
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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February 14, 2010



Olympic Winter Games
February 12 to 28, 2010



Let's wish our Canadian Olympic team much
success in all their endeavours



Chinese New Year

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Kung Hei Fat Choi

Gong Xi Fa Cai

"Wishing You Success and Prosperity"

2010s the year of the Tiger



GROUNDHOG
DAY

February 2nd,
2010



February 16th , 2010



Movies with Don

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

Friday, February 5

THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO
(1944)

Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson, Robert Walker and Robert Mitchum in his first leading role

Thursday, February 11

WITHOUT LOVE (1945)

Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Lucille Ball

Friday, February 12

THE SPENCER TRACY LEGACY
(1986)

A Tribute by Katherine Hepburn

Friday, February 19

MANNEQUIN (1938)

Spencer Tracy, Joan Crawford

Thursday, February 25

TORTILLA FLAT (1942)

Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr, John Garfield

Friday, February 26

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS (1937)

Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore, Mickey Rooney, Melvyn Douglas

Upcoming Activities



Join Don "The Movie Man" Sangster and your neighbours in watching:

**The 82nd
Academy Awards**

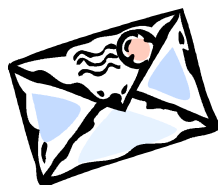
March 7th, 2010
7:00 PM

In the Recreation Room

Refreshments will be welcomed

Pick the winners

Win a prize



No Junk Mail

The Green Committee is once again trying to initiate

the "No Junk Mail" policy. Within the week, cards will be placed in the container on the wall in the mail room. Just place one in your mail box if you don't want any more junk mail. The mail carrier will put a red dot on the inside edge of your mail box and then will return the cards to the container.

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.



Join Arthur Martin
with Harry Lewis on
the piano for a
Valentine's Day
Potluck & Sing-a-Long

Saturday, February 13th

B1 Recreation Room

6 pm – whenever.

See details on bulletin boards

For more info call Arthur at

☎ 416-924-7344

Sign up at the Office.

See the Love Song List attached,
and choose 1- 3 from the by
Wednesday, February 10th and let
Arthur know..

What everyone should know about our operating deficit.

Submitted by Maureen Houlihan

No board imposes a special assessment lightly. But it's clear our current board is doing what it has to do to be responsible fiscal managers. Our reserve fund is in good shape, and the board has taken decisive action on the operating deficit. In the long run, we'll all be better off for the tough decisions our board has had to make.

If you read Brian Fernandes' letter dated November 9, 2009, he says on page 3 "most of the deficit for years 2008/9 can be attributed to our cost of electricity. This cost is being paid off by a special assessment".

There has been a lot of speculation about what caused our operating deficit. Some people are saying that the former Board under President Chris Lambert board is

entirely responsible for the 2008 and 2009 deficits to our operating budgets.

To be fair, let's look at the facts.

On December 6 2007, former board president, John Darling, and the Board at that time signed the hydro contract, under the recommendation of the former management company.

To read about the contract please refer John Oakes article on "Why your Hydro costs are so high". John explains this contract very well. You can find the article at www.40Homewood.ca.

Perhaps John Darling and his board of the time were not provided with all the information or didn't understand the contract. However, I am sure they thought they were doing what was best for the owners.

However it has been very costly for us so let's be sure it does not happen again.

Green Committee

The Green Committee has obtained four documentary films pertaining to the greening of our world. The first film was shown on January 28. Besides the members of the Green committee, only one resident attended.

It was called **BLUE GOLD – WORLD WATER WARS**. It was very interesting.

The other three are being shown at the following times:

FLOW - Monday February 8th at 6:00 pm

ADDICTED TO PLASTIC – Wednesday, February 17th, at 6:00 pm

FOOD, INC. - Monday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm Showing how our food is processed

In the recreation room, Level B1



Sylvia's Jokes

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember, amateurs built the Ark,
professionals built the Titanic.

Conscience is what hurts when everything else feels good.

Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
Politicians and diapers have on thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

An optimist thinks this is the best possible world. A pessimist fears this is true.

There will always be death and taxes.
However, death doesn't get worse every year.

In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

I am a nutritional overachiever.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

A day without sunshine is like night.

It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

The real art of conversations is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Brain cells come and brain cells go but fat cells live forever.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom.
Sometimes it comes alone.

Live not only begins at forty, it also begins to show.

Hugs

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

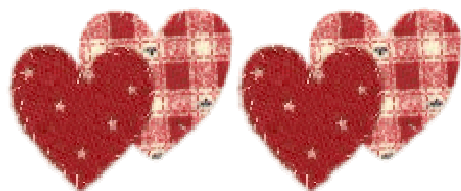
It's wondrous what a hug can do,
A hug can cheer you when you're blue
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.

The Hug, there's just no doubt about it
We scarcely could survive without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms.

A hug can relax the language barrier,
And make the dullest day seem merrier,
No need to fret about the store of 'em
The more you give, there more there are of 'em
So stretch those arms without delay
and give someone a hug today.



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.



President's Message

By Brian Fernandes

Thank you to all who came to the Standard Unit Bylaw meeting on the 21st of January. Your feedback is very important in shaping our bylaws.

There are a few projects currently underway; one being the thyristor repairs. The work is running behind schedule due to some technical glitch with the company undertaking the repair. We hope to see the work resumed in the first week of February.

Elevator #4 has been non-operational for the last 2 months. Otis has not been fulfilling its contractual obligations for maintenance; still we are doing our best to have the repairs done before we move on to a new elevator maintenance contract with Thyssen Krupp.

We will be working on a few projects before the HST comes into effect July 1, which include overhauling / repairs and updating of few building services.

Our green committee is will be showing a few environmental films this month. I encourage you to see these movies. We will be moving to use of odour free cleaners throughout the condo once our current supplies of cleaning products have run out.

Management Office Section

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.

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/Special Assessment Payments

This is a reminder that your monthly common element payments are due and owing on the first day of each and other month. If you have not yet made arrangement to pay your Special Assessment please do so as it was owing and due by January 31, 2010.

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.

Washing Machines

When using the washing machines we ask that you follow the instructions posted in the Laundry Room. Please follow the

instructions regarding use of detergents as well as avoiding over loading the machines. These problems cause unnecessary machine breakdowns and service calls.

Laundry

Please ensure that you pick up and remove your laundry in a timely basis. This ensures other users will have access to the machines. Please remember – The corporation is not responsible for laundry left in the Laundry Room.

Tenanted Suites

Repairs in units occupied by tenants MUST be authorized ONLY by the unit owner. If you have a repair request, you must inform your landlord and your landlord will request the repair through the Office.

Security

If you notice or observe any suspicious activity please inform the Office or Security, if after hours.

Package Delivery

If you are expecting a delivery via courier and will not be home please inform the Office.

40 Homewood Information
Meeting
5 Year Plan Committee Report

Wednesday, February 24
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Recreation Room

The Committee Chair, Wayne
Beaton,
and committee members will
discuss
their progress and
recommendations.

Note from the Editor

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Now and then I repeat the very first paragraphs published in this newsletter in the first issue of October 1, 2003. I think it is a good idea just so people know what I will and will not accept for this publication.

"Something that we need at 40 Homewood is a publication to keep residents informed as to events that are happening in our building. It is hoped that this will be just the forum that we need."

It is meant to be a newsletter for everyone to participate. Anything to sell, significant birthdays, saying goodbye to people moving out and welcome people moving in, in memoriums, weddings, etc. It is for questions, observations, helpful hints that would help to make all our lives a little easier.

*This will **not** be a forum to vent or publish malicious articles about any other owner or resident, the Management Office or the Board of Directors. Articles of this type will be rejected."*



Go Canada

