
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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December 25th, 2004



December 8, 2004



Laundry `Tokens

Just a reminder to stock up on tokens you will need for the holiday weekends as the office will be closed for four days.

Joyeux Noel!



If you see a fat man ...
Who's jolly and cute,
wearing a beard
and a red flannel suit,
and if he is chuckling
and laughing away,
while flying around
in a miniature sleigh
with eight tiny reindeer
to pull him along,
then lets face it.

Your eggnog's too strong!

Visitor Parking Passes



As the office will be closed for **four** consecutive days, it is suggested that you get your Visitor Parking permits early in order to avoid a rush at the last minute.

Get Well Soon

Our resident cleaner, **Victor Chadrine** will be on short-term disability for a while and **Glenn Chaulk** will be replacing him. Let's say **Get Well, Victor**, and **Welcome, Glenn**.

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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"
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 "MERRY CHRISTMAS - - HAPPY NEW YEAR"
 "ROOMSAID JOULU PUHI -KUNG HO
 SHENG TEN"
 "FELICES PASUAS-EIN GLUCKICHES
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FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!

Holiday Hours for the Management Office

The hours for the Management Office on the holiday weekends are as follows:

Friday, December 24, 2004 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, December 27, 2004 - Closed

Tuesday, December 28, 2004 - Closed

Friday, December 31, 2004 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, January 3, 2005 - Closed

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Edmund Kazor, Unit #2904, passed away October 28th, 2004. Our condolences go out to his wife Pat and their family.

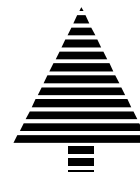
He will be missed by all his friends and neighbours in the building.

Thank you



Thank you, to **Antonio Monni** and **Glenn Chaulk** who decorated the lobby and library for Halloween and **Sylvia Keshen** and **Raymonde Quichard** who handed out treats to the kids on October 31st. I am sure all the kids, big and small, enjoyed the treats

Thank you



Aren't the Christmas decorations on the outside and inside of the building beautiful? Thanks go out to **Bill Covey**, **Glenn Chaulk** and **Peter Warner** for making our surroundings look so festive for us.



Getting To Know You



*Richard and Janine
Bruce*

After dirt poor childhoods, a taste for adventure has taken Janine and Richard to live in England, Ireland, Egypt, Australia and, finally, Canada.

Losing his father in WWI, Richard spent 10 years in a Norfolk orphanage, leaving for naval school at age 13—"a nasty place". His "red-green-blindness" eliminated a Royal Navy career, so he joined the mercantile navy. His tales—like getting lost in Shanghai at 16 and running guns between China and Japan—would fill a book. During WWII, he served with the RAF's air to sea rescue branch, working in the USA, Indonesia and South Africa as well as in the North Sea.

Born near Fontainebleau in France, Janine remembers being forced from her home in 1940, joining refugees from Holland and Belgium, fleeing south on roads being strafed by German planes. During the grim occupation, she learned English from her British music teacher and later went to England as a governess.

Once married, they moved with Richard's work, Janine usually teaching French. A stint in Dawson Creek in 1964 was followed by Toronto, New Zealand and Australia, now with a young son. Once back in Toronto for good, Janine worked for 22 years at the Workman's Compensation Board, where Richard was also employed.

They came to 40 Homewood in 1990. Their daughter-in-law Linda and granddaughter Michelle also live in the building.



Getting To Know You



*Crystal, Brian and
Darren*

Brian Fernandes, born in Bombay, population 9.2 million. Darren Greer, born in Greenfield, NS, population 80. Where better to celebrate difference than in their new place at 40 Homewood?

At 20, Brian joined the French merchant marine and traveled around the world for nine years in cargo, cattle, and refrigerator ships—not to mention tankers. Darren moved into Halifax to survey that world through the foundation course at King's College, after which he drove a fish truck for a while, delivering to small towns around the countryside. By the time Brian returned to India to teach computers, Darren was trying his hand at acting, singing and playing guitar in Ottawa hotels, and planting trees in BC.

By 2000 they were both in Toronto, where Darren published his first book, *Tyler's Cape*, in 2001. His second, *Still Life with June*, earned a Relit Award. Brian, who studied web design at George Brown and now works in administration at TD Meloche, helps with the business aspects of Darren's career, which is good since book three is completed and book four on its way.

This summer, Brian's sister Crystal joined them from India, taking her first trip abroad. With a degree in commerce and a career in Human Resources, she's hoping to find employment and make Toronto her home. They all appreciate the "amazing people" and friendly community they find here.

**Credits and thanks for this section go to
Connie John & Charles Marker**





A Cat's Top Ten Favorite Christmas Songs

10. Up on the Mousetop
9. Have Yourself a Furry Little Christmas
8. Joy to the World
7. I Saw Mommy Kiss Santa Claus
6. The First Noel
5. Oh, Come All Ye Faithful
4. Silent Night
3. Fluffy, the Snowman
2. Jingle Bells
1. Wreck the Halls!

圣诞快乐

Maintenance Fees for 2005

At the Budget meeting on November 24th, the maintenance fees for 2005 were announced. Some of us on fixed incomes are going to have to dig deep again. Yikes!!!

The big increase in maintenance fees is due to the high costs of Utilities. Details on the costs of Hydro, Water and Gas can be found in the 2005 Budget package under the President's Report on Page 2.

The amounts are as follows:

Small Bachelor	05, 11, 105, 107	197.67
Large Bachelor	08, 10	253.27
Small Monette	09	238.10
Large Monette	07	293.80
Small 1 B'room	03, 06, 12, 103, 108, 112	296.50
Med. 1 B'room	102	347.71
Large 1 B'room	94, 14, 15, 104, 110	383.65
Small 2 B'room	16, 17, 111	361.19
Large 2 B'room	01, 02, 110	443.73

Kids Say the Darndest Things

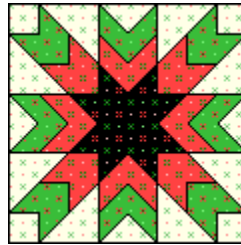


When the school bus driver stopped the bus to pick up Sally, she noticed an older woman hugging her as she left the house. "Is that your grandmother?" she asked. "Yes", said Sally.

"She's come to visit us for Christmas". "How nice.." the driver said. "Where does she live?" "At the airport" Sally replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go there and get her."

"Buon Natale"

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**Wanted
Donations of
Old Quilt
Books and/or
Magazines**

By Barbara Bodner

I have recently started quilting again and have joined the quilting guild at Riverdale Farm. I am in charge of our Very Small Library. Since we have only eight members in our guild our library material is limited. We would be interested in any books or magazines that you may have and would like to donate. Since our space is very limited we can only take quilt books not sewing, knitting or crafts books etc. - sorry we simply haven't the room. Thank you very much we appreciate your help. **Barbara**
416 - 921-1463

Feliz Navidad!

A Community Service Message – One Man's Story

Further to the above item in last month's newsletter, **Garry Carter** has submitted the following feedback:

"For men with Prostate Cancer, the PSA test is free IF done at a hospital. Please check with your Urologist, or better still Oncologist if you have one. I would also like to make a small correction to the article; although a "Radical" (removal of the prostate) can lead to incontinence and impotence; it is not always true; each case is different." *Editor's note* – Thanks Garry.

Also the phone number for the men's group called Man to Man was wrong. It is 416-932-8820 and not 923 as noted. Sorry for the error.



At Last -

A meeting regarding Television System Modification and/or Future Changes. Many people have been asking about this. The Board of Directors have had many meetings on the best way to upgrade our nearly obsolete system and have come up with a package that they believe will suit most people.

There will be three meetings, two informative and one very important voting session as follows:

Wednesday, December 8th, at 7:30 p.m.
and
Sunday, December 12th, at 2:00 p.m.
In our recreation room B1 level
and

IMPORTANT
Special Meeting of Owners to vote for the TV SYSTEM
Thursday, December 16th, at 7:30 p.m.
at the Primrose Hotel
Pearson Room, 2nd Floor.

Attention

When placing garbage down the chute in the **garbage rooms**, please **push** it all the way down. It is difficult for older people with canes or walkers to maneuver the door and the pull down flap with one hand, let alone have to try and push someone else's garbage down the chute before their own. Please be considerate of others.



Recycling Corner



The recycling display in the lobby on November 6th went very well. Lots of interest.

Thanks go out to the Recycling Committee, **Bill McGuire, Jarmilla Reisler, Chris Ridpath, Mildred Harbour, John Kell and Martha McGrath** who gave up their time on a Saturday afternoon in order to acquaint residents as to what the City of Toronto will accept in the recycling bins

The Recycling Committee wants to say special thanks to **Jean Walker** who retired as its Chairperson after many years. Jean was instrumental in getting our whole recycling program up and running. Thank you Jean, for all the hours and ideas you have put in over the years,

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR RECYCLING



An Ad for "Woofies"

By Don Sangster

Our dog food is called "Woofies",
It gives sex appeal to dogs,
Aromas travel through the air,
Every time he jogs.

For proof that our food is the best,
And this is the real clincher.
Every dog, in the neighbourhood,
Will let your Doberman pinch'er.



Is Good Health and Happiness Really a Warm Puppy?

By Don MacNair

Research points to happiness as one of top three benefits of owning a dog (Companionship and protection are the other two).

One reason for this could be the play factor. Adult dog owners spend 44 percent of their time with their pooches playing. Those 65 and older take twice as many walks as people in the same age group who don't have dogs. They are also significantly less dissatisfied with their social lives and physical and emotional health than their dogless peers.

Pet people describe themselves with more positive adjectives than non-pet owners; but then it's easy to feel good about yourself when you are around someone who shows love so easily, and who doesn't care about your social status, pant size, or bank account.

All dogs ask for is a bowl of fresh water, a run in the park, and to be fed once and a while. They don't talk, so conflicts are few. This unconditional support system can be drawn on day or night, when your family or friends are busy with other things or unreachable, and of course, dogs are a good source of entertainment. That is why in one study dog owners felt Rover was as important to them as the human members of the family.

There is another way that dogs contribute to your happiness: by helping you to feel safe and focusing your attention on something other than yourself. They lessen your anxiety, loneliness, and depression and lower your blood pressure.

Ask Santa for a puppy this Christmas, it's a big commitment but it is well worth it.



♪ ♪ Carol Singing ♪ ♪

No one has volunteered to convene this event so it doesn't look like we will be having a Christmas celebration this year. It's not too late if someone is willing.



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.

Note from the Editor

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Thank you to everyone who gave me feedback, both positive and negative about this newsletter. It is great to know that people are at least reading it. It makes me feel like my efforts are worthwhile.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas or whatever holiday you and your families celebrate at this time of year.

Martha

