

# A View from the Terrace

## DEAR RESIDENTS OF THE TERRACE

As we read the Board of Directors' announcement of Dick Vermeer's plans to retire as manager, many thoughts come up as we think about how the residents have experienced his leadership style over those past eighteen and a half years. The familiar terms of "with Solomon's wisdom and Job's patience" certainly come to mind right away, and we do not use those terms lightly by any means. All of us have appreciated how Dick has always kept us, as residents, very well informed about all the decisions that would affect us personally, - especially those that would cost us money. He is also an incredibly good listener; his office door is always open to hear any concerns, questions or comments. No request for his help has ever been ignored. There is one aspect of how he relates to people that will never be forgotten and that is his positive and cheerful attitude towards people. We have never seen anyone who left his office without a smile on his or her face. E.T. professes to be "a caring community" and Dick has demonstrated that image exceptionally well over the years. We must also never forget that his involvement with Evergreen Terrace did not start in October 2002 when the doors were opened for the first residents to move in. Dick was already a member and the recording secretary of the Board of Directors when Mountainview church needed a larger sanctuary and the opportunity to plan for a non-profit apartment building for seniors became a possibility. We will always respect the Board's vision and courage to plan a five-story building and 98 apartments. No wonder that the town of Grimsby was so quick to issue a building permit; for 42 years 275 Main St. E. had never paid any property taxes when the church was there, but now they would catch up big time. Did you know that those Board members signed a huge loan to get the building process going when only 60% of the suites were sold? We have kept all the E.T. newsletters and minutes of the purchasers' meetings since 2000 and that makes for interesting reading! As Dick winds down his manager's role and hands over that authority to Jan Visser, we wish Dick and Mary a happy and healthy retirement and we will all shout aloud our "Well done, good and faithful servant". May we encourage you to write your experiences and memories of E.T. from your perspective? The Life Lease Associates of Canada were always impressed with the leadership of Evergreen Terrace and we will always be grateful for your outstanding contributions. B.L. Nov. 2020.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Konny DeBoer	Haulerwijk	407
6	Gertie DeRoos	Kollumerpomp (Fr)	216
6	Chris Drost	Ruinerwold	412
7	Horace Hryciw	Winnipeg	116
9	Dick Wikkerink	Aalten	414
12	Coby Krikke	Bergentheim	514
13	Gerry Spekkers	Amsterdam	306
20	Bill Kegel	Berkel & Rodenrijs	320
28	Mary Vermeer	Maasdijk	505
28	Wendy Wall	Hamilton	518
29	Leo Dyk	Ten Boer	202

# Happy Birthday

## RESIDENT'S PICTURE BOOK

The pictures have been taken, processed, printed, sorted and delivered. If you did not get your picture package, or if you have a book that is not complete, or not up to date, (there are three empty spots this year #201, #419 and #506) or if you need some help with your picture book, please call Bill or Geraldine Kegel, suite 320.

## FROM THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

**MOVIE NIGHT:** On Friday, 16 October, ten of our residents enjoyed watching the first movie since the restrictions of the pandemic were put in place. TEN "watchers" is all we can allow to attend. Now knowing that there are more residents interested in enjoying a good movie, our committee is considering how we can invite at least twenty residents every month.

Perhaps, we can have two showings in the same third week, one on Friday and the other on Saturday. Or we can show our movie on two consecutive Fridays of the month.

We would appreciate it if we could receive some feedback. You can contact either Ben VanHoffen, John Amama or me, Peter DeBruyne. With our limited number of only ten attendees, it is important for us to know how much interest there really is. In the meantime, we are planning for our next movie night on Friday, November 20. -- PDB

**RESIDENTS' COUNCIL'S REPORT, OCTOBER 20, 2020**

This report is instead of the verbal report normally given at the E.T. residents' annual meeting in October.

Since our last annual meeting, six of our residents were called home to be with the Lord.

December 3, 2019: John De Boer.      December 14, 2019: Ernie Fels.      February 1, 2020: Bert Boekestyn.  
June 20, 2020: Gerry VanHell.      July 12, 2020: Tilly Roorda.      September 26, 2020: Frank Ritskes.

We could welcome the following new residents.

108 Peter Zwart.      117 Pearl Jager.      205 John and Tinie DeJager.  
302 Geraldine DeBoer.      407 Kor and Ann DeBoer.      419 Richard and Sally Blomberg.  
506 Una Gibson.

We welcome Linda Termorshuizen as the new member of the Residents Council. Mary Alkema is our new secretary. Wishing you all well. John Amama, Chair of the Residents Council.



November 2020's Residents' Council.

Back, left to right: John Amama, Chair, Jan Visser.  
Front row: Audrey Pieters, Linda Termorshuizen, Mary Alkema, Secretary.



**PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT: OCTOBER 20, 2020**

This report written and included in the November News-Letter in lieu of an oral presentation traditionally given by your Property Manager at our Covid-19 cancelled "Annual Residents' Meeting".

Due to the corona-covid19 pandemic the board of directors of Evergreen Terrace has met less times than previous years, the Board was forced to forego the regular April meeting which traditionally doubles as the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which the auditors present the results of the previous year's official audit. However this event was moved to our June meeting, where Mr. Jim VanRoon of the accountants firm Durward Jones Barkwell presented the fully approved audited statement of the year 2019. A recap of the figures pertaining to the past years operating budget is available to interested owner residents for the asking in the office.

Our proposed 2021 operating budget was presented and discussed and accepted by the board at their September meeting. A number of things can be re-stated from previous years reports, namely inflation as well as our building and volunteers are aging, increasing a number of our expenses. In order to keep up with inflation the board deemed it necessary to increase the monthly occupancy fees by 2% for the coming year 2021. Apartment sales so far this year at this point at 5 are a few less than last year at this time. At the September meeting the board also accepted the appointment of new board member Susan Smid who will be taking the place of retiring board member Geraldine Kegel.

As reported earlier some of the major repairs to our facilities this year have been finishing the re-roofing project by putting matching steel shingles on the gazebo.

Also replacing our aging, inefficient heating boilers with up to date high efficiency boilers, just in time for starting our heating season in the first week of October. We have also replaced our domestic water heating system with hi efficiency equipment.

The workshop volunteers have started doing our bi-annual service of the apartment heating systems and other maintenance such as your toilets, taps, drains, dryer vents in short any things which may need service in your suite. There is no charge for this service. You will only be charged, at a reasonable rate, for any parts or other costs which may be incurred.

The "Fire Avert" units and accompanying kitchen smoke alarm, which were installed in every apartment over a year ago, have had very positive results, in that we have had no fire incidents since.(Keep up the good work). If your kitchen smoke alarm starts to emit a "beep" at regular intervals, it needs a battery replacement available at no charge from the office for the asking. We will also install the battery for you.

As in years past we want to thank our many volunteers throughout our Evergreen community even though many activities are on hold due to covid 19. The gardens especially were superb, as agreed by the "Grimsby Garden Club" who awarded us once again with a Trillium award. I'll try and list the many things done by resident volunteers in no particular order, often behind the scenes and largely unnoticed. The day starts with paper delivery, exercise class, picture directory, monthly news letter, gardening, minor repairs both in apartments and in the common areas, social events (lunches, Wednesday afternoon tea, June barbeque, Christmas dinner etc.) Residents' council meetings and more. Then there are all our committees serving throughout the year: Safety, Social, Workshop, Gardening, Memorial, Library, Visual Arts, Spiritual Life, Welcoming, Transportation. Over half of our residents are involved in helping to make Evergreen Terrace the caring community it is, and we all want it to be.

As in years past, 2020 has been a year where we have again lost a number of our fellow residents, our sincerest sympathies to those grieving these losses. Also via this writing we want to wish all new and recent arrivals a warm welcome, may God bless you richly as you get used to your new home and become part of our community.

We want to thank all of our residents for the efforts and cooperation in the initiatives and programs to keep the scourge of the corona virus out of Evergreen Terrace. Even though there are no guarantees we are sure that the steps we have taken such as distancing, hand sanitizing, 2 people per elevator, guests wearing face covering and signing in and out and many other things have helped in keeping Evergreen Terrace from having an outbreak.

For safety and security we can not stress enough, the importance of locking your door when you are away from your suite as well, it is a good habit to have your door locked when you are home. It has happened in the past where a brazen thief walked in and out with the resident being home.

As most of you know or should know we always have updated resident lists in the office for the asking. We only print a dozen at a time so they are always as up to date as possible. My scheduled office hours are still Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8 till noon.

Dick Vermeer  
Property Manager



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JANUARY 2020.**

Seated L to R: Geraldine Kegel, Treasurer; Jennie Antonides, Secretary; Don Drost; Gerry VandenBerg; Rick Batenberg, Chair; Rob Heersink, Vice Chair; Standing L to R: Dick Vermeer, Property Manager; Adrian Koornneef, retired vice chair; P.J Vermeer, Retired Chair; John Koornneef; Murray Zwiep. Missing is Bonnie Desjardins. As of the November board meeting, Suzan Smid will replace Geraldine Kegel.



Susan Smid