

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

We are all pleased to learn that the restrictions that were issued to control the COVID-19 pandemic can finally be relaxed. As seniors, we know that we are the most vulnerable age group to be affected by COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019).

The World Health Organization has called for “achievement of 70% coverage with COVID-19 vaccines in all countries as a global imperative”. The acute phase of this disease could end this year, possibly by mid-2022.

We are pleased that the Bible studies may resume in March, with the restriction of 25 persons in the Willow Room, spaced two meters apart. We are required to continue to wear face masks, which helps to protect us and others from COVID.

We now ask ourselves whether this is the new normal? Or is COVID here to stay with us for a while longer?

It is natural for us to keep thinking about a difficult situation or a painful experience in our lives. Sometimes we just cannot get it out of our mind. Remember the familiar statement in the Bible: “And it came to pass”. That phrase appears 727 times in the King James Version of the Old Testament.

Things invariably change over time, and we must always be on our guard to understand that these changes are indeed part of God’s will for our lives.

There are a number of verses that apply to us now, just as much as they did 2,000 years ago.

We read in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV):

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

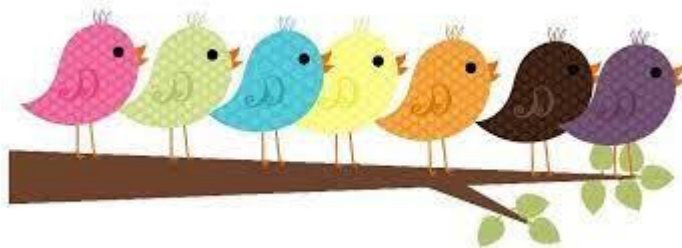
We are never to live by fear, but always by faith. To encourage others, we may say: “*Do you know God’s will for you in your situation?*”

We may be tempted to feel sorry for ourselves, to feel lonely, or not able to overcome our losses. But we must never forget that God is as close to us as just to mention His name. He knows our every thought, and feels our deepest hurts and our greatest losses. We may come to Him freely as forgiven sinners. **God is love.**

- B.L.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Sunday March 20th, 2022 at 11:33 am EDT



REMINDER:

Turn your clocks **forward** one hour at 2 am on Sunday March 13th!



ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Friday March 17th, 2022



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Ann Schroder | Dunnville, ON, CA | 315 |
| 4 | Margaret DeBeer | Ternaard, FR, NL | 207 |
| 7 | Jenny Smit | Balkbrug, OV, NL | 512 |
| 9 | Grace Stieva | Assen, DR, NL | 409 |
| 23 | Hilda DeVos | Den Haag, ZH, NL | 510 |
| 26 | Marie Heikoop | Haarlo, GE, NL | 301 |
| 29 | Lydia Koomans | Rotterdam, ZH, NL | 321 |
| 30 | Ronald Wall | Hamilton, ON, CA | 518 |
| 31 | Dini Post | Dalfsen, OV, NL | 105 |
| 31 | Jane Lensink | Borculo, GE, NL | 416 |

Happy Birthday!!

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

It is good to report that Suite 503, belonging to John Wybenga, has been sold to Terry and Lisa Talsma. Their intention is to rent out the suite. We still have 2 units for sale: 310 and 511. Please let your friends know, so that all apartments will be occupied.

It has been a challenge to do the semi-annual suite and furnace inspections; we are coming to the close of this task. The biggest challenge we are having is finding volunteers who can do this task. We are thankful for those who do come forward and do more than their share. Another challenge faced when doing this job is when there is shelving blocking the furnace. It is not advisable to store things in front of the furnace. This blocks the air flow to the furnace and the servicing cannot be done in an efficient manner.

It has been a while since the indoor parking garage has been cleaned because of the COVID restrictions. We hope to get this done at the end of March or beginning of April. If you are able to help with this task, please let me know either by visiting me in the office, or by giving me a call at the office (905-309-7888) during office hours, or by calling my cell (xxx-xxx-xxxx) any other time.

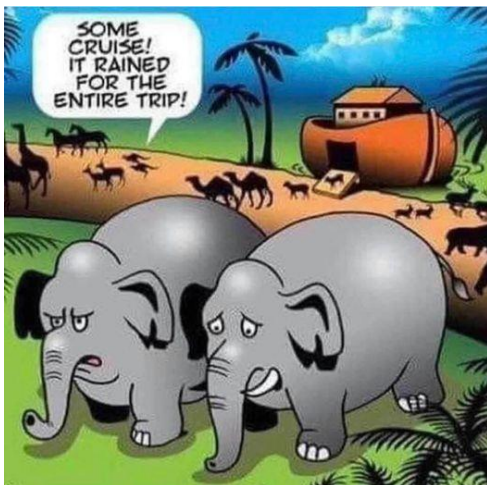
Walking though the hallways around dinner time can be a treat for some, but not so for others. There should be no cooking odors in the hallways, but that can only happen by turning on the exhaust fans above our stoves. Just a reminder to turn on the exhaust fan every time you cook.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to let me know, and I will see what I can do to answer your questions or resolve your concerns.

-J.V.

LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."



GARDENING committee:

We are looking for some helpers for our Gardening committee. If you like gardening, we would love to hear from you. All are welcome.... ladies and gents. We now have 5 gentlemen and 4 ladies. Let's see if we can get another Trillium Award!

If you are interested, please contact John Koornneef, Jan Visser, or Geraldine Kegel.

- G.K.



SAFETY committee:

There will be a meeting of the Safety committee on Tuesday March 22nd at 10:00 am in the Willow Room.

- G.dR.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES committee:

We are almost there. Many restrictions are being lifted. BUT there is still one major hurdle. MASKS. Masks are still mandatory for indoor gatherings. As soon as the mask mandate is lifted, we will restart the Wednesday afternoon coffee socials. Please watch for announcements on the bulletin boards in the lobby. We will post the start date there. May it be soon.

- A.P.

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MOVIE NIGHT:

The 2022 Winter Olympics are history. Canada's athletes have won many medals. The competition has been fierce with photo finishes; in one category of skating, there was only three one hundredths of a second difference between the gold medal and the silver. Many years ago, the time-keeping at the Olympics was not as accurate as today. But the urge to be the best and the fastest has been there from the beginning. This is clearly evident in the movie "**Chariots of Fire**" that will be shown at our next **Movie Night on Friday March 18th at 7:00 pm.**

No more sign-ups. No capacity limits after March 14th. We look forward to getting together again!

- B.VH.



After the winter, comes the spring.



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