night, and Danny Glover
- * Free pancake breakfast!
- * Meeting Kiwanians from around the globe
- * Youth activities (bring the kids!)

Kiwanis is teaming up with First Book, an organization that provides books to underprivileged children. Everyone attending the Convention is asked to bring a new children's book for a needy child. The project will put books into the hands of children who otherwise would have no access to them. Convention plans also include setting up a special reading corner at which Kiwanis members can read to youngsters and present them with their own special book.

Registration is \$90 US or \$110 US after April 15, for a Kiwanian. The cost for a non-Kiwanian spouse or guest is \$40 US or \$50 US after April 15. Registration costs do not include travel, accommodation, or meals.

Other Kiwanis Meetings

Cordova Bay
2nd & 4th Wed.,
6pm, Lochside
Park, 5400
Lochside Dr.

Esquimalt
Wed., 7:30 am
Gorge Vale Golf
Club, 1005
Craigflower

Golden K
Wed., 10:15 am
Kiwanis Village
1419 Mallek Cr.

Gr. Vic. Seniors
Thurs, 10 am
Kiwanis Manor
2075 Milton St.

Oak Bay
Thurs, 5:45 pm
Kiwanis Manor
2075 Milton St.

Saanich
Tues, 6:15 pm
Tillicum Terrace
2993 Tillicum Rd.

Victoria
Tues, noon
Princess Mary
358 Harbour St.

UVic Circle K
Wed., 4:30 pm
Clearihue C108
Univ. of Victoria

Key Club
TBA



January



Young Children
PRIORITY ONE

Club meetings are every Wednesday at the Iroquois Park Clubhouse, 2295 Ocean Avenue

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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3	4	5	6 Dinner Speaker: "Rights of the Child" Social 7 pm Mtg. 7:30 pm	7	8 <i>Happy Birthday Leslie Wood!</i>	9 Division council mtg. 10 am, 1419 Mallek Cresc.			
10 <i>Ray gets his 19-year pin!</i>	11	12	13 Service Speaker TBA Social 7 pm Mtg. 7:30 pm	14	15	16			
17	18	19	20 Business Social 7 pm, Mtg. 7:30 pm	21	22	23			
24/31	25	26	27 Special Potential Member Wine & Cheese Social 7:15 pm	28	29	30 UVic Circle K Bonspiel			