
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This newsletter is one year old as at this issue. I have enjoyed putting it together very much and want to thank everyone who has submitted articles to help me come out with a publication that everyone seems to enjoy reading. I will keep it up if you all will!



October 11, 2004.



October 15, 2004– November 12, 2004



October 31, 2004

Top 10 Signs You Are Too Old to Be Trick or Treating

- You get winded from knocking on doors.
 - You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.
 - You ask for high fibre candy only.
 - When someone drops a candy in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
 - People say "Great Keith Richards mask!" and you're not wearing a mask.
 - When the door opens, you yell "Trick or...." and can't remember the rest.
 - By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
 - You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.
 - You're the only Power Ranger in the neighbourhood with a walker.
 - You avoid going to houses where your ex-wives live.
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October 8th-16th, 2004

New Bicycle Storage



There is still plenty of bicycle storage in the new storage room in the garage for bikes. Please see the Management Office if you need a spot. The outdoor bicycle racks are meant for visitors only.



Getting To Know You



*Dave, Dixie, Rose and
Beverley*

Both Rose and Dave Campbell know war zones and have found a safe haven at 40 Homewood, where they have lived since 1992.

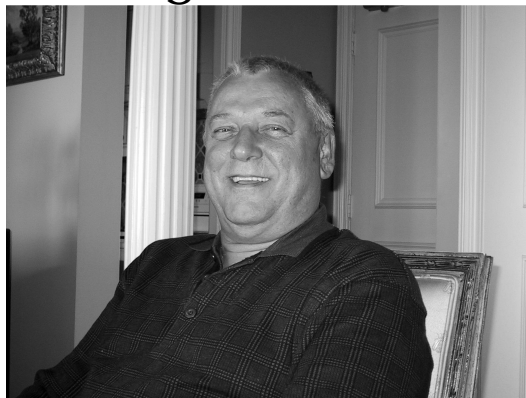
For Dave, the military was a choice. Living outside of Saskatoon, his parents signed a waiver, allowing him to join the Canadian Navy at 15 years old. Over the 30 years of his career he has also worked with Australian troops and served as a UN peace-keeper in Vietnam, Beirut, Cyprus, and along the mine-filled borders of Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. Working in mine-disposal resulted in two shattered legs and a two-year retraining to walk again.

Rose left the Philippines in 1981 to work as a caregiver in Kuwait, and was leaving there for Canada when Iraq invaded in 1990. Once in Toronto, she met Dave and put those troubles behind her.

Dixie, 11, attends Church St. School, where she likes all her courses, though singing, drawing and dancing top the list. She dances the "ocho-ocho", does her homework regularly (with help from her cousin Beverley Balejo if necessary), and hopes to become a dentist. Beverley joined the family two years ago, and hopes to study to become a dental hygienist once her contract as a nanny is fulfilled.



Getting To Know You



Ted Simpson

To hear Ted talk, he seems to have drifted around a bit before settling down as a real estate agent, the job he's had for the last 25 years. But his bio reveals a constant pull toward the arts.

When he taught English for 11 years in Scarborough and Mississauga, he also taught theatre arts. When he left teaching, he had a job as an administrator for the City Ballet of Toronto. Currently, he's enrolled at the Art Gallery of Ontario, taking a course in painting, though he had studied drawing previously at the Ontario College of the Arts.

Ted was born in Brockville, the eldest of five siblings and attended Western University, studying psychology and English, "like everyone else in those days," he says. Although he hoped to get a job in advertising, teaching seemed the better bet, and a certificate from the Ontario College of Education led to his high school career. In 1979, he joined a realtor on Parliament St., and has been selling homes in Cabbagetown and around ever since.

A resident of 40 Homewood since 1992, Ted gets away to his cottage in Muskoka as often as he can, and loves its outdoor life of canoeing and swimming

Credits for this section: Connie John & Charles Marker

A Retraction

In an item in the August issue of this newsletter called "Rats with Wings", we quoted the Globe and Mail as follows

"A staff member from the Toronto Humane Society stated "If they're not eating, they're doing the other thing. They'll breed anywhere." He calls them "rats with wings and adds "They're considered vermin by law. The Humane Society used to pick them up and nurse them back to health. Now we poison them. Corn with strychnine.

Anna Pacitti brought to my attention a retraction that the Globe and Mail made in their June 22nd edition, as follows"

"The Toronto Humane Society does NOT poison pigeons; it nurses sick or injured birds back to health. A story on Saturday incorrectly implied otherwise".

Kids say the Darndest Things



A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned

them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found!" the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

CORONATION ST.

Did anyone tape the evening edition on September 19th 2004 of The Bad Boys of Coronation Street about Richard Hillman? If you are willing to lend it to a few of us, please call me at ☎ 416-921-1233.

For those of you that are unaware of it, we have a rose garden at the back of the building in the southwest corner.



One of our residents has been giving it some TLC and it should be worth a look before the frost hits.



Trick or Treat

Final notice.. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to sit in the lobby on Halloween night

for a couple of hours and distribute candy to the children and wannabee children in the building. Please let the Office know if you are available.

In Memoriam

Kenneth Richardson, Unit #2814, passed away August 20th, 2004.

He will be missed by all his friends and neighbours in the building.

GET WELL WISHES TO:



Violet Green, Suite No. 1604 who has had hip replacement surgery recently and is convalescing..

And **Marion Ritchie**, Suite No. 617 who had surgery at SMH in mid-September and is doing well.



Our Front & Back Garden

I have heard quite a few compliments on how beautiful our gardens are this year.



Bicycle Storage

By John Kell

It seems to me that some people in the original bike room need instruction on how to hook their bike up to the "in floor" device. They put the lock on the outside of the bike frame, not on the inside where it often falls over and you have to pick it up before you can even get your own bike from underneath their bike.

Simple viewing of how you put your bike on a rack would solve the problem. The other problem with the wall-mounted units is that some people don't have the strength to pick up their bike and hang it on the wall.

Our new facilities in the garage seem to compensate for that fact, it is much easier to store your bikes



The Amazing Human Mind

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Barbecue



Our second Barbeque on September 25th, 2004 was another big success.

Approximately 80 people attended. Thanks go out to **Arthur Martin, Russ Baxter, Denise Redwood, Ralph Bristol, Gary Burley, John Serena, David Thornton and Martha McGrath** for giving their time and effort to once again create an opportunity for the residents of this building to get together and meet others and have some fun.

Special thanks go out to **Pat Savoy** and **Savoy + Associates** for donating some real great door prizes for both barbecues.



Area News

by..Bob Leah

SEE YOU THERE:

- **MPP George Smitherman's Barbecue** will take place in Allan Gardens, October 3rd from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- Opening of **Allan Garden's Children's Conservatory** will be held October 13th starting time 10:00 am. Mayor David Miller, Councillor Kyle Rae, Frank Iacobucci (interim president of U of T), Ed Clark, CEO of TD Bank Financial Group will speak.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

The **Tai Chi demo** was wonderful. Congratulations and take a bow, **Rodney John** and class members.

***Note from Editor:** Bob Leah is a member of the Homewood Neighbourhood Association. Bob is appointed by the Board of Directors of 40 Homewood as our neighbourhood co-ordinator.*

***Bob** appreciates all the positive comments received re Area News.*

CLASSIFIED



Free

A yellow and white CANARY.
No cage. If interested call ☎ 416-515-7697.

For Sale

A blue divan (couch), please call ☎ 416-515-7697.



I Need Egg Cartons

I am reminding everyone about Irene McGarvie's Unit #1217 and that she is an artist working in paper maché and needs a large supply of cardboard egg cartons or those cardboard trays used when carrying a few cups of coffee at one time.

Instead of putting them in the regular recycling, could you please save them for her and either leave them at the door, or call her ☎ 416-929-1202 and she will pick them up. Her email is: www.irenemcgarvie.com

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.



Don't forget to set your
clocks **back one hour**
on Sunday, October 26
at 2:00am.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Quick Chicken Entree

by Violet

Prep. Time about 5 mins. Needs minimum attention.

1 can Condensed Mushroom Soup
2 cans water
1 pkg. Dried onion soup
1 cup raw rice – long grain is best
6 large chicken legs or 8 smaller
S & P to taste. Beware of salt as dried
onion soup is salty.

Mix soup and water together until smooth.
Add dried onion soup. Put rice into large
roasting pan with lid. Push chicken pieces
well down.

Cook ½ hr. on 350° covered or ½ hr. to ¾
hr. uncovered.

Stir now and then when rice has begun to
absorb liquid. Scrape around sides of pan
and stir into where there is still liquid. The
rice should absorb all the liquid.

Good for a group. I have used whatever
chicken I had available – cut up
breast, thighs, etc but legs are
the best.

Serve with a hearty salad



The Poor Man's Potluck Dinner

Recipe

By Don Sangster

Haul out the campfire wieners and beans.
A poor man's potluck is just what it seems.

With liver and onions or Mulligan stew
or tacos or pizza....macaroni will do

Add your meatballs or sausages, any old
thing
And you've got a potluck fit for a king!

RULES

It is said that “**Rules are made to be broken**” but isn’t that usually said by people, who for some reason think that rules don’t apply to them, or people who don’t care about rules, or people who think they are above the rules.

Rules are usually made for a reason and one of them is for the security or protection or well-being of all of us.

This one is not to let someone through the front door behind you if you do not know them. Any visitors, deliveries, etc. must ring the buzzer code of the person they are here to see and then be buzzed through the door.

This is done for several reasons:

- safety and security of all of us;
- so that no one who has a vendetta against an owner can get in and harass them or injure them;
- that we are not inundated with unwanted flyers
- to protect us all from theft during the day when the security guard is not on duty
- so that no one can get in and sleep in our stairways
- so that there will be no vandalism to our premises.

Please be vigilant.



Recycling Corner

Very Important

Not all plastics are recyclable. Only



jugs, and bottles with a or
on the bottom are recyclable.

Helping Others



Violet Green has asked me to repeat her article from last year as she had a problem once again. People’s help is certainly appreciated but it makes it a lot easier if you let the person you are helping know of your presence



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.

Note from the Editor

Martha McGrath, Unit 615

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Firstly, I must apologize to **David Thomton** for omitting his name in the September issue when I was giving the kudos for the first barbecue. David does the wiring for the sound at most of our functions and we thank him so much for giving his time.

Secondly, I think it is time to repeat: “This is not a publication that is being produced by the Board of Directors. I offered to undertake it strictly as an owner because I feel it is badly needed. I approached the Board of Directors with the idea and received approval. There are always rumors going around because people do not know the factual information and therefore things get embellished.” I have put a disclaimer at the beginning and will repeat it every issue.

Martha
