

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

In Canada, the first Monday in September is Labour Day. This holiday is important to many people, but for different reasons. For school-age children, it means going back to school the following day. For many young people, it means going to high school or to college or university. For us as seniors, it certainly shows that the older we get the faster the clock seems to run! Another summer is almost over.

For those who were active in the labour movement, Labour Day is a day of celebrating the better working conditions which were finally achieved after years of negotiations with management. Those factory owners were often reluctant to share their profits with workers who often struggled with repetitive strain injuries, while producing the products that brought about those profits.

I remember so vividly the strong attitudes of the “**us vs. them**” conflicts which were evident during the 1946 strike at Stelco, in Hamilton. Thousands of Stelco steelworkers walked off the job, pressing for higher wages, a 40-hour work week, and the recognition of their union, the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1005. That bitter strike lasted for 81 days and severely divided the community. It led to the recognition of that mighty steelworkers union, and helped define the country’s post-war labour movement.

A biblical view of work and rest is found in **Deuteronomy 5:12-15** (NKJV) - the fourth of the ten commandments:

Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy,
as the Lord your God commanded you.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.

In it you shall do no work...

And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,
and the Lord your God brought you out from there
by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm;
therefore, the Lord your God commanded you
to keep the Sabbath day.

To keep it **holy**, means to **separate** this day for worship in gratitude to our Creator and Lord. On the Sabbath, we are to rest from work and celebrate God’s good gifts. We dedicate this time to the Lord by resting and by praising Him for His blessings.

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LABOUR DAY

Monday, September 6th, 2021

FUN FACTS about Labour Day

Labour Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievement of workers.

Labour Day had its origins in the labour day movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.

In Canada, Labour Day is a public statutory holiday, observed on the first Monday in September, since 1894.



FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

Wednesday, September 22nd at 3:20 pm EDT



LAUGHTER

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”

If someone throws a stone at you, throw a flower at them.
But remember to throw the flower pot with it.



2021 TRILLIUM AWARD!



Evergreen Terrace has received the **2021 Trillium Award**, from the Grimsby Garden Club and the Town of Grimsby!! The annual Trillium garden recognition program recognizes the design and maintenance of exceptional gardens, and bestows these awards for the most beautiful front gardens, viewable from the street.

(Of course, ALL our gardens at Evergreen are as beautiful as the street view!!)

Congratulations to our skilled, creative, and hard-working Gardening committee!



Our GARDENING committee!

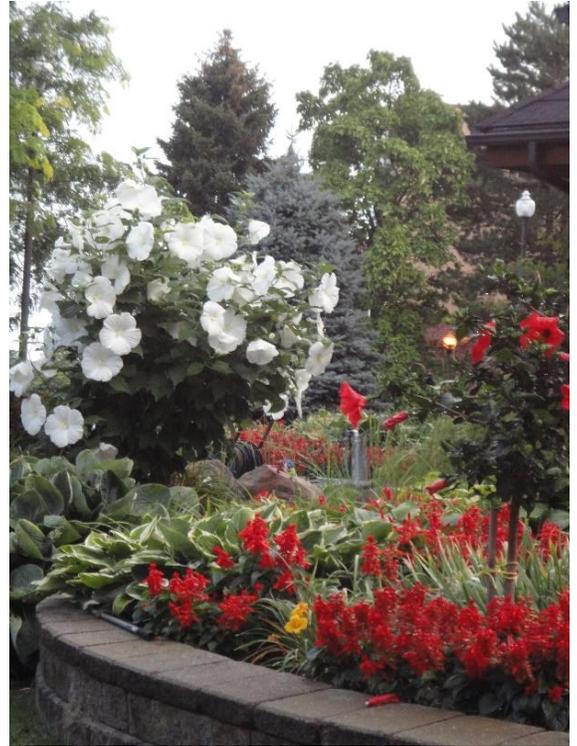
From LEFT to RIGHT:

Front row: Geraldine Kegel (holding Trillium award),
Audrey Pieters,
Gerald Pieters,
Dini Post,
Eve Baartse

Back row: John Koorneef,
Eric Stieva,
John Vandermeulen,
Maynard Smid,
Jack DeRoos

TRIBUTE to BILL KEGEL

In memory of Bill Kegel, and as a lasting tribute to him, Residents' Council is making plans to plant a tree (with a memorial plaque) in his honour in the courtyard by the gazebo. We remember and appreciate Bill's expertise and experience in gardening, his creativity and skill in landscape design, and his leadership of the Gardening team.



From the LADIES GUILD:

We had hoped to start meeting together again in September, but caution dictates that we divert this to later.

There are a few things to report. First of all, initially we will start knitting toques for Seamen (Montreal's Harbour) and for children (City Kids Welland). Needles, wool, or a pattern are available.

We have received and purchased some yarn, but the boxes in the cupboard are all but empty. If you know of anyone that would like to donate, please encourage them to do so.

4 large and 3 smaller afghans are being donated to the Deacons at Mountainview Church for the refugee family that is awaiting transfer to Canada. More than 40 afghans and approximately 50 placemats have been donated to Indwell. This will clear out our cupboard!

We start again with renewed enthusiasm and urge you to join us.

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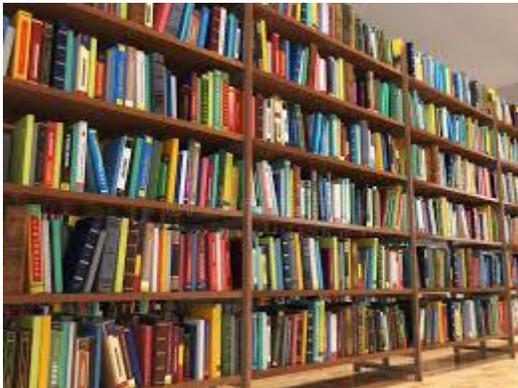
LIBRARY Committee:

Our Library (in the Willow Room) has served our reading residents well over the years. Our Dutch books are still very popular! Of course, we know that in a few years most of our residents will no longer be interested in books by DeVries or van der Hulst or any of the other Dutch authors who were so popular in the early years of this century. The last donation of Dutch books that we received has been added to our library, but we would rather not add any more to our library. Besides, our shelves can have only so many books on them, and they are already over-burdened.

The list of new books has been printed and is attached to the side of our bookcase.

The committee is considering conducting a cleansing exercise of the entire library. A good number of books have never been of any interest to our residents. We will try to identify them and pass them on to the GBF or the Mission Thrift Store. It's a daunting job, but it needs to be done.

In the meantime, dear fellow readers, enjoy getting lost in a good story while your eyes and minds are good enough to read one of the many exciting books that we have for you in the Willow Room. - PDB



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee:

We have had two very enjoyable events in the gazebo - John Kralt's farewell gathering, and Trudy Terpstra's birthday celebration.

Since those events were so successful, Residents' Council has approved to re-start the Wednesday afternoon coffee socials in the gazebo, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, weather permitting.

Want to be sure to get a seat?? Bring your own chair!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board in the front hall for announcements or cancellations.

We hope to meet up with you all there! - AP



MOVIE NIGHT

This month, on **Friday, September 17th at 7 pm**, we will, Deo Volente, resume the monthly movie nights! For this month we have chosen to show a warm-hearted film called: **To Joey – with Love**. It is a documentary type of movie which will “tug at your heart strings”. To find out what this means, you'll have to come and join us.

Please **sign up** on the sheet which will be posted on the Willow Room door, beginning on Monday, September 13th. COVID protocols will be in place for the movie night. If needed, a second showing will be held the following day.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE:

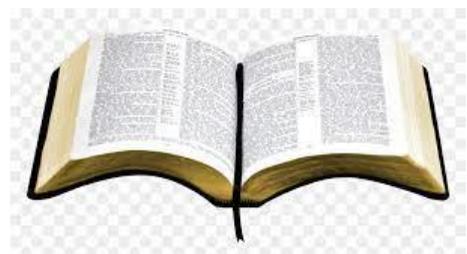
We are grateful that the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic are finally being relaxed somewhat as we are now in stage 3 of the provincial reopening process. This means that we may resume some indoor activities, as long as those who are not a married couple are staying 6 feet away from each other. We may have a maximum of 25 people in the Willow Room.

We can start the Bible studies again!

Pastor Dick Wynia will resume his studies of the Epistle of James on Tuesday September 21st at 9:30 am in the Willow Room. (On the third Tuesday of every month.)

Also, the Thursday evening prayer meetings will begin again on September 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Willow Room. As a Christian lifestyle community, we pray for one another, especially those who have experienced difficult times of loss or illness. As seniors we know our total dependency on our Lord as the giver of life. Even every breath and heartbeat are His gifts to us.

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**Notes from the desk of the
PROPERTY MANAGER:**

COVID-19

With the relaxed restrictions of Stage 3 of the provincial re-opening plan, it was decided to discontinue the frequent cleaning of the common touch areas, such as the handrails in the hallways, the stairwell railings, elevator buttons, and so on. We would like to thank ALL those involved in whatever capacity in helping to clean and disinfect the common touch points throughout the building.

New Residents

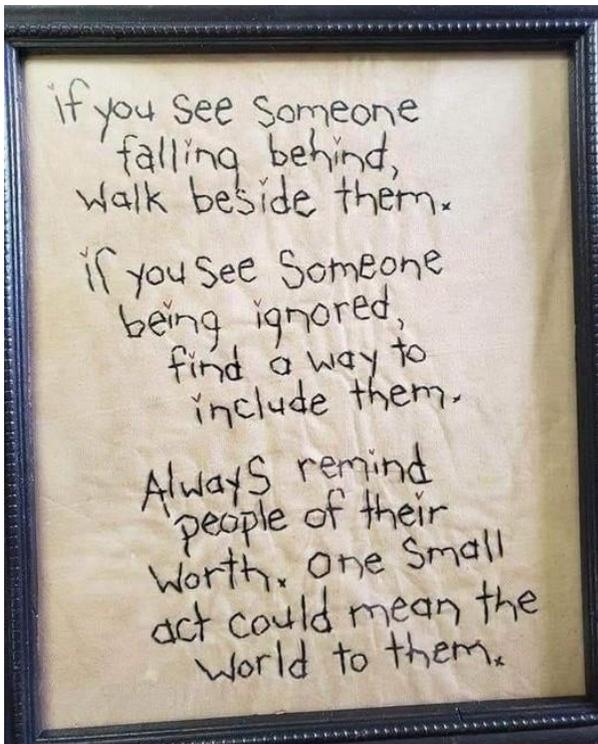
We extend a hearty welcome to Rieke Van Dyk in suite 406, to Gerry and Harmina Wikkerink in suite 319, and to Bill and Trudy Hofland in suite 107. We hope that soon you will feel at home in Evergreen Terrace and become an active part of our community.

Water

I do not want to make the newsletter into a platform to express opinions or enforce rules. But I feel this is noteworthy. In the past few weeks, we have had a couple of instances where a tap was left running unattended, which lead to water leaking down to the floors below. Fortunately, there was no serious damage done.

It is highly recommended that if you do need to fill a sink or bathtub with water, that you **stay with it** until you have the desired amount of water, and then turn the water off. This will prevent any overflowing and possible damage to your neighbours' property. -JV

WORDS of WISDOM



NEW NEIGHBOURS!

In July:

Bob and Truus **de Haan** – Unit 111
(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx
(cell) xxx-xxx-xxxx

Gerry and Harmina **Wikkerink** – Unit 319
(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

In August:

Bill and Trudy **Hofland** – Unit 107
(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

Rieke Van Dyk – Unit 406
(cell) xxx-xxx-xxxx

We welcome to you all into our midst!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Dirkje Koster	Zuidhorn, GR, NL	51
5	Bill Vermeer	De Lier, ZH, NL	50
9	Joanne DeBoer	Apeldoorn, GE, NL	11
12	Dave VanAmerongen	Den Haag, ZH, NL	40
12	Richard Blomberg	Buren, GE, NL	41
16	John Koornneef	Pijnacker, ZH, NL	30
17	Geoffrey Ellis	Grimsby, ON, CA	30
20	Ina Spekkers	Amsterdam, NH, NL	30
22	Jack DeRoos	Haula, FR, NL	21
24	Lois Whewell	Hamilton, ON, CA	40
26	Mary Alkema	Rotterdam, ZH, NL	20
28	Joka VanAmerongen	Scheveningen, ZH, NL	40
29	Tinie DeJager	Sneek, FR, NL	20
29	Kit Rustenburg	Arnhem, GE, NL	31
29	Greta Vandermeulen	Oegstgeest, ZH, NL	31

Happy Birthday!!

From RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

We gathered for coffee and delicious cake in the gazebo on Friday July 31st, to bid farewell to our favorite custodian, **John Kralt**, and to wish him well for his retirement.

Thanks to Audrey Pieters and her team for organizing this successful, well-attended event!

We appreciate that Adrian Dieleman, Joanne Dieleman and Kit Rustenburg will work together as our Photo Directory Photography team! Thanks!

Attached to this newsletter is an updated list of all the Evergreen Committees. **Please keep that list** for your reference. - LT



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