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# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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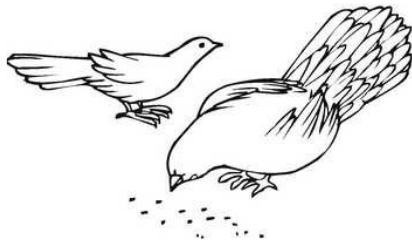
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With all the warnings of Avian Flu that have been circulating in the media, please refrain from feeding the pigeons and squirrels on our property. If you feed the squirrels, the pigeons show up too and try to grab the food. Pigeons are very dirty and carry and spread disease. The last thing we need is an outbreak of bird flu.

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"GOD JUL"  
"FELIZ NATAL"  
"BOAS FESTAS"  
"FELIZ NAVIDAD"  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"  
"KALA CHRISTOUGENA"  
"VROLIJK KERSTFEEST"  
"FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN"  
"BUON NATALE-GODT NYTAR"  
"HUAN YING SHENG TAN CHIEH"  
"WESOLYCH SWIAT-SRETAN BOZIC"  
"MOADIM LESIMHA-LINKSMU KALEDU"  
"HAUSKAA JOULUA-AID SAID MOUBARK"  
"N PRETTIG KERSTMIS"  
"ONNZLLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA"  
"Z ROZHDESTYOM KHRYSTOVYM"  
"NADOLIG LLAWEN-GOTT NYTTAR"  
"FELIC NADAL-GOJAN KRISTNASKON"  
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"GLEDILEG JOL-NOELINIZ KUTLU OLSUM"  
"EEN GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR-SRETAN BOSIC"  
"KRIHSTLINDJA GEZUAR-KALA CHRISTOUGENA"  
"SELAMAT HARI NATAL - LAHINGU NAJU METU"  
"SARBATORI FERICITE-BUON ANNO"  
"ZORIONEKO GABON-HRISTOS SE RODI"  
"BOLDOG KARACSONNY-VESELE VIANOCE"  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS - - HAPPY NEW YEAR"  
"ROOMSAID JOULU PUHI -KUNG HO SHENG TEN"  
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People always have questions about my reindeer. For instance, they want to know why reindeer wear bells. I tell them it's because their horns don't work!!!

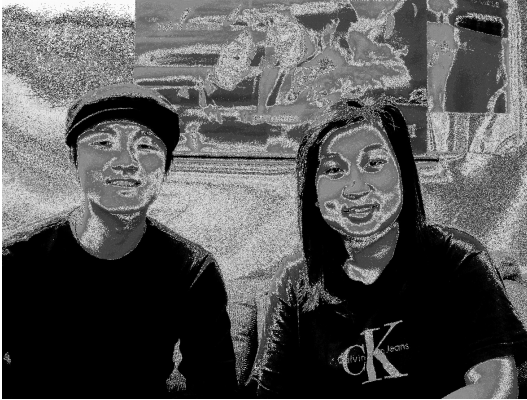
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## Getting To Know You



### *Ken Park & Connie Choi*

Cousins Connie and Ken were both born in Korea: she, in Seoul, and he in a small town. Whereas Ken immigrated with his family as a ten-year old, settling first in Kamloops, BC and then in Edmonton, Connie came to Toronto for a “working vacation” in 1998.

Previously a program analyst in Korea, she was able to pick up part-time work, first with IBM in Toronto, and then in New York. Slowly, plans to return to Korea gave way to ideas of becoming a citizen. Thinking of her future, she abandoned computers (“the work here was always too basic”) and opted for Early Childhood Education at George Brown. She graduated last year and has worked with the University Settlement for over two years as a preschool teacher. Soon, she’ll be applying to teachers’ college.

As a boy, Ken had a dream of building a house for his parents once he was grown, and that dream brought him to Ryerson University to study Architectural Science. Now in his last year, he hopes to take a year off and travel to Europe before getting an M.A.

Connie is especially active in the Catholic Church. Last year, she produced a version of *Sound of Music*, in which Ken had a role, for the Korean community and St. Andrew Kim parish in Don Mills and keeps busy with Scouts, Bible study, and Sunday school.

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***Thanks Connie John and Charles Marker for this Segment of this newsletter.***

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## Getting To Know You



### *David Thornton*

David’s apartment is witness to his driving passions. His inventions (the up-side-down lazy Susan in the kitchen, the hybrid shopping cart cum wheeled walker) take up the space left by the worktables with their spare parts. He is “a tinker and a workaholic.”

David was born and started school in England. His family moved to Montreal, his dad hired as an EEG technician by the Neurological Institute. They moved again to Saint John, NB, where David became a high school math-whiz-celebrity. The rest of his life, he would navigate between his genius for technology and his love of theatre.

In Montreal, at McGill and then at the National Theatre School, he honed his skills. He also found time to train with his father as an EEG technician and work at Massachusetts General in Boston. In the spring of 1967 he was hired as apprentice technical director at Expo 67, responsible for storage areas. What with five theatres and 184 shows, the work was exciting and exhausting.

Freelancing as a technical director, David has worked in theatres from Halifax to Calgary to PEI. From 1980 to 1993, he taught part-time at Ryerson, loving every minute of it, until multiple sclerosis sidelined him. He is “extremely happy” at 40 Homewood, going freely in his scooter around town and back to Ryerson, where he now studies. David has two sons, a pilot and an IT expert.



## REMEMBER THIS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should've known—**ONLY women** would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

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## CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 10<sup>th</sup>,  
2005

Recreation Room  
B1 Level.  
6:00 pm  
\$20.00

Get your tickets from  
the Office NOW.

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## Holiday Hours for the Management Office

The hours for the Management Office on the holiday weekends are as follows:

**Friday, December 23, 2005** - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Monday, December 26, 2005** - Closed

**Tuesday, December 27, 2005** - Closed

**Friday, December 29, 2005** - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Tuesday, January 2, 2006** - Closed

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## Maintenance Fees for 2006

At the Budget meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> the maintenance fees for 2006 were announced. Some of us on fixed incomes are going to have to dig deep again. Yikes!!!

The big increase in maintenance fees is due to the high costs of Utilities. Details on the costs of Hydro, Water and Gas can be found in the 2006 Budget package under the President's Report on Page 2.

The amounts are as follows:

Small Bachelor	05, 11, 105, 107	203.01
Large Bachelor	08, 10	260.22
Small Monette	09	244.53
Large Monette	07	301.74
Small 1 B'room	03, 06, 12, 103, 108, 112	304.51
Med. 1 B'room	102	357.11
Large 1 B'room	94, 14, 15, 104, 110	394.02
Small 2 B'room	16, 17, 111	370.95
Large 2 B'room	01, 02, 110	455.72

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**THANK YOU**, to Antonio Monni and John Komac who decorated the lobby and library for **Halloween** and Mary Davis and John Komac (the Grim Reaper), who helped me hand out

treats to the kids on October 31<sup>st</sup>. I am sure all the kids, big and small, enjoyed the treats.

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## ♣Coming in December♣ A SPECIAL Movie Night with Don

Come down to the recreation room on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** and help Don celebrate his birthday. He is showing that seldom-seen adventure classic:

### "The High and the Mighty"

It was nominated for 6 Academy Awards and stars John Wayne, and many, many other stars.

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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.

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## Three Wise ~~Men~~ Women

would have:

Asked questions  
Arrived on time  
Helped deliver the baby  
Cleaned the stable  
Made a casserole  
Brought practical gifts and  
There would be  
**Peace on Earth**

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**Rachel De Grace** held a fundraiser Tupperware party in our Recreation Room on November 5<sup>th</sup>. An amount of **\$480.00** was donated to **The Breast Cancer Awareness Fund. Way to Go, Rachel!!!**

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## Down Memory Lane

By Violet

Christmas is almost here and many people will be mentally planning the Christmas day menu and all the trimmings that are usually included.

I remember a particular one in the late 50's when I was living in England.

It seemed to be a tradition for fresh turkeys to be sold at the fresh fish stores. So I went to consult the shopkeeper and he told me the approximate day his order would be in and I was to choose mine then and he would put it in cold storage until three days before the 25<sup>th</sup>.

In due course, I returned to choose "the bird". There they were. all hung up by their feet and looking rather scrawny. In those days, the deciding factor was the price, so I chose one according to my budget. I paid the bill and noted the day to pick it up.

I finally got it home, all trussed etc. and ready for the dressing. It seemed much larger than when I saw it hanging by its feet and then decided that trussing them always made them look plumper. I would roast the bird a little longer than planned.

The big day arrived, we had friends in for the meal, but somehow after six servings we hardly made a dent in it. Someone made the remark that perhaps more people should have been invited.

We had turkey in every disguise possible for the next week. Our refrigerators were small in those days and freezing in a household was not done.

In the New Year, I went to get fish – if only for a change of diet. The shopkeeper asked me how we enjoyed the Christmas meal and I remarked that I had only just got to the end of a good bird. He replied, "You had a larger one than the one you ordered. There are two Mrs. Greens and you had the wrong one but you don't owe anything, we made the mistake and were able to find a good replacement".

Needless to say, turkey in any shape or form was not on my shopping list, until the next Christmas; we had had enough to satisfy us for a while.

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## Area News

By Bob Leah

**NATIONAL BALLET SCHOOL (NBS)** will hold a **public open house** on December 11, 2005 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**NBS** also hopes to be part of the 2006 **Doors Open Toronto**. The school's website is [www.nbs-cnb.ca](http://www.nbs-cnb.ca)

### **DOWNTOWN CARE-RING**

(Home Support Services of Toronto). Downtown Care-Ring has been providing home support services to the elderly, differently abled, and people in need in the area bordered by St. Clair Ave., Lakefront, Bathurst and Pape since 1978.

Few know that they administer **The St. Jamestown Youth Centre**, which provides a safe, and secure after-school and summer learning activity for children age's 3-16 plus other activities for young people over 16.

Programs offered are:

#### ► **After-School Program**

This program runs from September to June, with an average daily attendance of sixty (60) children and consists of:

- A Homework Club
- Mentoring
- One-on-one tutoring
- Music – Steel Orchestra lessons

#### ► **Summer Day Camp**

The camp runs for nine (9) weeks during the months of July and August. Activities are trips, arts and crafts, basketball, baseball, swimming, movie afternoons and music lessons. Around a hundred children attend.

#### ► **Music Program**

The **St. Jamestown Steel Orchestra** is the product of the music program. The orchestra provides an opportunity to learn musical skills, work together, build self-esteem and travel outside the city.

Thirty-five children participate in the Orchestra. They are between the ages of seven (7) and fourteen (14) years old. The Orchestra's repertoire consists of calypso, spiritual, reggae, jazz and classical

music. The kids have performed at various functions across the city. In December 2005 the St. Jamestown Steel Orchestra launched its first CD.

#### ► **Snack Program**

The Centre provides a nutritious snack during after-school programs. During the summer day camp, a snack is provided twice daily.

### **Funding**

Like Downtown Care-Ring, the St. Jamestown Youth Centre is supported through charitable donations, both financial and donations-in-kind, and many volunteer hours. The summer day camp staffing costs are under the Human Resources Development Summer Career Program. Kids attend the programs free.

### **CITY VOLUNTEER TRAINING MANUAL**

**Bob Leah** and **Jean McLaren**, of **Homewood Neighbourhood Association** serve on the committee revising the manual (there are many thousands of volunteers involved in recreational programs across the **G.T.A.**

### **WELLESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Bob** and **Jean** are also serving on the advisory council for Wellesley Community Centre re; programming and short and long-term goals.

### **HOBBY ROOM**

A great new work bench has been added to the third level hobby room. Thanks for picking a winner, Peter.

### **51 HOMEWOOD PROPERTY**

After years of **Committee of Adjustment** and **Ontario Municipal Board** hearings, it looks like a go for a low-rise apartment building.

### **GREENDALE DRUG BUILDING**

The side of the building has been improved **slightly**; much of the litter is caused by discarded domestic junk.

### **SHALL WE DANCE?**

For those of us facing west, it's a treat to see the "Dancers of Tomorrow" strutting their stuff.

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## Tabs for Wheelchairs

Len Southward left the following letter at the office. I offered to print it in this publication so that a wider range of people sees it.

*"Hi everybody!*

*I'm happy to report that I've just provided another shipment of pop-can tabs to our friends at the Elora Legion.*

*This time I was able to supply them with 15 boxes amounting to 125 pounds of tabs.*

*That makes our total to date to be a total of 405 pounds.*

*I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is contributing to this worthwhile cause and encourage those who are not to come on board and be part of the team.*

*Since they began their wheelchair program, these great people have provided 658 chairs to deserving individuals. And we are part of the program.*

*Great work everyone!"*

*Len Southward*

For those of you who are unaware, there is a glass fish bowl in the management office where you can put your tabs.



## Laundry Tokens

Just a reminder to stock up on tokens you will need for Christmas weekend as the office will be closed for four days.



## Recycling Corner

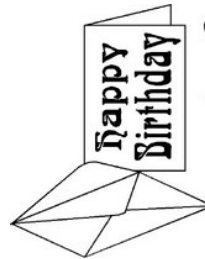


As of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Building Management has initiated a pilot program.

**Recycling bins have been placed in the garbage rooms on the 32<sup>nd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> floors.**

It is hoped that this will make it much easier for everyone to recycle and that our recycling record will improve by one third. If this pilot proves to be successful, recycling bins will be placed in the garbage rooms on every floor.

Both the usual paper products and the cans, jars and bottles can be put into the one bin.



## Birthdays this Month



## December

Flower – Narcissus  
Birthstone – Turquoise

## Note from the Editor

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I am sorry there are no Brain Teasers this month, everyone seems to like them. They will return next month.

## Merry Christmas

