

A View from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS OF THE TERRACE

It goes without saying that we all find it difficult to fully grasp the sudden changes that have taken place as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The word pandemic implies that its coverage is worldwide and that it is therefore no longer just an epidemic, affecting a specific area only. We hear the frightening statements that the world has come to a grinding halt, with the economy now at a complete standstill or in a free-fall. Is it any wonder that so many people worry about their future? Is their income only temporarily interrupted? Do you remember that the definition of the economy is based on the combined optimism of those involved in its operation? Therefore, the uncertainty about the future is the caution that usually stops entrepreneurs from investing their enthusiasm and energy. It is also important to remember that the Corona virus easily spreads from effected people to others and that seniors are the most vulnerable, forcing us into a state of hibernation. That applies especially to those whose immune system is already weakened We respect the firm request from the federal minister of health, Dr. Theresa Tam, who warns all Canadians to go home and to stay home. Her strong warning is heard repeatedly. Can you imagine the impact that order will have on families as all the schools are now closed? Children are given specific homework assignments to complete the curriculum of their school year. Mothers who hold responsible positions in non-essential stores or businesses suddenly lose their income. The most frightening part of all this is that no one can predict how long this pandemic will last. We are reminded again of the truth that life is made up by 5% of what happens to us and by 95% of how we respond to it. Human nature quickly adjusts to changes in our regular situation. We understand and respect the Board's strict order of "No Visitors" to eliminate the possibility of guests bringing the Corona virus to E.T. So, how should we respond to the uncertainty of the future? We know that it is much more important to study again, what God's Word says about the end times and the certain return of our Lord Jesus Christ when He sets up His Kingdom. Mark 13:32-37 gives us instructions on how we are to anticipate that glorious event which can happen at any moment Nothing prophetically needs to happen before His return on the clouds of heaven. B.L

E.T. BOARD AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Corona Virus Update

Since our last newsletter, a lot has happened, and some of the "new" normal's are getting to be routine. We want to give special recognition to all the resident volunteers serving faithfully at their assigned tasks.

We thank those residents wiping down the handrails, doorknobs, exercise equipment and many other points of common contact. Also, those manning the front door welcoming desk in 2 hour shifts from 8am to 8pm.

Special recognition to the various PSW health care workers and some family members taking care of residents in frail health and/or other needs. We are thankful for mail delivery and garbage and recycling pick up.

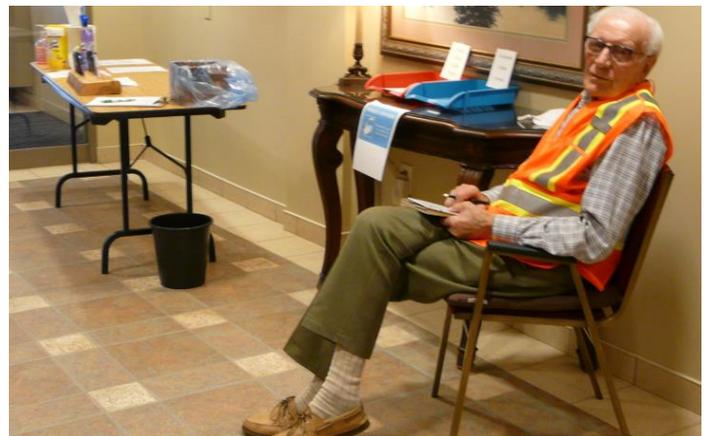
We are thankful for all members of our Evergreen Terrace community for practicing social distancing. Note: with the warmer weather approaching, keeping our distance in the gazebo area is as important as it is inside the building.

Please everyone, until the covid-19 situation eases as dictated by the medical and government authorities, let us keep up the good work and do our part.

Above all we thank our Heavenly Father for His care for us all and we can trust and rely on Him that will never change!

Self-isolation

A reminder to residents: If you have been away to stay with family or friends overnight or multiple nights, upon returning to your Evergreen Terrace home you must self isolate for the following 14 days. See elsewhere in this newsletter for directions how to self isolate. D. V.



John, keeping the bad ones out, the good ones in.

Gerrie VanHell has moved to McNally House Hospice.
Let us remember her in our prayers.

May Birthdays

3	Irene Van Hoffen	Den Haag	415
13	Henry Dekker	Andijk (NH)	304
13	John Vandermeulen	Grootebroek	316
13	Henk Heersink	Aalten	404
13	Joan Smith	Middlesex (UK)	515
15	Annie Boekestyn	s-Gravenzande	103
15	Atie Zijlstra	Ameide	418
16	John Koster	Axel	516
19	Gerald Pieters	Amsterdam	508
20	Ev Page	York (UK)	318
22	Jim Antonides	Amsterdam	521
29	Adrian Dieleman	Axel	317
31	Susan Smid	Sneek	420

Happy Birthday



Or, you spell it out with balloons!



Children and grandchildren serenading their “omas” for their birthdays. Being in “lockdown” is not all bad!

