



# The "Wee" Builder

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## Life Is a Do-It-Yourself Project

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer, a building contractor, of his plans to leave the business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

His employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but it was easy to see that his heart was no longer in his work. He had lost his enthusiasm and had resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and his boss came to inspect the new house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done

it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then, with a shock, we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built for ourselves. If we had realized, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result.

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## Who's Doing What?

So what have we been up to during the past month? Well...

We are now parents! Our club, with the Kiwanis Club of Saanich, is a joint sponsor of the Key Club at Claremont High school! Many thanks to **Roald** for his hard work at finding them a Faculty Advisor.

Thanks to Interclub Chair **Lawson**, we had 5 members and two spouses at the Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Esquimalt. There will also be an interclub with the Greater Victoria Seniors Kiwanis Club on May 27th at 9 am.

**Dennis** has been in contact with the Panorama Leisure Centre regarding our Tot Lot. The Board approved an expenditure of \$1500 to start repairs on the Tot Lot. **Joe** has located a backhoe which will be donated for our use. Stay tuned for work party

dates.

**The Board** approved a \$70 expenditure for the Lt. Governor's Fund.

May was another fabulous month for IDD. Our club raised \$124.50, bringing our total to \$600.39! We have surpassed our goal of \$500 and are well on our way to doubling it, thanks to **Thomas'** perseverance.

Plans for the golf tournament continued in May, with ticket sales and prize donations.

**Patrick** and **Roxanne** are participating in a fun walk around Beaver Lake on May 30, to help raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**John** spent 20 hours volunteering with his neighbourhood Block Watch during April and May – when he wasn't on holiday, that is. Welcome back, John!

**Jim** continued to volunteer his time and his dog at Broadmead Lodge.

**Roald** has been finishing up some odds and ends regarding the Antique and Heirloom show, which, as was reported last month, was a great success.

Our District Convention Committee, headed by **Thomas**, continued its hard work in getting ready for the Convention in August. **Joe** has been asked to be the expert regarding the pancake breakfast during Convention. In addition to his duties as our club rep, **Ray** is also looking into signage for the Convention.



As of May 25, 1999, Kiwanis International has awarded US \$20,676,404 in grants to sixty-eight nations and areas to support their programs for the virtual elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD). The use of the funds is monitored by UNICEF and its field staffs.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Sidewalk Sale on June 27 kicks off the busy summer season for our food concession fundraisers. We need all the help we can get to make these events a success. Please keep the following dates in mind: June 27, July 1, July 11, August 8, August 21. More dates to follow.

The 25 members of the Skyline High School Key Club in Issaquah, Washington are extremely active in their school and community. Some of the projects in which they participate include:

- A food drive for the local food bank. Paper bags donated to Key Club from a local grocer are placed on door steps with a note explaining the Food Drive. The Drive allows the Issaquah Food Bank to maintain its supplies in a season where very little food is donated. Most food is donated during the holiday season, which leads to low supplies during the "off-season." The Key Club received over 300 pounds of food in just 5 days. This is a new record for the Club.



- A fast for IDD: The Key Club goes into the community and asks for pledges to support a 24-hour fast to raise money for Iodine Deficiency Disorder. Then after all the pledges have been received, the fast begins. The fast was very successful as the Club made over \$300 for IDD.

- Collecting baby items through the school to donate to Eastside Healthy Start. The School builds spirit as classes compete to win more spirit points (which translate into money towards that classes' Prom) by bringing in more baby things than the other classes. The outcome of the Drive has not yet been reported.

## Volunteer Opportunities

If any of these interest you, please call Volunteer Victoria at 386-2269 for more information.

**BAKER:** Can you make good cookies? Take your talent to the YW/YMCA to bake cookies and loaves for street kids twice a month. A delivery Person is also needed.

**COMPANION:** If you like to be out and about, you'll enjoy taking walks with a female client of the Vancouver Island Association for the Physically Disabled.

**PROGRAM VOLUNTEER:** The seniors at Cubbon Centre would appreciate your setting up their games, and joining them for crafts and other social activities.

**DOCENT:** Would you like to meet people from all over the world? It will happen if you volunteer to greet visitors at St. Anne's Academy and provide information on its heritage and building.

**LIBRARIAN:** Indulge your love of books and gain valuable experience as you perform various tasks at the View Royal Public Library.



### Potential Member Wine & Cheese

June 16, 7:30 p.m.

Please submit your list of potential members to Roxanne ASAP!

### 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  
Horizon West  
1961 Douglas St.

**UVic Circle K**  
Wed., 6:00 pm  
Clearihue C108  
Univ. of Victoria

**Key Club**  
Thurs., noon  
4980 Wesley Rd



# June



Young Children  
PRIORITY ONE

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dinner mtg Speaker: Bert Stevens  Social: 7 pm Mtg: 7:30 pm	3	4	5 Division Council mtg. 10 am Cadet In- spection, 1pm
6	7	8	9 Service mtg  Social: 7 pm Mtg: 7:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Golf Tournament Tee-off: 1:30 Dinner: 5:30 Golf: \$19 Dinner: \$19	14	15	16 Social Wine & Cheese  7:30 pm	17	18 Kiwanis International Convention June 18-22 Denver, CO	19
20	21	22	23 Business  Social: 7 pm Mtg: 7:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Sidewalk Sale Concession 7 am	28	29 <i>Happy Birthday Tom!</i>	30 NO MTG	1 <i>Canada Day Concession Sanscha Hall 7 am</i>		