



KAMLOOPS ADULT LEARNERS SOCIETY

Life Long Learning for Seniors

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The fall classes have all come to an end, and we can look back at a successful year. Your board continues to function well, and so do all our committees. We have a new office manager; Barb Maxmute, who came to us, well recommended and experienced and has done a stellar job so far. Please drop in and say hello, Barb is in our North Hill's office Monday's from 9:30-12:30 AM and Thursday's from 1:00-4:00 PM. Barb Hicks after many years of volunteering and working for KALS is taking a well deserved break.

At our AGM last September we have elected two new members to our board ,Dorian Lemon and Terry Rogers. Welcome to Dorian and Terry! Norm Moss , after many years of service to KALS is also taking a well deserved break. Thank you Norm for all the work you have done for KALS, and congratulations on becoming a very proud grandfather.

Isabelle Allen and her intrepid band of program committee members are hard at work on next season's calendar. Where would we be without our wonderful and talented presenters. Many thanks to Paula Darwent, Jane Kennon, Wendy Weseen, Del Turner, Walter Trkla, Tricia Sellmer, Gary Paterson, Rod Michell, Ray Pillar and Dede Bone : you have given us all many hours of enjoyment and learning.

Many of us go to several classes, and have done so for many years. We all know each other, and some of us have become fast friends. But in every class we have new members, who sometimes seem just a little lost. Let's all make an effort to make them feel welcome, include them in our conversations, our coffee breaks, or invite them to share a table with you, so they too may become part of our growing KALS family.

EXECUTIVE

President, Jack Braaksma
Secretary, Annie Cloosterman
Treasurer, Dave Klassen
Past President: Fred Oakley
Dorian Lemon: Member at Large
Barb Maxmute: Office Manager

COMMITTEES

Facilities: Terry Rogers
Programs: Isabelle Allen
Publicity Co-chairs, Ed Neilly and
Charlotte Luetkehoelter
Registrar/Membership: Barb M.
Special Events: Charlotte L.
Webmaster: Del Turner

CHRISTMAS WISHES TO

ALL



If there is any celebration that has become

universal throughout the world, it is that connected with Santa Claus, Christmas Trees and Gifts. Arising out of a Christian event, Santa now appears almost everywhere regardless of which religion is practised.

So we say Merry Christmas to all the people and places Santa finds himself now visiting

DID YOU KNOW:

The Christmas tree was introduced to England by Prince Albert, the German husband of Queen Victoria.

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*MEET BARB MAXMUTE, KALS OFFICE MANAGER

Barb's role is to manage the day to day operations of KALS. She registers new members and keeps updated course lists if the venue changes, etc. She makes sure the registrants are contacted with the correct information. Barb says, "The executive and committee officers of KALS are very helpful whenever I have any questions."

Barb has over 20 years experience in an office environment including accounts receivable and payable. Over the years, she has volunteered for several organizations. She was a receptionist with People in Motion for three years and has volunteered to Theatre BC's Provincial Festival and with the Heart and Stroke and MS Society in Ontario.

Barb is also a crafter and has made several items, one of which is a child's ABC Activity Book.



She has been doing embroidery for over 50 years and has taught cross stitching and basic embroidery. She will be a co-instructor for a course in Pin Embroidery starting in January 2012.

***You can meet Barb in person at the North Hills Centre on Mondays (9:30-12:30 noon) and Thursdays (1:00-4:00 pm).**

ROLAND COBB

RECIPIENT OF THE MARGARET CLEAVELY PRESENTERS AWARD

Roland Cobb was born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1936. He move with his parents and sister to Vancouver in 1941. Roland attended school in West Vancouver and then went to UBC to earn a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Physics. In 1961 he moved to Rochester, N.Y. Where he worked with the Cosmic ray Group at the University of Rochester, receiving a PhD in 1967. In the same year he married his



wife, Abundia, in Rochester and then travelled west to Victoria, B. C. to work on the TRIUMF nuclear accelerator project at the University of Victoria. In 1970, he moved to Kamloops to teach Physics at the newly opened Cariboo College. In 1971, he built an observatory at the college and began teaching an astronomy course. Roland retired in 1999. Roland's astronomy classes for us have been a delight to all who have taken them in.

WINTER COURSE LIST AVAILABLE AT SOCIAL



With many old favourites already on the roster, and negotiations still under way to get the course list finalized, we are told it will definitely be ready for distribution at the Christmas social. Here are some decisions already in the bag: Showing and Telling Local Stories, Voyaging with Odysseus, Film Club, Healthy Living, 5 Meals in 3 Hours, Basic Computers, Beyond Basic, Spreadsheets for Beginners, and Pin Embroidery

COMPUTER HELP

If you have a computer you can get all sorts of computer help on our Internet site as well as keeping abreast of activities and courses. Best of all: you can review available courses, apply for membership and even register for courses. Our address is:



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MISSION OF THE KAMLOOPS ADULT LEARNING SOCIETY

Kamloops Adult Learners Society (KALS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the availability and access of educational opportunities in the Kamloops/Thompson region for retired adult learners who wish to enrich their lifestyle through life long learning.