



News for and from our Residents

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A View from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS OF THE TERRACE

On Thanksgiving Day we are all being encouraged to give thanks to God for His gracious provision of more than sufficient food for all of us. The celebrations of thanksgiving were first held by the Pilgrim settlers who landed in Massachusetts in December of 1621. Thanksgiving services were introduced to Canada in 1879 by the many refugees who were fleeing the civil war in the United States at that time. Gratitude for a successful year and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest have been held on the second Monday in October ever since. Allow me to point out how very important it is for our grandchildren to know why many of our generation made the decision to emigrate to Canada after WW2. All the families who experienced the hardships of the hunger winter of 1944 – 1945 will never forget how difficult it was to feed their children, when all the grocery stores were closed. Many people drove their bikes with wooden tires all the way across the country to the farms in our part of the country to buy potatoes and grain. On their way back home they had to carefully avoid the enemy soldiers who were out to confiscate it so they could consume it themselves. Is it any wonder that so many men after the war wanted to emigrate so they could be self-sufficient and have an acre of land to grow enough vegetables to feed their families and to have a couple of cows to supply them with milk? The opportunity of simply going to the nearest supermarket to buy any kind of fruit and vegetables that are grown anywhere in the world is a huge luxury indeed and certainly not a basic human right by any stretch of the imagination. Thanksgiving Day will always remain to be important and meaningful for our generation.

We have all seen the beautiful symbol of an abundant harvest, which is the *cornucopia*, the Horn of Plenty. This horn is filled with the fruit and vegetables which are being harvested at this time of the year. These displays are often made up of pumpkins, ears of corn and of all the tender fruits that grow so well here in the Niagara Peninsula. May all of us always count our blessings and be thankful for all of them. The apostle Paul tells us in **Philippians 4:6** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.* B.L.

E.T. BOARD AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Residents' Annual Meeting

A reminder to all our residents of our upcoming Annual Residents' Meeting to be held on Monday October 15th at 9:30am in the fellowship hall of the Mountainview church. Reserve this date on your calendar, as in years past this promises to be a wonderful social event with coffee, tea and goodies, an interesting guest speaker, followed by a light lunch.

Open House

Our Open House On Wednesday afternoon September 12th was a resounding success, with numerous guests attending and getting a guided, walking and talking tour, by resident volunteers throughout our building. It was followed by coffee, tea and cookies, served in the Willow Room. Again, our thanks to all our residents for your patience and your hospitable attitude shown to our visitors and in particular to all who took an active part in welcoming, guiding and hosting our visitors, to make this occasion a success.

Building Security

We recently met with an officer of the Niagara Regional Police to report and discuss the matter of un-authorised intruders in our building. The officer's main point of advice to prevent intrusion and theft in an apartment and condo type buildings is to keep your door locked at all times, even when or especially when you, the resident, are home.

The type of people we are dealing with here are very brazen in their approach and if caught in an apartment will have their story ready as to why they are in the "wrong" apartment. Remember safety and security is everyone's business.

WELCOME COMMITTEE REPORT

The Welcome Committee has visited the following new residents over the last couple of months:

Henry and Olga Dekker, Carol McDonald, Francis Stegne, Eve Baartse and Maria Kiss.

We hope you will soon feel at home amongst us!
Anne D. and Tina R.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

7	Abe Knegt	Den Hoorn	421
8	Peter DeBruyne	Veere	401
15	Joanne Dieleman	Schiedam	317
15	Tillie Roorda	Metslawier	419
16	Louise Boele	Weert	407
18	Jake Hoek	Katwijk	307
22	Margaret Aitken	P.E.I.	201
24	Fred DeBeer	Nes (Fr)	207
28	Frank Ritskes	Smilde	111
28	Betsy Heersink	Aalten	404
29	John Kralt	Grimsby	Office

Happy Birthday!!

RESIDENTS COUNCIL REPORT

The R.C. likes to thank Anne DeBruyne for her leadership, dedication, and hard work for Evergreen Terrace.

Since Anne is leaving the R.C. we are in need of a new member.

The residents of Evergreen Terrace have brought forward two names, and we ask you to consider who you would like to replace Anne.

Recommended are Mary Alkema, Suite 209 and Trudy Terpstra, Suite 520. One to be elected.

The voting will take place during the annual meeting on October 15th. Hope to see you all there. A.P.

RESIDENTS PICTURE BOOK REPORT

We will be taking pictures on Monday October 15th at 2 PM in the Willow Room. They are to update our Picture directory. We will need pictures of our new residents, and those who have had their status changed in the last year, or just would like a new picture. A sign up sheet will be posted soon.

VISUAL ARTS REPORT

MOVIE NIGHT. The committee plans to show the first movie of the new season on Friday, October 19, at 7:00 P.M. The title of the movie is SELMA, which tells the story of the march to Montgomery, a historical event in the CIVIL RIGHTS struggle of the sixties in the U.S. It's an amazing story you would want to see.

LIBRARY REPORT

Over the span of the past summer months the library located in the Willow Room on the first floor, has expanded again because of our residents' generous donations. Come have a look and borrow a book or two written by your favorite author.

FIT 4 ALL

I am not sure, but my guess is that OHIP will continue to cover the costs of our weekly exercises. If so, Jan's job is safe and we will gather three times a week to flex our muscles and loosen our stiff joints. What a privilege! So let us be diligent. Our biceps and all the other ceps need to be challenged. And while we obediently follow Jan's instructions, let us ignore her suggestion that we touch our nose with our toes and pull our belly button all the way in to our spine. Impossible! It cannot be done.

Oh, and as to the idea that we smell the roses, blow out the candles and do our laundry, forget it my friends. There isn't a rose or candle or washing machine anywhere in the Willow Room! But if you want your imagination to be challenged to that extent, fine with me.

But where I draw the line -and I hope Jan will read this!- I believe it is high time we see some real dollars next to our chairs whenever we faithfully bend to the right and the left. And no, don't let anyone think that pulling weeds can make us forget that there was supposed to be money on the floor of the Willow Room. Jan has been promising us our monetary reward!

Or...? Or do I have to think of these weeds as the weeds that we can soon legally smoke after October 17? You know, I am thinking of CANNABIS... MARIJUANA! But this stuff can hardly be used as a Performance Enhancing Drug. And besides Jan knows how well we perform without any aids, legal or illegal. PD

LADIES GUILD REPORT

The Ladies guild will meet every Thursday at 2:00 in the Willow room. Join us for fellow-ship, a cup of tea or coffee and if you wish, do your craft. We have still quite a supply of wool from which a variety of articles can be created. Help us to help the needy and meet your neighbors. We welcome your involvement.



Blessed Thanksgiving!!

