

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

I will never forget that I was invited to come to Canada as an immigrant. And I will never forget the privilege that I had to work at Stelco and to have the job that any one of those brave Canadian soldiers (who gave his life to liberate us from the Nazi's during WW2) would have had if they had come back alive. They gave their lives for our liberation from the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

Did you know that in 1944, Canada had a total population of just under 11 million inhabitants, and that 1.1 million (or ten percent of the total population) were directly involved in the war efforts. We know that roughly 750,000 served in the Canadian Army, 250,000 in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and 100,000 in the Royal Canadian Navy. A total of 44,090 soldiers died while serving in the Canadian military.

In the final months of WW2, Canadian forces were given the important and deadly task of liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation (from September 1944 to April 1945). The Canadian soldiers who died while fighting in the Netherlands during WW2 are buried in official war cemeteries across the Netherlands, including Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery near the city of Nijmegen, and Canadian War Cemetery at Holten. Visiting that cemetery at the Holten Canadian War Museum was an unforgettable experience for me.

Our town of Borculo, in the province of Gelderland, was liberated in the spring of 1945, on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

I remember so well that we could hear the rumble of all the Allied tanks and trucks, long before the jeeps came through. The main bridge in our town was blown up by the Nazi soldiers as they withdrew towards the German border. Therefore, all those military tanks and trucks had to take an unpaved road to reach the alternate river crossing. Those heavy trucks and tanks churned up the dirt road as they turned to cross the river on that narrower bridge.

Still today, Canada is fondly remembered by the Dutch for ending their oppression under the Nazi's.

Looking back, we have the assurance that our Lord has numbered our days before there were any, and has appointed the place where we should live.

- B.L.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Monday March 20th, 2023 at 5:24 pm EDT



REMINDER:

Turn your clocks **forward** one hour at 2 am on Sunday March 12th!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Friday March 17th, 2023



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Birthday!!

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

Residents

Our condolences go out to Arie Bijl (Suite 208) at the passing away of his wife Gilda and to Peter DeBruyne (Suite 401) at the passing away of his wife Anne. We wish them both strength from the Lord as they each grieve their loss.

Laundry Room

Hopefully, by the time you read this there will be a new washer and dryer installed in the laundry room in the basement. The old washer has been down for the past three months or so as we have been waiting for a replacement to come in. If the new machines last as long as the old ones, we should be set for a while.

Indoor Parking Garage

During my walks through the indoor parking garage, I have noticed that there are more and more items being stored behind vehicles. All extra items should be stored in the storage lockers that have been assigned to your suite. Storing items in the parking garage can add to the risk of fire and we would like to prevent fires from happening as much as we can.

It's hard to believe that two months have already passed in 2023. We have been blessed with (if I can say so) a mild winter. In March we look forward to spring and warmer weather.

Until next time, I wish you all the Lord's blessings.

- J.V.

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.



NEW NEIGHBOUR!

In February:

Mary Verrips – Suite 214

(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

(Husband Gerry resides in Shalom Manor)

We welcome you into our midst!



MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, March 24th. Posters will announce the selected movie for that night. We urge you to plan to be in the audience for this "night out".

- B.VH.

LIBRARY Committee:

New books are continuously being donated to the library for all residents to use. Please remember that only fiction and non-fiction books will be accepted for donation. This means that no study books, commentaries, or books with devotionals will be accepted for use in the library.

- B.VH.



WORDS of WISDOM

Resting is doing

You don't need to be *busy*. You don't need to justify your existence in terms of productivity. Rest is an essential part of survival. An essential part of us. An essential part of being who we are. When a dog lies in the sun, I imagine it does so without guilt, because as far as I can tell, dogs seem more in tune with their own needs. As I grow older, I think that resting might actually be the main point of life. To sit down passively, inside or outside, and merely absorb things – the tick of a clock, a cloud passing by, the distant hum of traffic, a bird singing – can feel like an end in itself. It can actually feel and *be* more meaningful than a lot of the stuff we are conditioned to see as *productive*. Just as we need pauses between notes for music to sound good, and just as we need punctuation in a sentence for it to be coherent, we should see rest and reflection and passivity – and even sitting on the sofa – as an intrinsic and essential part of life that is needed for the whole to make sense.



911 EMERGENCY

When calling **911**:
Remember that these emergency services
(fire and ambulance)
have access to a **master key**
which will **open any door** in the building.

LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

**I always knew I'd
get old. How fast
it happened was a
bit of a surprise,
though.**

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.*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Anne DeBruyne

June 21st, 1938 - February 17th, 2023

Gilda Bijl

June 26th, 1943 - February 17, 2023

Gone from sight, but not forgotten.



FUN FACTS

about **St. Patrick's Day**

- **St. Patrick wasn't actually Irish.**

Despite being the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick was born in Great Britain, in either Scotland or Wales. His parents were Roman citizens and he was born in 385 AD.

- **Patrick was not St. Patrick's given name.**

St. Patrick's given name was Maewyn Succat. It wasn't until he became a priest that he adopted a new name – Patrick, after Patricius (which relates to the Latin root meaning father).

- **St. Patrick isn't technically a saint.**

While he's been given the title in popular lore, St. Patrick was never actually canonised as a saint. However, many still recognise his contributions to the Catholic church and he remains a spiritual figure to this day.

GARDENING Committee:

Hello fellow residents and new residents:

It's time to start thinking about the gardens.

First, we have to say good-bye to Eve Baartse, as she is leaving the group for health reasons. We thank you for all your help in the past years.

We are looking for more helpers. If you are a new resident and like gardening, please come and join us. If you are wondering and would like to talk about it, come and see any one of us on the Gardening committee: Jack deRoos, Audrey Pieters, Dini Post, Maynard Smid, Eric Stieva, John Vandermeulen, and Harry DeVries.

- G.K.



Happy springtime!



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