
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

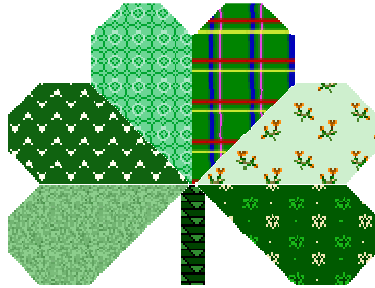
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by John Kell



Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 17, 2005



May your home be bright with cheer,
May your cares all disappear,
May contentment come your way,
And may laughter fill your day.



May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.



Easter Greetings
TO ONE AND ALL

March 27, 2005



Just my thoughts on this monthly newsletter. I get so exasperated when I look in the garbage container in the mailroom and see many copies of it there. The reason is that some people don't even bother to look at it, let alone read it. It's what brings a community together and if the residents of 40 Homewood don't realize that, so much the worse for them.

There are very few, if any, negative editorials or items that will upset people who live on the 32 floors of our building!

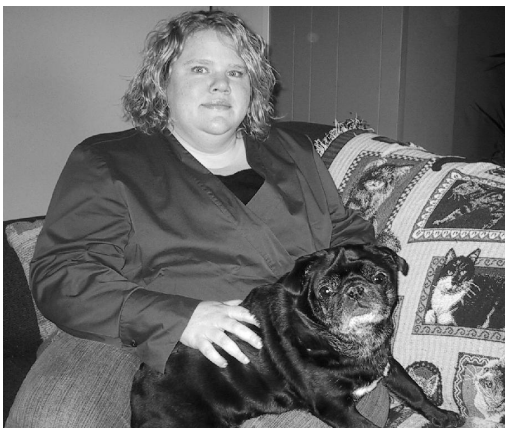
When I see that they won't even take the time to see what an enriched community we have here in our building, it makes me very upset. We are so lucky to live in a security based building, great management, excellent maintenance staff and some people show their respect by not even looking at the newsletter in their mailbox. I'd like you to wake up to reality and look at the place where you live. We are so lucky to live outside the third world and not have to deal with the situations like Iraq, Africa, Afghanistan, etc. etc. People who ignore their living space in our building are only getting what they deserve – my suggestion is to wise up and run for election (for example) and continue to improve our living space here at 40 Homewood.

Editor's Note: Although I get discouraged to see the copies in the recycling bin, I swear I did not ask John to write this. I also believe it might not do much good because the people who throw this newsletter out before reading it, will not even see this article to appreciate the newsletter or the building.





Getting To Know You



Tanya Speight and George

The Kingston harbour was home to Tanya's parents and their two daughters—a sailboat in the summers and a retired coast guard icebreaker in the winters. Leaving Kingston as a 20-year old, her career path has also been original.

After a year at Trent, she heard the siren song of Toronto's music scene. She had played piano "forever" and guitar since she was 13. Her offers to help the bands she listened to at clubs panned out and within six months she was organizing logistics for tours. For a year and a half, she worked with Jane Siberry, touring through North America and Europe. She left this exciting and stressful job in 1997 for a five-year stint, promoting musicians on radio. Passionate about her work, she turned from music to politics when the former became routine for her.

First, she was hired as a Youth Outreach Officer for the NDP Caucus. This led to event planning for Howard Hampton and, then, dealing with election logistics when the NDP went into election mode in 2003, her "best job ever". After working on the Jack Layton election, moving to Ottawa for a time, she went out to Alberta to work with the NDP team there. Currently, she's working at the union OPSEU, processing grievances, until the next big challenge arrives. With many friends at 40 Homewood, she's happy to rent here with George and Tasha, the cat.

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



Getting To Know You



John Frederickson

To hear the story, John's parents had 6 boys and 2 girls because it was cheaper than hiring hands to run the farm/ranch in Grand Forks, BC, where he was born. The rural scene, however, wasn't for him

A move to Vancouver introduced him to the hospitality business, and he worked for CP Hotels, Expo '86 and the Commonwealth Conference. Looking to see the world, he joined CP Airlines, traveling widely and circling the globe several times as a flight attendant. The airline, which eventually became Canadian, moved him to Toronto in 1988 but he was later laid off when hard times hit the carrier.


Undaunted, he got a job training management workers for Starbucks, which was about to open franchises in Toronto. For four years, he was responsible for five downtown stores. It was a 7-day week, which led to an eventual burn out.

Looking for more manageable work, he turned to the TTC, working first as a bus driver and, currently, as a driver and guard on the Bloor line subway. His days are long, getting up at 5 a.m. and ending work at 7:30 p.m. It's a job, however, he can leave behind when it's done.

John enjoys music and the theatre, and traveling, especially to Japan and Germany. These days, he's gathering decorating ideas for the unit at 40 Homewood, which he bought in December.





March 
Flower – Daffodil
Birthstone – Aquamarine



Since you ask

Q. *Why do we use tokens in the washing machines and not coins?*

A. It is for security reasons. The tokens break in half once the slot is pushed in. The result of this is that there is no reason for people to tamper with machines should someone think they can get cash from them



Out on the Town

By Heather Wilson

Culture on the Cheap – Part 2

Film:

1. Bloor/Festival Cinemas: You can't beat the Bloor Cinema or any of the "Festival" Cinemas for a great film deal. A year-long membership to the Bloor (506 Bloor St. West, www.bloorcinema.com) costs \$3 (free for seniors and children under 12) and entitles members to see slightly-delayed first-run films for \$4.25 or a double-bill for \$7.00 (check the website for even cheaper deals). A \$3 six-month membership at the "Festival" Cinemas (www.festivalcinemas.com) includes the Fox Beaches, the Kingsway, the Paradise, the Revue

and the Royal at College and Grace. Members then pay \$6 a movie or \$4 on Tuesday.

2. NFB: The National Film Board of Canada (150 John Street, www.nfb.ca, 416-973-3012) offers certain film screenings for free. Sign up for a free NFB Film Club membership on the website and you'll receive a monthly newsletter setting out upcoming screenings. The NFB on John Street also offers the "NFB Mediatheque", a new series of personal-viewing stations available for viewing NFB films for free (approximately 1000 of the NFB films are currently available included the 2004 Oscar-nominated "Ryan" and "Hardwood").

3. Rainbow Cinemas, Market Square: Market Square (80 Front Street E., www.rainbowcinemas.ca) offers movies for adults in the evening for \$7.50, or \$4.25 for matinees, seniors and children.


4. Movies with Don: Great movies play in our own recreation room once a week for free!

Art Gallery of Ontario/Royal Ontario Museum

Both the AGO (www.ago.net) and the ROM (www.rom.on.ca) offer memberships which can save you a great deal of money if you are a frequent visitor. For example, a year-long family membership at the AGO costs \$100 and covers two adults plus children under 17 (I believe the membership covers up to 5 children). Since most of the big exhibits shown at the AGO cost approx. \$18 and you can see these shows as many times as you would like, the cost of the membership can be offset quickly (and a member is entitled to a discount at the gift shop, amongst other perks). If you don't want to see the shows but are still interested in going to the AGO or the ROM on the cheap, the AGO is free on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and the ROM is free on Fridays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

If you'd like to share any tips for doing-culture-on-the-cheap, please contact me at sequins@axxent.ca and we'll include them in next month's newsletter.



WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO GET PEOPLE NOT TO PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING BINS? DUMP THE CANS AND BOTTLES IN THE BINS AND THEN PUT THE BAG IN THE BROWN BIN. PLEEESE 




Kids Say the Darndest Things


Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?

Last month's answers 

1. Red in the face
2. One foot in the grave
3. Long underwear
4. Scrambled eggs

1. Y Y guy guy	2.  EZ iii
3. XQQME	4. O_er_t_o_

GARBAGE ROOMS

Please consider other residents who will also be using the Garbage Room after you! On February 13th someone placed a bag of **wet peelings, etc.** in the middle of the garbage room floor on **Floor 16**. Anyone who stepped on that could have slid across the floor and fallen, perhaps breaking some bones. If you ask a friend, a young relative or a care-giver to take the garbage to the chute, **please be sure** to explain that the garbage **must be shoved down the chute**.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

I apologize to Neil for cutting off the instructions to this recipe last month. If you bought the ingredients last month, now you can finish it. I hear it is worth the wait! Here it is again,



Neil's 4-layer Pumpkin Cake

Submitted by Violet

Violet says this is also a recipe "To Die For"

- 1 yellow layer cake
- 1 can (398 ml) pumpkin puree, divided
- ½ cup milk
- ⅓ cup vegetable oil
- 4 large eggs
- 1½ tsp. pumpkin spice, divided
- 1 pkg. (250g) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (398 ml) pumpkin puree, divided
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tub (1 L) whipped topping, thawed
- ¼ cup caramel topping
- ½ cup toasted pecan halves

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease and flour 2 (9") round cake pans. Beat cake mix. 1 cup of the pumpkin puree, milk, oil, eggs and 1 tsp of the pumpkin pie spice in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed, until well blended. Pour evenly into prepared pans and bake for 35 – 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool completely on wire racks. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese on medium until creamy. Add icing sugar, remaining pumpkin and remaining ½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice; mix well. Fold in whipped topping. Remove cakes from pans and cut each layer in half horizontally. Stack the layers in serving plate, spreading ⅓ of the cream cheese mixture between each layer. Do not frost the top. Drizzle caramel topping and add pecan halves. Store in refrigerator.





Recycling Corner



LET'S GO FLAT

By Jean Walker

Did you know that the blue recycle bins are so stuffed with air that, by Tuesdays (pickup days), they are overflowing.

A facial tissue box, or a regular size cereal box measuring 3 inches high reduces the volume to $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch when folded. Those big appliance boxes, some measuring 36 inches high can be reduced to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch when folded flat. Flexible plastic pop bottles, tins, etc. can also be flattened to greatly reduce space. By reducing the volume of recyclables in the bins, we eliminate the mess in our back yard. This can increase the amount of recyclables sent for recycling and reduce the cost our garbage disposal. It only takes a few seconds and makes such a difference! Most people are doing a fabulous job of recycling but we need your HELP with this problem.



Do we have a celebrity amongst us?

On Sunday, February 6th, **Violet Green, Florence Rice, Jean Murray and I** set off to attend a recital by Andrew Arons, a young up and coming pianist finishing off his music degree. Andrew was a recipient of Violet's scholarship and credits her for helping him immensely.

The WheelTrans bus that was transporting us was a little late and we had ten minutes to get to Hazelton Lanes.

Well, we made it a just a few minutes late. We were lucky enough not to miss anything because the recital was delayed until "Mrs. Green is in her seat!!!".



A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. 🌟

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."



Our Library

By John Kell

You may not have noticed but our library on the main floor has shown significant improvement over the last while. Jim Mitchell, who has volunteered to look after the library for us, has amassed the most diverse collection of current hard covered books in our little mini library here at 40 Homewood. The fact that many of our residents also make a substantial contribution to our collection certainly helps matters. You can take advantage of the most varied items right across from the elevator as you enter our building. Also, might I suggest that you don't take your newspapers to the recycling bins right away, but leave them in the library for someone else to read if they wish. Don't forget about your neighbours. 🌟



A SMILE FOR YOU

Submitted by Don MacNair

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realized I'd passed on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realized it's worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel around the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!



Martha, Martha, Martha!

By Violet

Editor's Note: This is completely unsolicited by me and I am honored. I didn't want to print it but Violet insisted.

Well, she's done it again! And why not? She's been doing it for quite some time now.

Ah, your curiosity has been peaked, hasn't it? Martha has been publishing the monthly Newsletter for 40 Homewood residents. And, it's the very same Martha that is printing this article for us.


Not only is the Newsletter informative, but it's amusing. Informative? Just read the Profile Section where two residents, long-standing as well as new are profiled each month. Amusing? Watch for the little jokes and stories.

The Newsletter is like a village newspaper. And really, that's what 40 Homewood is; "a village". There are 492 units here and that comprises **our village**, so it's nice to know that we have a village voice for information, recipes, jokes, celebrations and a way of saying things like, "Happy New Year, Merry Christmas, etc.", in one of the many languages that reside here in the village.

So, to Martha, on behalf of all of her loyal readers, an enormous **"THANK YOU"**. Thank you for the pleasure that you give us. and **Long May You Reign!**



Congratulations!



To **Arthur Martin** and **Neil Gilson** who won first and second prize at a cooking competition. Arthur for main course and Neil for dessert.



Television Update

The Corporation's lawyer is in the process of vetting the TV contract.

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Murder Mystery Evening

Did you enjoy the two that we have already had? **Should we have another one?**

There are two more kits available. The people who convened the first two do not have the time to do another one. IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE AVAILABLE TO HOST ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY EVENING?

Note from the Editor

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I really appreciate all the accolades I have received this month. 🍀 They are completely unsolicited and I am a little embarrassed to include them but it is so nice to know that people appreciate what I am doing.

Those leprechauns 🍀 are doing their mischief 🍀 again this year.

Martha

