
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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May 2005 be a Happy and Prosperous year for each and every one of us.

Merry Christmas – January 7th,
2005 to all of you who follow the
Eastern Orthodox Church.

Smoke Alarms



The first of the year is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.



Who recently turned the big seven oh?

70

Gerry Crowe

Belated Happy Birthday, Gerry



Recycling Corner



Flat Is In

OUR BINS ARE OVERFLOWING

In order to save space in the recycling bins and avoid this overflow, please **FLATTEN** the following items:

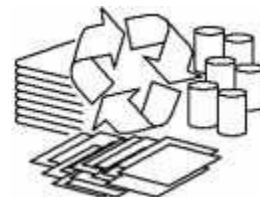
Boxboard boxes (cereal, tissue, detergent boxes, etc.)

Pizza boxes and corrugated cardboard boxes

Large plastic bottles

Milk and juice cartons

Drink boxes



Yea, **they're baaaack**. It is so good to see Carlton Street back to normal and the streetcars running again.



Getting To Know You



*Irene McGarvie & Mike
Morley and friends*

When Irene lived in Moosonee, she flew to the communities along James Bay as a visiting hair-stylist. As owner of Saucy Dog Fashions, her doggy Halloween costumes sold to customers all over the world. As a sculptor, moving to Toronto meant losing access to a kiln so she abandoned clay for papier maché. Her fun life-sized sculptures expose the absurdity of human behaviour. These figures enliven her home when they're not doing duty on television or in the theatre, or waiting to be adopted.

Mike, who is French Canadian, is a Certified Public Accountant with an MBA degree and has held positions in Canada and in the U.S. He writes and teaches about finance topics such as how to improve your credit rating when he's not busy consulting.

Irene and Mike have been together for 14 years. As a couple, they bicycle (this past summer they cycled from Toronto to Ottawa), camp (400 nights in the tent in four years), canoe, and are certified scuba divers and Reiki Masters. Both are from Ottawa and, now in a second marriage, share five children, two of whom—Erin and Kelly—also live at 40 Homewood. They love the place, and hope never to move again.

Editor's note: Irene needs egg cartons for her sculptures. Her phone No. is 416-929-1202

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



Getting To Know You



Bob Leah

Bob might tell you he's simplifying his life, cutting back on his possessions. It's a joy, he says, to exercise the Law of Circulation. He's down to two kitchen knives, and has passed on his microwave, the deep-fryer, the coffee machine and even his computer.

But spiritually, Bob accumulates. Belonging to the Life Institute at Ryerson is witness to his attachment to continuing education. If today it's Effective Speaking, Voice, and Choral Singing, yesterday it was Computers, Photography, Typing and Public Relations. He's also a graduate of Unity Village in Missouri where he studied Christianity and Metaphysics.

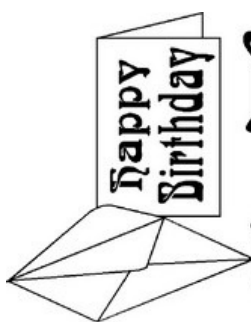
Bob, the youngest of three children in a modest family, was born of Welsh parents in West Toronto. He left school at 16 to help them out, training as a hair-stylist in New York City. He managed to serve in England during the closing years of WW II, and then spent over 20 at Holt Renfrew's beauty salon. At 45, he opted for a complete change, and began work in an entry-level job at the Land Title office of the provincial government. By his retirement at 62, he was in charge of public relations for the department of Revenue.

Bob has worked tirelessly for 40 Homewood, which has been his home for 18 years. He is the 40 Homewood Community Co-ordinator and serves on the Homewood Neighbourhood Association.



Laundry Room Etiquette

It has been noted that people have been practically falling into the machines themselves in order to push all their laundry into one machine. I would presume this is done to save tokens. Overloading the machines is not good for your wash and not good for the machines either. Please don't overload.



Birthdays this Month

January



Flower – Carnation
Birthstone – Garnet



Food Bank

This year's initiative went extremely well!
Approximately 650 lbs. of food and \$300 went to the

Daily Bread Food Bank from 40 Homewood. Thanks go out to everyone who made a donation to assure that people not as fortunate as we are were able to have a good meal this season. Thank you to **Raymonde Quichard** and **Barbara Bodnar** (who filled-in for Raymonde one evening), for volunteering their time to sit in the lobby and collect and pack up all the food.

Also, thanks to **Glenn Chaulk** and **Bill Corner** for lugging the heavy boxes for us and to **Arthur Martin, Russell Baxter** and **Neil Gilson** for giving their time and effort transporting our donation to the Food Bank.

Way To Go Raymonde!!
Great Job Everyone!!

Ever Wonder

- ▶ Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- ▶ Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- ▶ Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- ▶ Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- ▶ Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- ▶ Why is it that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?
- ▶ Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- ▶ Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- ▶ Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- ▶ Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- ▶ When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?
- ▶ Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- ▶ Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- ▶ You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
- ▶ Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- ▶ Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- ▶ If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- ▶ If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

GARBAGE ROOMS

The Cleaning Staff has cleaned up the garbage rooms, washing the floors and walls. They all look so wonderful and clean. **Let's try and keep them looking like this.** Thanks Guys.



Introductory Class
Starting Wednesday, January 5th, 2005
At 6:30 p.m.
In the Recreation Room, Level 1B
Fee \$10.00

Area News

By Bob Leah

Paul Hyde, owner of **Banting Guest House** attends the monthly **Police Liaison Meetings**. Paul also goes on the **Homewood Neighbourhood Association Safety Walks**. Thanks, Paul, for your hard work on our behalf, for safety and security in this area.

Virginia Barton, Senior Co-ordinator, Toronto District Catholic School Board shares the following regarding **the new Our Lady of Lourdes School**:

► The **opening** of the school is scheduled for the **September, 2005 term**.

► **Peter Scardino** and **Chris Latko**, on site, are working to meet a **completion date** for **May or June, 2005!**

► **Security measures**, including video cameras are planned.

► **Trees** will be planted according to specifications from City planners.

► **Underground parking**

► A **fence** of cement and wrought iron will line the grounds.

► Complete gym

► Special kindergarten facilities

► Barrier-free access

► Amenities for the physically challenged

► Elevator

► Safety Lighting

► Planned sightlines

► A **public blessing and dedication ceremony** will take place in 2005.

51 Division Police were consulted regarding safety measures prior to construction.

Bunton Lodge – 416 Sherbourne Street

The Salvation Army has made a number of improvements including the installation of a fence in the rear of the property, the addition of exterior lighting, removal of debris from the interior and the installation of a new roof.

Renovation work is being carried out. A completion date of July, 2005 is planned.

Art Rasmussion, Director of Bunton Lodge, shared that security measures are in place at the current residence designed to protect the residents and the community. Twenty-four hour supervision is in place seven days a week.

Bunton Lodge replaces the former drug-infested run-down **St. Leonard Hotel**.

Allan Gardens Clean-up Committee

planning is underway for **2005 meetings**.

The Committee, founded by the **Homewood Neighbourhood Association**, comprises representatives from:

- 40 Homewood
- 130 Carleton
- 140 Carleton
- 77 Maitland Place
- 215 Jarvis
- Councillor Kyle Rae's Office
- MPP George Smitherman's office
- Metro Police 51 Division
- Parks & Recreation

Committee meetings are held from March through September of the year.

SAD NEWS

The Trashing of Homewood

Sad to report, too many **old mattresses and junk** are dumped along Homewood. (Littering of this nature gives the criminal element the message that no one cares.) **Break and Enter problems result**.

Since the City is slow to respond to requests for pick-up, members of **The Homewood Neighbourhood Association** have removed "stuff".

GLAD NEWS

► Big time graffiti has been removed from **Sky Cleaner's** side wall (next to **The Little Bee**)

► **Broken sidewalks** along Homewood have been patched for safety.

► **Homewood Ave. road** resurfacing is planned in 2006.

► **Arrests** have been made for trespassing, bicycle theft, break-ins, and drug dealing in the Homewood area. (North of us too).

Thanks Dept

To: **The 40 Homewood Board and Management** for their enthusiastic support of the Homewood Association.

To: **Alex McLean**, at Councillor Kyle Rae's office for his tireless help in keeping this area clean and safe.

To: **Anthony Bartolo**, municipal standards officer, for the following:

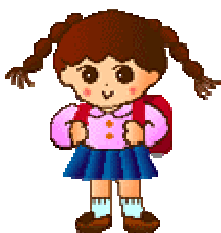
► This summer's walkaround, noting problem properties and his work in correcting them this year, and his commitment to area improvements in 2005.

We appreciate you!

BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?

1. HOROBOD	2. NEI4IOS
3. BADwolf	4. shopshopshop u



Kids Say the Darndest Things

Children have such a way of looking at things differently

TEACHER: "Why are you late?"

WEBSTER: "Because of the sign."

TEACHER: "What sign?"

WEBSTER: "The one that says, 'School Ahead, Go Slow.'"

TEACHER: "Cindy, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?"

CINDY: "You told me to do it without using tables!"

TEACHER: "John, how do you spell 'crocodile'?"

JOHN: "K-R-O-K-O-D-A-I-L."

TEACHER: "No, that's wrong."

JOHN: "Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!"

TEACHER: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

SARAH: "H I J K L M N O!!"

TEACHER: "What are you talking about?"

SARAH: "Yesterday, you said it's H to O!"

Editor's Note: Thanks Neil

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Neil's Chili Con Carne

Submitted by Violet

Violet says this is a recipe "To Die For"

- 2 tbsps bacon drippings or butter
- 1 onion chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 lbs. extra lean ground beef
- 2 small cans (398 ml. Ea) stewed tomatoes
- 1 small can red kidney beans
- 1 small can white kidney beans
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- ¼ cup dry red wine
- 1 small can (284 ml) mushroom stems and pieces, diced
- 2 tbsps chili seasoning (recipe below), more or less depending on the taste

**Note: Look in the refrigerator, You may also add some leftovers, such as 1 cup cooked mashed potatoes, bits of green and red pepper, a stalk of celery (chopped fine), some corn, etc.*

Melt bacon drippings (the best) and sauté the onion and garlic until soft. Have a large pot ready and put onion and garlic in pot. Brown the ground beef in remaining grease, then add to onions and garlic. Stir in tomatoes, beans, salt, sugar, red wine, mushrooms, etc. and chili seasoning. Cook on low heat for 3 or 4 hours until all flavours have melded together. Serve with sour cream and grated cheddar. If you wish, you may also serve chopped fresh onion as a topping.

Chili Seasoning Mix:

- ¼ cup Cayenne pepper
- ¼ cup Paprika
- 2 tbsps dried minced onion
- 4 tsps Cumin seeds
- 2 tsps Oregano
- 2 tsps salt
- 1 tsp Garlic powder
- 1 tsp crushed dried red peppers

≈≈In Memoriam≈≈

Hedwig Von Czerny, Unit #603, passed away December 10th, 2004.

Mary Smyk, Unit #410, passed away December 12th, 2004.

Our condolences go out to their families. They will be missed by all their friends and neighbours in the building.



Down Memory Lane By Violet

Early in December, 2004, I happened to see on TV a group of young children, maybe Grade 4 or 5, at a Fire Station. I missed the beginning of the program, so I cannot say where, but it doesn't matter anyway.

The group were having the time of their lives, boys climbing over a fire engine, girls looking at uniforms, etc. and the firemen all smiles as they told the group how everything is organized.



Immediately, I remembered my own visit to the Fire Station, about eighty (80) years ago. If I were in Manchester, England and the station were still in the same place, I could head right for it. My memories are still clear. The most exciting part was the slide down the pole. The men gave us all the thrill of "sliding" down to the floor below. We were held by a strong man, with one arm and the other went round the pole and down we went! I have never forgotten the thrill.

I am not sure if that way of getting down quickly is still used—what a pity if a modern way is in place.

That's Not My Job

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

This is a story about four people named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*.

There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that, because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have.



Our TV System

A Special General Meeting was held on December 16th, 2004 at the Primrose Hotel in order to vote on the proposal put forth by the Board of Directors for the purpose of upgrading our TV system.

There was a unanimous vote by ballots and proxies for the second option which was:

"Invest \$75,000.00 in new equipment, and turn the operation over to a small Private Cable operator. This would give us the best of both worlds. Those who wish to have access to only what the Condominium Corporation will provide on basic analog, can do so at no extra cost. Those who want more variety and specialty channels, will be able to have them at an additional cost. The extra channels will all be digital."

The choice of the Private Cable company has yet to be made. We will keep you posted.

Note from the Editor

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Happy 2005 to everyone.

Martha
