

# Views from the Terrace

## DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

Have you heard that we live in the *banana belt* of Ontario? Here in the Niagara Peninsula, we have several advantages due to our unique location under the escarpment. The average temperature is two degrees higher, and we benefit from the prevailing southwesterly winds. I read an interesting article about the beautiful climate that we enjoy here, making this area known for its tender fruit orchards. (Maybe pears were grown at the corner of Main and Bartlett!)

Another amazing aspect of the climate here is the number of raptors in the air during the spring and summer. All of us have stood in awe, as we try to count them over the escarpment, as they soar for hours without moving a wing, carried by updrafts.

Even during the short, dark days of winter, we should look at the positive aspects of living here at Evergreen. Of the four seasons of the year, winter always seems to be the longest. By 5:00 pm, it is dark outside, and we avoid driving if we can. For some, health problems can be more challenging in the winter season. But when spring comes, we look for signs of new life: the forsythia blooms orange before any leaves appear, and daffodils begin to sprout.

So how should we approach the New Year, 2023? By looking at the things that will never change, and the most important one is God's promise that He will never leave or forsake us.

### **Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV):**

<sup>5</sup> ... be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Our Lord may not change the difficult circumstances that we find ourselves in, but we take comfort in the saying:  
*"If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it."*

This is reassuring for us as seniors, that we are never alone. Therefore, we face the New Year not by fear but by faith.

If we commit our ways to Him, He will direct our paths.

### **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV):**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.

We wish you all a happy, healthy New Year. - B.L.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, January 1st<sup>th</sup>, 2023



To leave the old with a burst of song;  
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
To forget the things that bind you fast  
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;  
To have the strength to let go your hold  
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;  
To dare go forth with a purpose true,  
To the unknown task of the year that's new;  
To help your brother along the road,  
To do his work and lift his load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

- Anonymous



## NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

The fun starts at 9 pm!!

For further information, please talk to Joanne or Adrian Dieleman or Audrey Pieters.

Hope to see you there!

- A.P.

## Notes from the desk of the PROPERTY MANAGER:

### Residents

We say farewell to one of the remaining original owner-residents, Fytje (Faye) Wielink, in Suite #104. She and her family decided that it was time (two weeks before her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday) that she would move to Shalom Manor to receive the pampering that she deserves. She made that move on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will miss you, Faye, and wish you God's blessing as you make Shalom Manor your new home.

On a sad note, I was informed that one of our former residents, Dick Wikkerink, passed away on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Also, Betsy Heersink, John Wybenga, and Joanne Postma, all former residents of Evergreen Terrace, passed away in December as well. Our heart goes out to the families as they mourn their losses.

### Christmas and New Year's Wishes

On behalf of the Board and Management of Evergreen Terrace, we hope that all our residents had a blessed Christmas, and we wish you all a **happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.**

- J.V.

### 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.*

### LIBRARY Committee:

The Library committee wishes to thank the ladies from the fourth floor, who rearranged the jigsaw puzzles on the shelves of the library, and took away a number of puzzles. The appearance of the library has much improved. Thank you.

Some Dutch books of a series on Africa are currently missing. If someone knows where these books may be, it would be appreciated if they were returned.

- B.VH.



## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

A huge round of applause to everyone who serves on our many committees, for all the work you have done over the past year! Evergreen would not be what it is without your dedication, efforts, talents, skills, and your willingness to serve. With sincere appreciation for all that you do.



### SAFETY Committee:

The Safety committee will meet on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Willow Room.

- G.dR.

### MEMORIAL FUND:

In 2022, we made 12 memorial donations as follows:

- McNally House Hospice - 3
- West Lincoln Memorial Hospital - 2
- Shalom Manor - 2
- Grimsby Life Centre - 2
- Niagara Christian Gleaners - 1
- Anchor Association - 1
- Indwell - 1

We will start 2023 with a balance of \$948.67. We thank you all for your participation in making these donations possible.

May we wish you all a BLESSED 2023.

- I.S.,A.P.,C.K.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Bertha Vermeer	Beilen, DR, NL	118
1	Neil Romkema	Leeuwarden, FR, NL	415
4	Sara Blomberg	Amersfoort, UT, NL	419
5	Nelly Oosterhoff	Eindhoven, NB, NL	305
13	(Peter Buma)	YIst, FR, NL	111
14	Walter Mlacak	CROATIA	211
25	Harmina Wikkerink	Onstwedde, GR, NL	319
31	Ria VanLuik	Wieringermeer, NH, NL	308

**Happy Birthday!!**

## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Niagara Elder Abuse Prevention Network  
in partnership with Crime Stoppers of Niagara  
presents:

# BE AWARE... TAKE CARE

A Safety Guide for our Community

### In this presentation, you will:

- Learn about Frauds & Scams and how to protect yourself
- Receive a free copy of the booklet:  
"Be Aware...Take Care"

### Upcoming Presentation:

**Place:** Evergreen Terrace in the Willow Room

**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023

**Time:** 2:30 pm

Hope to see you there! - L.T.

## 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.

## ON THE MOVE

### In December:

#### **Anne DeBruyne**

- from Evergreen #401 to Shalom Manor

#### **Fytje (Faye) Wielink**

- from Evergreen #104 to Shalom Manor

*You will be missed!*

## IN REMEMBRANCE

#### **Elisabeth (Betsy) Heersink**

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1930 - December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Gone from sight, but not forgotten.*



**Editor's Note:** The policy of this monthly newsletter is to report the death of each current resident of Evergreen (or their spouse) who has passed away.



## MOVIE NIGHT

Attendance to our monthly movie showings has been slowly increasing. If you have not been there yet, we'd love to see you!

The movie to be shown on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 has not yet been selected, but look for details of the movie, to be posted on the bulletin boards on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- B.VH.

## WORDS of WISDOM

Faith isn't a feeling.  
It's a choice to trust God,  
even when the road ahead  
seems uncertain.

## LAUGHTER

*"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."*

## PRAYER:

Dear Lord:

So far today, I am doing all right.

I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy,  
grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent.

I have not whined, complained, cursed,  
or eaten any chocolate.

I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute,  
and I think that I will really need your help then.

Amen.

## 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.

Wishing you peace in the New Year.



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