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Happy
Canada Day

July 1, 2005



Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2005
Primrose Hotel, Pearson Room

The A.G.M. took place on the above date and the following agenda items were transacted.

- ▶ The Audited Financial Statement for the year 2004 was presented and approved.
- ▶ Appointment of the Auditors for the Corporation, Soberman, LLP was made for the year 2006.
- ▶ Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting and Business Arising were adopted.
- ▶ There was no election session.
- ▶ There was no other business.
- ▶ The meeting terminated at 8.30 pm.

There was no election of directors segment because only the three incumbents submitted their names in nomination for the three vacant positions. **Ivan Cody, Ron Browne** and **Denise Redwood** were elected by acclamation for another two-year term.



Down Memory Lane

By Violet

NIAGARA
FALLS

Around the years of the late 1960's, near to 1971, I had friends from England come and stay with me. Priority No. 1 on their agenda was to see Niagara Falls. I had already been, a few weeks previously, but agreed to drive my friends to one of the Wonders of the World.

When we were about twenty miles from our destination, I told them they would not see the Falls as they imagined them to be. **The Falls had been stopped!!** I do not remember the reason for this. It must have involved great planning by engineers. The entire area did not have millions of gallons of water cascading down and into the pool below. My friends looked disappointed at my ruse.

We found a parking lot and walked over to the railings and gazed at a huge cliff, over which, very thin and a barely visible trickle casually made its way down. The walkway under the Falls was in full view.

I told my friends that this sight was a once in a lifetime event and although they were not seeing the water, it was possible that a hundred years might pass before it happened again.

I wonder how many readers of this newsletter saw the Falls dry, or remember the event.




Getting To Know You



*Lisa Gillespie
and John Makepeace*

Lisa says her life story is straightforward: her family (one brother) moved from Britain to Orangeville, Ontario when she was six. She studied journalism at Humber College, and has worked at the same job for 15 years. John's story takes a more twisted path.

Two names, two families, two different states—well and unwell—have defined him. Born as Sidney Goforth and soon adopted, John knows both his families, and counts four siblings on one side and two on the other. The unwellness began as an infant, when he was operated on for a hernia. Once grown, several bowel obstructions ended with a 13-month stay in the McMaster hospital in 1996. Five operations later, his entire large colon had been removed. Monitoring his health is now a time-consuming matter.

Lisa works at Bowden's as a media analyst, where she watches current affairs television and write reports. John, a sometime cook and handyman, had a stint last year as an extra for two months on *Cinderella Man*, meeting both Russell Crowe and Renee Zellweger.

Lisa has been at Homewood for 11 years, and John joined her 7 years ago. Together, they share a love of sports. Currently, John plays baseball with the Artful Dodger team every Sunday. This summer, in addition to spending time with Lisa's family, they're planning a few trips to Niagara to visit John's 12-year-old son Darren.


Getting To Know You



*Murray Gaudreau
and Sydney*

At 30, Murray sold his farm near Tilbury and moved from Windsor to Toronto to get a post-graduate certificate in Communications at Centennial College. That year, 2001, he also bought his apartment at 40 Homewood.

Murray, the fourth generation to own the farm, has politics in his blood. He worked all summer for the NDP in 1990; the year Bob Rae won office. He, himself, ran for municipal councillor in Tilbury at 21, managed another's campaign in 1994 and worked for an MPP in Petrolia in 1995. He was elected to the executive of the National Farmer's Union and became a lobbyist for them, working winters and springs in addition to minding the farm. He knows marketing and fundraising, and the economic impact of political policies in today's global markets.

With his background in work with non-profits—among others, the Gay Pride Parade in Windsor—and his political savvy, Murray was confident that he'd find work with the provincial government and he has, as a Communications specialist. More importantly, he is currently president of both the provincial and federal NDP riding associations in Toronto Centre, our riding.

Soon, he hopes to begin work with community organizations, interesting them in the homeless youth population in the neighborhood. Working so hard doesn't leave much time for leisure, but what little time he has is spent walking Sydney and socializing with friends.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Margaret's Easy Fish and Tomato Stew

Submitted by Violet
(Another recipe To Die For)

Serve in shallow bowls with bread or over pasta, couscous, rice or boiled potatoes. Fennel adds a wonderful complimentary flavour to fish. Use the seeds or ¼ cup (50 ml) chopped fresh leaves, or a pinch of anise, or a tablespoon or two (15 to 20 ml) of Pernod liqueur. The wine is optional but the stew tastes much better when it's included.

- 2 tsp. (10 mL) olive oil
- 1 medium onion or leek, chopped
- 1½ tsp (7 mL) minced garlic
- 1 large stalk celery, chopped
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) fennel seeds
- ⅛ tsp (0.5 mL) hot pepper flakes
- 1 can (28oz/796mL) tomatoes (undrained) chopped
- ¼ cup (50 mL) white wine (optional)
- 1 lb. (500 g) Fresh or frozen fish fillets (sole, halibut, cod)
- ¼ cup (50 mL) Chopped fresh parsley or coriander

In nonstick saucepan, heat oil over medium heat; cook onion and garlic until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add celery, fennel seeds, hot pepper flakes, tomatoes, and wine (if using); bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add fish and cook until fish is opaque, about 5 minutes for fresh, 10 minutes for frozen. Add parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper. Most fish will break up into pieces as you stir in salt and pepper; if not, cut into pieces before serving.

Makes 4 servings

Easy Fish Stew with Scallops, Shrimp and Mussels:

Prepare Easy Fish and Tomato Stew and make the following additions. When adding fresh or thawed fish, add 1 lb. (500 g) mussels (in shells, washed and debearded); cover and simmer 3 minutes then add ¼ lb (125 g) each scallops and medium to small shrimp (shelled, fresh or cooked). Cover and simmer another 3 minutes or until mussels open. Add parsley and continue

as in above recipe. Discard any mussels that don't open.

Margaret uses Salmon, Shrimps and Scallops



Flower – Water Lily
Birthstone – Ruby

BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?
Last month's answers

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| 1. | 7 up cans |
| 2. | Potatoes |
| 3. | The aftermath |
| 4. | Foreign Language |

1. T M A U H S W T	2. zzzz Bull
3. ENDSSDNE	4. sailing ccccccc





PETITION

A resident has complained about a constant noise emanating from an air-conditioning unit on the roof of **140 Carlton**, the building to the south of us. It has been reported to the City but they are not willing to do anything about it unless they receive more than one complaint.

Our management office has prepared a petition. If you are on the south side of the building and reside on a higher floor, you might be bothered by this noise. **Please go to the management office to place your signature on the petition** so we can submit as many signatures as possible to the City.



overly attentive stare and walked directly toward her. (As all men will.)

Before she could offer her apologies for so rudely staring, he leaned over and whispered to her, "I'll do anything, absolutely anything, that you want me to do, no matter what it is, for \$20.00—on one condition." (There are always conditions)

Flabbergasted, The woman asked what the condition was. The man replied, "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words." (controlling huh?)

The woman considered his proposition for a moment, and then slowly removed a \$20 bill from her purse, which she pressed into the man's hand along with her address. She looked deeply into his eyes, and slowly, and meaningfully, said....

"Clean my house"!!!

≈In Memoriam≈

David Granger, Unit #314, passed away on May 25, 2005

His many friends and neighbours and his dog Taylor will miss him.

Area News

MONTAGUE PARKETTE

Bob Leah has contacted **Darrell Vossen** of the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation to report the pesticide spraying at Montague Parkette.

Darrell advised that there will be NO pesticide spraying in the parkette...It is not allowed on city property. He has instructed 140 Carlton (who maintain the parkette) of this fact.



Television Questionnaire

By now you will have received the information and questionnaire sent out pertaining to the change in our TV system. It is important for residents to fill out the questionnaire to indicate if you intend to switch to digital so that the Management Office can order enough boxes. If you have missed the deadline of June 29th, please let the Management Office know ASAP.

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.

THANKS,
FRIENDS!

You Make a Difference

- ★ **Larry Wert** for spending an afternoon pulling dandelions out of our lawn.
- ★ **Bill McGuire** for spending many evenings out by our recycling bins, showing people how to squish bottles in order to make more room in the bins..
- ★ **Marion Ritchie** for volunteering to take care of our rose garden by pruning and tending the roses.
- ★ **Bob Leah** for spending so much time making sure our neighbourhood is a pleasant and safe place to live.
- ★ **Jim Mitchell**, for consistently keeping our library organized.
- ★ **Don Sangster**, for taking time every week to screen movies and show one a week for everyone to enjoy.
- ★ **David Thornton** for doing the sound wiring at every event and meeting that we have.
- ★ **Charles Marker** and **Connie John** for taking the time to photograph and interview residents for the 'Getting to Know You" segment



Our annual Yard sale is planned to take place on **Saturday, July 16th, 2005.** Time to get rid of your "junk". Don't forget, someone's

junk is someone else's treasure. A great way to meet your neighbours, make a little money and find some bargains.

Tables are \$2.00 each (maximum 2). The event takes place in the south driveway and a staff member brings out the tables to the driveway for you. Set up time is at 8:00 am and the sale opens at 9:00 am.

We need a convener for the
Barbecue
Anyone willing?



A CHRISTMAS DINNER IN JUNE!!!

About 50 people enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner and the ambiance at our Christmas dinner on June 11th

Thanks for the planning go out to **Violet Green, Florence Rice, Arthur Martin, Neil Gilson, David Thornton, Don Sangster and Martha McGrath.**

Thanks for the implementation of the event go to **Arthur and Neil** for setting up the room and seeing to all the little details, **David** for spending many hours finding music for the event, **Florence** for blowing up balloons and serving at the dinner. **Don** for also serving. Some of our outside guests also assisted with the serving, **Linda Chalmers, Alex Abofs and Shirley Bell.** **Russ Baxter** undertook the duty of prize caller. Thanks also to **Tiko Tada** and whoever else helped on the clean-up duty. I was on ticket duty.



Didja you know?

About dialing **211**

United Way, in partnership with Community Information Toronto, presents 211, a free, multilingual information line. Not for emergencies, but more than directory assistance, 211 connects you to all the community, social, health and government services in Toronto. It's your first call for information about childcare, language classes, job searches, housing, health services and more. 211 specialists are ready to talk to you 24 hours a day, or you can visit www.211Toronto.ca.

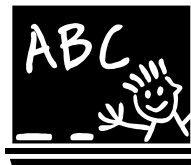


Recycling Corner



MAKE IT FLAT!

Boxes (cereal, tissue, detergent, etc.); corrugated cardboard boxes. Large flexible plastic bottles; small plastic spring-water bottles—step on them. Milk or juice cartons.



Alphabet for Seniors

Submitted by John Donat

A is for arthritis,
B is for bad back,
C is for chest pains. Perhaps cardiac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight--can't read that top line.
F is for fissures and fluid retention
G is for gas (which I'd rather not mention)
H high blood pressure [I'd rather have low]
I is for incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, that now fail to flex
L is for libido--what happened to sex?
 Wait! I forgot about **K**!
K is for my knees that crack when they're bent
 (Please forgive me, my **M**emory ain't worth a cent)
N for neurosis, pinched nerves and stiff neck
O is for osteo-and all bones that crack
P for prescriptions, I have quite a few
 Give me another pill; I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasiness. Fatal or flu?
R is for reflux--one meal turns into two
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears
T for tinnitus--I hear bells in my ears
U is for urinary: difficulties with flow
V is for vertigo, that's "dizzy", you know.
W is worry, now what's going 'round?
X is for X ray--and what might be found.
Y for another year I've left behind
Z is for zest that I still have my mind,
 Have survived all the symptoms my body's
 deployed, and kept twenty-six doctors gainfully
 employed!!!

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.

♪ Toronto Music Garden ♪

Returning for its sixth season, the Summer Music in the Garden series presents audiences with classical music from western and non-western traditions, along with new music and dance. Free outdoor performances take place in the Toronto Music Garden, 475 Queen's Quay.

Sunday July 3 – 4pm

TRUE NORTH BRASS

Thursday July 7 – 7pm

LES DÉLICIES DE LA SOLITUDE

Thursday July 14 – 7pm

LES TEMP DES C É RISES

Sunday, July 17 – 4pm

MEDITERRANEAN VOICES I: A GARDEN OF FLOWERS EAST AND WEST

Thursday July 21 - 7pm

FACES OF THE STRING QUARTET, II "THE SADDEST OF ALL KEYS"

Sunday July 24 – 4pm

ONCE UPON AN ACCORDION

Thursday, July 28 – 7pm

FROM DISTANT PLACES; THE ART OF THE SOLO BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Note from the Editor

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Happy Canada Day everyone! Hope everyone is keeping cool in this hot, hot weather. Looking forward to the yard sale. I usually spend more than I make though.

