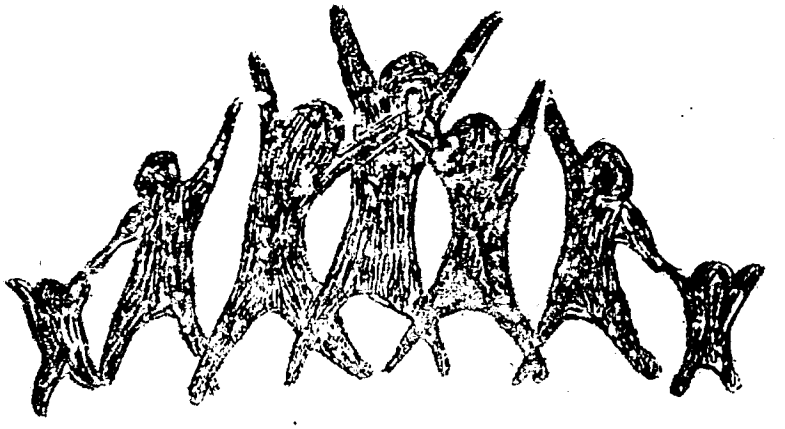
KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT

1980-1981

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I recall after taking over from President Pat Kinney last May we filled the year with mini crisis and happy moments.

1. The Pool complex with its convertible cover not in place and now under the supervision of the Parks Board opened quietly early in June. Getting the cover on in September was a traumatic experience.

2. Programmer 11 Ron Suzuki transferred to another Centre early in July and was not replaced until September which gave our co-ordinator, Len Cederholm, a great deal of extra work. A few of the Board members were not available during the summer leaving the rest to fill in with needed help to get the fall program out on schedule.

3. We had a smooth official opening of our pool complex October 1st with senior Parks Board officials present to see Mayor Volrich help cutting the red ribbon.

4. We were very happy to see Allan Bennett, a Past President of our Centre and 1980 Board Executive Secretary, win a seat on the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Board in the December election.

5. Complying with the Parks Board request we made our $50,000. payment December 31st as our contribution to our convertible covered pool complex.

The Kerrisdale Community Centre Board consists of a tremendous group of hard-working members who never let me down. I say "thank you" to each and every one of you - as well as to our K.C.C. staff who are the very best!

During the year we gained the Pool staff and part of the arena staff. Due to promotions and retirements we have Cathy Lavery who took Ron Suzuki's place as Programmer 11. Don Ashton left us and Ralph Bedford is now our Accountant. Ruth Caley retired after her 12 years as our Senior Citizens Co-ordinator and in her place we have Grace Pirie. As our Centre is ever changing and enlarging each new person brings their own personality to add to it.

I look forward to the new Board for the 1981-82 season and continued good work for our Community.

Marion Drake

COMMUNITY RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Kerrisdale Community Centre has undergone some very drastic changes during the past year which, in some cases, have added to it's popularity and in other cases left a noticeable imprint on their absence.

The addition of the Pool and Staff has greatly increased the activity in the complex. People now join the Centre because of the related activities in the Centre, Racquetball Court and the Pool.

Cathy Lavery, our new Centre Programmer has already contributed much to the Centre's operation and I feel her talents should enable her to achieve much success in the recreation field.

We have had two Staff retire this year; Ruth Caley, the Retired Citizen's Co-ordinator and Don Ashton, our Accountant. Both of them will be missed as they have given much effort and time to the Centre's operation. However, their replacements, Grace Pieri and Ralph Bedford are very capable replacements and we are fortunate to have them.

Kerrisdale's attendance and membership statistics continue to show that it is the third highest attended Centre in the City, even though it lacks amenities such as Health Clubs and more Racquetball/Squash facilities, as many Centres now have. I feel this participation is due to the excellent quality of the part-time instructors giving the programs and the true Community involvement of the people in the immediate area. The Centre now is beginning to fully realize it's role as a Community focal point as other Community groups, such as the S.A.K. R.A., Ask Seniors Group, B.C. Wheel Chair Society, and the Kerrisdale Business Men's Association are using the Centre's facilities and philosophy to further their own endeavours.

In conclusion I cannot stress how fortunate myself and the rest of the Centre staff are to have worked with the Society members for the past year. Many committees, in particular the Program, Special Events and Public Relations have dedicated many hours to helping the staff organize numerous projects and programs.

The Auxiliary proved to be of extreme help in re-starting the Centre program after the unfortunate strike this winter and for this I am sincerely grateful.

Len Cederholm,

PROGRAMMERS MESSAGE

A year has almost passed since my first day at Kerrisdale Community Centre. Looking back it is hard to believe all that has happened, in what feels like a short period of time. I feel that I have gone through a real growing experience since my first day. Learning about the Board and the various committees and how we all work together has been a very positive experience for me. I would like to thank the Board and especially the Program Committee for their guidance and assistance during this period.

The greatest experience for me this year has been the learning process of how effective and involved community members can become in their Community Centre. It is only through this process of staff and board members working together sharing ideas and experiences that the Community Centre becomes a Centre "for" the community and not just a building offering leisure programs.

Some of the other highlights this year were as follows:

- A well organized and successful fall and winter registration
- The Special Events activities of Hallowe'en and Christmas were not only successful with good attendance but also a lot of fun with many memorable moments
- A new endeavor - coded and numbered filing system implemented which has made the ongoing registration procedure and the recording of registration statistics much easier

I would like to say at this time how much I appreciate the assistance and co-operation of the Board in getting Kerrisdale Community Centre back in operation after the municipal strike. Many Board members put in long hours of their own time. It was due to the hard work of the Board that this Centre was able to start the programs and general operations as quickly as it did.

In summary I would like to express my thanks to Len Cederholm, the instructors and our office staff for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lavery,
Community Recreation Programmer.

The Programme Committee started with fourteen people, lost nine and added three, for an average membership of seven Society members throughout the year.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Board Room from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The main effort of the Programme Committee is directed towards the ongoing sports, fitness, cultural, social and educational programs for all age groups in the Centre. As the year is divided into four program sessions (fall, winter, spring, summer) a typical meeting agenda includes evaluating the current program, planning the next session, and discussing new ideas. Additional meetings are held as required, usually for intensive study of a specific topic. In 1980-81 special meetings were called for budget projection and analysis, program proof reading, strike aftermath procedures, and program planning. The Programme Committee also discusses matters pertaining to the Arena, the Pool, Soccer, Special Events, Special Projects, Volunteers, etc. but usually makes recommendations to the relevant committee or the Board of Directors.

In 1980-81 the Programme Committee highlights included: pre-planning and advertising Sunday Workshops in the brochure; specifying the committee's tasks; preparing an annual planning calendar and daily space-usage charts; collaborating more closely with the publicity, finance and Senior's committees, preparing a detailed budget; preparing an introductory brochure for new Board nominees; recruiting committee members through word-of-mouth and posters (four new ones for 1981-82!) the planning and implementation of 'after-strike' procedures; and the Programme Committee meetings at Almaza Khalil Kroelschel's house during the strike.

Aims for the future include: further development of the committee to achieve representation from all age groups and interests; further understanding and continual monitoring of the programme budget; development of a 'new programs' investigation system; more intensive facility use; and more family programs. The aims and procedures for 1980-81 will, of course, be set and modified by the incoming Programme Committee throughout the next year.

Submitted on behalf of the Programme Committee

By Trixi Hahn Grant, Chairperson

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee made a thorough review of all the Centre requirements at the beginning of the year and made a Budget. Presentation to the Board which was approved- All purchases & Maintenance were confined to and within Budget.

The major items were:

1. New Pottery Wheel
2. Judo Carpet
3. Fencing Jackets
4. Shuffleboard Equipment
5. Carpet Bowling Underpad
6. Handstool for Tots
7. Archery Butts

Ralph Bedford,
Chairman.

SPECIAL EVENTS ANNUAL REPORT 1980 - 1981

Although the strike curtailed our activities up until then all Special Events were extremely successful.

The Hallowe'en Party had a smaller attendance than usual due to the rink and pool also holding events the same afternoon.

Two Flea Markets were held in the fall to raise money for the Centre.

Attendance at the Christmas Concert was surprisingly good in spite of the snowstorm that day.

Breakfast with Santa had its usual good turnout with the children enjoying their pancakes and sausages, and especially their visit with Santa Claus.

The Christmas Afternoon Tea was much enjoyed by those present and excellent entertainment was arranged by Doug Woods.

My special thanks goes to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary who always could be counted on to give assistance in the preparation of food for the various special events, and also at registration time.

Doris Pinkham,
Chairman.

ARENA COMMITTEE REPORT

This year the Kerrisdale Arena has gone through many changes including a new name. It is now called the Kerrisdale Cyclone Taylor Arena.

The Arena Advisory Board returned to the Kerrisdale Community Centre as an active committee. There are seven working members now.

Unfortunately, the labor dispute disrupted the Arena at the peak revenue time.

The Arena has started booking concerts during the summer to boost income, and has welcomed back Lacrosse. We all hope these will be successful endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda MacDonald,
Recording Secretary,Arena Committee.