



Ottawa City Union

**International Order
of The King's Daughters and Sons**

**2012
Annual Report**

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International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons

Our Purpose:

The development of spiritual life and the stimulation of Christian activity.

Watchword:

In His Name

Text:

"Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."
Mark 10:45

Motto:

Look up, and not down;
Look forward, and not back;
Look out, and not in
And lend a hand.

Prayer of the Order:

Almighty God, Eternal Father, look with Thy favor upon the King's Daughters and Sons and bless us for good in the land. Accept the hearty desires we bring to Thee for Thy Service, and employ our ministrations in whatever duty we can be of greatest use. Make us everywhere true to the sign we wear, and to stand as Thine handmaidens and soldiers of old, by the Cross of the Savior. By purity and honor and unselfish behavior may we keep ever true our allegiance to Jesus and seek to labor not for self but for others, In His Name. Amen

Ottawa City Union Projects and Services

The King's Daughters and Sons Apartment, 567 Cambridge Street South is a 70 unit low-rent apartment building for seniors who are age 64 and over with annual gross family income less than \$32,000. Built in 1964, it offers one-bedroom and bachelor units. It is managed by a Board of Directors appointed annually by the Ottawa City Union.
Telephone: 613-722-6004 ext 269

The King's Daughters Dinner Wagon is a meals-on-wheels service which delivers hot and frozen meals to eligible residents in central Ottawa. It is managed by a community based Board of Directors, three of whom are members of the Ottawa City Union. Funding comes from municipal and provincial governments, client fees and donors, including an annual donation from the Ottawa City Union.
Telephone: 613-233-2424

The King's Daughters and Sons Building, 790 Bronson

This small office building is rented to a not-for-profit organization, the Social Planning Council of Ottawa for a modest rent.

Annual Scholarships

Chautauqua Scholarship for a Christian young adult to attend the Chautauqua Scholarship Program

Through Endowments

Grace and Ken Johnston Bursary for full-time 3rd or 4th year students studying History at Carleton University
Health Sciences Bursary, University of Ottawa
Student Minister Bursary, Saint Paul University
Scholarship, MA or PhD Spirituality and Counselling, Saint Paul University
Elizabeth Wilson Memorial Bursary in Music, Carleton University

Through Donations

2012 Children at Risk, Camp Kaleidoscope
2012 The King's Daughters Dinner Wagon
2012 Aging and Spirituality Workshop
2012 CHEO rehabilitation classroom
2012 Centre 454 - Creative Expressions Program
2012 Support of Eye Surgery in India
2012 Nursing Student support in India

The International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons is one of the oldest interdenominational Christian service organizations in North America. Its members provide educational, religious and philanthropic assistance to people locally, nationally and internationally. Join Us! www.iokds.org

Honours and Awards

The Founders' Award was established on July 27, 2005, to honor the spirit of our ten Founders. It is a pin symbolized by a double heart, supporting a Maltese cross engraved with IHN. Honorees demonstrate one or more of these qualities of our Founders:

Margaret Bottome's spirituality and leadership

Mary Lowe Dickinson's great vision of the future and ability to communicate

Isabella Charles Davis' rousing enthusiasm

Mrs. Theodore Irving's interest in young people

Miss Georgia Libby's devotion to friendship

Mrs. Frances Payson's beautiful character

Miss Susan B. Schenck's interest in missions

Mrs. Courtland DePeyster Field's consecration to The King

Miss Helen Hammersley's good works

Mrs. J. F. Ruggles' willingness to serve

The Ottawa City Union has honoured the following through the Founders' Award:

2008	Gwen Richards
2009	Charlotte Davidson
2010	Herb Sills and Phoebe McLelland
2012	Christine Dawson

Ottawa City Union Board 2012

Executive Officers

	Position
Richmond Wilson	President
Doreen Murthy	First Vice President
Caroline Iwasaki	Second Vice President
Bambina Lemme	Treasurer
Tracy Davidson	Recording Secretary
Rev. Stanley Ralph	Corresponding Secretary

Circle Representatives

Jackie Maurais	Adanac Circle
Marina Morel	Adanac Circle
Bambina Lemme	Autism Circle
Debbie Ng	Autism Circle
Stuart McLeod/Walter Davidson	Chautauqua Circle
Heather McCormack	Chautauqua Circle
Charlotte Davidson	Onward and Upward Circle
Marion Warriner	Onward and Upward Circle
Mitch Counsell	Scholarship Circle
Barbara Derby	Vista Circle
Marion Rea	Vista Circle

Other Representatives

Jackie Maurais	Immediate Past President
Susan Summerbell	KDS Apt Board Representative
Joan Fulthorp Jubb	Council of Women

2012 Executive Committee Reports

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT 2012

I must start my report by thanking the membership for all the wonderful support that I have received during the last year. As those who have taken on responsibilities as executive members of OCU know, there are many things that happen annually that require knowledge, attention, and more importantly, time, and this year has been a busy one.

The chairpersons of the various elements of King's Daughters and Sons here in Ottawa are providing their reports, and hopefully you will be proud of your association even if the activities reported did not involve your immediate participation. May I suggest that having read some of them, surely it must provide impetus to make these activities part of your commitment for 2012-2013.

As these reports will tell you about details that need not be repeated, in summary we continue to support many of the good works that have historical connections, such as Meals on Wheels, and Chautauqua. The devotion to Chautauqua by several of our membership is nothing short of amazing. While a week at Chautauqua can be a wonderful way for an individual or a couple to spend some leisure time, the fact that students are assisted so that they can learn about the issues that we extol and that members of the Clergy are provided an opportunity for rest and reflection among a group of folk of similar interest, makes Chautauqua much more than a vacation destination. None of this is possible without weeks of hands on work, and more weeks of administration for the programmes provided. We are so blessed by having such devoted members and their spouses, in order that this anachronistic, but wonderful programme can continue. We have been asked for financial assistance for some structural issues, and this will be the subject of the Board for this new year.

Our 'off-spring', Meals on Wheels has advised us that their fund-raising for this last year has been less than the budget and hoped that we might be available to assist in this regard. Again, I ask whether the time may have come that we canvass our membership to see whether more involvement than writing a cheque for \$5,000.00 might become our responsibility on a continuing way. Is there some Circle that might step up and take on the responsibility of raising funds for this cause? Please give this your prayerful thought for next year.

Our continued involvement with the activities of the Autism Circle I believe to be the most exciting part of this last year. We have received written, oral and personal attendance from those that our financing has assisted. Nothing can replace this kind of feed-back, and if there still is anyone who has not heard of the involvement of King's Daughters and Sons in Camp Kaleidoscope, please make it your task to ask about it. You too are entitled to share the pride that we on the Board have taken and which has been acknowledged. If we were to lose all the other reasons for our continued existence, I would think that Camp Kaleidoscope would justify our continuation.

I have advised the Board that I am stepping down as President, and so I want to take this chance to wish the new Board all best wishes. I have promised to be an 'active' Past President, but hand on the challenge to new faces, with confidence that King's Daughters and Sons are in good hands for another year.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name
Richmond Wilson**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (2012)

In my role as First Vice President, I have ventured to bring the word of God, recorded centuries ago, into our midst for it to rekindle our spirits and to enrich, guide and empower us in our daily lives. In this process I have experienced a spiritual joy and enchantment.

On some occasions, I presented small segments from the devotional "The Heavens – Intimate Moments with your Majestic God" by Kevin Hartnett. Kevin worked at NASA for 30 years dealing with Satellite operations and now he is working with The Hubble Telescope whose design included a good deal of Canadian talent. Kevin's faith and work in extra-terrestrial field resulted in profound devotions. These beautiful devotions render an inspiring consciousness that leads to an Awe and Wonder of His Majesty.

I also had the privilege of reading from The Bible. On one particular occasion, I shared a Scripture reading that touched me at the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast I attended. In the Ecumenical service, The Rabbi read to a packed audience the solemn central creed of Judaism; known as the 'Shema', taken from Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 - "O Israel, Listen: Jehovah is our God. Jehovah alone. You must love Him with all your heart, soul and might...." And, Jesus also proclaimed this 'the most important commandment'.

The year's concluding devotion is titled 'What The Bible Contains': "... the Mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation ... reveals the highest responsibilities and their rewards ..." My wish to all, at the beginning of the year is to treasure this Book, The Bible, to read it slowly, diligently for it fills the memory, rules the heart and guides our every being.

Thank you, most sincerely, for giving me the opportunity to serve IN His Name.

**Respectfully submitted IN His Name
Doreen Murthy**

Second Vice President's Report 2012

The following students were recipients of The King's Daughters and Sons bursaries and scholarship at universities in Ottawa:

Carleton University

Grace and Ken Johnston Bursary in History

Jessica Walkden	\$1,500
Thomas White	\$1,500

Elizabeth Wilson Memorial Bursary in Music

Christine Bourgeois	\$650
Berlayne Smith	\$800
Jesse Wilson	\$275

University of Ottawa Bursary in Health Sciences

Lindsay Hamilton

Saint Paul University Bursary in Theology

Adriana Rengifo-Hernandez	\$500
Caroline Ducros	\$500

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of The King's Daughters and Sons, the Ottawa City Union endowed a \$100,000 graduate-level scholarship in Counselling and Spirituality at Saint Paul University in 2011. The first recipient of this scholarship will be announced in 2013.

Christine Bourgeois, a graduate and recipient of the Elizabeth Wilson Memorial Bursary in Music at Carleton University, played a number of beautiful flute compositions at the Autism Benefit Brunch held at Falcon Ridge Golf Club on November 18, 2012.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name,
Caroline Iwasaki
Second Vice President**

Circle Reports

Adanac Circle Established: 1968

The Adanac (Canada spelt backwards) Circle meets monthly, except January and the summer months. This is a Circle for women of all ages and a warm invitation is extended to Christian women to come to a meeting. Meetings start with devotions and prayer, a short business part and then a programme ending with refreshments and socializing. At our November meeting, an Adanac Circle member Joan Davidson spoke of her work in Uganda with the Eagle's Wings orphanage, which sits on land, bought with money given by a KDS legendary member, Phyllis Lyon. We were able to buy Joan over the counter drugs for her to bring to Uganda, when she goes for the 2012-13 winter.

We continue to assemble shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and toiletries at Christmas collected by the Samaritan's Purse. For the third time, we collected good reading and craft books for young readers at the Debra Dynes Family Centre. This time we included 3 bags of items for their kids Christmas sale. We raised money in 2012 with ticket sales for the Morrisburg Theatre, by catering Gwen Richards 95 birthday party, passing a collection can at meetings and asking members to give more with their membership dues. Any donation will receive a tax receipt from Ontario Branch.

Adanac Circle cares for its members. Two of our members are in their nineties; Doris Martin and Winn Johnston receive visits from younger members. We celebrated Phoebe and John McLelland's 50th wedding anniversary. And we keep our members, who need the loving support of others in our prayers. We were sorry to lose a long time member, Christine Dawson, but she will remain an associate member. Our members can be found in British Columbia and England. It is so good to have email to keep in touch.

For many years, the Adanac Circle has been collecting money and fundraising for a bursary. It started around 9 years ago, with the death of Beth McLeod, who at the time had been president of OCU. With financial help from OCU, this bursary promises to be a reality in 2013. Adanac Circle members are in leadership positions in other levels of KDS. Phoebe McLelland, Christine Dawson and Pat Fisher are members of Central Council, having filled positions at the international level. Christine Dawson is now a third vice-president, overseeing communications. Pat Fisher is now chair of the Apts. Board. I just finished two years as a member of the New Horizons Committee, which invites members to spend a few days in Chautauqua to learn more about the KDS. As a house mother and presenter, I enjoyed especially meeting members from other parts of North America. We are all so different and yet we share a common faith to be together to serve.

In closing, I want to thank Marina Morel for her many years as the Adanac Circle rep to OCU. And the other members of the executive: Andrea Peters, Bev Chen and Myra Wells.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name,
Jackie Maurais, President, Adanac Circle**

**Autism Circle
Established 2009**

The Ottawa Autism Circle of The King's Daughters and Sons had its inaugural meeting on November 30, 2009. Encouraged by KDS International's recent pledge to support Autism and Literacy, The Autism Circle currently has a mandate to support Autism in the Ottawa area through raising funds for the Ottawa Chapter of Autism Ontario and Children at Risk, Ottawa (2 local charities that support Autistic children and their families).

Current Members are Brenda Reisch (President), Tracy Davidson, (Secretary), Bambina Lemme (Treasurer) Phoebe McLelland, Doreen Murthy & Debbie Ng (Associate Members) Catherine Ferguson, Carol Waters, Rhondda MacKay & Gabriela Grabari. Debbie Ng continues as Circle Representative to the Ottawa City Union.

In 2012, The Autism Circle held meetings on February 13, April 23, June 19 and October 3.

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, the Ottawa Autism Circle of The King's Daughters and Sons held our 2nd Benefit Brunch for Autism at the prestigious Falcon Ridge Golf Club. MC'd by Ottawa City Union President Richmond Wilson, the event featured a delicious buffet brunch, silent auction and entertainment by students from the Suzuki School of Music, as well as Christine Bourgeois, KDS Scholarship Recipient. Attendance was down a bit from 2011, but we still hope to donate at least \$1,000 each to both Children at Risk and the Ottawa Chapter of Autism Ontario.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name
Brenda Reisch, President, Autism Circle**

**Onward and Upward Circle
Established 2002**

Onward and Upward meets four times a year. This year we decided to direct our activities to support Cornerstone Housing for Women. When the new Booth Street residence opened, The Ottawa City Union provided fund to start a computer lab. Onward and Upward is continuing support of the computer program. Onward and Upward provides funds to pay the tuition for one resident for the isister's computer training. The Ottawa City Union matched this donation so that two women would be supported. We finished the year with a donation of two web cams.

On their webiste, Cornerstone provides a wish list of items needed to support their activities. Onward and Upward collected and delivered some of the linens and kitchen items itemized on that list.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name
Peg Craig, President, Onward and Upward Circle**

Chautauqua Circle Report

Established 1989

Meets quarterly, in the Lounge, The King's Daughters and Sons Apartment

At the February meeting, Rev. Linda Privitera of St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church led us in devotions and spoke enthusiastically about her participation in 2010 Clergy Week at Chautauqua Institution. Heather Counsell provided an update on how KDS donations (especially an iPad) helped her teach CHEO Rehabilitation Classroom students. Dave Rayner attended the February 2010 Chautauqua Circle supper-meeting and spoke about Anglican Social Services-Centre 454 which assists the homeless and near-homeless, unemployed, those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and mental health problems. The Circle made a donation to the Creative Expressions Program writers' group which was followed by OCU donations. After Dave's retirement, Larry Langlois provided an update at the Circle meeting. Poems, short stories and scripts written by clients may be condensed into a book to be published, after Centre 454's return to St. Alban's.

About 40 members and guests, including Adanac Circle attended the May potluck supper-meeting. We said "farewell" to Christine and John Dawson and wished them well in their move to Port Credit. Adanac Circle presented an over-size card and a colourful addition to Christine's "ugly teapot collection." Albert Peters, our auctioneer nonpareil, opened the annual Loonie Auction and with bidding that was heated at times, nearly \$350 was raised (which was split with Adanac Circle.)

At the August meeting, Heather McCormack described the New Horizons Program initiated at the Apartments after receipt of a grant. Thanks to the efforts of Heather and Christine Dawson, this program was started to encourage participation by tenants, with the goal of healthy aging. Working with Abbotsford House (Glebe Centre) and Good Companions, twice/week exercise classes led by an instructor began in the summer, with enthusiastic participation. A trained footcare specialist treated tenants; and computer classes at Good Companions began in the fall. Residents enjoy the flat-screen TV with DVD player in the lounge; and the twice/month shopping van to Carlingwood Mall.

Walter provided information about the August 11-18 Ontario Branch visit to Chautauqua Institution, particularly useful for first-time visitors. Florence Hall was fully occupied, with some members staying at Benedict House and Bonnie Hall. Participants enjoyed the varied and stimulating program and beautiful ambience.

At the November meeting, Walter introduced guests, Rev. Eric Morin and Susan Lewis, who participated in 2012 Chautauqua Clergy Week. Eric is Anglican priest at Christ Church Aylmer and the francophone congregation of St. Bernard de Clairvaux. Eric and Susan enthusiastically shared impressions of their first Chautauqua visit and praised the rich and varied program (religion, philosophy, the arts and culture) and generous, kind spirit. Susan noted the opportunity to learn about and experience religions other than Christianity. They decided to become KDS members. Barbara Gray treated members to a reading of several of her delightful poems ("Have You Ever Caught an Angel?", "Bird Song", "How Are You Looking Today?") and George Toller gave a dramatic reading of Wilfred Campbell's "Indian Summer."

Chautauqua Circle took the lead in organizing The KDS Apartments Christmas Party held December 6th. Brenda Smith and Caroline Iwasaki cooperated in making arrangements. Patrick Chen produced an attractive poster and invitations with a photo of Fiona Davidson, Kent Guindon and Iona dressed as Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Tenants and guests enjoyed the toe-tapping music performed by "The Mostly Bows" and fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, In His Name

Caroline Iwasaki, Secretary

**Scholarship Circle
Established 1996**

The Scholarship Circle organized the Scholarship Tea for May 14, 2011 in the KD&S Apartments Lounge. There was a very good turn out and all enjoyed the guest soloist Brenda Griffith. Brenda just finished her 4th year Bachelor of Music at the University of Ottawa. She works part-time as a teacher of piano and voice at Campbell Douglas Keyboards. Brenda was accompanied by her mother, Lorraine Griffith, on piano. She received a Chautauqua Scholarship from The Ottawa City Union in 2010.

The Circle raised \$565.00 in total which was donated 50% each to Children at Risk and Autism Ontario, Ottawa Chapter. We had a great turn out and the food was delectable.

We thank all members of the Ottawa City Union who brought sandwiches, fruit, veggies, and dessert to the Tea both years. The contributions of food was very much appreciated and enjoyed. A big thank to all who helped in the kitchen as well.

The Scholarship Circle organized the Scholarship Tea for May 12th, 2012. The Tea raised \$355.00 which was donated 50% each to The King's Daughters Dinner Wagon and The Canadian/Sudanese Student Fund. We were happy to have with us a family that benefits from the fund at the Tea. We also were very happy to have Ryan Killeen, Chautauqua Scholarship winner for 2012. He brought his electric guitar and played some great tunes for all in attendance. It was a very good and different performance.

We have 2 pot luck meetings a year in the King's Daughters Apartments Lounge to organize our Tea's. It is always nice to get together share some good food and see how much the Junior Circle members are changing and growing. We have our meetings with some fun for our Junior Circle Members.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name
Bruce McLelland**

Starlighters Junior Circle

Thanks to Jackie Maurais for organizing and selling the wonderful note cards. The Juniors had done an excellent job of creating the cards with their wonderful artwork on the front of the cards. The cards were sold at the 2011 Ontario Branch Convention and 2 weeks later at The Scholarship Tea that May. The funds were raised in support of the Autism Circle.

In the fall of 2011, we had a get together in the afternoon. During the get together we had a scavenger hunt in the lounge of The KD&S Apartments Lounge as it was too cold, wet, and windy outside. The Juniors had to find answers to questions about the KD&S Organization, Chautauqua Institution, The Scholarship Programs, and KD&S projects in Ottawa.

In the spring of 2012, we met at Jacques Cartier Park during Winterlude. It was a wonderful day to slide around the park and the Juniors and parents had a great time. We then headed to the KD&S Apartments Building to have a pot luck dinner. As most of the parents are members of the Scholarship Circle, they organized the Scholarship Tea during dinner.

In the fall of 2012, we had a meeting to discuss what the Juniors could do to participate at the upcoming Ontario Branch Convention. We decided to make more note cards to sell with pictures and recipes as well. We will also have a get together in the spring of 2013 to enjoy Winterlude and make new note cards for the Ontario Branch Convention.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name,
Bruce McLelland**

Vista Circle

Founders' Day 2012 and the Scholarship Tea were attended by several Vista Circle members. On May 26 Circle members enjoyed the Benefit Concert for Abbeyfield House given by the Orpheus Choral Group and Marc Coderre. On June 26 our meeting was held at Laurier House following a tour and video of this historic mansion. Our guest speaker was Marlene Hutchison. Marlene told us about her autistic grandson and the challenges of the family on a day-to-day basis.

Two Circle members attend Ottawa City Union meetings and reported Vista Circle activities to OCU and then reported OCU business back to the Circle. All members congratulated Brenda Reisch, president of Autism Circle and Executive Director of Children At Risk for being honoured with the Queen's Jubilee Medal for her work and support of Autistic children and their families.

Vista Circle presented a proposal to OCU to support Blair Court Community House and Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy as they were experiencing funding cuts. Each group was given \$2000.00 to assist with summer programs and computer support. Executive Directors Kristy Donnelly and Naomi Kabugi were presented with cheques. They both attended the October Vista Circle meeting and expressed gratitude for the funds received and spoke about their programs. We gave them more books for the children to use in the after school homework programs.

Members attended two plays at Upper Canada Playhouse, one being the charity performance in which Adanac Circle received tickets as a fundraiser for their Circle fundraising.

Circle members filled 7 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. A time of fellowship included prayer for the boxes journey and the children who will receive them.

**In His Name
Marion Rea, Secretary**

Project and Service Reports

The King's Daughters and Sons Apartments

The King's Daughters and Sons Apartments continue to provide affordable housing to seniors over 64 years of age. Many residents have lived in this safe and comfortable home for years and appreciate the benefits provided while paying modest rents. Every unit has been rented and there is a waiting list for one-bedroom apartments.

We continue to make improvements and upgrades and will follow the advice of a building audit that was provided by the city of Ottawa. We are grateful to our Management Company, CLV Group as they work to maintain the building, to keep it clean and safe, and to help with resident issues in a kind and caring manner. Bob Jarrett, CLV Group keeps us up to date on day-to-day finances, and John Tweedie writes our grants and submissions as well as supervising day-to-day management concerns.

Our outdoor property is enjoyed by the residents. In late September, CLV Group hosted a BBQ for the residents, Board members and staff. In November one of our oldest trees had to be removed for safety reasons.

The condo development to the east of our building by Domicile was completed and all promised landscaping finished. A new building is being planned for the property to the north of our building on Carling Avenue between Bronson and Cambridge Avenue South. We will provide input to this project.

The KDS development project committee met with city of Ottawa officials but no funding is forthcoming at this time. Our plan, prepared by Paul Bouzanis, is still available for input if funding becomes available.

At the Annual Meeting we said goodbye to two members who served on the Board for eight years each: Phoebe McLelland, President, and Susan Summerbell, Secretary. Both these women have worked tirelessly to keep our property in good repair and tenants content. They will be missed and we are entirely grateful for their service. We welcomed new Board member, Linda Miller-Nesbitt, elected Secretary. Alex Duffie continues as Treasurer. Caroline Iwasaki now serves as Vice-President. Patrick Chen, who brings building expertise and many talents to the Board, is member at large and Ottawa City Union President, Richmond Wilson, is a pillar of legal strength and knowledge.

Christine Dawson and Heather McCormack applied and received a grant from the federal government's New Horizon Grant Program, which supports interesting and helpful programs for the seniors. With the funding, and working directly with the residents, Heather McCormack and her team have set up on-going exercise programs, transportation for grocery shopping, foot care services, and computer training classes. They also purchased exercise equipment and a large flat screen television. The television is installed in the lounge with extensive services. An evaluator has been hired and will prepare an assessment of the program. This will form the basis of next steps for this excellent program. We are grateful for all the work of this team.

Thank you is extended to superintendent, Lord Marchand, and volunteers Angela Summers and Jan Robichaud. Angela reserves the lounge, kitchen, and guest room for individuals, groups, and meetings and maintains the notice board in the lobby. Jan keeps the gardens looking beautiful all summer and prepares the grounds and plants for winter.

**Respectfully submitted, In His Name,
Pat Fisher
Chairperson, The King's Daughters and Sons Apartments Board**

Camp Kaleidoscope 2012

Children at Risk's Camp Kaleidoscope 2012 took all that was great from 2011 and made it better! The number of campers was planned for 25 per week but in true Children at Risk fashion this increased to 30+ for some weeks as the requests from parents increased. This was either due to existing campers wanting to stay on longer as they were having such a great time, new families that hadn't heard how good the camp was until hearing it from existing families were registering or parents contacting Children At Risk as their alternative Camp plans fell through as other camps didn't adequately cater to the child's needs. While we said `yes` for the 1st 4 weeks, by week 5 we were having to say no to at least a dozen requests – there was just no more room, no more budget and no more weeks available...

Final numbers saw us increase Camp Kaleidoscope by 63% over 2011, providing 68 Campers with 146 weekly slots. This also saw us double the staff involved all of whom received NVCI and an Introduction to ABA training. A number of staff returned from 2011 and we employed a wide range of experience levels as well as a number of volunteers who kept the same hours as counsellors rather than just helping with swimming and trip days. This allowed us to provide 2:1 staff to camper ratio where required as well as nearly a 1:1 ratio for everyone, thus providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all!

Distinct age ranges/groups emerged from intake (Kids, Tweens, Teens + and Higher-Needs) and we organised each with their own rooms:

- The Kids group, known at Camp as the Puppies, had a dedicated room set-up similar to Kindergartens with a rug for circle time where much singing took place, music time with equipment borrowed from Tiny Hoppers and floor play; a corner of soft climbers for play or chilling out; a crafts area, eating area and play area stacked with plenty of toys and games.
- The Tweens and Teens+ who choose weekly the name for their groups; Wolves, Wild Dogs etc., would start the morning for icebreakers in the Teen+ room as it had been set up with lots of sofas with this purpose in mind. Campers would then split into their own rooms for activities or move between the rooms as activities dictated as there was more room for Mad Science in the Teen+ room and the Tween room had the computers for printing out T shirt designs or working on memory books from the vast amount of pictures that were taken each day. The Gym did double duty as the space where the higher needs group hung out when they weren't fully integrated with the other groups or it was used for circuit training, using the fitness equipment and karate as well as for burning off energy with the plasma cars and scooters and just for the Kids group a donated bouncy castle. The kitchen was well used with all the baking and cooking that took place and there was also a quiet room for when everything was just proving too much and Campers needed some quiet time to avoid sensory overload. The school grounds gave us a play structure and sand to play with the Tonka trucks in, the playground was great for the electric cars or shooting off our rockets and nearby were two splash pads that saw plenty of use on the many hot days!

Choice was offered as much as possible – allowing the Camp to respect the age and ability of the Campers and to allow those capable of doing so to have a greater say in what went on each day or the trips that were chosen that week. As our numbers were higher we needed to have two schools buses anyway so this also allowed for separate trips. The Kids Group and whoever preferred their activity

from the Tweens group or higher needs group visited Saunders Farm the first and fifth week, drove Matt nuts with watching the singing chickens show at the Valleyview Little Farm again and again and checked out the animals at the Big Sky Animal Sanctuary. The older groups favoured museums and visited the Museum of Nature where they also watched the Imax on sea creatures, learned about Jump seats at the Museum of Aviation, wanted to see if Kyle's beard would stand up and a number got zapped at the electricity interactive show and visited outer space on the simulator at the Museum of Science and Technology as well as having a great time with the water rockers and there was a quick visit to the Museum of Agriculture which they walked up to from Dows Lake having spent the morning paddle boating, kayaking and canoeing. Everyone went to Logosland Lake Resort where the Campers enjoyed the slides, trampolines or paddle boats in the lake, catching frogs on the beach, checking out the petting zoo or playing crazy golf. The day ended with a train ride around the acres of land. In addition we went swimming at the Gloucester Wave pool twice a week and following a picnic outside in the park the bus would drop the older group off to go shopping in Loblaws for the following days cooking activity and they would walk back from the Gloucester Mall to camp.

Each group had their own kitchen time and cooking agenda ranging from quick snacks to elaborate lunches. The Kids group melted chocolate for dipped fruit or pretzels and made fruit salad and marshmallow squares. The Tweens decided that Marshmallow people were much tastier and also made cookies and the Teens+ made their Friday lunches with Chicken Stir Fry, individual pizzas, quesadeas, tacos and both groups made Lisa's fabulous chicken burgers – these were so good we have included the recipe for you too to try them out.

Programs were complemented by bringing in third parties:- OAC personal Trainer Eva Tshunza who did the impossible and made Gym time enjoyable for teens!; Douvris Karate Sensei Alexandra had the older campers working on their katas and Sensei Liz developed a new kind of rug karate for the kids group and Eric from Tree Frog Percussion actually had the Tweens and Teens+ in harmony with his large drums and shakers – not so much for the kids group but they also had a lot of fun trying out the various instruments. The officers from Station 55 were very accommodating, they came three times which allowed all of the campers to climb in the cab or in the drivers seat as well as check out the hoses. Thank you to all these individuals for adding so much to our Campers summer of fun.

Thanks are due to so many - people and organizations to thank that I hope we haven't forgotten anyone – Thank you to our sponsors The King's Daughters and Sons Ottawa City Union, Unity for Autism Foundation and the Community Foundation of Ottawa, who made Camp Kaleidoscope not only a reality but also made it affordable. Thank you to the Catholic School Board Focus on Youth program for providing the school facilities and two youth as counsellors and to the custodians for being patient and helpful. Thank you to the Parents that had the faith that we would look after their children well, to all the Staff that did a great job doing just that and mostly to our Campers for coming in every day with smiles on their faces ready to have some fun and going home every day happy in the knowledge they would return for more the next day.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Reisch
Executive Director, Children at Risk

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ANNUAL MEETING AND FOUNDERS' DAY

JANUARY 14, 2012

Minutes

1. Welcome

Richmond Wilson opened the meeting at 1:45 pm with a warm greeting to the 29 members and guests. He noted that the OCU has many small and large projects it supports, some new and some on-going. Of particular note, is the new summer day camp for children with autism. Richmond invited members and guests to view the Camp Kaleidoscope slideshow on the laptop on the sideboard.

Richmond invited Brenda Reisch, Executive Director, Children at Risk, to come forward to receive \$60,000 for an expanded Camp Kaleidoscope in 2012.

Richmond noted that he put out a call to our members to watch for community needs. Thanks to Jackie Maurais, the urgent needs of Abbeyfield House came to our attention. Jo-Ann Ashford and Michael Buehrle, Abbeyfield House representatives, were called forward to receive \$10,000 for urgent building repairs to the basement.

Richmond noted that The King's Daughters and Sons established the meals-on-wheels program in Ottawa in 1967 and has supported it ever since through donations and by providing delivery volunteers and members for the Board of Directors. Richmond called forward Donna Crabtree, VP, Meals on Wheels Ottawa (The King's Daughters Dinner Wagon) to receive \$5,000.

Starting in 2011, the OCU has been supporting the education of the children at CHEO as one of our members is their teacher. Heather Counsell, CHEO Classroom, was invited forward to receive \$2,500 for classroom needs.

2. Devotions

Susan Summerbell read one of her favourite devotions, originally written by Nan Pointer IOKDS Spiritual Life Director, and first delivered by her at the 2010 General Convention. It was based on the text 1 Corinthians 15:58 and spoke about how The KDS members must be third class ticket holders, that is, people who not only hear the Word but act on it.

3. Tribute to Founders

Richmond Wilson spoke about the beginnings of our organization at the international level and the local Ottawa level. He toasted the foresight of our founders, while at the same time recognizing that we now live very different lives in a very different environment. Our modern society is often described as post-Christian – so the question becomes "How does The KDS stay relevant in an environment which discriminates against Christian organizations in very subtle ways?" Richmond asked "Can we continue with our Christian profile?"

Richmond provided the following update on our housing project. The OCU has taken steps and spent money in preparation for our planned new housing for low-income seniors. Richmond noted that up until last week there was no government funding for housing so our project was in limbo. About a week ago, the City of Ottawa indicated that it had a grant pool of \$10 million for 2012 and a multi-year pool of funds totaling \$25 million. Richmond reported that it is unlikely that our project will be chosen. Our name presents a problem as it is clearly Christian, and will likely be a barrier in getting access to these funds.

Richmond called for the membership to provide thoughtful, prayerful assistance immediately. He concluded that the OCU needs a fresh calling in order to continue to make a difference in the community.

5. Minutes of the January 15, 2011 Founders' Day and Annual General Meeting.
Moved by Stuart McLeod and seconded by Caroline Iwasaki that the minutes of the January 15, 2010 Annual General Meeting be approved as printed. **Carried.**

Business

Annual General Report –

Christine Dawson stated that there is one Annual Report for every household. The report is on the OCU/Ontario Branch website at www.thekingsdaughtersandsons.ca Membership list errors and omissions should be reported to Stuart McLeod as soon as possible.

Audited Financial Report (AFR) –

Caroline Iwasaki distributed copies of the AFR to all present and noted that she was very pleased with the services of McCay Duff LLP and in particular, the services of partner, Karen Freake. She noted that the OCU investment funds are safely invested in interest bearing bonds and GICs.

Moved by Caroline Iwasaki and seconded by Pat Fisher that the Audited Financial Report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Appointment of Auditor for Nov. 1, 2011 – Oct. 31, 2012

Moved by Caroline Iwasaki and seconded by Pat Fisher that OCU re-appoint the company of McCay Duff LLP as our auditor for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. **Carried.**

Constitution and Bylaws –

Stuart McLeod distributed the proposed bylaws changes. The major revisions are in Article VII, Bylaw 1 Bylaw 2 and Bylaw 12. Stuart explained the rationale for those changes and thanked his committee, Christine Dawson, Phoebe McLelland and Charlotte Davidson for their help.

Moved by Stuart McLeod and seconded by Charlotte Davidson that the bylaw changes be approved as proposed. **Carried.**

Event Announcements

Doreen Murthy announced that the IOKDS General Convention will be held in April 25- 29, 2012 in Bethlehem PA. Doreen noted that detailed information is on the IOKDS website www.iokds.org and that she has details available on paper for anyone who would like more information.

The Chautauqua Scholarship Program, June 23- July 20, 2012 is now accepting applications from students between the ages of 19-25, who are Christian, with 2 years of college/university or work experience and interested in the arts.

The Clergy Renewal Week – August 4-11, 2012 is now accepting applications from clergy who are leading congregations. This is a week of rest, relaxation and renewal for clergy and spouses.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Susan thanked her committee Caroline Iwasaki and Debbie Ng and presented the following slate of officers:

President	Richmond Wilson
First Vice-President	Doreen Murthy
Second Vice-President	Caroline Iwasaki
Recording Secretary	Tracy Davidson
Corresponding Secretary	Rev Stanley Ralph
Treasurer	Bambina Lemme

Moved by Stuart McLeod and seconded by Walter Davidson that nominations from the floor be closed.

Carried

The slate of Officers was acclaimed.

Doreen Murthy and Charlotte Davidson led the Installation of Officers and Recognition of Circle Representatives using the theme Our Guiding Light and the text "Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

After the installation of the elected officers was complete, the following were introduced to the meeting and welcomed to the OCU 2012 Board.

Circle Representatives	
Jackie Maurais	Adanac Circle
Marina Morel	Adanac Circle
Debbie Ng	Autism Circle
Stuart McLeod	Chautauqua Circle
Walter Davidson	
Heather McCormack	Chautauqua Circle
Marion Warriner	Onward and Upward Circle
Charlotte Davidson	Onward and Upward Circle
Mitch Counsell	Scholarship Circle
Barbara Derby	Vista Circle
Marion Rea	Vista Circle
Other Representatives- voting	
Jackie Maurais	Immediate Past President
Other Representatives –non-voting	
Phoebe McLelland	KDS Apt Board Representative
Joan Fulthorp Jubb	Council of Women

The Founders' Award was presented to Christine Dawson in appreciation of her work at the local, Branch and international level.

Adjournment at 3pm Richmond Wilson

Cake was served.

Reminders:

General Convention: April 25- 28, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Chautauqua Scholarship Program: June 23 – July 20, 2012

Clergy Week: August 4- 11 (Week 7)

Open Weeks at Chautauqua: Weeks 5, 6, 8, 9 Ontario Branch, Week 8

New Horizons Program: check www.iokds.org