

# THE K.R.T.A. BRIDGE

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As we predicted in the September Bridge, the programs for the first part of the year were both informative and fun. Mr. Peter Netherway, a fascinating guest, gave a talk on the problems facing the judicial system at our present time. He made us aware of our role as citizens, which parallels that of people in early England, in that public opinion still makes a difference to the sentencing of people convicted of crimes. If we are unhappy with the deterrents given for perhaps drug offences, we have the ability to influence future sentences by attending the trials and giving our opinion to the press on our way out. This is one way to help the police avoid the same drug scene that was on trial in the morning being repeated that evening.

The Christmas party was a happy occasion, as is our tradition. The festive food and lovely decorations put us into a holiday mood. Peter Botham and Irene Smith were a wonderful team leading the sing along featuring the best of the season. Then Marie Laroache and Peter Botham joined their voices in a duet singing "O Holy Night" and I for one went home with my heart full of the spirit of Christmas.

The January meeting followed the record snowfall of the year so the attendance was down but for those who faced the wintry roads, the guest speaker, Mr. Norm Moss, M.Ed. took them on an interesting journey into the psychology of luck. Removing roadblocks to achieving the goals we set in life is an engaging study. I hope we will be able to repeat this talk when the snow does not present the roadblock.

Although many members were unable to attend, the numbers had been given to Traditions Restaurant, so we were obliged to pay for those meals. Therefore, we would appreciate your payment to our treasurer for the meal because the balance has come out of our funds.

Please phone one of these ladies if it is necessary to cancel in the future-again the earlier the better.

Janet Doubt-372-7635 or Helen Morrison-573-4858.

HERE IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF 'THE DOLL CLUB' WITH THE DOLL THAT IS MODELED AFTER MONICA, HER LITTLE GRAND-DAUGHTER.

Wendy Madson and Mary Ellen Patterson Were the artists who made the doll and Donated her to the Bursary Fund.





These happy K.R.T.A. members are all active Bursary Committee members working with their Chairperson, Mary Ellen Patterson to make each campaign successful. Congratulations, Donna!

#### PROGRAMS FOR SPRING 2004

FEBRUARY - Kamloops Community Care The guest speaker will be Jo-Ann Pears.

MARCH- Our bursary students from UCC ,Shelly McLeod and Chris Sowden, will join us for lunch . They will tell us about their experiences as student teachers. Catheline Biagoni from UCC will also attend.

APRIL- Jerry Olund will give us a slide presentation on KYRGYZSTAN. He will talk about his experiences while serving with C.E.S.O.(Canadian Executive Service Organization) through which Canadians help by donating their time, talent and expertise to developing nations and Canadian aboriginal communities.

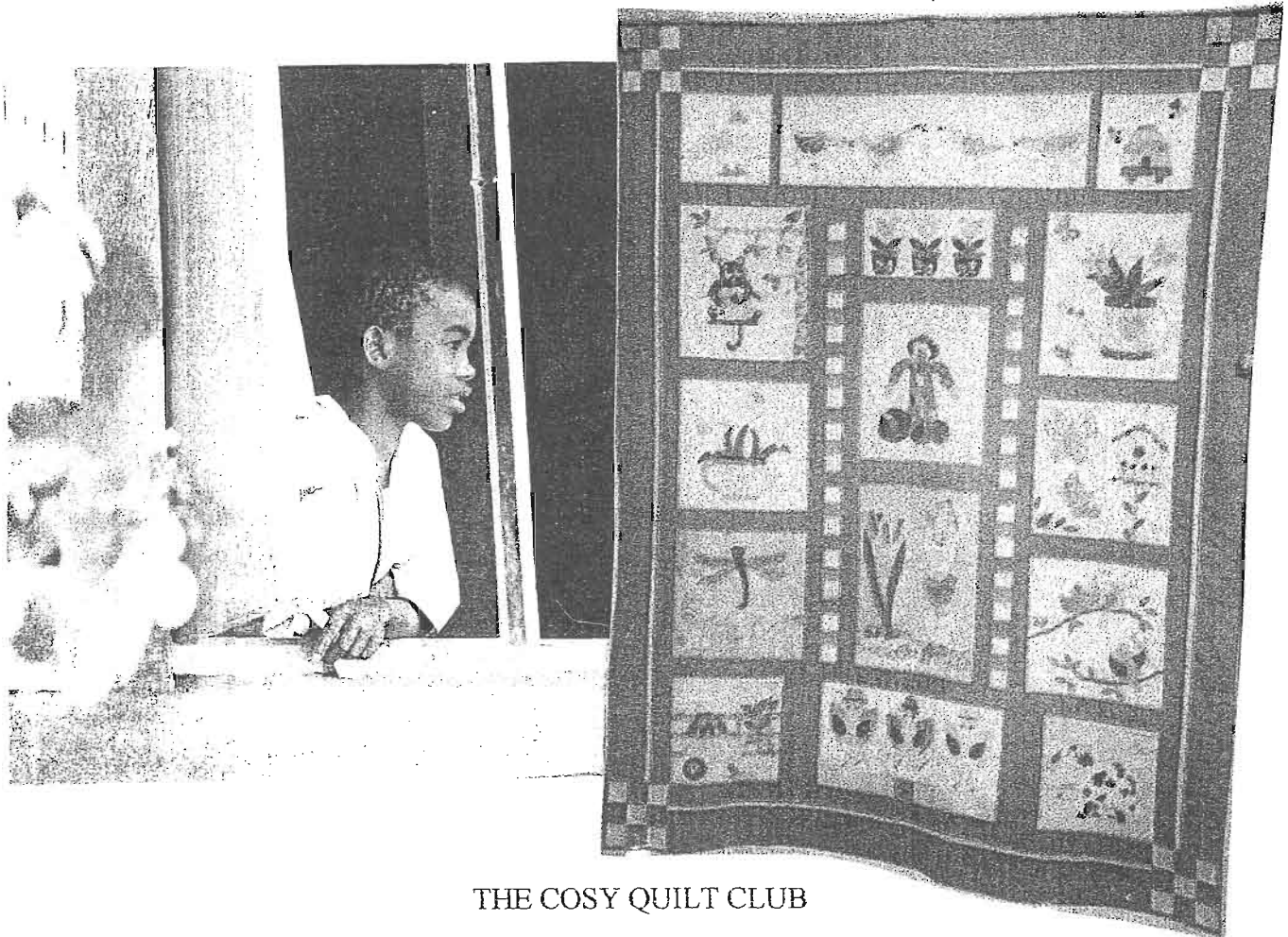
MAY- K.R.T.A. A.G.M.

JUNE- Our final meeting of the season will also be our interbranch meeting.

**Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way  
BUT never forget to remember the blessings that come each  
day.**

## FASHION SHOW

A fashion show and tea will be sponsored by the Retired Teachers Association on April 15, 2004 at the Senior's Center, Cottonwoods. The proceeds will go to the Canadian Harambee Education Society to sponsor a girl next school year. Tickets will be available at the cost of \$10.00 each. Since we wish to sell 120 tickets they will be sold at other locations downtown - Cottonwoods, Desert Gardens and Benjamin Moore Paints. Prizes will be given out during the show and these will be collected from businesses as well as members. The clothing will be from Kathy's Klostet.



THE COSY QUILT CLUB

The Bursary tickets are ready for the Cozy Quilt Club and you will be able to make your donation at the spring meetings. Tickets are \$10.00 each with the draw being held in June. Retired Teacher, Liz Brown has made and donated the quilt, which is really a work of art. The picture really does not do it justice. It is 59"x76" with a blue border. Make cheques out to K.R.T.A. For more information call Mary Ellen Patterson 372-1762.

Evelyn Baziuk has had her mailing address changed to: 2-3099 Shuswap Rd., Kamloops, B.C.

Anyone wishing to contribute to Jean Klepachek's grandchildren's trust fund may send to :  
Stephanie and Mitchel Rioux, Account # 6220145-9146  
T D Canada Trust, 8-2121 E. Trans Canada Hwy, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5P9

Each year we meet with other branches throughout the Okanagan with a different area hosting the event. Last year we were invited to Penticton. Other years we travelled to Kelowna, Vernon and to Sicamous when Salmon Arm was in charge.

This year the honour has returned to Kamloops so we are planning a day that will be enjoyable for our guests as well as ourselves. We hope to have a ride on the Heritage train followed by a meal at the Keg which will eliminate the need to collect money before the event because both the train ticket and the food will be ordered on the spot. Patrons will have a choice of food from the menu. An interpretive talk will be given at the train station by people in period costume and we are invited to wear costumes suitable for the event, too. Guests from out of town are trying to have a bus collect retired teachers along the route. The Kamloops group will have free coffee and muffins for the travellers as they arrive.

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE, 17 \_ COST for train \$11.77 \_ meal as on menu



Kamloops RTA Interbranch  
Spring Social  
Heritage Theme Program  
Tuesday, May 26, 1998  
Dinner in Parkside Lounge  
at Riverside Coiseum  
\$23 Ticket # 04



THE BEGINNING OF INTERBRANCH by Janet Doubt

September 1992: at the September President's Meeting in a conversation with the Kelowna president we discussed the possibility of visiting other R.T.A.s

May 1993: Kelowna extended an invitation to all Okanagan Mainline R.T.A.s to their regular luncheon. Lrene Smith and I attended.

May 1994: Vernon hosted an invitation to their regular luncheon. Irene and I attended. Most R.T.A.s sent a representative.

May 1995: Vernon hosted the spring social at O'Keefe Ranch. It was well attended. A show of fashions and life in the early 1900s came to life and we ate a meal in the restaurant. Very entertaining and informative.

May 1996: Kelowna hosted a luncheon on the Paddle Wheeler trip. Irene Smith arranged for the group to travel by bus, they were joined by the Vernon members.

May 1997: Penticton hosted the luncheon and entertainment in the College Cafeteria. They then suggested other places of interest we could visit. The Summerland Steam train was suggested but was closed when we got there.



## GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.



## GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:



- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got >from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, ! but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## SUCCESS:

- At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.  
At age 12 success is . . . having friends.  
At age 16 success is . . . having a drivers license.  
At age 20 success is . . . going all the way.  
At age 35 success is . . . having money.  
At age 50 success is . . . having money.  
At age 60 success is . . . going all the way.  
At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.  
At age 75 success is . . . having friends.  
At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.

