40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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Remembrance Day November 11th, 2008 Lest we Forget

In Flanders Fields

by Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.



The YCC 75 Social Committee invites you to the Halloween Party on Friday, October 31st in the recreation room on level B1 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets are on sale at \$5 per ticket in the management office. We will have Retro music, dancing and a piano bar. A ticket will get you a glass of wine and finger foods.

A prize will be awarded for the best costume.

No tickets will be sold after Oct 29^{th,} Get your tickets before they are sold out.

"32 Years of Memories"

An evening to honour Pat Savoy. Bring your choicest culinary creation, your fondest memory, your favourite photo and your performing talent to
The Recreation Room, Level B1
40 Homewood Avenue
Saturday, November 1st
6:00 p.m.

Suggested minimum donation:
\$32 (cash only)

to help cover legal fees incurred by Harry
Lewis and John Schonewille to hire legal
representation
for the Concerned Owners of 40
Homewood at October 8's Special Meeting.
Space is limited, only 160 tickets available.
For tickets and details, phone
Arthur Martin
416 - 924 - 7344
Wine bar
Variety Show

Board Notes

Submitted by Brian Fernandes

Board meeting held October 14th, 2008

- 1. Discussion about the Special General Meeting on Oct. 8, 2008.
- 2. Motion to remove Denise Redwood as YCC 75 Treasurer. Motion Passed.
- 3. Motion to appoint Margaret Osmond as YCC 75 Treasurer and Mark Thompson as Recording Secretary. Motion passed.
- 4. A schedule of upcoming board and owners' meetings was discussed. Dates will be confirmed after consultation with the Management Office.
- 5. An approach to developing processes and criteria for the selection of a new management company was reviewed.
- 6. Motions were passed unanimously that the corporation become a member of the Canadian Condominium Institute (CCI), and that Directors take the two-day condominium course offered by the CCI.
- 7. Motion to amend the minutes of the July 23 meeting to delete the reference to a specific unit. Motion carried.
- 8. Halloween and Christmas parties for the residents of 40 Homewood were discussed.

Board meeting held October 7th, 2008

- 1. Approval of two removal ballots and two election ballots presented by management for the Oct. 8 Special General Meeting.
- 2. Management explained the set-up for the Special General Meeting.
- 3. Motion to name Steven Hill as the deputy returning officer.
- 4. Motion to appoint William Langer as Vice President of YCC 75.
- 5. Approval to move our bank accounts from TD Bank to Bank of Nova Scotia.
- Review of draft mail-out to owners about the results of the Special General Meeting and mail-out from the By-law Committee about the by-law update project with notice of meetings.
- 7. Approval of August 26, September 3, September 9 and September 18, 2008 minutes.
- 8. Approval of September 23 and September 30, 2008 minutes with amendments.





Ongoing Activities

Bridge in the recreation room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

Movies with Don in the recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at 7:30. Notices posted every week.

Euchre in the recreation room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



Smoke Alarms

The "time change" is a good opportunity to put new batteries in your smoke alarms

and carbon monoxide alarms.



Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** on Sunday, November 2nd, 2008, 2:00 am.

THANK-YOU



To Tiko Tada for the elegant tea party she hosted on October 18th for the ladies in the building.



To everyone who answered my plea for plastic bags. I am sure I have enough to last me for the whole year now.



To Joel Dick & Dara Douma who hosted a games evening to bring people together.. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Whereeee's David

David Thornton has been in Toronto General Hospital since mid September. He had a major flare-up of his MS. He will probably not be back in the building for a while. David is the resident who volunteered so much of his time to do the wiring for most of the events here at 40 Homewood.

Dave Campbell aka Dixie's Dad, is recuperating at Providence House after having his right leg amputated below the knee. Dave has been seen from time to time sitting in the lobby with his parrot, Rainbow, on his head. He also has a vast collection of military uniforms some of which he was kind enough to lend to us for a couple of events in the building.

Food Bank

We need a convener for the yearly Food Bank. It would mean giving your time for 1½ to 2 hrs. for 5



days. The week is usually chosen sometime between the first week in November and the first week in December. Please let the Office know if you are available.



Special Owners Meeting

Held on Wednesday, October 8th, 2008 The required number of votes were not reached to remove two directors from the board.





Volunteers are being sought to form a Social Committee to help organize social events here at 40 Homewood. If you are interested, give your name to the Management Office.

Brian Fernandes advises: "We are planning to make our own wine for the Christmas party on December 5th, 2008. We have myself, Baron and Bill as volunteers, Any one interested in helping out? We are planning to make it on November 2nd at the distillery area. Please advise."

Keshen



Sylvia's Corner Submitted by Sylvia

Seniors' Dilemma

When I look in the mirror

and a wrinkle I find

I get out my face cream and hurriedly spread it around

I rubbed it there and I patted it here, trying hard to make that crease disappear

But, alas and alack, it was not to be, that face in the mirror was laughing at me.

That foolish woman, there's no use trying, you can't erase that laugh line.

You're a senior now—so wear them with pride and never, no never, try those laugh lines to hide.





Don has decided to post the list of upcoming movies for the next month. This will be a new feature in this newsletter.

This list is subject to change. Posters will still be posted on the bulletin boards.

Thursday, November 6th **A Remembrance Day Special** *THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK (1933)*Cary Grant, Carole Lombard, Frederic March

Friday, November 14th

THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH
(1999) James Bond 007
Pierce Brosnan

Friday, November 21st

Rogers & Hammerstein's

THE SOUND OF MUSIC (1965)

Julie Andrews and Christopher Plumber

Help Don celebrate his birthday weekend

Friday, November 28th **A CHORUS LINE (1985)**Michael Douglas

Saturday, November 29th Don may be a year older biologically but he is still

YOUNG AT HEART (1954)Doris Day and Frank Sinatra





5 Things Your Cell Phone Can

Do

Submitted by John Donat.

There are a few things that can be done in times of emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find Yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to Establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND - Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys In the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot From your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THIRD Hidden Battery Power Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when

you charge your cell phone next time.

FOURTH -How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: *#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

And Finally.....

<u>FIFTH - Free Directory Service for Cells</u>

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800)FREE411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.



An Owners' Meeting to discuss the **Budget** will be held on Thursday, November 27th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the recreation room.

Owners' Meetings to discuss the new **Bylaws** in progress will be held on Monday, November 10th and Monday, December 8th, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the recreation room.

A Peace Corner

Submitted by Jean Walker

There is so much tension in our building and it is something that only individuals can do something about.

> Serenity Prayer By Reinhold Niebuhr

Grant me the **Serenity** to accept the things I cannot change

The **Courage** to change the things I can

The **Wisdom** to know the difference

And A Salvation of the Dawn

Look to the day, for, in its brief course, lies all of the varieties and realities of our existence.

The bliss of growth and the glory of action For yesterday is but a break and tomorrow only a vision

But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well therefore to this day.

From a hymn—"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me".

President's Report

By Chris Lambert

Thank you for your tremendous show of support on October 8^{th.} We're looking to a bright future for our community. Over the next month or so, we will find the best property manager for our building, develop a budget for next year and hold the first of several owners' meetings to update our bylaws. I encourage everyone to participate, to have your say in how we should improve the governance of our corporation...Onward ho!

Condolences

Please spare a thought or a prayer for Eugene and his family due to the recent passing of his mother-in-law. Eugene will return from the Philippines in a few weeks.

"Euchre Players Unite!"

Submitted by Neil Gilson

Come join your neighbours in the Rec Room every Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 pm, for a few games of Euchre. Let's get enough people in order to make it a Progressive Euchre Party. Lots of fun and laughter. See you there!





"We Recycle" Cards By Bill McGuire

A "We Recycle" card tells you what is recyclable (and some things that are not) by the City of Toronto.

We are now awaiting a supply of the latest version of the card for apartments.

After they arrive here, a member of our Recycling Committee will be in the lobby at a date and time to be announced in order to distribute these free (no charge) cards and to try to answer any questions you may have about recycling.

Thank you for recycling





