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CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 10th, 2005 Recreation Room B1 Level. 6:00 pm` \$20.00

Tickets available from Office.

FOOD BANK

It is once again time for us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are



Raymonde Guichard bas very graciously agreed to convene our Food Bank drive for us again this year.

Raymonde will be sitting in the lobby at 5:00 each evening for a few hours the week of November 28th to December 2nd. And on Saturday December 3rd at 2:00 for a couple of hours. There will be posters on the bulletin boards to let people know what the Food Bank are looking for.



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Larry Wert

Larry was an only child and remembers spending summers on the Big Rideau Lake with his mother. His dad, a doctor in Smiths Falls, would come up to the cottage on weekends. He also remembers trips to Ottawa three or four times a year to visit relatives on both sides of the family.

After completing high school, Larry went to work for the Bank of Nova Scotia, first in Carleton Place and then in Montreal. The last branch he worked in was right beside Ruby Foo's Restaurant, still a great place to dine.

Larry moved to Toronto in 1957 and joined Air Canada, remaining there until retirement in 1985. In 1963, he had a head-on auto accident that almost took his life and spent two months in the Queensway Hospital. Once back at Air Canada downtown, Larry was in commercial accounts and, later, in a special section, clearing seats in heavy travel periods.

After several years at 40 Homewood, Larry was elected to the Board of Directors, where he worked on the grounds and to increase lobby security from eight hours per day to the present schedule. He still insists we need 24-hour coverage, seven days a week. After eight years as a director, a bout of prostate cancer in 1998 removed him from service. Larry is a member of Metropolitan Community Church and has voluntary duties there.

Thanks Connie & Charles

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Jennifer Smith

Despite being born in West Yorkshire, the move back to Edinburgh as a child made a Scot out of Jennifer. An only child of a Scots mom and a Yorkshireman, she has always made friends easily and keeps active and busy.

Jennifer did her nursing training in Scotland and with the British Army, including an 18-month posting in Germany. After she passed her R.N. exams, she did civil nursing in the Midlands, London and Devonshire. Tired of routine and ready for adventure, she followed a friend to Canada in 1968. The friend introduced her to Gordon Smith, and 16 months later, they were married.

Gordon worked at U. of Toronto, minding the animals used in research, while Jennifer worked at the Toronto Western Hospital—a job she held until 1992. During her time, she worked in medical nursing, geriatrics and, for a bit, became a "float nurse", doing duty where it was needed. The work was interesting and she liked the variety.

Before Gordon retired at 53, due to ill health, they traveled a lot. Afterwards, Jennifer joined many social clubs, where she has remained active since Gordon's death in 2002. An ardent traveler, she has visited London, Alaska, Australia and Scotland. Recently, she went on the World of Coronation Street Tour in England. An original owner at 40 Homewood, she loves the plays and the concerts the city offers.

Tips to avoid identify theft

Submitted by Bob Leah

The next time you order cheques, have only your initials (knstead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your cheque book, they will not know if you sign your cheques with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your cheques.

When you are writing cheques to pay your credit card accounts, DO NOTput the complete account number on the memo line, instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your cheque as it passes through all the processing channels won't have access to it.

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each licnece, credit card, health card, gas card and ATM card. Then photocopy your passport. On the same paper, write the phone numbers that you would have to call to cancel the cards. Entrust this information to someone whom you can reach easily while you travel.



November

Flower – Chrysanthemum Birthstone – Topaz





Volunteer Heaven

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

Many will be shocked to find
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for Volunteers
Furnished with big recliners
Satin couches with plush footstools.
Where there's no Committee Chairman
No Group Leaders
No bazaar and no bake sale
No papers piled for stapling,
No letters to fold and mail
Telephone lists will be outlawed.
BUT

A finger snap will bring cool drinks And Gourmet dinners And rear treats fit for a king. BUT

Who will serve these privileged few who worked for all they were worth?
Why, those to reaped the benefits and not once volunteered on earth.



Four bicycles have disappeared from the indoor bike storages rooms in the past few months.

If you have a bicycle in one of the two indoor rooms, please be vigilant and if you see anyone or anything suspicious, please report it to the office as soon as possible.



Yesterday is the past.
Tomorrow is the future.
Today is a gi`ft;
that's why it's called the
present!



The History and Role of the "Homewood Neighbourhood Association

Submitted by Bob Leah FORMATION

The Association was formed in the early 1990's by Jeff Radnoff, a resident of the condominium at 15 Maitland (Maitland & Homewood). At the time, Mr. Radnoff was dismayed and concerned about the escalating illegal activities that too place in the neighbourhood, particularly Allan Gardens. His mandate was to restore safety to the community and take back the Allan Gardens. He chaired the first Homewood Neighbourhood Association's meeting at the Homewood Inn Bed and Breakfast on Homewood Avenue. A group of residents from 15 Maitland, 60 Homewood, 130 and 140 Carlton attended the meeting along with Staff Sgt. Russ Cook from Metro Police, 51 Division. Assisted by Sgt. Cook, the Association has maintained a harmonious relationship with 51 Evening neighbourhood walks were Division. organized and support by 51 Division's Foot Patrol Officers. Over the years, the Association has conducted residents. Police officers from 51 Division, Councillor Kyle Rae and officials from Parks & Recreation regularly attend these meetings.

WHAT HAS THE HOMEWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION DONE AND ACCOMPLISHED?

- As recommended by the Association, Councillor Kyle Rae and Lucy Stern of Parks & Recreation took immediate steps to improve the lighting in the Allan Gardens. Overgrown bushes were also trimmed down to discourage illegal activities in the park.
- A Park Ambassador Program was created in 2002 through Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Troy Ford was appointed full-time Park Ambassador. Mr. Ford's responsibilities include scheduling daily checks on major city parks. Assisted by 51 Division and Seaton House, he handles problems such as consumption of alcohol, homeless people, vandalism, etc. that take place in the city parks.
- Neighbourhood Walks: For many years the Homewood Neighbourhood Association organized bi-weekly evening walks through the neighbourhood in the summer and a monthly walk during the winter. Starting this year, four neighbourhood associations, namely the Homewood Neighbourhood Association, The Toronto East Downtown Neighbourhood Association (TEDNA), Cabbagetown South,

and McGill Granby have joined forces. Each association takes one walk per month so a walk every Thursday night occurs during the summer months. These evening walks through the neighbourhood and Allan Gardens are accompanied by police officers from 51 Division and Park Ambassador. The objectives of these walks are:

- To discourage illegal activities that take place at night in our community.
- To alert law offenders that we are active and concerned.
- To keep the politicians and the police aware of and interested in our neighbourhood.
- To meet our neighbours and enjoy a sense of community.

Kids Say the Darndest Things



The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What

are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?"

Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network





Down Memory Lane By Violet

A Tribute

When I was 12 years old, a new teacher joined the staff at my school. At that time she was exactly twice my age—although I didn't know that then—and she was starting her first teaching post.

In those days we had one teacher for all subjects for the class. The "new one" was assigned to mine. Within a couple of weeks, she persuaded the Principal to move me up to the next class. She kept track of my progress and I was actually moved up again within a couple of months.

She became my mentor and made a point of speaking to me every school day. Her name was Gladys Bentley.

After I left that school, we kept in touch and when possible, I visited her at the school. She often gave me lists of books to read and then I was to give me her my opinions. She continued to teach me academically.

One day, she took me to a very fashionable "Afternoon Tea" place. She said it was important to know how to handle different situations. In reality, she was still teaching me but now it was more "worldly".

The years went on. I married and lived in various places according to my husband's work, but every time I was back in Manchester, I visited with Miss Bentley. I told her my hopes had been to be a teacher and as good as she was, but somehow lack of finances had been a barrier.

WWII came and Miss Bentley was evacuated. I returned to Manchester and had a war job. When the war was over and we resumed our visiting.

Miss Bentley was highly praised for her work in education, in particular during the war.

She then acquired a small house and garden and I spent many enjoyable visits there. She retired but remained close to education.

When I told her I had enrolled in a four year course, after passing the entrance exam at the age of 40, she was all geared up to help in any

way. I had also had the full support of my husband, whose health was failing.

In September 1960, I received my Teacher's Certificate and two weeks later my husband died.

Miss Bentley could not help then as we lived far apart. Eventually, I left England and came to Canada and secured a teaching post. I realized my dream had come true and Gladys was very happy about that.

My visits back to England always included visiting Miss Bentley to discuss my career and compare it to what hers had been. I was in my early 60's, when she said at one visit "Isn't it time you addressed me as Gladys?" A very long letter from me describing a trip received compliments, including the remark "I did not have to make any corrections."

We spent many hours discussing ways and means of solving classroom problems. Many letters between us passed over the Atlantic. She was always in charge. One time, after phoning several times in one day and after receiving no answer, I feared something was wrong. I called her friend Beatrice, who lived opposite. Beatrice said "Oh, she's fine. The gardener is planting out in her garden and she is telling him how to do it!"

My last visit was in the late 90's and I arranged two days for my friend. Gladys not only cooked the lunch, but the next day arranged for lunch at her special restaurant. She planned my two days as wonderful as it if was a royal visit. She received a card from the Queen for her 100th birthday. After a wonderful friendship lasting 77 years, Gladys Bentley quietly left this world in March, 2005, at the age of 101 years and 1 day.

I would say she was a woman of substance whose influence through her teaching has enriched the lives of many people.



Budget Meeting For Owners

Wednesday, November 23, 2005 7:30 PM Recreation Room, BI

BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?

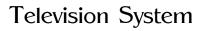
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Ongoing Activities

Bridge in the recreation room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Movies with Don in the

recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at 7:30, Notices posted every week.



The digital part of our new TV

system will be launched on November 1st, 2005. The 10 channels previously mentioned will then be removed and some new ones added. From November 1st onward, **over the next several months**, work will be carried out on the analogue signal to improve the reception on several channels. The first one to be worked on is WIVB Channel 4, Buffalo.

Those residents who have chosen to go digital have been notified by the office. If you have not yet visited the office to finalize, please go down and make the necessary the arrangements.

Should you choose to go digital at a later date, it is always available.



Laundry Etiquette

Please make sure you don't leave anything in the washers for a long time. It is not fair to other residents who are waiting to use them. Same for the dryers. The laundry room gets pretty busy sometimes and people are often waiting for dryers.

CLASSIFIED

Does anyone have a wooden dropleaf dining table that they want to sell. I am looking for one. Not too expensive. Martha

This month's answers to the Brain Teasers

1. Ereaking a custom 2. Quarter Back, Half Back, Full Back 3. Griminal 4. Tucson. Arizona

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