

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

In the month of December, we celebrate God's greatest gift to mankind, which is so well-defined in **John 3:16** (NKJV):

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

It is the Advent season, the thanksgiving for His coming to earth to reveal God's infinite love and His desire to restore sinners to a renewed relationship with Him. That is God's offer to all who recognize our need for His love to us and for His forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings. No one can earn their own salvation. No one deserves His favour, for we all fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, it is by grace through faith alone that we may accept His plan of salvation. In **John 14:6** (NKJV):

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

We rejoice that the Holy Spirit assures us of His great plan of salvation for each of us, as Jesus said of the Holy Spirit in **John 16:14** (NKJV):

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is that He is helping us to understand God's word better. We all pray for spiritual growth, as we sing in the hymn:

Day by day... I pray... to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day...

We have the Holy Spirit's help in supporting us spiritually, so that we may continue to grow to be more Christ-like.

1 John 3:2 (NKJV):

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

In the Advent season, we not only look back at Christ's coming to earth 2,022 years ago, but we also look forward to His imminent coming again in glory to establish His kingdom here on earth. We wish you and yours a most blessed Advent and Christmas season.

- B.L.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25th, 2022



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee:



On Friday December 9th, there will be a Christmas Dinner in the Willow Room, catered by "Intimate Occasions". The cost is \$25 per person, which can be paid that evening at the door of the Willow Room. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm.

The signup sheet was posted in the lobby on November 26th. Seating is limited to 48 people, and already 48 residents have signed up. Now a wait list has been posted.

The Social Activities committee wishes everyone a HAPPY holiday season and a BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

- A.P.

LADIES' GUILD:

The Ladies Guild meets every Thursday afternoon, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Willow Room. All are welcome!

- L.T.



WORDS of WISDOM

*The world is changed by your example,
not by your opinion.*

Notes from the desk of the PROPERTY MANAGER:

Fire Avert

Your kitchen stove has a “Fire Avert” unit installed which works with your kitchen smoke alarm. When this alarm is set off by either smoke or heat, it will automatically (within 30 seconds) turn off the power to your stove. Silence your smoke alarm by pushing the button on the alarm unit. You can restore the power to your stove by switching the stove breaker in your electrical panel off, and then back on.

Storage Lockers

Turning off lights is usually a good thing. It only becomes a problem when there is someone in the room when you turn the lights off. Such was the case on more than one occasion for a resident trying to access his storage locker off the basement hallway. Someone was trying to be a *Good Samaritan* by turning off the lights in the storage locker area while passing by and seeing the lights on. Please continue to be *Good Samaritans* and turn the lights off, but ensure that there is no one in the locker area before doing so, by calling out first. This will prevent an accident from happening.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas with family and friends.

– J.V.

ON THE MOVE

In November:

Margaret Spoelstra

- from Evergreen #214 to Shalom Gardens

You will be missed!



NEW NEIGHBOUR!

In November:

Noreen Smith – Unit 417

(C) xxx-xxx-xxxx

We welcome you into our midst!



HOME ALONE??

or with the two of you??

Why not join us on **New Year's Eve** in the Willow Room for some **FUN** and **FELLOWSHIP!**

The coffee and tea will be ready at 9 pm, with **OLIEBOLEN** and **APPELFLAPPEN!**

Feel free to bring a snack, tell a funny story, or read us a poem. We may play a game or sing a song.

There will be **EGGNOG** and **WINE!**

And who knows what else will be available?!

A donation of \$5 is requested to cover the costs.

(Donation box will be at the door).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please talk to Joanne or Adrian Dieleman or Audrey Pieters.

Hope to see you there!

- A.P.



MOVIE NIGHT

The December movie will have an indirect Christmas theme. It is called “**No Snow This Christmas**”. Please note that this month, the showing will be one week earlier than usual, on Friday December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

- B.VH.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Peggy Skursky | N. IRELAND | 219 |
| 1 | Frederika Van Hoffen | Leeuwarden, FR, NL | 312 |
| 2 | Evelyn VanderMeer | Bolsward, FR, NL | 411 |
| 7 | Diane Adams | Niagara Falls, ON, CA | 203 |
| 8 | Clarence Alkema | Harlingen, FR, NL | 405 |
| 13 | Frances Stegne | SLOVENIA | 210 |
| 25 | Olga Dekker | Peize, DR, NL | 304 |
| 28 | Cisca DeVries | Rotterdam, ZH, NL | 112 |

Happy Birthday!!

TRANSPORTATION Committee:



Our volunteer drivers provide rides for our residents at the following rates: (a) \$6 in town, (b) 40 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.*

LAUGHTER

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”

Q: What do Santa’s elves learn at school?

A: The elf-abet.

Q: What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa’s workshop?

A: A rebel without a Claus.

Q: What do grapes sing at Christmas?

A: ‘Tis the season to be jelly.

FUN FACTS **about Boxing Day**

Boxing Day is a holiday celebrated after Christmas Day, occurring on the second day of Christmastide (December 26th). Though it originated as a holiday to give gifts to the poor, today Boxing Day is primarily known as a shopping holiday.

It originated in Great Britain and is celebrated in a number of countries that previously formed part of the British Empire. In Canada, Boxing Day (French: *le Lendemain de Noël*) is a federal statutory holiday.

LIBRARY Committee:

This month, we were able to welcome Kinsey Smith as a new member of the Library committee.

With some of the new donations, it is necessary to make everyone aware of the guidelines for these donations.

These include:

- (1) Religious study books cannot be received as donations.
- (2) Books that are in poor condition will be rejected.

We are pleased that the library continues to be well used.

- B.VH.



CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

- Oren Arnold

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas season.



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