
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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This is the second issue to our newsletter. A lot of positive feedback has been received to the first issue. It is the intention to publish this newsletter on the first of every month. In order to get into this timetable, this and the following issue will be three weeks apart.

Don't forget, 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.



Lest We Forget

November 11th

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.

Murder Mystery Evening

Scrumptious meal. Lots of fun. Enjoyed by all who attended.

Thanks go out to: The actors and waiters: **Arthur Martin, Neil Gilson, John Serena, Don Sangster, Denise Redmond, Florence Rice, Rachael De Grace** and **Martha MacLachlan**. The moderator, **Russ Baxter**. The committee: **Violet Green, Florence Rice, Jean Walker, Dave Middleton, Don Sangster, David Thornton** and **Martha McGrath**

Thanks to **David Thornton**, who did the wiring for some really authentic sound effects, **Dave Campbell**, who loaned us some uniforms for costumes, **John Kell**, who videoed the event for us, **Florence Rice**, who put in many hours typing scripts, the caterer, **Ernie Wesley** ☎ 416-975-0143 and **Arthur Martin** who spent a tremendous amount of time and energy to give the room the ambiance that we needed to make this event so successful.

And last but not least we have to thank **Pat Savoy**, and the staff without whom no event here would be successful. Pat always goes over and above to make sure everything goes well.

Good Samaritans

By Violet Green

A word for people who willingly help others who use a walker or a cane. Where you see someone who is pushing a door to allow entry or exit with their cane or walker, please make your presence known before you grab the door. That person is leaning heavily while holding the door and when an unseen and unheard person approaches from behind and opens the door further, the disabled person often loses balance and might fall. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated but we would like to know you are there.

Happy Ramadan

October 27, 2003– November 23, 2003

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. It is during this month that Muslims observe the Fast of Ramadan. Lasting for the entire month, Muslims fast during the daylight hours and in the evening eat small meals and visit with friends and family. It is a time of worship and contemplation. A time to strengthen family and community ties.

We want to wish all our Muslim residents a Happy Ramadan and enjoyable Eid ul-Fitr

Explanation why Generator Shut Down During Blackout

It has been determined the reason we lost the generator during the blackout was the 34° temperature during the day and the lilac bushes surrounding the air intake and outlet created a canopy/umbrella over the vent, causing the generator to inhale its own exhaust. The excessive heat caused the generator to overheat. Corrective measures are being taken to avoid this in the future.

Elevators

The up/down arrows and the floor indicators will be replaced when all the cabs are finished. Elevator #2 has yet to be done.

There have been some comments as to the height of the floor buttons on the new elevator cabs and in the corridors. This has been done in order to comply with handicap laws.

The lights in the elevator are bright to provide lighting for the cameras.

The electronic bulletin boards for the elevators are being looked into and will be installed once all four are renovated.

Schedule for Board Meetings

Dates for Board Meetings for the remainder of the 2003/2004 season are as follows:

Owners' Budget Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2003, 7:30 pm.

Board Meetings:

Tuesday, January 27, 2004, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 27, 2004, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 25, 2004, 7:30 pm

All dates are subject to change without notice.



Halloween

Thank you, to **Bill Covey** who decorated the lobby and library and **Mary Davis** and **Kyung Kun, Park** who handed out treats to the kids on October 31st. I am sure all the kids, big and small, enjoyed the treats

Bicycles

When the excavation of the south driveway is completed, there will be a cut out curb, which will give bikes and scooters access from the driveway to the bike room without having to go over a curb.

Management has met with a company that designs and supplies racks for bike storage and is awaiting a proposal from them. Once the layout and design is decided upon, tenders will go out. This will make room for approximately 100 more bicycles.

Municipal Elections

Are being held November 10th, 2003. Polling booths will be set up in our recreation room, 1B level between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.



Recycle Right



Please remove all lids and caps from containers before recycling

Television Stations

WNLO Channel 23, which we received on #15, has amalgamated with WIVB Channel 4. That is why we are no longer getting the reception on #15. An attempt was made to install a station called Toronto One into that spot but the converter failed. It will be installed in the coming weeks.

We should be getting the Weather Channel by the end of November. The delay in getting this one was first communication problems with The Weather Channel itself and then a late delivery date set by Motorola, who is supplying the modulator to receive this channel.

Sherbourne Health Centre

The first phase of the Sherbourne Health Centre has been opened. They are developing a broad range of programs and renovating the old Central Hospital. When the new building is complete, they'll offer unparalleled health care to the residents of this area and will replace the many services we had at the Wellesley Hospital.



Visitor Parking is back to normal!!!



Food Bank

This year **Violet Green** will be in the lobby the week of November 25th – 29th between the hours of 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm accepting donations to the Daily Bread Food Bank.

Gardens

By Violet Green

How about a Garden Club? There must be people with "green thumbs" who would like to be involved in a small part of our landscape. A rock garden—a herb garden—flowers to attract butterflies. Any of these could be cultivated in a small area at the rear of the building. We could make an interesting and attractive "back garden".

Craft Corner

By Martha McGrath

Are you crafty? Would anyone be interested in meeting once a week either during the day or an evening to get together with other crafters to share ideas? Knitters, quilters, crocheters, sewers could share ideas. Maybe teach others.



Congratulations to **Mary Percival** and **Jim Mitchell** who tied the knot September 17, 2003. All the best to both of you.



Art & Crafts /Yard Sale

If anyone is interested in participating in an indoor Arts & Craft/Yard Sale in the recreation room on Saturday November, 22nd, 2003 Please contact **Margaret Osmond** 416-964-6622.

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*Repairs and refinishing need to be done to a stool meant for sitting. Please contact **Roger Godin**, Unit #1909 ☎ 416-515-7697.*

*Is there an antique collector or dealer in the building who is interested in fine china? Limoges and a collection of demitasse cups and saucers from all over the world. I have such a collection and would like to sell as I cannot care for them now. Can be seen by appointment only if inclined to purchase. Contact **Violet Green** ☎416-923-6885.*

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.



To everyone who has a birthday this month

Upcoming Activities



Christmas Carols – December 7, 2003 in the recreation room. Attend and enjoy an afternoon of singing Christmas carols with your neighbors. Baked goods are welcomed.

Words of Wisdom

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

The Human Touch

T'is the human touch in this world that counts
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is over
But the touch of the hand and the sound of
the voice sing on in the soul always.

If you call upon a thoroughbred, he gives you all the blood, sinew and heart in him. If you call upon a jackass, he kicks.

It is better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

May you have just enough clouds in your life to make a beautiful sunset.

Note from the Editor

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I am very pleased to say that I have had only positive feedback about this publication, It is encouraging that a couple of people have contributed and I look forward to many more contributions.

Martha
