



Cheers to a Great Summer



LETTER FROM THE E.D.

SEPTEMBER 2018



Clay TreeED

I hope that you are all feeling a little cooler after the long, hot, smokey summer we have had here in BC. Thank goodness for the bravery of our fire fighters and all the volunteers that work tirelessly to keep us all safe. As the days grow shorter and we reflect on the last four months at Clay Tree, I can only report to you that it has been so packed full with education, energy and enthusiasm from the participants and staff.

The AGM was a great evening, we achieved all the voting needed and am happy to report that we now have our new Constitution and By-Laws approved and we are working with those from now and going forward, there are one or two by-laws we wanted to alter slightly but this can be done during the winter or even at the next AGM.

One of the big highlights of the summer was the StayCation, as you know we do normally close during August for one week but this year we decided to give our participants a holiday at home, so we stepped aside from our usual Interest Groups and worked very hard at giving the participants the best holiday at home they have ever had.

Thanks to the staff that worked with me over the long weekend to get everything ready and all the staff that had given so much time the weeks leading up to this, we had a Hoedown on the Tuesday that consisted of Pony Rides, a Petting Zoo, Hay Bales, a Canteen for a western lunch, a real jail (that was great) a Country and Western singer, we also had old western movies playing and a karaoke, it was wonderful. Wednesday was an all day trip to BC Discovery Museum and everyone was given StayCation tee shirts and had the train tour and a lovely picnic lunch. Thursday was the Carnival, too many side shows to mention but a Magician show, Clown, Dunk Tank, Balloon Popping, prizes games and a high old time and on Friday (everyone was pretty exhausted by now) we had a relaxing Hawaiian Day at the beach with pizza for lunch (Hawaiian of course) games and a real chill out time.

We started back with our Interest Groups the week after but just last Thursday the whole centre went to see the musical Grease at the Chemainus Theatre and that was great.

Also on a personal note we were so happy to welcome our new Granddaughter Esmeralda Karine Frost (Esme) and she has already been to Clay Tree with her Mummy and Daddy, Eloise and Charles, thank you to everyone for their good wishes , it is so much appreciated.

Please note all the dates at the back of the newsletter regarding future trips out and closure dates. Also if your participant is going to be late for an appointment please telephone Craig for the time they can be dropped off as it becomes too difficult to take people in the middle of a group session, especially if that group is on an outing.

Please enjoy this latest newsletter and always remember that you can book appointments with the management team at any time via Craig on the front desk.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenys".



SAGE THANKS ALL

SEPTEMBER 2018



Thank you from SAGE

Before the opening of SAGE in April of this year, many volunteer hours were dedicated to redecorating the space in anticipation of having the program up and running. When the weather improved, gardening projects took place outside the program and some plants on the property found a new home.



Patty and Blake saw the potential for the area and offered some ideas for the installation of a level patio. The perfect cement blocks were provided by Dwight. In the middle of 30 degree temperatures Blake, by the sweat of his brow, took on the task of leveling the area and installing the blocks. We are well aware, this was not an easy undertaking.



Ken and Mary-Anne Armstrong donated the colourful patio chairs and Margaret Gaskill brought in bags of garden soil and herbs for the garden bed. Crystal and the participants in the Maintenance interest group dedicated some time to prepping the ground. Edna Chadwick donated an extendible awning to shade the area. Staying after work, George, Derrick, Fred, Doug and Darryl installed the awning which has since been put to good use having had so many sunny days this summer.



To everyone who made our dream become a reality . . . we are forever grateful for your hard work, generosity, kindness and most of all for being the caring people that you are. A big thank you to everyone. Each day we are welcomed by the transformation of what a difference can make.

STAYCATION - HOE DOWN

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Hoe Down - Clay Tree 07 August 2018



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B.C. Forestry Museum
08 August 2018



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Carnival - Clay Tree 09 August 2018



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STAYCATION - HAWAII

SEPTEMBER 2018



Hawaii - Westwood Lake 10 August 2018



GREASE - CHEMAINUS

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VI EXHIBITION AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 2018



**Congratulations
to all the
Clay Tree Participants
Who participated in this event!**

- Life Skills : 7 1st , 2 2nd , 2 Best in Show!
- Michael S. : 2 1st , 1 2nd
- Emily E. : 3 1st , 1 2nd , 1 Best in Show!
- Dana R. : 1 1st
- Ruth Mc. : 1 1st
- Sage Program: Honourable Mention!



August 20, 2018. Diana Frizell Book Signing

Ken had Down Syndrome, and as he aged he developed Alzheimer's. He was only 48.

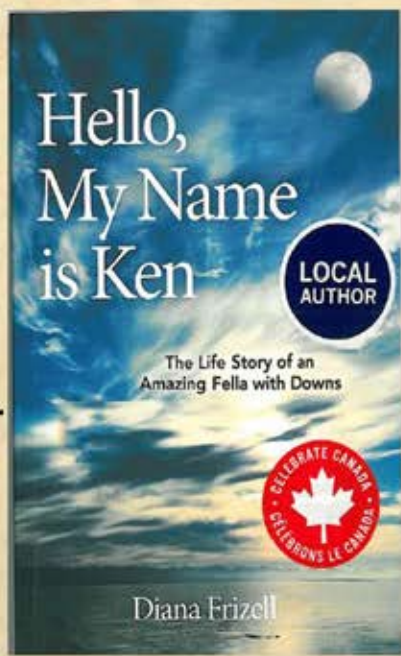
The Genetics that caused his own's predisposed him to this disease.

He lived a life full of love, compassion, accomplishments, challenges and victories.

Like most people with Downs, he brought more love into this world than many of us will ever achieve.

Within these pages of this book are some of the wonderful stories of his life.

Each one a glimpse into who he was, each one ending with how Alzheimer's took that away.



Diana Frizell
Author



Ken & Emily

Emily & her partner of many years Ken.

KATIMAVIK @ CLAY TREE

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Katimavik



Katimavik Report

My name is Lea Roy-Beaudoin, I am from Longueuil which is a suburb of Montreal. Over the past 8 weeks I have been volunteering at Clay Tree with the help of the Katimavik program. Katimavik offers young adults opportunities to gain life skills and work experience while contributing to community development through volunteerism. It was my choice to come here as I wanted to have direct contact with people and be involved in the pursuit of their goals.



I had the opportunity to spend 6 weeks in SAGE (Seniors Aging with Grace and Enthusiasm). In the past, I have worked with teens so being with an older population was new to me. Every day I was welcomed into the program and made to feel comfortable. The participants were interesting as well as entertaining and it was evident they genuinely cared for one another. Every day was different. I thoroughly enjoyed time at Pacific Gardens and the activities that were planned.



The highlight of being here was to be a part of the Clay Tree Stay-Cation. The 4 day event incorporated a variety of themes with activities planned for each day. I know there were a lot of hours set aside to ensure the success of the event and that was certainly evident by the smiles on the participants' faces.



Lastly, I would like to thank Glenys Patmore for believing in Katimavik and accepting me as your volunteer. Other Katimavik volunteers will be arriving at the end of the month and I know they will also be as equally welcomed. Clay Tree is an amazing place that is simply unbelievable. I am very grateful for the time spent at Clay Tree and for the opportunity to learn more about the organization.





Connections 2018 Update:

Over the summer, the Saturday Connections program continued to operate every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Notices were distributed and/or emailed informing parents and caregivers of the activities and menu which covered the 2 week periods.

Connections will continue to operate into the fall however we have allotted 2 weekends per month until the end of November.

These dates are:

- September 15 and 22
- October 13 and 27
- November 3 and 24

Fun Activities

During December we will take a break and assess the needs of the Saturday Connections for the New Year.

The week day Connections will continue to run from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with notice of its closure being given in advance once we reach the Christmas Season.

Should anyone be interested in attending this program, please contact Darryl and he will provide you with the details and arrange for a visit.





EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Participant hours are from
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Mon-Fri.

Staff attend to administrative duties between
the hours of 8:30 – 9:00 AM and
3:00 – 3:30 PM.

In the event that your participant cannot arrive between
9:00 and 9:30 AM, please bring your participant in
between 12:00 – 12:30 PM.

Please be reminded that if your participant has an
appointment or must leave early, pick ups will be between
12:00 and 12:30.

End of day pick up time is between 2:30 – 3:00PM.

Thank you, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2018



Closures:

Wednesday - September 19, 2018 - Staff In-Service Training

Monday - October 8, 2018 - Thanksgiving

Monday - November 12, 2018 - Remembrance Day

Friday - December 21, 2018 to Sunday January 06, 2018 - Holiday Closure



Important Dates:

Friday - November 9, 2018 - Movie Day - Galaxy Theatre Nanaimo North Town Centre - The Grinch

Monday - December 17, 2018 - Participant Christmas Gala at the Coast Bastion

Thursday - December 20, 2018 - Last day for Participants

Monday - January 7, 2019 - First day for Participants

Saturday Connections: September 15 & 22, October 13 & 27, November 03 & 24

Sunday - November 04, 2018 - Fall Back Time Change

Please like us on Facebook. We are trying to achieve 1000 likes by year end. Thank you.

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