## 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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A plank of wood about a yard long landed on a balcony on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, thrown from above.

It is very dangerous to throw anything off the balconies. People or pets could be hurt or even killed. A cigarette butt could cause a fire on someone else's balcony.

Would whoever is doing this please cut it out. It is NOT funny or fun.



Down Memory Lane By Violet

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Many of the original owners still residing here from 1972 are talking about the early years with all the problems that arise with new ventures and the happy events which were frequent.

We soon had a recreation committee of enthusiastic members. Some are still here and helping out.

Starting early in the year, we had a Valentine Dance. Donated food for snacks was set up. Awaiting the right time to be awarded would be small gifts wrapped in white and red covering. These were for spot dances. We hired a small band.

Soon afterwards, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with dancing, food and prizes. We had a small band for this event too.

Summer finally came in and a yard sale was arranged. Then came the barbeque. Volunteers to help were abundant. Everyone was willing to help.

Halloween was a gala night, with fancy dress optional. Some costumes were really worth seeing. We had lots of fun and all this took place in the recreation room and was part of our home life.

New Years was also a gala night, in fact, it was "the" dance of the year. The recreation room was <u>full</u> of residents and friends until well past midnight.

It would be nice to turn the clock back and renew our community spirit.

## **©MMMMMM**Getting To Know You



### Brían Buchan and Nícole McLean

When the month-long United Way appeal kicks off in October at the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), Nicole and Brian will be in charge—she, as the campaign chair and he, as the communications person. They have been a team, so to speak, since they met, working in the IT department of the WSIB three years ago.

Brian had moved from Oshawa to McMaster University, where he majored in philosophy and was editor of the school paper, *The Silhouette*. Fresh out of school, he launched a magazine for Canadian users of Macintosh systems but couldn't find sufficient backing to make a go of it. He parlayed his technical knowledge into the first WSIB job, moved on into Communications there, and is currently a senior issues analyst in the head office.

Nicole's route was less predictable. Born in Toronto, and moved to Oakville and Kitchener as a kid, she went to Humber College for Fashion Arts. Specializing in make-up, she worked on the cosmetic floor at Eaton's for a few years before attending the Academy of Design, learning graphic design, mastering Lotus, and landing a job at WSIB. Currently, she's a business assistant, responsible for managing the administration of the appeals branch there.

They love watching movies together, and recently traveled to Cuba. Next year, it'll be Australia. Life at 40 Homewood, with their two cats, is great.

## **@MMMMMM**Getting To Know You



### Gus Kieley

He may not think of it this way, but Gus' life has been one of service. One of 10 siblings, Gus was born in Petty Harbour, Newfoundland, where his family first landed in 1763. He has worked and traveled, finding satisfaction helping others.

Though destined for the priesthood, two years of seminary and dogmatic differences led to a soul-searching trip to Europe and a move to Toronto. After odd-jobs, Gus settled into the Metro-Toronto Housing Co. where he dealt with senior citizens for 25 years, retiring from a job he loved with an irresistible package at age 51.

Having volunteered at Trinity Home Hospice for 8 years, working with AIDS patients, he took a full-year course at Seneca College in Palliative Care. His placement was at Fife House, which eventually led to a three year, fulltime job there. The work was emotionally difficult, and in 1999 he left, went back to Petty Harbour, where he wrote a genealogical history of his family. This adventure culminated in a family reunion in Newfoundland with 500 people attending.

Restored but restive, he came back to Toronto in 2000, heard about teaching jobs in China, and was off again for three years there, loving his students, the country and the job. Currently, he is responsible for recruiting English teachers for World Exchanges Inc., an international company.

An avid bridge player, Gus loves his new home at 40 Homewood.





### August

Flower – Gladiolus Birthstone – Peridot

Despite the severe heat, everyone who participated in our **Yard Sale** on July 16<sup>th</sup> seemed to enjoy it. I hope that all the buyers enjoy their treasures and that the vendors



made lots of money. I was unable to take a table this year but had no trouble spending money anyway.

Thanks to **Mary Percival** for convening it and putting up flyers around the neighbourhood, and **Antonio Monni** for making sure the tables were brought out for pickup by participants.



### ⊗No Baseball Games?

By Marion Ritchie

Are there any other Blue Jay fans besides me who have realized we won't be able to get their games next year when we go to digital programming? I notice that I would have to buy or rent a digital converter & pay for two levels of programming to get Sportsnet for the baseball games. I really can't afford digital reception for only one channel for 6 months of the year but am upset I won't get the games on TV any more. Is there any way around this so we can get Sportsnet on our regular channels?

# Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- ► The bandage was wound around the wound
- ► The farm was used to produce produce.
- ► The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- ► We must polish the Polish furniture.
- ► He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- ► The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- ▶ Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- ► A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
- ► When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- ▶ I did not object to the object.
- ► The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- ► There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- ▶ They were too close to the door to close it.
- ► The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- ► A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- ► To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- ► The wind was too strong to wind the sail
- ► After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- ► Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- ►I had to subject the subject to a series of tests
- ► How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?



#### Cabbagetown Festival



The Cabbagetown Quilters' Guild is participating in the Festival this year on **Saturday**, **September 10**<sup>th</sup> and **Sunday**, **September 11**<sup>th</sup>. We will be assisting children to sew and decorate felt gingerbread men which we have already cut out. We will be located at Riverdale Farm. Bring your children or your grandchildren—we would love to see 40 Homewooders on those two days.

#### Kids Say the Darndest Things



#### Children's Science Exam:

These are real answers given by children

- Q: Name the four seasons.
- A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- **Q**: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink
- A: Flirtation
- **Q**: How is dew formed?
- **A**: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?
- A: Keep it in the cow.
- Q: What are steroids?
- **A**: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.
- **Q**: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?
- **A**: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.
- Q: What is the fibula?
- A: A small lie.
- **Q**: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"
- **A**: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

#### **BRAIN TEASERS**

What do you think the following mean?

I have been asked to put the present month's answers in the same issue so from now on it will be done that way. I am not going to make it easy though. They are at the end of the publication.

#### Here are last month's answers

- 1. What goes up must come down
- 2. Bulldozers
- 3. Making Ends Meet
- 4. Sailing over the 7 seas

l. Forward I am heavy, backwards I am not. What am I?	2. DDDWESTDDD
3.  Must get here  Must get here  Must get here	4.

## Barbecue













## August, 27<sup>th</sup> 2005



In the Rec. Room/Pool Patio.

\$6.00 for a hamburger, hotdog, drink, salad, and dessert.

Door Prizes
Come and join the fun!!
Get your ticket from the
Management Office















Boxes (cereal, tissue, detergent, etc.); corrugated cardboard boxes. Large <u>flexible</u> plastic bottles; small plastic spring-water bottles—step on them.

Milk or juice cartons.

#### PLEASE FLATTEN INDOORS

### **CLASSIFIED**



Bill Corner, one of our resident cleaners, has a Dolomite walker if anyone wants it.—**FREE**—First come, first served. See Bill, Unit #111.

#### Area News

By Bob Leah

#### **WELLESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Members of the **Homewood Neighbour-hood Association** attended the **Advisory Council**Meeting held at the Centre on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The purpose was to choose from **three models of citizen participation** in partnership with Parks and Recreation in the programs and activities of the centre.

**Model 1** was chosen as the most democratic for the neighbourhood residents. Details are:

Community input and feedback sessions – Parks and Recreation staff initiated.

#### **Key Elements:**

- Open participant meetings
- Participant meetings by age groupings
- Participant meetings by activity area
- Community "at large" input/feedback sessions.

In addition to the regular users of the Centre, Parks and Recreation recommends reaching out and inviting "community partners" to network and share in an informal setting. Possible community partners include:

Local social service agencies
Public Health
Day Care Centres
Ratepayers Associations
Senior Centres
Ethno/Cultural Organizations
Local Schools
Local Businesses
Community Health Centres
YMCA/YWCA
Community Associations
Boys and Girls Clubs
Community Sports Groups
Libraries
Churches

Lucy Stern, our Parks and Recreation Supervisor, organized and chaired this meeting. Members of our diverse community were heard through translators and sign language was provided. Democracy in action? You bet.

The Wellesley Community Centre is meant for all. 40 Homewood, with its mix of young and older residents, are welcome to make suggestions re programs and other activities, (a suggestion box is located near the reception desk at the centre) or share your suggestions with me, and I'll pass it

on. Please leave it at the office. My email address is <a href="mailto:robert.leah096@sympatico.ca">robert.leah096@sympatico.ca</a> (lower case).

<u>WELLESLEY CENTRAL PLACE</u> - Update The open house and tour for this **long-term care facility**, located at Sherbourne and Wellesley was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The place was jammed and it was great to see many residents of 40 Homewood there.

This impressive facility is a welcome addition to the neighbourhood.

Highlights from a brochure handed out include:

Resident House Areas are located upstairs. Each Home Area accommodates 25 residents and has its own dining room, activity room and lounge space. Each resident will his/her own private room and couples may be accommodated in 2 rooms with an adjoining bathroom. There are laundry facilities in each Home Area as well.

- Every room has a view to the street, a courtyard, or the back garden.
- All activity and work spaces are separate from resident room areas maximizing privacy and quiet.
- Washrooms are barrier free and wheelchair accessible.
- All rooms are flooded with natural light.
- Rates are the same in all long term care facilities across Ontario.

<u>Private Room - \$66.96/day; \$2,028.49/month</u> <u>Basic Room - \$47.69/day; \$1,480.99/month</u>

- Pictures, lamps, TV sets and suitable furniture may be brought in.
- Special diets are available.
- Applications for residency are handled by Community Care Access Centre, (CCAC), tel. 416-217-3820.

#### **PARK PICNIC**

**Bill Graham's Annual Picnic** will be held in West Riverdale Park on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

**George Smitherman, MPP,** will hold his annual picnic in Allan Gardens on August 13<sup>th</sup>. From 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The samosas served up last year were delicious. See you there!!



It was pointed out to me that I neglected to thank the ladies in the management office for selling tickets for the **Christmas Dinner in June** event. They also sold the **Yard Sale** tickets for us. For every event it is prudent that the tickets be sold by this

method to make it easier on all participants. Pat, Liz, Donna and Tracy, we are always thankful of your help.

## Talk about having a Bad Day!!!

One resident's plight

"My Recent Trip to the Oncology Centre at Sunnybrook Hospital"

On a Tuesday, a couple of weeks ago, I had to prepare myself for a medical procedure at the above hospital. The evening before, I took the required methods to clean out my system.

Having taken these products, I, of course, had no chance to sleep that night. At 6.45 am, I presented myself at the hospital as instructed. After waiting in the reception area for over an hour with no contact, I finally found out that they don't come on duty until 8:30 am. *Thank you very much.* 

I was approached about 7:45 am and was told I was in the wrong area. I then walked about a quarter of a kilometer underground to reach what I thought was the right area of the hospital. I was then informed that I had been in the right area all along. Thank you very much.

This was the neurology department. I had no use for psychiatry at the moment but it was coming to a point where it might come in handy! *Thank you very much.* 

I then retraced my steps to the point where I had been in the first place. There was finally someone at the desk who checked the computer and told me I was a week early. *Thank you very much.* 

I presented my appointment slip for July 5<sup>th</sup>. She said my Oncologist was on vacation and wouldn't be available to do the procedure until the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. Somebody goofed. *Thank you very much.* 

What else could go wrong this day???

On my trip home from the hospital by TTC, I unfortunately encountered the most discourteous driver I have ever met. She was a middle-aged woman. At the hospital entrance I motioned to her that I would like to board her bus. She motioned to me that I had to go across Bayview Avenue when the light changed before she'd open the door to let me in. Thank you very much. I showed her my ticket and proceeded to knock politely on the door while the light changed. She could quite easily have opened the door and allowed me to enter. No way. She

forced me to walk over to the bus shelter across the street, and when I was in the precise place she wanted me, she allowed me to enter her precious bus. *Thank you very much.* 

I kept my mouth shut and glared at her. I figured it was not wise to say something because she could have refused to move the bus, thereby causing other customers inconvenience. I bit my tongue and sat down. *Thank you very much.* So much for patients who might like to have the rules bent when the bus stops at a hospital entrance.

Upon my return home, I got a call from the hospital to let me know that I had been there at the right time but was in the wrong place. Had they known, I would have had the proper appointment with the proper anesthesiologist and had an interview with those people who would be involved with the procedure that I had expected to take place. *Thank you very much*.

Now I have go through all this again. I am a little older and a little wiser now and I hope my correct appointment will go as planned. All one can do is hope. *Thank you very much.* 

Editor's note: This is not my experience, it was submitted by a resident. who wishes to remain anonymous.

Here are this month's answers to the brain teasers.

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#### Note from the Editor

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There was no room above to thank **Connie John** and **Charles Marker** for the "**Getting to Know You**" segment of this newsletter.

Thanks Connie & Charles.





