

DOR-WOOD OPTIMIST SAFETY VILLAGE: 1980
THE YEAR FOR RELOCATION AND RENOVATION

Fourteen years ago (1966), Dor-Wood Optimist member Dr. Tom Frazier spearheaded the development of Dor-Wood's Safety Village which was the second Safety Village in the State of Ohio and the first in southwest Ohio. During those 14 years, Dor-Wood Optimist Safety Village was located at G. L. Ernst Elementary School in Kettering, Ohio. With the closing of G. L. Ernst School, the Safety Village will start its fifteenth year at another Kettering School site, Orchard Park Elementary School.

Although the buildings had occasional paint and repair through the years, a major renovation of all seven buildings was planned for 1980. From January through June, there were 12 Saturday morning work parties to repair and paint and to set up the Village. Dor-Wood Optimists made a major financial commitment of approximately \$1500 in relocating and renovating the Safety Village.

Many people gave a lot of time and talent to this project. Special recognition must be given to: 1) Bob McCoy for making arrangements with D. L. Barnes students and Earl Scheib Paint Shop to sand and repaint the 13 cars. 2) Jim Arnold for his work in relocating and fencing the Orchard Park School site. 3) Bob Wert, Kettering Traffic Engineer and Billie Jones, Senior Safety Advisor for their efforts in developing an excellent Safety Village Program, which is a combined project of Dor-Wood Optimists and the City of Kettering. 4) Harold Hall for arranging the construction of the gas pumps and providing a truck. 5) Marc Buehrer for arranging the painting of the Safety Village sign. 6) Vance Kennedy for his special assistance beyond the Saturday Morning Workshops.

The following members and friends worked at least one of the twelve Saturday work parties: Jerry Barnett (12), Bob McCoy (10), Vance Kennedy (9), Jim Arnold (8), Joe McCloud (7), Leo Chico (6), Joe Smith (4), Harold Hall (4), Fred Hofmann* (4), Merle Hoover (3), Tom Richards (3), Bill Jackson (3), ~~Ernie~~ Anderson* (3), Paul Atkinson (2), Marcella Kennedy* (2), John Jeffries (2), Mike Klopfer, Ray McGrew, Mike McGrew, Max Mohon, Ron Wilson, John Erbaugh, Greg Starr*, Bob Wert*, and Tony Buckingham*. (* Friends)

Don't forget the following Saturday date for disassembling the Village and storing back at DESC: August 2, 1980.

Thank you for a successful project!

Jerry Barnett, Project Chairman
Dor-Wood Optimist Safety Village