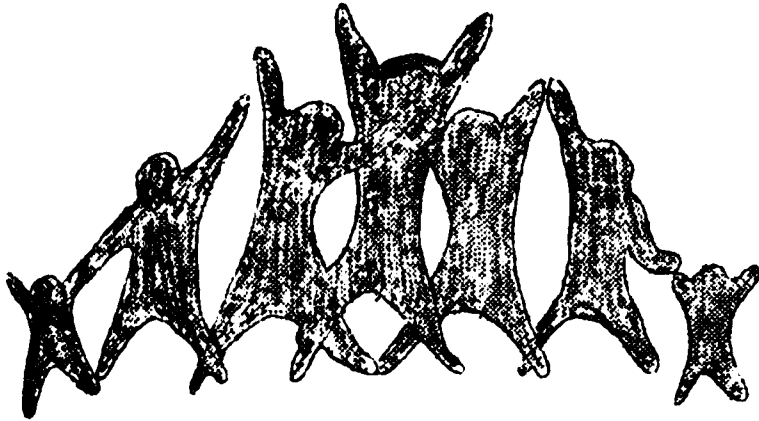


# KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE



## ANNUAL REPORT

1977 - 1978

Operated jointly by the  
Kerrisdale Community Centre  
Society and the Board of Parks  
and Recreation, City of Vancouver.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has reflected a certain amount of controversy arising out of the efforts of your Board of Directors to come to grips with the "Pool Cover" project.

As you may be aware, although this project was approved and given high priority by the Board of Parks Commissioners it is still in "limbo" until such time as funds become available from the "straightened" Parks Board Budget and from the Provincial Government, who is expected to provide 1/3 of the necessary funds. The Society, through your direction, has pledged \$50,000. toward this project most of which has already been raised.

We have welcomed the appointment of Len Cederholm to the post of "Centre Co-ordinator" and expressed our approval to the choice of Ron Suzuki as his 2nd in command or "Programmer."

Your Board has adopted the philosophy that a "Community Centre" should reflect the literal interpretation of the word and should in fact be a "Centre" for the people of the "Community" and with this in mind your Board has put on record with the Parks Board a request that such further staff as may be necessary be allocated to our Centre so that the Centre may be opened on a 7 days per week basis.

Finally, an expression of appreciation to all Board Members who have provided their time, assistance and support to the Society's operation and projects and a special word of thanks to the staff, Both Parks Board and Society, whose wholehearted support has enabled the Society and the Kerrisdale Community Centre to complete another record year of recreational services to your Community.

Pat Kinney

## COMMUNITY RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

During the past year I have acquired an even greater admiration and devout respect for Kerrisdale Community Centre's Society's interest in the activities at the Centre. For example, some activity rooms were shabby in appearance and not really conducive to running classes in them; the Society painted, panelled and carpeted them. The Centre needed some new drapes to enhance its general appearance, the Society measured, priced and purchased them.

The outdoor pool needed a cover to operate twelve months a year; the Society devoted many hours trying to persuade the Municipal and Provincial authorities to build one.

The pottery room needed renovating to enlarge the program; the Society built pottery booths and painted the room.

Finally, for the "coup de grace" one room needed to be quickly painted in order to hang new drapes, several Society members gave up their Sunday mornings to do this project.

These examples strongly illustrate the Community involvement found in the Kerrisdale area, particularly by the Society.

Another example of Community involvement is the interest shown by the patrons using the Centre to supplement their recreational requirements.

The Membership continues to rise and the program participation continues to increase each term.

Favourable comments are continually being received regarding program content, as well as suggestions for new and more extensive programs.

I feel the Kerrisdale Community is fairly well educated in the use of a Community Centre and this is displayed by their constant participation.

Other agencies will soon be using the Centre as a "Community Focus" approach to the Centre's function will be implemented.

Schools, churches, police, probation and parole organizations, local businessmen, private institutions, etc. will be more informed of the possibilities found in using the Centre for Public meetings, family education workshops and social affairs.

I feel that Kerrisdale Community Centre is ripe for expansion to further fulfill the recreational needs of the area.

A health spa including a sauna, whirlpool, fully equipped exercise room, covered pool, additional squash and racquetball courts, tennis courts and a modernized lounge area are projects to aim for in the future. These are all feasible projects and are future implementations of already existing demands.

My first year as Community Recreation Co-ordinator of Kerrisdale Community Centre has been highly enjoyable and rewarding.

This is due to the ease of communication established among the Society members, staff and people who use the Centre. Everyone should express what they feel about the Centre's operation and have some input as to what should be happening for themselves or their families and friends.

This channel of communication will forever be open and as the lady said "Come up and see me sometime."

Respectfully submitted,

Len Cederholm.

## PROGRAMMER'S MESSAGE

It seems strange for me to be submitting a year end report, but during this short duration as your new Recreation Programmer I have had the pleasure of involving myself in many exciting programmes. Registration Day for Spring Programmes, Spring Break Special Events and the Bounce-a-thon participation, and co-operation the staff have received by the community in these activities has been very encouraging.

What is exciting working at Kerrisdale is the number of part-time instructors, staff members. Each instructor with their own talents, ideas and personalities have contributed to the increasing number of programme participants.

I am impressed with the great interest and support the Kerrisdale Society has displayed on Centre activities, and the upgrading of leisure services in their community. I would like to thank each and every member for making me feel at home in Kerrisdale.

Concluding, I would like to express my thanks to Len Cederholm and the Centre staff for the guidance and patience I have received in adjusting to my new position.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Suzuki, Programmer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee has had an active, enthusiastic year. Together with Len we have studied the evaluation sheets of the program participants, reviewed various programs, made suggestions for new ones and discussed times of classes.

Our event of the year was the Xmas Party held on Xmas Day, which was a tremendous success. Opening the Centre on Xmas Day was a first for Kerrisdale.

How and where to use our new Logo was an interesting challenge. The first results of our efforts showed up on our very attractive Spring Program. Presently we are examining various types of programs and formats. We have an interesting new idea we are researching which would make our Fall Program more community oriented and something every household would want to keep for reference.

We have reviewed our Registration procedures, studied other methods and made recommendations, which will be implemented at the Fall Registration.

We have requested extended hours and an increase in one staff person in order to meet the demand for classes and our present lack of space to schedule them.

All in all, it has been a busy and eventful year and we look forward to continuing our work in the one to come.

Josie Harakal

## RETIRED CITIZENS' CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

1977 - 78 has been a busy and successful year for the Retired Citizens' programmes thanks to the help and co-operation of the members themselves.

With a new programme printed and available at the beginning of each month members have the opportunity to choose their entertainment and choice of bus trips.

In the early spring the bus trips expand to one a week (instead of 2 a month).

An exciting two weeks in Hawaii was enjoyed by 38 members in January.

Recently we hosted the West Area Carpet Bowling Play-offs and provided a cold plate lunch for 40 players and officials, followed by tea in the afternoon.

We have many "special events" connected with festive holidays so luncheons are quite frequent.

At our Halloween Party our new Choir of 20 members was introduced with Mrs. Dorothy Harford as Director.

The new 8'x9' screen in the auditorium (provided by the Society) makes our film showings much more enjoyable.

Once again thanks go to the Institute of Chartered Accountants for giving their free services to the seniors during income tax time.

Kerrisdale Community Centre was honoured by being one of the two Vancouver Centres visited by a representative from Ottawa, Miss Lola Wilson, Consultant on Aging.

My grateful thanks go to the Board of Directors, the Staff and all the Retired Citizens for their support.

Respectfully submitted.

Ruth Caley, Co-ordinator  
Retired Citizens' Programmes.

ANNUAL REPORT

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Kerrisdale Community Centre

A C T I V I T I E S

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Number of Personnel involved</u>
28/5/77	Swim Club Registration	Coffee Bar	3
10/9/77	Registration Day	Coffee Bar	7
25/10/77	Hallowe'en	Bagging Candy	17
31/10/77	Hallowe'en	Assisting at Games	12
10/12/77	Santa's Breakfast	Kitchen Help	8
14/12/77	Christmas Concert	Help where needed	2
28/3/78	Baking cakes for party	Easter	6
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At present our membership available for assistance as required is 51

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louise Ross, Chairman



SPECIAL EVENTS - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1978

This was a good year for Special Events. "Breakfast With Santa" was as successful as in past years.

The annual Christmas Program was well attended by parents and friends of the young people who participated.

Halloween with the "Haunted Castle" was enjoyed by the children.

The Easter parties were an unparalleled success, with a good turnout for all three parties. I attended the six to ten year olds party, and one hundred and fifty-six children were involved in the activities.

The coffee shop did well with the Thursday Night Bingo crowds. My personal thanks to Mrs. Ross, the Women's Auxiliary, Len Cederholm, Ronald Suzuki and Doris Pinkham. All these people helped to make "Special Events" a success.

Respectfully submitted,

E.M. Primeau,  
Chairman of Special Events.

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY

SWIM PROGRAM

The Spring and Summer Swim Programs were a great success last year. The weather was excellent for the Summer Program and all classes were filled to capacity. The class levels offered were as follows:

Preschool	(Kerrisdale)
Floater	(Kerrisdale)
Pre-Beginner	(Red Cross)
Stroker	(Kerrisdale)
Beginner	(Red Cross)
Advanced Beginner	(Kerrisdale)
Junior	(Red Cross)
Intermediate	(Red Cross)
Senior	(Red Cross)

Other activities offered were as follows:

Synchronized  
Fun Club  
Swim Club  
Private and Semi-Private  
Bronze Medallion  
Bronze Cross  
Skin Diving

The Spring Program offering Bronze Medallion, Pre-school, Adult Swim, Synchronized, Private and Semi-private were generally poorly attended due to cold, wet weather. We hope the weather will be better for this year's Spring Program and that the program will be better attended.

The 1978 Swim Program is being prepared and the Instructors have been chosen. The same swim levels and activities are being offered again this year with the addition of diving instruction. Details of the diving classes will be available at a later date.

We are looking forward to another successful swimming season for 1978.

Christine M. Kearnes.

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The year 1977-1978 has seen this Committee involved with several projects throughout the Centre.

The main projects are:

- (1) The new drapes for the windows and offices.
- (2) The painting of Rooms 7 & 8. The work was carried out by the Parks Board Painters.
- (3) A work party for painting of Room 10 by the board members. - Our many thanks to those who turned out. This project was spearheaded by Mrs. Marion Drake,

My thanks to all who assisted us and my special thanks to the members of the committee: Mrs. Marion Drake and Mr. Harold Mundahl.

W. Lin Beattie, Chairman

1977 TO 1978

PARTICIPATION BY ACTIVITY  
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<u>Classification:</u>	<u>Sessions:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Sports and Athletics	1,957	75,195
Arts and Crafts	1,848	18,884
Group Activities	1,378	29,182
Meetings	59	2,042
Special Events	133	7,335
Non-Affiliated and Free Space	74	1,992
Rentals	301	6,982
Fund Raising	42	3,049
TOTAL SESSIONS . . . . . <u>5,792</u>		TOTAL ATTENDANCE . . . . . <u>144,661</u>

ATTENDANCE - SWIMMING 1977

4 Schools	3,888
Swim Lessons - Session I	2,076
- Session II	2,088
- Session III	2,440
Swim Team	58
Synchronized Swim	)
Fun Club	)
Bronze Medallion & Cross	)
Private Lessons	) 912
Semi-Private Lessons	)
Adult Swim	)
TOTAL ATTENDANCE .....	<u><u>11,462</u></u>

1977 TO 1978

COMPARISON OF MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE IN ACTIVITIES  
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(Figures are based on the Year April 1/77 to March 31/78)

	<u>Membership:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
1972 - 1973	6,844 (to Mar. 31)	140,156 (incl. rentals)
1973 - 1974	6,784 (to Mar. 31)	143,732 (incl. rentals)
1974 - 1975	6,391 (to Mar. 31)	139,427 (incl. rentals)
1975 - 1976	6,645 (to Apr. 30)	121,316 (excl. rentals)
1976 - 1977	6,985 (to Mar. 31)	117,112 (excl. rentals)
1977 - 1978	6,786 (Fall/77 & Winter/78 Membership only)	139,461 (excl. rentals)

ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE 1977 - 1978

PROGRAM TOTAL (Spring/Summer/Fall/1977 & Winter 1978)	139,461
Rentals	5,200
GRAND TOTAL	<u>144,661</u>

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP CENSUS ACCORDING TO AGE:

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Membership:</u>
3 - 5	420
6 - 8	655
9 - 12	895
13 - 18	756
19 - 64	3,183
65 -	877
Juvenile Membership .....	2,726 = 40.2 %
Adult Membership .....	4,060 = 59.8 %
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP .....	<u>6,786 = 100 %</u>
(Fall 1977 & Winter 1978)	