

## Views from the Terrace

### DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day, an important memorial day in Canada. We pay tribute to those members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force who have died in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to serve in the armed forces.

Remembrance Day marks the official end of the hostilities of WW1. The armistice, which was signed in the early morning hours of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918, became effective that day, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918. But the free nations of Western Europe were again attacked and occupied by the brutal Nazi forces during WW2 from 1939 to 1945. In Canada, we are encouraged to stop whatever we are doing to observe one to two minutes of silence at 11 o'clock a.m. on Remembrance Day.

The red poppy has become a symbol of remembrance. It is the principal emblem of the Royal Canadian Legion, which distributes millions each year to be worn by Canadians to honour the memory of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to fight and conquer brutal forces. The significance of the poppy comes from the poem "In Flanders Fields", written by Canadian physician Dr. John McRae on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. This poem was written from the perspective of the fallen soldiers who are buried in Belgium, where red poppies grow in the fields where those soldiers are buried.

The end of WW2 in 1945 was 78 years ago. Yet many of us have vivid memories of that war. I vividly remember those large Allied airplanes (loaded with heavy bombs) that flew towards the industrial areas of the Ruhr River in western Germany. I remember when one of those planes was shot down and landed in our village in the Netherlands. Many windows in the village were shattered from the impact. The crew escaped and were hidden by courageous farmers and then were helped to return to safety to an arranged rendezvous in the North Sea. Many of us have memories that are still very clear in our minds all these years later.

May those brave soldiers never be forgotten.



- B.L.

### REMINDER:

Turn your clocks **back** one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>!



### REMEMBRANCE DAY Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023



### EVERGREEN PHOTO DIRECTORY (picture retakes)

Our Evergreen Photo Directories are being updated. If you want to have your picture retaken, OR if you are a new resident and have not had your photo taken yet, please come to the Evergreen lobby on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

If you cannot attend that photo session, please contact Herb Vissers (Suite 421) to make other arrangements.



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

**New Residents**

George and Catherine Petersen have moved into Suite 220 on September 28, 2023, and Geraldine Stieva moved into Suite 511 on October 5, 2023. We welcome them into Evergreen Terrace and hope that they soon feel at home here.

**Annual Residents' Meeting**

The Annual Residents' Meeting was held on Monday October 16, 2023 at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church. Attendance at this annual meeting seems to be falling over the years and this could be attributed to mobility challenges as the Evergreen Terrace population ages. Still, the ones who attended could enjoy the social aspect of the meeting, as well as be informed about activities and fire safety at Evergreen Terrace, and also enjoy a light lunch.

**Sound Advice?**

Just a word of advice: Just as it is wise not to leave your cooking on the stove unattended because of the risk of fire, also it is wise not to leave water running in a sink unattended. We did have some water damage happen recently for this reason. So, stay with your cooking, and stay with your sink that you are filling with water, so that unfortunate incidents can be prevented.

May God shower you with all His blessings.

- J.V.

**FINAL RESULTS of SURVEY**

Thanks to the many residents who responded to the survey conducted by Residents' Council regarding your preferences about the frequency of exterior window cleaning. From the total 75 responses received, the results were strongly in favor of cleaning the exterior windows once per year.

The survey results are summarized here:

**Residents in favor**

- |                                    |   |    |
|------------------------------------|---|----|
| (a) twice per year window cleaning | = | 9  |
| (b) once per year window cleaning  | = | 66 |

Thanks again to all who participated in the survey. Your responses are much appreciated!

- L.T.

**RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:**

We applaud Jan Visser and Dick Vermeer and so many others who made the Annual Residents' Meeting such a successful meeting. Well done!!

- L.T.

**NEW NEIGHBOURS!**

End of September:

**George and Catherine Petersen – Suite 220**  
(C) xxx-xxx-xxxx

October 5<sup>th</sup>:

**Geraldine Stieva – Suite 511**  
(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

November 15<sup>th</sup>:

**Emma Winter – Suite 418**

*We welcome you all into our midst!*



**ON THE MOVE**

October 20<sup>th</sup>:

**Bep Batenburg**  
- from Evergreen #410 to McNally House Hospice

*You will be missed.*

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

**Wilhelm (Bill) Muysson**  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1925 - October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Gone from sight, but not forgotten.*



**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.*

- H.H.

## Evergreen Terrace Board of Directors

Robert Heersink (Elected September 22, 2018) (Chairman)  
8 Hillview Drive, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E5

Esther Brooks (Elected June 2, 2021) (Vice-Chair)  
103 Peach Tree Lane, Grimsby, ON L3M 5C3

Don Drost (Elected September 18, 2019) (Treasurer)  
5297 King Street, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B3

Mary Alkema (Elected September 21, 2023) (Secretary)  
275 Main Street East, Unit 209, Grimsby, ON L3M 5N8

Joe Bok (Elected June 2, 2021)  
2329 King Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7

Henry Dekker (Elected June 21, 2022)  
275 Main Street East, Unit 304, Grimsby, ON L3M 5N8

Susan Smid (Elected September 22, 2020)  
275 Main Street East, Unit 420, Grimsby, ON L3M 5N8

Jim Stienstra (Elected June 21, 2022)  
3969 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Vineland, ON L0R 2C0

Murray Zwiép (Elected September 18, 2019)  
2831 Spiece Road, Vineland, ON L0R 2C0

Jan Visser (Appointed September 22, 2020) (Property Mgr)  
275 Main Street East, Unit 502, Grimsby, ON L3M 5N8

Dick Vermeer (Board Recording Secretary)  
275 Main Street East, Unit 505, Grimsby, ON L3M 5N8

## LIBRARY Committee:

Our library (in the Willow Room) has books by many well-known authors.

One of these authors is James Patterson. He has written non-fiction, thrillers, and romance novels. His books have sold more than 425 million copies, and he was the first author to sell more than one million e-books.

James Patterson was born in 1947 in New York into a working-class family. He has several degrees in English from prominent U.S. universities.

Check out one of his books today from our library.

- B.VH.

## LADIES' GUILD:

The Ladies' Guild meets every Thursday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee. Yarn is available for anyone who wants to make items for donation to charity. Please see Maria Smedes or Grace Stieva, to obtain yarn from the yarn closet.

- L.T.

## From the BOARD:

Greetings from your Board of Directors.

For those residents that did not make the Annual Residents' Meeting and lunch (October 16, 2023), we would like to emphasize what was said at the meeting, that as a Board, we need to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our residents who volunteer here at Evergreen Terrace in whatever way you do! We appreciate you. Your generosity with the gifts you have been blessed with, enhances the quality of life here. Again, THANK YOU!

Just a quick update on what the Board is doing. Our biggest work in progress is a re-evaluation of our marketing strategy; finding out what has worked in the past, what is not working, and how to improve for our future. Another ongoing task is policy review, which is continually reviewed and updated.

Respectfully yours on behalf of the Board

Rob Heersink  
Chairman



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	(Michael Woronchanka)	Hamilton, ON, CA	501
6	Gertie DeRoos	Kollumerpomp, FR, NL	216
6	Chris Drost	Ruinerwold, DR, NL	412
7	Horace Hryciw	Winnipeg, MB, CA	116
12	Coby Krikke	Bergentheim, OV, NL	514
19	Jake Sulyma	Grimsby, ON, CA	Custodian
26	Noreen Smith	Galahad, AB, CA	417
28	Mary Vermeer	Maasdijk, ZH, NL	505
28	Wendie Wall	Hamilton, ON, CA	518
29	Leo Dyk	Ten Boer, GR, NL	202

**Happy Birthday!!**

## WORDS of WISDOM

An Amish man was once asked by a tourist if he was a Christian?

His reply was, "You'll have to ask my neighbour."



## MEMORIAL FUND:

A collection was held to replenish our Memorial Fund. We are very grateful for all your donations, which totaled \$1,470. THANK YOU all so very much.

During our collection, a few residents were missed. If you still want to donate, please contact one of our committee members:

Ina Spekkers xxx-xxx-xxxx  
Coby Krikke xxx-xxx-xxxx  
Audrey Pieters xxx-xxx-xxxx

- A.P.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee:

What happened to the summer??  
It just flew by...

We are thinking about Christmas already. The plans are to have two Christmas dinners this year:

Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Watch the bulletin boards for more information.



- A.P.

## MOVIE NIGHT:

Please note that in November, our movie night will be one week earlier than its usual slot on the calendar. The movie to be shown on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> has not yet been finalized, but you can be sure it will be a good one.

- B.VH.

## LAUGHTER

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

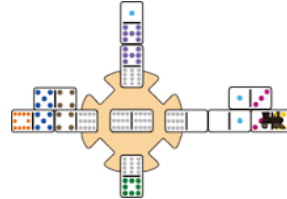
The easiest way to find something lost in the house is to buy a replacement.



## GAMES NIGHT!

Games Night happens every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Willow Room. Bring your favorite game(s) or choose from the games provided in the Willow Room, including **Dominoes, Mexican Train, Scrabble, Jenga, Dutch shuffleboard** (aka Sjoelbak), **cards, jigsaw puzzles, and more!!** Just show up, and play games with whoever else shows up! We've been having a lot of FUN!! Come join us!

- L.T.



Mexican Train



Scrabble

## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Residents' Council of Evergreen Terrace consists of five members (two men and three women) who are elected by the residents of Evergreen. Residents' Council meets every month and is responsible for overseeing matters that pertain to residents, including the activities of all Evergreen committees. All committees report to Residents' Council.

One member, Mary Alkema, is leaving Residents' Council to serve instead as secretary of the Board. We thank Mary for her years of serving on Residents' Council.

To fill that vacated position on Residents' Council, an election was held and Mary Mlacak (Suite 211) was voted into Residents' Council (at our Annual Residents' Meeting on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>). We thank Mary Mlacak for her willingness to serve on Residents' Council, and we look forward to working with her.

- L.T.



Happy November!



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