

# Views from the Terrace

## DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

In October we celebrated Thanksgiving Day, and we counted our many blessings, including abundant food. We never have to worry about where our next meal is coming from.

We also noted how privileged we are to live in the Niagara Peninsula, where we enjoy a stable climate and unique *flora and fauna* in this region. Have you ever tried to count all the hawks and raptors as they soar high above the escarpment? Notice how little they move their wings, as they are carried by the prevailing wind currents, and the vertical updrafts, which lift them higher in the sky.

Grimsby has also been known for its many orchards and peach trees. We remember that there were many canning factories in the area. Peaches, apples, cherries, pears, tomatoes and other local fruits were canned here. During the war years, canned foods were sent to soldiers overseas. We are blessed to reside in such a bountiful region.

Let us consider a far more impressive aspect of why we are so grateful to live here. We will never forget the many Canadian soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our freedom. On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, we renew our sincere pledge to remember them. We wear red poppies to remind us of all those brave soldiers.

We appreciate the beautiful poem “In Flanders Fields”, written by Dr. John McRae in 1915:

In Flanders Fields, the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row...

The poem’s references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of fallen soldiers resulted in the poppy becoming one of the world’s most recognized memorial symbols for soldiers who have died in conflict.

May those soldiers never be forgotten.

- B.L.

*Editor’s Note:* “In Flanders Fields” is a war poem written during the First World War, by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McRae (1872–1918). He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of a friend and fellow soldier, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres, in the Flanders region of Belgium. “In Flanders Fields” has become one of the most quoted poems from the war.

## REMINDER:

Turn your clocks **back** one hour at 2 am on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## In Flanders Fields

(By Dr. John McRae)

In Flanders Fields, the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

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

Some of this may be old news to you, because I missed the deadline for the October issue of the *Views from the Terrace*. But I thought that it would still be good to share it with you all.

**From the Board**

At their last meeting, the Board of Directors was presented with the proposed budget for 2022, and they accepted an increase in the budget of 2%. Everyone will receive updated information as to the new amount of the monthly occupancy fee and when that will begin.

**Sold Suites**

Suite 411 was sold on September 2, 2021 to Evelyn VanderMeer. The closing date is November 1, 2021.

Suite 211 was sold on September 8, 2021 to Vlado (Walter) and Mary Mlacak. The closing date is December 15, 2021.

Suite 208 was sold on September 21, 2021 to Arie and Gilda Bijl. The closing date is December 17, 2021.

**LED Lighting**

We are in the process of converting a lot of our light fixtures to LED. This will not only save us on hydro, but also on parts required as we will no longer need to purchase ballasts. *-J.V.*

**MEMORIAL FUND:**

THANK YOU all so much for your generous donations to the Memorial Fund. Our collection is completed, having collected \$1,310. We pray that this may last a long time. Thank you again. *- I.S., C.K., A.P.*

**LAUGHTER**

*“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”*

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque.

It was covered with names, with Canadian flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, “Good morning, Alex.”

“Good morning, Pastor”, he replied, still focused on the plaque. “Pastor, what is this?”

The pastor replied, “Well, son, it’s a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.”

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, “Which service - the 9:30 or the 11 o’clock?”

**SAFETY committee:**

There will be a meeting of **ALL** members of the Safety committee on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Willow Room. *- G.dR.*

**TRANSPORTATION committee:**

Our volunteer drivers provide rides for our residents at the following rates: (a) \$6 in town, (b) 35 cents per km out of town, (c) parking charges extra.

To make arrangements for a ride, contact Henk Heersink at xxx-xxx-xxxx *as much in advance as possible.*

*- H.H.*

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee:**

Fall is upon us and the temperatures are dropping. Therefore, we have to discontinue our gazebo coffee socials. We hope that we can resume our coffee socials in the Willow Room, depending on provincial restrictions. Keep watching the bulletin boards for announcements. Looking forward to meeting again.

*- A.P.*

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

5	(Konny DeBoer)	Haulerwijk, FR, NL	407
6	Gertie DeRoos	Kollumerpomp, FR, NL	216
6	Chris Drost	Ruinerwold, DR, NL	412
7	Horace Hryciw	Winnipeg, MB, CA	116
9	Dick Wikkerink	Aalten, GE, NL	414
12	Coby Krikke	Bergentheim, OV, NL	514
13	Gerry Spekkers	Amsterdam, NH, NL	306
20	Truus De Haan	Willemstad, CURACAO	111
28	Mary Vermeer	Maasdijk, ZH, NL	505
28	Wendy Wall	Hamilton, ON, CA	518
29	Leo Dyk	Ten Boer, GR, NL	202

**Happy Birthday!!**

**RESIDENTS’ COUNCIL:**

In honour of Bill Kegel, a dogwood tree was planted in September near the gazebo. A memorial plaque has been ordered, to be placed by that tree. Watch the bulletin boards for notice of when the plaque will be installed.

*- L.T.*



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