



A View from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS OF THE TERRACE

Last month we were thinking about why we love to refer to ET as our home. We appreciate being with senior people, or as we prefer to think about ourselves as “yesterday’s young people”. Most of us also have a lot in common, since we came to Canada as immigrants in the early 1950’s. It has also been very interesting to learn that almost all the ET residents were children or young people when they came with their parents and therefore, they were being emigrated. That was not always with the whole-hearted agreement of those teenage children who were already in the workforce back home. Looking back, we marvel how we came to live here at ET. at just the right time.

We love our mid-week coffee times, where we hear the personal stories of why people decided to emigrate to Canada and how they learned to adjust to a totally new world. They had to learn a new language, fit into a new work environment and get used to a new job and a completely different lifestyle from what they were used to in the old country. How many immigrants were very lonely when they had to live on a farm with their “next door” neighbors half a mile away.

Who will ever forget that in the early fifties our first telephone was a party-line with other neighbors listening in on our conversations. In retrospect I am very sure that all of us can say that it was not only by our own personal choice and determination that we should go to Canada.

We love the words of Acts 17:26: the Lord has appointed the place of our abode and the span of our years. As young people, we were only thinking about our own circumstances and our own future. We never considered the fact that our decisions to emigrate would also have a huge impact on our children, where they would grow up and how their characters would be formed.

Only years later would we observe the differences in their attitudes, values and lifestyles as compared to their Dutch cousins. We can be very thankful as we think about our Lord’s command and promise in Mat.6:33 But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

As seniors we have many reasons to count our blessings.
B.L.

FROM THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT OF “EVERGREEN TERRACE”

Restrictions at Evergreen Terrace

A lot has happened since our last newsletter, the novel corona virus (covid-19) starting in far away China has now gone worldwide and Canada is no exception. As this is a new virus and there is no anti-viral medication or shots available as yet, we are all mandated to do our part to help in stopping or at least slowing down the spread thereof.

The medical professionals have determined the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are most susceptible to succumb to the covid-19 virus. This is why we as board and management have posted signs on our entrance doors of "No Visitors". We are asking **all** residents to comply and inform their family and friends of this new and unprecedented situation.

The Evergreen Terrace Health & Safety committee is doing what they can by wiping with disinfectant on a regular basis, all the handrails in the hallways, common door handles, elevator buttons and more. As well wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap, for at least 30 seconds.

Various wholesale florists have also helped to brighten our days by delivering beautiful flowers for all to enjoy. Our heartfelt thanks goes to them for thinking of Evergreen Terrace in this time of extreme stress, both for them and for us. We have also learned an effective way for each person **to fight this virus, a new word "Social Distancing" keep a 1.5 to 2 meter distance between yourself and the next person, where and whenever possible.**

Since this is a totally new situation and changing every day we urge all residents to stay up to date on the current news and follow government and medical professionals advice and directions as they are updated.

Last but not least: pray! Know that God is in control and our prayer avails much!! Dick V.

FROM THE SOCIAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Just a short note to let you all know that all activities are on hold until further notice.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Activities will return!! A.P.

FROM THE RESIDENTS COUNCIL

The R.C. met on Thursday, March 19, 2020 with all members present.

The routine business was taken care of quickly.

Time was spent on talking about Covid-19 and what could be done to keep all our residents safe.

The government's recommendations, which change daily, are all followed up.

We thank the safety committee and some volunteers who have stepped up to clean the hand railings, doorknobs and elevator buttons twice a day, to keep our environment as virus free as possible.

If you are willing and able and would like to give someone a break, please talk to the safety person on your floor. See the Committee List for names.

Together we can accomplish a lot to beat the virus.

We adjourned at 10.00 o'clock. A.P.

SOME TRIVIA

The puzzle table on the fourth floor is a great success and used a lot.

Since January 1st 2020 until March 21st 2020, 26 puzzles have been completed to the amount of 20,500 pieces being put together. If you like to puzzle, feel free to join them at the fourth floor.

But remember "Social Distancing" A.P.

GARDENING

"MEETING CANCELED, PLEASE NOTE"

Because of the Covid-19 we will not be able to have the gardening meeting.

We are looking for helpers for the spring clean-up and the planting of annuals. We will also need a few workers who would like to keep the gardens looking neat and weed free for the summer months. If you are interested please call John Koornneef 905-309-7403 or Bill Kegel 905-309-8461 so we can make up a list of people to call when the jobs need doing.

John Koornneef Cvr.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

In February we bid farewell to Elly and John DeHoog.

Their new address: John and Elly DeHoog

4107 Boysenberry Crt. Vineland L0R-2C0. Ontario.

We hope that they enjoy their new place, their grandchildren and their retirement. A.D.

THY WILL BE DONE

I cannot always see the path that leads
To heights above;

I sometimes quite forget He leads me on
With hand of love;

But yet I know the path must lead me to
Immanuel's land,

And when I reach life's summit I shall know
And understand

I cannot always trace the onward course
My ship must take;

But, looking backward, I behold afar
Its shining wake

Illumined with God's light of love, and so
I onward go

In perfect thrust that He who holds the helm
The course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life,

For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow
The noise of strife

Confuse me till I quite forget He knows
And oversees,

And that, in all details, with His good plan
My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rules;

I cannot always do the task He gives
In life's hard school;

But I am learning with His help to solve
Them, one by one,

And, when I cannot understand, to say
"Thy will be done"

By Gertrude Curms

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8	Tina Ravensbergen	Beilen	115
8	Sweis Brouwer	Den Horn	310
12	Dorothy Veenhof	Stavoren	417
13	Ann Spoelstra	Ijlst	302
13	Anna Hessels	Diever	406
14	Tina DeJong	Woudsend	102
15	Martha Tamming	Zevenhuizen	109
15	Isabel Alexander	Grimsby	519
19	Peter Zwart	Oudemirdum, (Fr)	108
20	Geraldine Kegel	Zwolle	320
23	Gerry VanHell	Putten	506
25	Van Hoffen John	Slikerveer	415
25	Maria Smedes	Wijster	507
29	Gwen Cochrane	Hamilton	212
29	Linda Termorshuizen	Port Colborne	402

Happy Birthday

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APRIL

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1 9:00am 9:45am 10:30am and 1:00pm, Fitness 4 All. 2:30pm Coffee Social.	2 2:00pm Ladies Guild Jenny. 6:45pm Prayer Meeting.	3 9:00am 9:45am 10:30am and 1:00pm, Fitness 4 All.	4
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26	27 9:00am 9:45am 10:30am and 1:00pm, Fitness 4 All. 2:30pm Bridge. 7:00pm Games	28 9:45am Sobey's Bus. 1:30pm Euchre. 7:00pm Hymn Sing.	29 9:00am 9:45am 10:30am and 1:00pm, Fitness 4 All. 2:30pm Coffee Social. Eve.	30 2:00pm Ladies Guild Bep. 6:45pm Prayer Meeting.	1	2
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