
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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To the Unsung Heroes of YCC#75

Who are the most valuable people at 40 Homewood? Our manager? Lawyers? Accountants? Board members?

Or the people who make Homewood work—and work well—day in, day out, 365 days a year: Our superintendents and cleaning staff?

In addition to performing the obvious duties of keeping our building spic and span, they're also professional and competent in an amazing variety of ways:

- They maintain the garage and keep our grounds free of litter.
- They have a thorough working knowledge of all mechanical systems.
- They remove snow at all hours of the day and night.
- One of them is on duty around the clock to help out in emergencies.
- They pinch hit for security to make sure our building is safe from intruders.
- They keep an ever-watchful eye out for problems *before* they happen...saving owners untold \$\$\$\$.

And yet, with all this, they still manage to find time to answer anyone's question with patience and a smile. They're our full-time diplomats!

Who else could you name that knows and does so much for 40 Homewood?

This Christmas Season, join us in showing our appreciation for the incredible job they do by telling (and showing) **Peter, Antonio, Eugene, Ramel** and **Daniel**, that if anyone deserves to have a Merry Christmas, THEY DO!

—John Schonewille, James Mc Cann, Denise Redwood, Harry Lewis and friends



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"JOYEUX NOEL"
"VESELE VANOCE"
"MELE KALIKIMAKA"
"NODLAG SONA DHUIT"
"BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA"
"GOD JUL"
"FELIZ NATAL"
"BOAS FESTAS"
"FELIZ NAVIDAD"
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
"KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"VROLIJK KERSTFEEST"
"FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN"
"BUON NATALE-GODT NYTAR"
"HUAN YING SHENG TAN CHIEH"
"WESOLYCH SWIAT-SRETAN BOZIC"
"MOADIM LESIMHA-LINKSMU KALEDU"
"HAUSKAA JOULUA-AID SAID MOUBARK"
"N PRETTIG KERSTMIS"
"ONNZLLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA"
"Z ROZHDESTYOM KHRYSTOVYM"
"NADOLIG LLAWEN-GOTT NYTTSAR"
"FELIC NADAL-GOJAN KRISTNASKON"
"S NOVYM GODOM-FELIZ ANO NUEVO"
"GLEDILEG JOL-NOELINIZ KUTLU OLSUM"
"EEN GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR-SRETAN BOSIC"
"KRIHSTLINDJA GEZUAR-KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"SELAMAT HARI NATAL - LAHNINGU NAJU METU"
"SARBATORI FERICITE-BUON ANNO"
"ZORIONEKO GABON-HRISTOS SE RODI"
"BOLDOG KARACSONNY-VESELE VIANOCE "
"MERRY CHRISTMAS - - HAPPY NEW YEAR"
"ROOMSAID JOULU PUHI -KUNG HO SHENG TEN"
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December 11-19, 2009



Movies with Don

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

Wednesday, December 2

MY FOOLISH HEART (1949)

Susan Hayward, Dana Andrews

Thursday, December 10

THE DEVIL AND MISS JONES (1941)

Jean Arthur, Robert Cummings, Charles Coburn

Friday, December 11

THE DEVIL IS A WOMAN (1935)

Marlene Dietrich, Cesar Romero

Thursday, December 17

Busby Berkeley's

GIRL CRAZY (1943)

Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, June Allyson

Friday, December 18

TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR (1944)

Van Johnson, June Allyson, Gloria DeHaven

Wednesday, December 23

Merry Christmas Everyone!

REMEMBER THE NIGHT (1940)

Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray

Thursday, December 31

Celebrate New Year's Eve with Don.
Watch the movie, then bring in the New Year with a glass of champagne

Martin Scorsese's

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (1977)

Liza Minnelli, Robert DeNiro





Dear Friends,

I resided at 40 Homewood for 37 years and over that time made many friends that were just like family. Our condominium was like a home, not a building. We all had such a good relationship together.

I am feeling much better now and happy spending my days interacting with residents, all of whom bring stories and tales of their own. I have a lovely little one bedroom unit on the ground floor with a little garden out my front window.

I would like to extend a special thank you to James, Sylvia and Raymonde, all of whom were wonderful neighbours and always there when I needed them - your kindness will not be forgotten.

Lastly, best wishes to you all in the path your lives take you and I hope you find yourselves happy and in good health!

I hope that someday our paths will meet again as I would love to see you all.

Warm regards,
Patricia Killackey (#2904)

P.S. If you wish, you can always call me at my new home ☎905-602-4385.

worldAIDSday
December 1st, 2009



Did you know?

By Jean Walker

Hanging on to anger is like having a cancerous growth. It insidiously keeps on gnawing away within the person and affects all aspects of life. It takes away peace and enjoyment and leaves a sense of emptiness and bitterness as a result, increases high blood pressure and tension, can cause stomach problems, strokes, heart attacks, pain, depression and isolation from others.

Unfortunately, we do have some angry people in our building. Life is too short to let anger destroy well being. There is the need to seek the true facts, put away all the malice and adopt Reinhold Niebuhr's Prayer of Serenity

The Serenity Prayer

Grant me the SERENITY
to accept the things I cannot change;
COURAGE to change the things I
can;
and WISDOM to know the
difference.

Traffic tip

Submitted by Mary Mitchell

People don't realize is that when you wear all dark colours at night, it is difficult for drivers to see you, even when their headlights are shining on you. A lot of people tend to dart in front of traffic, thinking that they are visible to drivers. It might be a good idea to wear at least one light coloured or reflective item. At least be aware that drivers may not readily see you, which could be deadly.

Reduce our Hydro and Water Bill

By Malik Bashir

Many small actions by 492 families over 30 days can amount to substantial savings a waste of money, depending on the degree of care in their execution.

► The roof fans force the fresh air into hallways, then under the doors into the suites, and then into the exhaust system through the bathroom vents. The previous management informed me that the builder did not put in a strong enough system for this to work in the suites. I am not sure if the new management can improve this. Test your bathroom vents and under the front doors and if it is working in your suite, keep all windows tightly closed. I request Management to give more direction on this subject.

Buy a soft tooth brush. Softening it under hot water wastes huge amounts of water/electricity.

► Use lukewarm water (not hot) to soak dishes. May need only a couple of more minutes of soaking.

"Live" Christmas Trees



If you have a "real" Christmas tree, please make sure that it does not become a fire hazard.

When finished with it, please phone or come into the Management office and staff will dispose of it for you.

Holiday Hours for the Management Office

Watch Channel 13 and the bulletin boards for the schedule of hours for the Management Office on the holiday weekends.

From the Treasurer

The YCC75 budget documents for 2010 that were mailed or picked up included a 2010 category summary of expenses. Some owners requested more details so the Treasurer and the Property Manager provided a more detailed breakdown of our 2010 expenses on a green sheet that was available at the office prior to the meeting. This was also available at the budget discussion meeting on November 18th. Brian Brenie Treasurer YCC75

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A Buffet Dinner will be held on
Sunday, December 13th, 2009
In the Recreation Room, 1B level
At 5:30 pm
Tickets available from the office
starting December 1st, 2009
\$20.00 per person

Catered by Absolutely Famished

Menu

Holiday salad with mandarin oranges,
dried cranberries and walnuts, in a
raspberry vinaigrette

Roasted and steamed vegetable medley
Roasted garlic mashed potatoes
Roast turkey breast served with fresh
cranberries and pan gravy
Baked salmon served with lemon butter
Vegetable pasta tossed in a tomato
pesto sauce

Bread Basket

Dessert and coffee or tea

and of course, entertainment and prizes





Pot Luck & Sing-Along

Join Arthur Martin and friends to party and be entertained at a **Christmas** pot luck and sing-along that's guaranteed to be fun!!!

With Harry Lewis at the piano

Saturday, December 19th, 2009

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Recreation Room, B1 level

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, December 16th.

Bring:

- ◆ Finger Food (real fingers are forbidden!)—speak to Arthur before you fuss in the kitchen
- ◆ Your best tuned-up singing or (humming) voice to belt out a bunch of classic Christmas favorites.
- ◆ Your best party piece (optional).
- ◆ Your goodwill ('tis the season)

Leave

- ◆ The politics at home (with the trash)

Phone Arthur at ☎ 416-924-7344 to tell him what Christmas finger food you're going to bring and what party piece you'll perform (don't sweat it—it's *optional*)

Wine and soft drinks will be available at an un-Scrooge like price!



submitted by John Kell

My trip to Sunnybrook on Remembrance Day seemed appropriate. Dave Middleton, our first president of 40 Homewood is in the Veterans' Wing of this huge centre on Bayview Avenue.

I chose to visit them on the date above after reading Dave's autobiography in the library down stairs (A Soldier's Story).

I brought with me a plaque that was presented to him almost 25 years ago when our condo was 15 years old. Now it's coming into its fourth decade. It's nice to remember how 40 Homewood first began and remembering Dave Middleton seems most appropriate over that time span.

Dave is in good health but not as independent as he was when living here. In his mid 80's that is to be expected.

I was wearing my poppy and brought along the copy of the Toronto Sun week-end edition regarding Sunnybrook in particular and how well veterans are treated. The article said that veterans receive above average care in this retirement home and I got the feeling when I visited Dave in his private room.

My experience with nursing homes has been good for the most part and one of the best is at the top of the street (namely Wellesley Center).

Hopefully, I will be able to get my sibling transferred in the not too distant future.

Well, that's my story and my visit to see Dave tells me that our older citizens are being well taken care of in Canada and being a veteran is definitely an asset.

Items from the Management Office

Forms

Recently several forms requesting resident information were distributed. Please complete and return the forms if you have not already done so. We are updating our records and it is imperative that we have current information. Should you decide to move out and rent your suite, it is the owner's responsibility to provide your new address to the Office as well as your tenant information.

Mail

We receive several pieces of mail every day in the Office. The mail is brought to the Office because some owners have not provided their suite number on their return address. Please ensure that you do this in order to prevent unnecessary delays in receiving your mail.

Winter.

With winter around the corner, we caution all residents to exercise care when walking outside to prevent falls.

Complaints

If you are issuing a complaint or enquiry of any kind, please put it in writing. In the case of complaints, a written record of the specific complaint must be provided should the matter require legal action.

Elevator Bookings

When booking the elevator for moves or deliveries please ensure you notify the Office in advance to ensure the elevator is available on the day in question. We also suggest that you do not confirm your move or delivery date until the elevator booking date with the Office is confirmed.

Windows

If you have not already done so, please inform the Office of any leaking, rattling or draughty windows.

Cardboard Boxes

In an effort to reduce costs, we ask residents to break down any cardboard boxes before placing them in the blue bins.

Common Element Payments

This is a reminder that your monthly common element payments are due and owing on the first day of each and other month.

Resident Parking

If you are vacating your parking space it is imperative that you provide 30 days written notice to the Office.

Office Hours

Please be advised that the Office is closed Monday to Thursday from 1 pm to 4 pm and Friday from Noon to 3 pm.

Work Orders

If you have submitted a work order for the staff to do something in your suite, please have patience. The staff are very busy and the things cannot always be done right away.

Parking Passes & Laundry Cards

As the office will be closed for a few consecutive days, it is suggested that you get your visitor parking permits and top up your laundry cards early in order to avoid a rush at the last minute.

Parcels

If you are expecting a parcel at any time, please wait until you see your unit number on the parcel list on Channel 13 before you come to the office.

President's Message

By Brian Fernandes

Thank you all for coming to a very productive budget presentation meeting on the 18th of November. I was happy to see that the 2010 budget was well received. The current board is working hard to see that we are making better financial decisions, correcting mistakes from the past and taking 40 Homewood in the right direction. The 2009 recession has hit all Canadians hard and I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding during this time. Tough decisions had to be made but this will make 40 Homewood a better place to live. With the holidays just round the corner I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holiday.



Recycling after Christmas.

Don't forget you can recycle:

- GREETING CARDS AND ENVELOPES (NO ATTACHMENTS OR FOIL INSERTS)
- GIFT WRAP (NO FOIL OR RIBBON)
- FLATTENED CARDBOARD BOXES



Both the **Green Committee** and the **Social Committee** are looking for new members. If you are willing to volunteer your time, please leave your name at the Management Office.

Green Committee

Green Fair

Unfortunately, even though I am on the Green Committee, I was unable to attend the First Annual Green Fair. I hear it went well and I want to thank everyone who worked on it. The biggest thanks go out, Chair of the Green Committee, **Jim Lee** who spent many, many hours on the phone calling vendors and speakers and looking after numerous details. Thanks also to the other people on the Green Committee, **Bill McGuire, Candice Green and John Kell**. Thanks also to **Jim McNair** who displayed low flush toilets and to **Charles Marker** and **Chris Lambert** for their help and assistance.

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.



Mystery of the Missing Newspapers

Who is up to mischief? One of our residents volunteered his time to go out early in the morning and bring piles of the **METRO** and the **24 HOURS** newspapers for people who cannot go out to get them or for people to take on their way to work. They were in the lobby for people to take easily.

Lo and behold, that same resident found piles of the same papers he went to the trouble of getting that very day **in the garbage**.

This is the reason why those newspapers are no longer in the lobby to take. Nobody wants to spend their time doing something that someone else is going to sabotage. .

I feel the same thing is happening with this newsletter. 200 copies will be put on the rack in the mail room and within an hour they have all disappeared.

If you don't like those newspapers or this newsletter, just don't take them. Now it is spoiled for everyone as the volunteer rightfully refuses to do it any more.

This Newsletter

As mentioned above, because of the fact that this newsletter is disappearing faster than expected, from now on please go to the office to pick up a copy. You can also have it sent to you electronically by emailing me at marthamcgrath@esuite.ca to have your email address added to the list. It will no longer be put out on the rack in the mail room. Again, someone spoiled it for everyone.



Sylvia's Korner



Gonna Be a Bear

By Sylvia Keshen

In this life, I'm a woman
In my next life, I'd like to come back as a
bear.

When you're a bear, you get to hibernate
and sleep for 6 months.

I could deal with that!
Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat
yourself stupid.

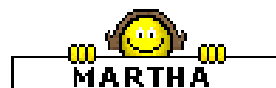
I could deal with that too!

When you're a girl bear, you bear your
children (who are the size of walnuts) while
you're sleeping and wake up to partially
grown cute, cuddly cubs,

I could definitely deal with that!
If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you
mean business. You swat anyone who
bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of
control, you swat them too.

I could deal with that!
If you're a bear, your mate expects you to
wake up growling. He expects you to have
hairy legs and excess body fat.
Yup, gonna be a bear!

Happy Holidays



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