

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

As we open our calendars for the new year A.D. 2022, we acknowledge that as seniors, many of us no longer make New Year's resolutions. Instead, we accept each day that the Lord gives us as His gift to us. We are grateful as we count our blessings and praise Him for His goodness to us. We make a conscious choice to be thankful for all the things that we still can do and experience every day.

We do have hopes for the New Year.

We hope that the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions will be history in the not-too-distant future, that we will no longer need to maintain 2 metres distance from others, and that things may be back to normal soon.

Just think about not having to wear a mask every time we leave home. Sometimes we find it difficult to recognize our neighbours' faces hidden behind those masks.

While we are reminiscing about those "good olden days" before COVID, we remember that we used to have annual meetings, where new residents were introduced, and we could chat with neighbours that we did not see on a regular basis.

To build and maintain a sense of community, we must be doing things together. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, many of our weekly and monthly activities had to be suspended. Our monthly hymn-sings had to be cancelled; we miss singing those old familiar hymns together. Because of the pandemic, we have been unable to gather together for our annual memorial service to pay tribute to those residents who have passed away during the past 12 months.

One of our wishes for the new year is that the disease will be brought under control as more people are being vaccinated, and that the number of new COVID cases will be declining soon.

Our response is not to give in to *fear* for what could happen in 2022, but to live by *faith* that God has total control. With that assurance, may we wish each other a happy and most blessed new year.

- B.L.

2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL!!



Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.
We are prepared to take off into the New Year.
Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position.
All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time.
All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.
Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer.
Prayers will be automatically activated by Faith.
Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.
There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.
God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.
Destination – GREATNESS!
Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS.
Stay Blessed!
And welcome to 2022.



LADIES GUILD:

In December, we donated the following items, handcrafted with **care** and **skill** by the Ladies Guild:

To Rose City Kids:

- 90 hats, 41 headbands, 31 pairs of socks, 11 pairs of slippers, 3 scarves, 1 pair of gloves, 14 handcrafted toys, and 11 plush toys.

To the Grimsby Life Centre:

- 3 baby blankets, 1 play set (pad, blocks, receiving blanket), 6 baby sweaters, 2 toddler sweaters, 4 pairs of socks, 3 muffs.

Some of those donated items are pictured below.

- L.T.



SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Note that the first Bible Study in January (with Pastor Schuringa) has been postponed to **Tuesday January 11th** (at 9:30 am). The second Bible Study (with Pastor Wynia) will be on **Tuesday January 18th** (at 9:30 am).

- B.L.



MOVIE NIGHT:

In this time of uncertainty about the COVID variants, we may not be able to have the movie night in January. But if the restrictions are lifted, we will be ready. Please see the door of the Willow Room for a message or sign-up sheet on Monday, January 17th, 2022.

- B.VH

NEW NEIGHBOURS!

In December:

Evelyn **VanderMeer** – Unit 411
(cell) xxx-xxx-xxxx

Walter and Mary **Mlacak** – Unit 211
(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

Arie and Gilda **Bijl** – Unit 208
(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

We welcome to you all into our midst!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Bertha Vermeer	Beilen, DR, NL	118
4	Sara Blomberg	Amersfoort, UT, NL	419
11	Fytje Wielink	Ede, GE, NL	104
21	John Bergshoeff	Pijnacker, ZH, NL	509
25	Harmina Wikkerink	Onstwedde, GR, NL	319
31	Ria VanLuik	Wieringermeer, NH, NL	308

Happy Birthday!!

ON THE MOVE

Some of our neighbours have moved:

In November:

Dorothy Veenhof

- from Evergreen #417 to Lincoln Park

In December:

Peter Biesheuvel

- from Evergreen #511 to McNally House Hospice

You will be missed!

MEMORIAL FUND:

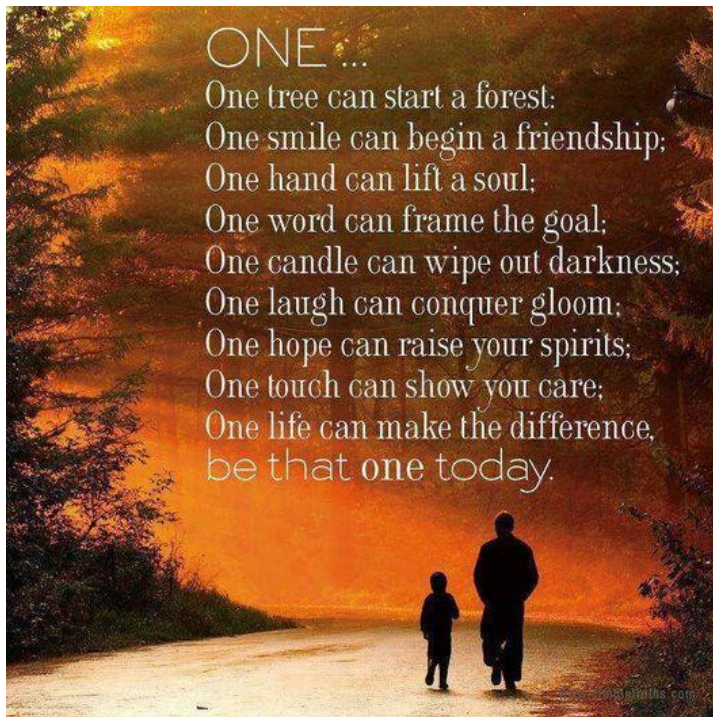
To honour each resident who has passed away, a memorial donation is given to the charity chosen by the spouse or the family.

Here is a summary of the eight memorial donations made during the year 2021:

- Anchor Homes
- Beacon Christian School
- Great Lakes Bible College
- Grimsby Life Centre
- Heritage Christian School
- Shalom Manor (x 3)

- A.P., I.S.

WORDS of WISDOM



RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Attached to this January newsletter is an updated list of all the Evergreen committees. **Please keep that list** for your reference.
- L.T.

Notes from the desk of the PROPERTY MANAGER:

New Residents

Vlado (Walter) and Mary Mlacak moved into Suite 211 on December 7, 2021 and Arie and Gilda Bijl moved into Suite 208 on December 17, 2021. Welcome and may you soon feel at home and part of the Evergreen community.

Sold Suites

Suite 305 was sold to Peter and Nellie Oosterhof, with a closing date of January 7, 2022. Suite 102 was sold to Jeffrey and Michelle Zondag, with a closing date of January 19, 2022.

Repairs

The repairs to the apartments and the common areas that were damaged by the water leak is still ongoing. Martha Tamming has been out of her apartment since the incident occurred and has been living with her daughter. We are thankful that this was possible, and we look forward to the time that Martha can move back into her home here at Evergreen.

I do hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and was able to spend time with family to some degree, considering the precautions that government has put in place due to the fast-spreading Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus. Also wishing you all a blessed New Year.

- J.V.

LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

I was going to quit all my bad habits for the New Year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

Wishing you all the best for 2022.



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