

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

Here in Canada, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the second Monday of October. The primary reason for this celebration is to give thanks for the blessings of abundant food which the earth produced again during the past growing season. Try to imagine how much food is needed to feed 6.7 billion people here on earth, plus all the animals that are fed, or find their food every day.

As seniors, many of us remember the *hunger winter* that took place in the German-occupied Netherlands, during the winter of 1944-1945, before the end of World War II. A German blockade cut off food shipments from farm towns, and an estimated 20,000 people died of starvation in Holland. During that *hunger winter*, we remember that many people came to the farms to buy or to beg for food. My mother was always generous in giving grain or potatoes to those people, while my father cautioned her by saying "but we have to eat too".

Let us think how we should respond to the claims of climate change, and how that will affect the food supply. They predict that climate change will reduce our food production. We must act now to save our environment.

Meteorologists can explain how the four seasons happen because the earth tilts more *toward* the sun in the summer, and *away* from the sun in the winter, which gives us shorter, colder days during the winter season.

But they fail to give credit to God Almighty, who is the creator of the universe, and provides for every living creature. According to His promises in Genesis 8:22

While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease.

This month, let us sing the hymn "Count Your Blessings":

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

We wish you all a most blessed Thanksgiving.

- BL

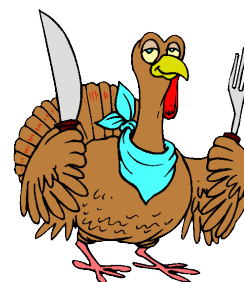
THANKSGIVING DAY

Monday, October 11th, 2021

Thanksgiving is a national holiday, which began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada, on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same time of the year in other countries.



Give thanks with a grateful heart.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Q: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?

A: He suspected fowl play.

Q: What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving?

A: Lucky.

Q: What are turkeys most grateful for?

A: Vegetarians.

WORDS of WISDOM



MEMORIAL FUND:

To honour the memory of each resident who has passed away, a donation is given to the charity chosen by the spouse or the family. In October, the Memorial Fund committee will come around to collect donations for that fund. - IS

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee:

We have had several nice social gatherings in the gazebo. As long as the weather cooperates, we will keep it going. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for announcements.

The Social Activities Committee has one BIG request to all of you who are planning a special occasion in the gazebo. PLEASE let one of the committee members know *at least a week ahead of time*, so we can plan accordingly.

Hoping COVID restrictions will ease more, so that we can start having regular Wednesday coffee socials in the Willow Room again. Stay tuned. - AP



RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

In honour of Bill Kegel, a dogwood tree has been planted near the gazebo. A memorial plaque will be installed later.

- LT

LADIES GUILD:

You are invited to attend our first meeting this fall on October 7th at 2:00 pm in the Willow Room. We will discuss what we will do for the coming year. Please note that COVID restrictions will be in place (6 feet apart and wearing masks). Join us for a cup of tea.

- MS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5	John DeJager	Waskemeer, FR, NL	205
7	Abe Knegt	Den Hoorn, ZH, NL	421
8	Peter DeBruyne	Veere, ZE, NL	401
15	Joanne Dieleman	Schiedam, ZH, NL	317
18	Jake Hoek	Katwijk, ZH, NL	307
22	Bill Hofland	Naaldwijk, ZH, NL	107
22	Gerry Wikkerink	Bredevoort, GL, NL	319
24	Fred DeBeer	Nes, FR, NL	207
25	Rieke Van Dyk	SURINAME	406
28	(Betsy Heersink)	Aalten, GE, NL	404

Happy Birthday!!



On the Friday evening of October 15th, we hope to have another showing. "The Blind Side is a movie about football, but it's smarter about the priceless thing known as family," so says a journalist giving a very favourable review of this movie. The film is based on true life, with the real people being interviewed at the conclusion.

The sign-up sheet will be posted starting on Monday, October 11th.

We will be able to have 20 persons in the room, so the earlier you sign up, the greater opportunity to have a reserved seat. See you there!

- BVH



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