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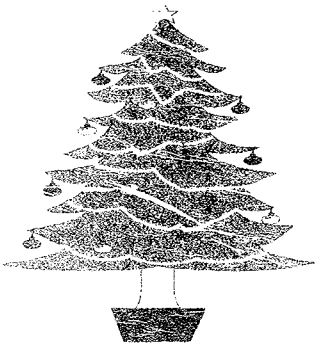
In the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan, one of the objectives is to "maintain Cordova Bay Village as the focal point for the community." Cordova Bay Village is in reality a very tired shopping centre. There are plans to redevelop the centre into a centre, which can really be called the focal point of the community.

The merchants in the shopping centre are trying to serve the community and in the main are doing a good job. You should tell them if they are doing a good or bad job and whether they are meeting your needs. If not, let them know what they can do to meet your needs. Also, tell the merchants in Mattick's Farm what kind of a job they're doing, good, bad or indifferent. Cordova Bay merchants need to know why you shop locally or why you don't.

If you want a community focal point or points, support your local merchants. Remember, it's important to let the owners of the centres and stores know how you feel so that they can provide better service.

Donald Johannessen
President

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TAKING EDUCATION OUTDOORS AT CORDOVA BAY SCHOOL

Cordova Bay Elementary School is turning its schoolgrounds into an "outdoor classroom"! The school is participating in the Greening Schoolgrounds program sponsored by the (WBT) Wild Bird Trust of British Columbia and the Tree Canada Foundation (TCF). The program goal is to provide guidance to schools in improving or creating educational landscapes and shade areas on their school grounds. On Monday, October 26, 1998, students, staff and parents celebrated the first planting of nine trees around the grounds. Three Mountain Ash trees provide the start of the bird garden area, five Pin Oaks will provide shade for a playground climbing structure and one Autumn Blaze maple tree will provide a spectacular visual image of the arrival of fall. Over the next two to three years, students will be participating in the planting of native plants and other "greening" projects all designed to make the grounds an extension of the classroom learning environment. The "Welcome!" mats will be out for birds, butterflies, snails, slugs and caterpillars! The landscape designs and 'before' photos can be viewed on the following website: <http://www.greengrounds.org>.

Thank you to the Cordova Bay Greening Schoolgrounds Committee, Brentwood Farm Nurseries and School District Maintenance staff.

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See you at Adrienne's!

TEEN TALK from Claremont High

With everything that goes on at Claremont it seems like the school never closes! Every morning the doors open at the crack of dawn for early morning dance and choir practices. And they don't usually get closed again until well past ten o'clock due to theater rehearsals and sporting events. Amidst the widespread sleep deprivation its amazing how much gets accomplished.

After hundreds of hours of preparation and many late nights 'See How They Run' (a British farce) had an amazing run ending on Nov. 7th. By Nov. 8th at 4:00pm the whole set had been dismantled. And in less than twenty-four hours the Grease cast had moved in averaging 10 -12 hours of rehearsals per week in preparation for their opening night on Feb 12th. Down the halls the choir and band are getting ready for their Christmas concert on Dec 8th.

From the gym comes the victorious roar of the senior volleyball team defeating all opponents in their sight. They are ranked #1 in BC and have won all but one of their eighty games. On Oct. 9th and 10th they defended their title at the Trinity Western University Senior High School Boys Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

Out on the field the inexperienced junior boys rugby team qualified for the

Lower Island Playoffs. They are currently ranked second in the B pool just behind powerhouse SMU.


The peer counselors group spent a weekend at a seminar at UVIC to help them develop their skills and improve their ability to help the student body. They are currently running a mentoring program that targets kids who are new to Claremont and need help adjusting. It is part of the group's effort to encourage kids to stay in school.

The Grad class of '99 is busy organizing activities for the year, such as the Grad Christmas Banquet, the Dating Game, Spring Fair and of course Grad Night. They are currently looking for auction items for the Spring Fair, and door prizes for the Christmas Banquet. Donations and questions should be directed to Mr. Siebert or Jeff Meidinger who can be reached at 658-5221.

As you can see with all the extra curricular activities that are going on its amazing that students can find the time for their studies. However, with the help of understanding teachers and a few late nights everything manages to get done (hopefully on time)!

by Karen Jawl



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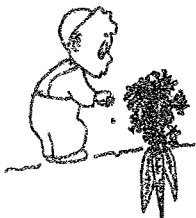
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The Cordova Bay Association provides and maintains a Bulletin Board outside the Cordova Bay Variety/Sub Post Office for the use of Cordova Bay residents. This Board is provided for use by residents of Cordova Bay, subject to the following rules:

1. One notice per person.
2. All notices must be mounted with thumb tacks or pushpins. NO staples, nails, or screws are allowed.
3. All notices must be dated and removed after thirty (30) days. Undated notices will be removed.
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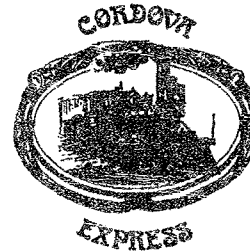
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10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist/ Sunday School

1st SUNDAY OF MONTH: 7:30 p.m. Evensong
EVERY THURSDAY: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SAT: Dec. 12th 06:00 p.m. Children's Christmas
Pageant/Parish Dinner

THURS: Dec. 24th 06:30 p.m. A Children's Christmas Eve
11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

FRI: Dec. 25th 10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

SUN: Dec. 27th 10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols

WED: Jan. 6th 07:00 p.m. Epiphany Eucharist

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES:

Bible Study Program:	Wed: 7:30 p.m.	4933 Wesley Rd.	Phone: 658-1170
Bible Study Group:	Fri: 10:00 a.m.	4918 Alameda Cres.	Phone: 658-8701
Prayer Group/Healing Ministry:	Thurs: 10:30 a.m.	In the Church	

Sunday School every Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. service.

A return to Fellowship Evenings over the past year has seen a lot of fun taking place. The latest involved the theme (for Hallowe'en of course) of Saints and Bible Characters. The imaginations ran wild. Our next fellowship evening will take place in January. If you wish to join in - give us a call. Everyone is welcome.

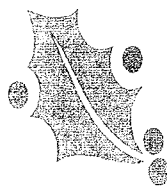
We will be making Christmas Food Hampers for the needy of our area again this year. If you would like to donate non-perishable items, they can be left at the church office any morning during office hours. The help of the community is very much appreciated in this regard.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT AT OUR RECENT PARISH BAZAAR.

LADIES VOLLEYBALL MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30 - 9 P.M.

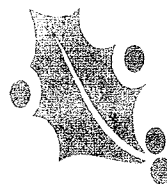
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Do you know what to get that special someone for Christmas????

If not, keep in mind:
Sea-Lake, Recollections and History of Cordova Bay and Elk Lake, written by Cordova Bay resident, Anne Pearson.



This book is for sale at the Cordova Bay Variety Store.

5th Tsarlip Scouts

Christmas will soon be upon us and it will be time to start looking for that special tree! This year, it has been decided that we will not be selling trees at the Food Forum, but instead will be helping Thrifty Foods with their tree sales, with them generously donating \$1 from each sale to our group. Please come and see us at the north lot at Broadmead Thrifty Foods, and let us help you pick out a tree. Our cubs are still working on their purple-tawny badges and will be concentrating on Christmas traditions and crafts, as are our beavers. The scouts are working on their individual badges and will, within the next few weeks, be delivering phone books in the area, to help fund a Washington State Jamboree on the '99 July 4th weekend.

5th Tsartlip is planning a Bottle Drive a few weeks after Christmas. Flyers will be distributed throughout the Cordova Bay area to announce the dates.

Snow is on its way and so are the preparations for the scout's and cub's Mt. Washington ski trips; it's a great weekend and enjoyed by all that attend. It's still not too late for you and your son to come and visit a meeting to decide whether to join us at the 5th Tsartlip!

A very special thank you to our generous community partners: the Cordova Bay Kiwanis group and the Cordova Bay United Church, without whose help would make it difficult for us to operate throughout the year. Their generosity is very much appreciated. And thank you to Thrifty Foods for offering their help this year, and lastly, to Gordon Christie, Leslie Basham and Michael Bryan, our tireless leaders, whose devotion and effort keep the 5th Tsartlip alive and well. A very merry Christmas and the best of the New Year to you all from your community scouting group.

Volunteers are needed for this program offered to your children. For registration or further information, please call Leslie Basham at 658-5606 for Cubs and Beavers and Gary at 658-1574 for Scouts.

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PLANNING REPORT - NOVEMBER 1998

submitted by Al Insley

Growth in Cordova Bay is continuing. Using figures for the 1996 Canada Census and 1997 Saanich Planning, it is presently estimated at about 7,000 persons. In the mid 1960's it was about 3,000. We want Cordova Bay to develop and grow in ways such that it will continue to be a pleasant place to live. The aim of this report is to keep residents informed on active and proposed developments so they can make their views known, either for or against.

1. SAYWARD HILL (former Municipal gravel pit) Earthmoving to shape the 9 hole golf course and residential areas continue at a fast pace and the finished form is beginning to appear. A good viewpoint is from Cordova Bay Road on the hill between Trio pit and Sayward Hill.

2. CORDOVA BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN (LAP) The August 1998 draft of our LAP went to a Public Hearing at Saanich Hall September 29, 1998. Thanks to several public meetings and several drafts (each draft incorporating comments and improvements) discussion was brief. It was passed by Saanich Council and copies are now available at Saanich Hall.

3. TRIO GRAVEL PIT The Public Hearing on Trio's application for residential zoning was to have been held this December 8th. However, Saanich Planning have requested some further information and the hearing is now expected in February.

4. CORDOVA PLAZA Saanich Planning is preparing a Development Permit Report, which will be available in about 2 weeks (early Dec.). There is not yet a scheduled date for it on the Council agenda.

5. CORDOVA BAY ROAD STREETSCAPE On October 19, 1998 Saanich Council considered a report prepared by Saanich Planning based on the Streetscape Committee's recommendation that Streetscape work proceed in sections as work and funds become available. There was extensive discussion. A 5 point motion was approved as follows:

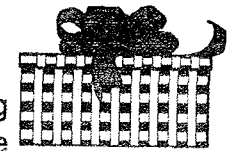
- a) the Village shopping area and the Fowler Road to Mattick's Farm sections be endorsed as priorities for preliminary design.
- b) the preliminary designs be forwarded for Council's consideration as they are completed.
- c) the inclusion of bicycle facilities and sidewalks on both sides of Cordova Bay Road from Fowler Road to Gloria Place be endorsed in principle as indicated in the Cordova Bay Action Plan, 1977.
- d) the angle parking on Cordova Bay Road near McMorrans Restaurant be retained, as is, until such time as the restaurant use is discontinued, off-street parking is available, or traffic volumes and/or safety considerations warrant further review, and that angle parking be considered for the beach access area.
- e) that staff and the Streetscape Committee continue to investigate possible funding sources, including Development Cost Charges, and implementation opportunities.

6. CORDOVA EXPRESS RESTAURANT The owner of the Cordova Express has indicated she wishes to proceed with her application for rezoning from a restaurant to a neighborhood pub, despite the negative results of the local referendum on this question last April. Because the owner wants to proceed with her application, Saanich Council policy requires it be subject to an Environmental and Social Review. The negative referendum indicates there would be a social impact. The Saanich Planning department says this would be part of their staff evaluation. Council agreed this would be adequate and an independent evaluation would not be required. When the Planning report goes to Council, a Public Hearing will be called on the application.

7. CELLULAR TELEPHONE TOWERS Saanich Council recently considered a report recommending changes to Development Permit Guidelines for existing structures. We were assured, by Saanich Planning, that this did not apply to the cellular telephone tower on Haliburton.



Christmas Shopping Guide



Ahh Christmas, a time of cheer, a time of family, and according to young people everywhere, a time of presents. Yes, there's nothing quite like the

feeling of waking up on the morning of December 25th, rushing downstairs, and tearing open the colorful packages which contain your gifts. This, however, is the easy part. The difficulty of this Yuletide ritual lies in determining the ideal gift for each person. So, if you're pressed for time, or simply don't know where to start, have a look at the suggestions below. Hopefully they'll help you find the perfect present for whomever is left on your list.

If you're a **PARENT**, lacking gift ideas for your teenage son or daughter, consider some of these items:

- 1 One item you can never go wrong with is clothes. Always popular are Tommy, or Timberland sweaters.
- 2 If your son or daughter likes music, CDs are a good idea. Recently released are Method Man Tical 2000, and Now #3.
- 3 Books are also a sure bet. Out right now is the New York Times Bestseller, In To Thin Air, by Jon Krakauer. A book telling one persons story of the Mt. Everest disaster.
- 4 If your teen is interested in computers, the hottest new games are Quake 3, and Sim City 3000.
- 5 Cologne or perfume is another item many teens want. Some of the more popular brands are Polo Sport for guys, and CK One for Girls.
- 6 Candy is another greatly appreciated item. One of the more traditional Christmas time treats are Toblerone bars.
- 7 Many teens enjoy reading magazines, so a subscription to their favorite one is a good idea. Some of the more popular magazines are Sports Illustrated for boys, and Seventeen for girls.
- 8 If your son or daughter likes to keep in shape, you might want to consider a seasons pass for the Commonwealth Pool.
- 9 Although they may not be ideal for boys, girls often like a warm pair of pajamas, especially during the winter.
- 10 If all else fails, you can always give them money to squander foolishly on Boxing Day.

For **TEENS**, shopping for their parents, by far the most common item on adults' lists is well behaved children. However, if this simply is not an option for you, mabeey one of these gift ideas will be equally appreciated:

- 1 A parent will always appreciate a good book. Some of the best ones out right now are Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt, The Love of a Woman by Alice Munro, and A Man in Full by Tom Wolfe.
- 2 A warm pair of slippers is always a good bet, especially with the cold winter coming up.
- 3 Another good idea is something to decorate the house. A bird house is perfect for this because it is decorative and functional.
- 4 If your parents like to listen to music then a CD is not a bad idea. Some of the favorites of last year includes Sarah Brightman Time To Say Goodbye, and the newest release from BB King.
- 5 A Mother will always enjoy soaps and the like. These sort of things can be found at a place like the Body Shop.
- 6 If your Father is the type who likes to fix things around the house, power tools will always be appreciated. Just be sure not to give him anything that gives him the power to do any major damage.
- 7 Contrary to popular belief, parents like to have fun too. Due to this, a good board game is an ideal gift. Some of the more popular adult-oriented games are Trivial Pursuit, and Risk.
- 8 Although somewhat boring, a scarf is a nice gift and similar to the slippers, it will prove to be most useful in the cold.
- 9 If you have a parent who's always on the go then a perfect present for them is a day planner. Many styles are available so you can find one perfectly suited to your Mom or Dad.
- 10 If you're looking for an unbeatable joke gift get your parent a lump of coal. You can justify it by saying that it is for all of the times they would not let you stay out late.

I sincerely hope that some of these gift ideas will prove useful in your Christmas shopping, and I would like to wish you all the very best throughout the Holiday Season.

Rob Jawl



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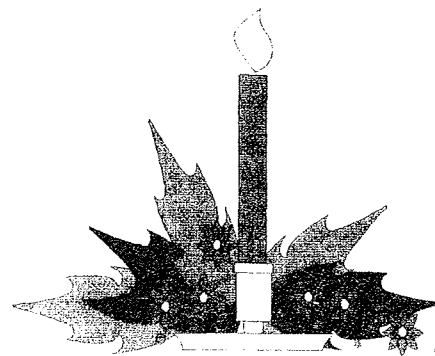
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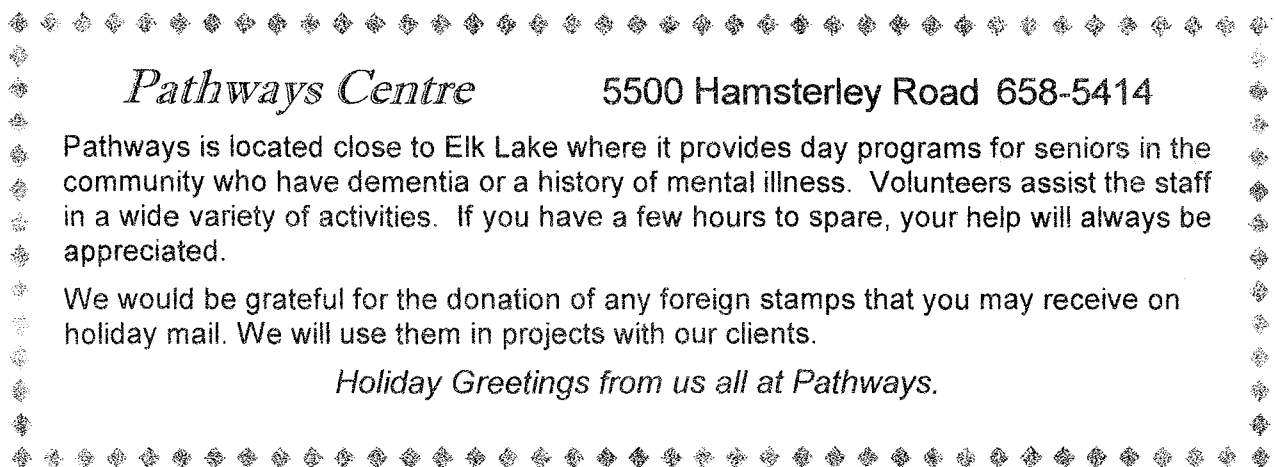
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We would be grateful for the donation of any foreign stamps that you may receive on holiday mail. We will use them in projects with our clients.

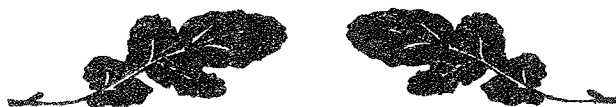
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Kiwaniis Club of Cordova Bay

In October at the Holiday Inn was held the installation of the new president and officers for the coming year. We had the privilege of seeing Andy Chen the youngest president ever elected in this area installed that night. Andy has settled in and is doing a very

good job in this position. He was a member of the Claremont School Key Club (Kiwaniis Encouraging Youth) which is sponsored by Cordova Bay Kiwanis. He is now furthering his education at U-Vic.

Members, wives and friends had a very enjoyable evening with the added bonus of listening to Annette Wetherly tell us of her experiences as a nurse working in the far northern areas of Canada. The talk, aided by the passing round of many beautiful hand made mementos and paintings, was very interesting and much appreciated by everyone.

Our regular dinner meeting, in early November, was attended by 25 members from five other clubs. It was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

We are busy at this time renovating our Garage Sale facility and are looking forward to the Annual Garage and Plant Sale in May. Details will be published in the Cordovan in the New Year.

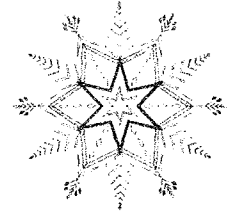
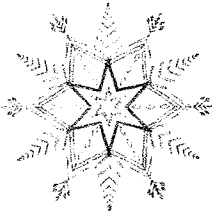
In a short time we shall again be in full view on the Plaza hoping that, as you have done in the past years, you will buy the poinsettias and delicious cakes which we will be selling. These cakes are especially made and packaged for sale by Kiwanians from coast to coast.

Our sincere greetings to you all. May you and yours have a Blessed, Happy and Safe Christmas season.

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Chocolately Mint Cookie sales have been brisk. Thank you to all our supporters. If you still want some please contact Jeannie Cosgrove at 658-5687 or Nancy Sine at 383-1113.

Several sleepovers at Lodges in Sooke have happened so far this year with lots more program work and service projects planned before the Christmas break.

Girl Guides of Canada is a Movement for girls, led by women. If you would like to join us, please call the numbers above.

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Saanich School District #63 Update

At our October 5th School Board Meeting the Board ratified the changes to Policy 1000 - Procedural Bylaw. This brings into effect the organizational changes that resulted from the Administrative Review that was recently concluded. The purpose of this review and changes was to try and minimize administrative costs, while at the same time providing the same or improved services to the students and staff of the district. If anyone is interested in receiving more details feel free to contact me. The Business Affairs Committee has struck a Budget Advisory Committee and is meeting every few weeks with representatives from all the district partner groups, in order to provide the Board with advice on budget issues, possible cost efficiency measures to be initiated, and reallocations of budget allocations to cover possible cost overruns. The Board is going to review the current structure of standing committees, so that involvement of parents, students, partner groups and others can be increased, in the consideration of issues that come to the committees' attention.

At our November 2nd Board meeting we adopted our Board Goals for the school year 1998-99, which state the areas where we feel we should be focusing our efforts. The three goals are: Monitoring student Progress; Community Awareness of Public Education and Governance and; Financial Management. In drafting up the goals, we established processes by which the Board will address its goals, and performance indicators, through which the Board will evaluate its performance. I have a detailed document, if anyone is interested. We have agreed to extend the "sister-school" exchange program

agreement we have with Ritsumeikan Trust, Kyoto, Japan which cultivates mutual appreciation, promotes understanding, establishes friendships, furthers educational goals and fosters a broader world view. We also held our elections for the coming year for Board Chair and Vice-Chair. Lorraine Borstad has been elected Chair and I, Ellen Slanina, have been elected Vice-Chair.

Our Community Forum took place on November 3rd at Claremont and, from all the feedback I have received personally, the night was considered very worthwhile. I look forward to receiving the final summary of the exit surveys, that we asked participants to fill out, to get a clear picture of how people felt. The topic for the forum was "How well are our schools doing in relation to the purpose of public education in Canadian society?" We hosted this discussion because, as parents, teachers, taxpayers, and people who are active in this community, your opinions are important to us. At the district level, we always want to know if we are addressing issues in ways the community thinks are appropriate. By consulting with the wider community, we draw on your expertise and insight and hope to then be better able to make decisions that represent your views. Our next Board meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and will be held on December 7th at the Board Office at 2125 Keating Cross Road at 8:00 p.m. and the public is very welcome. As there won't be another Cordovan before the end of the year, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best of Christmases and health and happiness for the coming year.

Best wishes, Ellen Slanina

As we put the final touches on yet another year of *The Cordovan*, I would like to express my appreciation for the hours and hours of help that is provided by Eileen Schieldrop, Julia Duff and Sandra Macey for tracking down the submissions, Karen and Rob Jawl for keeping us up-to-date on the *teen scene*, and, last, but never least, to Margaret Moore and her volunteer delivery team, who make sure we receive our copy at the door, come rain, or shine!!! On behalf of the Cordova Bay Association, sincere thanks to Mary Francis and Staff at the Cordova Bay Variety store for donating free copy services for minutes, special reports and letters of the Executive.

Warmest Seasons Wishes, Elaine Greenway.



Claremont Key Club

The Claremont KEY Club has been very active this last month. We started by volunteering with a Kiwanis Club, at one of their events. Following that, we provided a coat check for our school dance. We then volunteered at Spookfest, a family Halloween fun event. The KEY Clubbers were asked to run carnival games for the visiting children in their Halloween costumes. A great time was had by all.

Some members of the club have gone on a regular basis to the Lochside after school program. There, the volunteers amuse the children until their parents arrive to pick them up after school.

In the upcoming month, we will be having a Christmas Canned Goods, Toy and Clothing drive for the Open Door's Christmas hampers.

We will hopefully be having a competition with a KEY Club in the United States to see which school can raise the most items for the charity of their choice. If anyone is interested in donating items, you can drop them off at Claremont Secondary School in the office, or we can arrange for items to be picked up by calling Tim at 658-1290.

Kate Louman-Gardiner
KEY Club Secretary

Lost Cat Update

Coco, the Sealpoint Himalayan that has been missing from home since August 8th, has been positively identified in the Dustin Court and Arsenault area on November 15th and on Sea Mist on 19th. He has become very wary and will not, as yet, allow anyone to get close. We are still hoping for a reunion with his owner. Any information, please call Rosalie Davis at 658-1230 or Pam Lewis at the Pet's Hotline 658-5039.



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Healthy Saanich Committee Update

The focus of the committee these last few months has been completely directed at organizing and working out the details of hosting the workshop that has just taken place on November 7th at the Garth Homer Center that was called "The Saanich Community Mapping Project." The workshop was from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and about 80 people attend representing many communities and age groups. Lunch was free to attendees, and served at no cost to Saanich, as it was all donated by many community-minded businesses. The business from our immediate area that supplied goodies were Thrifty Foods, Holland Delicatessen and Cordova Express Restaurant.

A big thank you to all the businesses that made donations, everything was yummy!! It was a wonderful community event. There were numerous maps drawn, featuring everything from great places to walk, cycle, and eat, to areas that people feel need improving or changing. The hope is that a finished map will be produced in the future, incorporating as much of the information that was received as possible.

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Sincerely, Ellen Slanina

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Sunday, Dec. 13: 10:00 a.m. White Gift Service led by our Sunday School and Youth Groups
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Congregational Caroling to homes of shut-ins

Sunday, December 20: Christmas Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Service of Carols and Anthems

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve:

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Sunday Evenings: 8:15 - 9:30 p.m. **Senior Youth Group** for youth from grades 10 - 12
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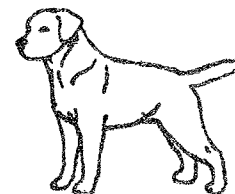
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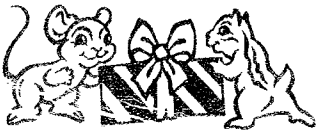
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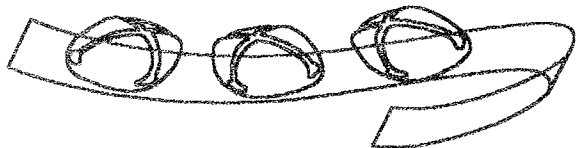
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