



## News for and from our Residents

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# *A View from the Terrace*

### DEAR RESIDENTS OF THE TERRACE

As you read these lines we are about to take our calendars down and we know that the year 2018 has almost come to an end. This year will be behind us and will only be a memory for us. Most of you will agree that for us as seniors it feels as if the years seem to fly by us all too quickly and the seasons come and go so rapidly. We feel as if it was only a few months ago that spring had just arrived and the flowering trees burst out in their beautiful bloom. It also seemed that summer was so short this year and that it was gone before we realized it. Then suddenly all the leaves on the trees changed into their beautiful fall colours and with the first frost all those leaves dropped to the ground. Every season has its own typical beauty. It is simply amazing how nature prepares the trees to withstand the strong winds of the long and cold winter season. The “deciduous” trees all lose their leaves in the fall and they are therefore so much better equipped to withstand those strong winds than when all the leaves were still on them. We never cease to marvel at the beauty of our Lord’s creation, but even more about His perfect and totally accurate control and maintenance of nature all around us. The seasons come and go every year in absolutely perfect order and regularity. His Promise after the flood in **Gen. 8:22** is so precious: *as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.* That hardly leaves any doubts or questions about Who is in charge of His Creation. Have you ever thought about what the Lord must think about those environmentalists who worry about global warming and who think that they are able to effectively control climate change? They believe that it is mankind which has produced all the pollution that has resulted in the heat waves and the extreme weather conditions that caused all the wild fires. They want to stop global warming by eliminating the burning of fossil fuels and therefore all of us should drive battery powered, electric vehicles with regenerative braking systems that produce zero emissions. As seniors we do not drive long distances anymore, so that could well be a good choice for our next vehicle. We should live responsibly, but He remains in control. B.L.

### E.T. BOARD AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### **Welcome to Evergreen Terrace**

We want to extend a hearty, though somewhat belated, welcome to Mr. Bill Vermeer as he joins our Evergreen Terrace community. He moved into suite 504 mid October. Welcome to Evergreen Terrace and wishing you God’s blessings in your new home.

#### **New Roof**

After 17 good years of service, the shingles on our roof are starting to show their age and as such are in need of replacement. In the spring of 2019 our entire roof is slated to be redone with a brand new cover. This time, rather than regular shingles we will be using steel covering with an expected lifetime of 2 to 3 times the old shingles. Until the weather warms up to do the entire job the company doing the work will do any patching necessary to keep the building dry. D.V.

### THE BOARD OF EVERGREEN TERRACE, 2019



Standing (l-r): Rob Heersink; Gerry VandenBerg; Rick Batenburg; John Koornneef; Dick Vermeer, Property Manager; Adrian Koornneef, Vice Chair.  
Sitting (l-r): P.J. Vermeer, Chair; Jennie Antonides, Secretary; Geraldine Kegel, Treasurer; Bonnie Desjardins.



**JACK & GERTIE  
DE ROOS**

**905 563 9392**

**SUIT 216**

**Please cut me out and put me in your picture book**

**PROFILE, JACK AND GERTIE DE ROOS, 216**

Both came here from the Netherlands. Gertie came in 1953 and Jack in 1957. They married in 1967 and moved to Grimsby into the building holding the current Grimsby Animal hospital. Gertie worked as a RPN for 30 years in Shalom Manor. Jack was a carpenter by trade and later became a building inspector, first in Stoney Creek and then in Hamilton. As their children observed, they came full circle as they now live across the street from where they started. Welcome to Evergreen Terrace.

**PROFILE, ISABEL AND MURRAY ALEXANDER, 519**

Isabel was born in Grimsby and Murray in Prince Edward County. They met through mutual friends in 1964 and got married at 1966 in Trinity United church in Grimsby. They moved to 10 Kerman Ave and lived there until they moved in here. Isabel was a teacher for many years in Park School in Grimsby. She belongs to several service clubs, enjoys dancing, playing games with her friends and travel. Murray worked as an Engineering Technologist for Westinghouse for many years and is involved in a number of service clubs. He was also a member of the Niagara Gateway Harmony barbershop chorus until its demise this past September. Welcome to Evergreen Terrace.

**PROFILE, BILL VERMEER, 504**

My name is Bill Vermeer and I moved here this past October. I have been a resident of Grimsby since I immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in 1952. Mary, my wife has resided in Shalom Manor since April 2017 and we have been married for over 66 years. I have been involved in businesses in my past and was also blessed with 11 children. Some of you may remember my son Walter who lived at Evergreen Terrace for over 10 years before he passed away in 2015. It is good to be here and I look forward to meeting many of you and to be a part of the Evergreen Terrace community.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1	Bertha Vermeer	Beilen	118
5	Rickie Brouwer	Harfsen	310
11	Fytje Wielink	Ede	104
17	Tena Hoiting	Appingedam	208
21	John Bergshoeff	Pijnacker	509
31	Ria VanLuik	Wieringermeer	308

**Happy Birthday**

**RESIDENTS COUNCIL REPORT**

We met on Thursday December 20, all members were present. The Residents Council would like to thank Rita and the Social activity committee for the lovely Christmas dinners. "Intimate Occasions" did a terrific job. The food was delicious, the atmosphere great; a good start of the Holiday season.

A BIG THANK YOU also goes out to all the volunteers in Evergreen Terrace. We won't name names or identify jobs. You know who you are, so much work goes unnoticed and is done for the good and enjoyment of our residents. 'THANK YOU' and keep it up!

The welcoming committee visited three new residents: Jack and Gertie de Roos, unit 216; Jan and Marian Visser unit 502, and Murray and Isabel Alexander, unit 519. We hope you feel soon at home here.

Then we were joined by two members off the Historical Society of Grimsby. They want to gather some information of the Dutch influence in Grimsby and save it in the archives for future reference purpose. You will hear more about it soon.

The Residents Council wishes you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!!! A.P.

**VISUAL ARTS REPORT**

JANUARY MOVIE: On Friday, January 18, the Visual Arts Committee will be showing HANS BRINKER, the classic story based on the children's novel set in 1860 Holland. You don't want to miss this movie about the ice skating race on the Ijsselmeer! P.D.

**GOOD BYE'S**

We had to say goodbye to John and Anna van Huizen from 510. They moved to Shalom Gardens, unit 305. Their new phone number is 905 309 2459. A.D.

The E.T. newsletter editor and staff wish everybody God's Blessings in the year of our Lord 2019. A.D.