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Good Evening!

Welcome to our Okanagan Centre Hall.

80 years ago this building was erected by volunteer labour and was to be an Anglican Church. Mr. J. A. Gleed; who ran the local store and post office; donated the land it was built on.

Mr. Gleed constructed a stain glass window on our west wall. The window was made with coloured paper between pains of glass around 1925, while the Gleed's were decorating for a Christmas Party; a fierce wind storm blew the window out. Thankfully no-one was hurt. Part of the window has since been donated to the Winfield Anglican Church.

Due to World War I there was a lack of money, ,and manpower, therefore, the church was never completed. Since the early 1920's this building has become our Community Hall. Its original size was only 1/4 of what you see around you tonight.

Our hall was heated by a wood stove and lit by pressure gas lamps. Since there was no tap water, Mrs Gleed had to

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carry water up from the lake to make coffee.

For over 60 years; families from O.K. Centre, Carrs Landing, and Winfield have joined together to create some of the warmest holiday feelings!

Children from the O.K. Centre School held their Christmas Concerts here, the hall staged small theatrical plays, and many people enjoyed friendly evenings playing Whist or a few games of badminton.

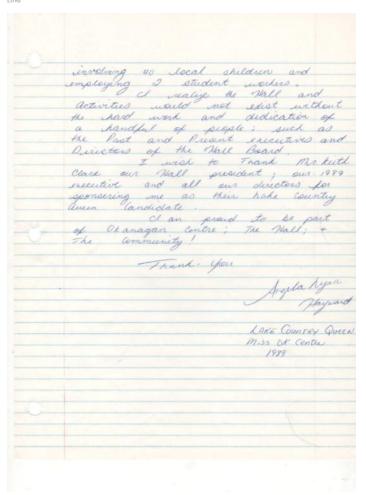
My favourite festivitie has been the family Christmas Dinner and our special visits with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Also on the top of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$ list are the safe, but really scary kids Halloween parties.

The Hall Association organizes Valentine Pot Luck dinners, our famous St. Patrick Pub night with Mullingar, and some very colourful New Years Eve Parties.

Many organizations have rented our hall for great dances, warm weddings + special anniversaries. The Vietnam Veterans, Boy Scouts and Aerobic Ladies have also gathered here.

Currently, the hall board has organized a Summer Youth $\ensuremath{\operatorname{\mathtt{Program}}}$



involving 40 local children and employing 2 student workers.

I realize the hall and activities would not exist without the hard work and dedication of a handful of people: such as the Past and Present executives and Directors of the Board.

I wish to thank Mr. Keith Clark our Hall president; our 1989 executive and all our directors for sponsoring me as their Lake Country Queen Candidate.

I am proud to be part of Okanagan Centre; The Hall; + The Community!

Thank - You

Angela Lynn Hayward

Lake Country Queen Miss OK Centre 1989