40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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How many times did you hear Mum say these words when you were a child?

Wait 'til your father gets home...

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

Dear Mom, \$chool i\$ really \$well. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I have \$0 much \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need. \$0 if you like, \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. Your \$0n

Dear Son, I kNOw astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep an hoNOurs student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task and you can't study eNOugh Love Mom





Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 15th 2006 Primrose Hotel. 7:30 pm

Schedule of Meetings

Wednesday, May 31, 2006 – Financial Mtg. **Sunday**, June 7, 2006 – Meet The Candidates meeting **Thursday**, June 15, 2006 – A.G.M.

There will be two-vacancies on the Board of Directors this year. The two-year terms of **Martha McGrath** and **John Darling** expire.

If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Board, fill out the candidacy form that comes with your AGM package and return it to the Office by May 24th to have your name put on the ballots.



May 22, 2006



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Dan Bouwhuis and Lindsay Brown

These are hands-on, moving kinds of people. Lindsay is training to run the Toronto marathon while Dan is looking for an ideal cliff to bike up. Meanwhile, they're both wrapping up their current studies.

Lindsay came to Ryerson University from Sault St. Marie, where she was born and raised. She came to experience something completely different—Toronto—and studied nutrition, hoping to become a dietician. Four years later, she realizes that the life of a dietician is not varied enough for her. Graduating this June, she will soon be applying to graduate school in clinical psychology, which was her minor.

As for Dan, who grew up in Pickering, he's at the end of a three-year course in graphic design at George Brown College. He's interested in corporate design and web design and is considering his options: getting a job in his field, or furthering his studies at Ryerson, which has a program linked to his at GBC.

To make ends meet, Dan works in restaurants and bars when he has too. Lindsay, who played three years on the Rye women's soccer team, holds down a job at the front desk of Ryerson's Recreational and Athletics Centre.

Dan writes songs and plays guitar. He has a demo CD, and is working on another. It's a passion. Lindsay loves dogs and hopes to have one soon. Both enjoy 40 Homewood.

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Earl Bautista and Dean Gensell

You never know whom you're going to meet in the elevator. Dean met Earl there one day. A look, a smile, an exchange of numbers and they have been together at 40 Homewood now for six months.

Raised in a family with six sisters and an older brother, Dean graduated from Carleton U. in Ottawa and headed off for Vancouver. In the next 11 years, he worked as an architect in urban design for the cities of Vancouver and Richmond. Vancouver, with its four-day week, gave him time to explore working in restaurants. Eventually, he had his own design and catering company, and trained restaurant workers; he found he loved both cooking and teaching.

A bout with cancer brought him East to be nearer his family. He settled in Toronto, designing and cooking in kitchens and restaurants. Currently, he's at the catering company Compri, creating new dishes.

As a boy, Earl dreamed of coming to Canada. Last year, he immigrated from the Philippines, where he had worked as a computer programmer. Picking up "Canadian experience", he has worked small jobs here and is currently part-time at the Gap. In May, he begins at the Royal Bank as a data encoder.

Dean and Earl used to spend a lot of time, walking their shepherd-collie Mina. In mid-April, she was diagnosed with cancer and pneumonia and put down—a great sadness.

I OWE MY MOTHER!!

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My Mother taught me about GENETICS...

"You're just like your father."

My mother taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And a favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Good Samaritans

By Violet Green

A word for people who willingly help others who use a walker or a cane. Where you see someone who is pushing a door to allow entry or exit with their cane or walker, please **make your presence known** <u>before</u> you grab the door. That person is leaning heavily while holding the door and when an unseen and unheard person approaches from behind and opens the door further, the disabled person often loses balance and might fall. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated but we would like to know you are there.



Recycling Corner



Just a reminder that plastic bags are **not recyclable**. Please empty the papers, jars, bottles or cans into the recycling bins and then put the bag in the regular garbage.

Please **rinse out** cans, jars and bottles before placing them in the recycling bins.

O.Yard Sale

Yard Sale

In order for us to have a **yard sale** this summer, we need a convener to

organize it. If you are interested, please give your name to the Office and they will give you the details. It mainly consists of making sure that everyone who has purchased a table, gets one. Also, putting flyers up on poles around the neighbourhood to advertise it. The tables are brought out to the driveway and put away by the staff and Donna or Liz in the management office sell the tickets.



Down Memory Lane By Violet

In the mid-seventies I went to New Zealand, during our

summer vacation. New Zealand was having it's winter, which is comparable to our spring.

At that time, I had three friends there, all British and part of my life in England. All those were in Christ Church, which was my destination.

A few days after I arrived and was adjusted to the time change, I was told that we were going on a three day trip starting in two day's time. I was to pack a warm outfit. No details were given to me.

The time came for departure, and we left in the car, and to my surprise, we went to the airport. I was more bewildered than ever, and my two companions, continued to laugh and giggle The third person had to work.

We boarded what seemed to be to an "old crate" of an aeroplane. The passengers were mostly young people and their conversation was mainly about the weather and how good the forecast had been that morning.

As soon as the sign telling us that we could release seat belts, people began to wlk about to see the view, so I did likewise as there was plenty of space, only one aisle. To my surprise, I discovered we were flying fairly low over snow capped mountains and then I realized we were heading for Mt. Cook area and the glaciers. It did occur to me that if the engines failed, rescue would be impossible from those cruel looking peaks. All was well and we landed safely, boarded a waiting bus and arrived at the Hermitage where we would stay for three nights.

The next morning we were up early and after breakfast, we sat in the lobby and waited for the pilot — by now I realized we were hoping to enjoy a ski plane flight over and along the glaciers. The weather report was excellent.

After a short wait, a young man came and after checking if we were his passengers, we had a short ride to the airport and boarded a small four-seater plane and taxied to the runway. Soon we were soaring up into the blue sky, and them we saw below, blue ice and in various places what seemed to be roads deep down in the ice. We came down and continued flying along the roads, ice all around.

The views were breathtaking. At one time, we seemed to be heading straight on for a wall of ice but as we got closer, I saw it was a T junction and the pilot turned left just as he was in a car. Thousands of years of nature's work had created such wonderful scenery. The pilot told us they had to train for two years and get to know every inch of the area. Storms could occur within minutes so the rule was constant talking to the control tower. To my amazement, we began to descent and we saw a yellow tent and a small group of men. We were told the glacier was checked around the clock as it actually moved up or down by several yards



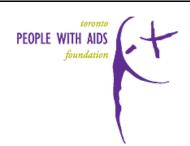
We landed safely on the Fox glacier and were allowed to get out and

step on ice, many thousands of years old. It was both wonderful and scary, surrounded by ice and only a small plane to get us back to civilization. But all is well, we safely soared up again and flew over more glistening ice and then to the small airport

So ended a special treat. The following year a Toronto friend waited three days at the Hermitage, but never had the flight as the weather was not suitable. I reckon I had been very lucky to experience such a wonderful event.



To everyone who has a birthday this month.



is hosting the 8th Annual Friends For Life Bike Rally!

On July 23rd, 2006, 300 courageous individuals will embark on an incredible journey to raise much-needed funds for the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation. For six days, riders will cycle over 600km from Toronto to Montreal, while a crew of dedicated volunteers transport gear, serve nutritious food and provide medical and emotional support.

One of our residents, **Michael Doucet**, is participating in the ride and is looking for pledges. If you wish to sponsor Michael, you can give cash or cheque and he will submit it for you through the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation office. You can also pledge directly by credit card on-line. His link is:

https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/Start Up.aspx?SID=804460

You will receive a charitable tax receipt for all donations over \$15.00

You can contact Michael at 416-877-3473"

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.

cody's RIDDLES

Can you answer the following?

By Cody Kemp

- 1. An electric train is going 715 kilometers north and the wind is going 1,279 kilometers south. Which way does the smoke go?
- 2. A rooster is sitting on a triangular roof and lays an egg. Which way does the egg qo?
- 3. A man was looking at a ship with lots of people on it but he turns around to say hi to someone then turns back around and there wasn't a single person on the ship. Where had everyone gone?

RECIPE FXTHAMGE



Ron Browne's "Goody Goody Yum Yum

½ pint whipping cream 1 tbsp. vanilla 1 19 oz can mixed tropical

fruit, drained

1 gal. vanilla ice cream

1 c. melted bittersweet dark chocolate

1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced

1/2 c. rum

1 c. Tia Maria

Whip cream with vanilla. Fold, with drained fruit, into softened ice cream. Trickle melted chocolate around sides of parfait glasses and freeze. Mix strawberries with rum. Top with a little water. Let sit overnight. Put a few strawberries in bottom of parfait glass. Spoon in ice cream mixture halfway mixture halfway in the parfait glass, layer a few more strawberries, then more ice cream. Top with more strawberries. Drizzle Tia Maria over top. Freeze until firm, then serve Serves: 8



YUK STICKY GUM

Adults, as well as children, have been observed dropping their chewed gum on the walkways outside. Adults should know better

and children should be taught. It is a nuisance to get it off your shoes and unnecessary work for the maintenance staff to have to clean it up. We have a garbage pail just before we come in the front door, and one right beside the back door. Please do people a favor and dispose of your gum in these containers. Give your neighbours a break.



I would like to remind everyone that our Management Office is closed Monday thru Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Friday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The reason for this closure is to enable the office staff to do their significant volume of paperwork without interruptions.

Please do not disturb them during those hours.



Please try not to have your dog urinate on the grass on our property. It is killing the grass both at the back and front of the building. It is also eroding the bricks at the front. Thanks.

Answers to Cody's Riddles

There is no smoke. It's an electric train
 Neither. Roosters don't lay eggs.
 Everybody is still there but no one is single.

Riverdale Farm



The Cabbagetown Quilters' Guild is participating in the in the "Rites of Spring" at Riverdale Farm on May 7th, 2006. We will be assisting children to sew and decorate felt flowers which we have already precut. We will be in the "Meeting House". Bring your children or your grandchildren—we would love to see 40 Homewooders on that day.

Note from the Editor

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Numerous people have told me how much they enjoy this publication and have thanked me for doing it.

I would in turn like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes it possible for me to publish this newsletter every month. Violet Green, despite her age and poor eyesight, faithfully manages, every month, to make a submission for the "Down Memory Lane" section and has submitted recipes for everyone to try. **Bob Leah** has kept us up to date every month with what is going on in our community under the "Area News" segment. Sylvia Keshen has helped to keep us laughing by submitting some of the humor. Connie John and Charles Marker do the interviews and take photos of the participants in the "Getting to Know You" section. Charles also lugs. this newsletter from the printers for me. Bill McGuire gives me his input for the "Recycling Corner".

As everyone knows, many others have made submissions from time to time, which are very much appreciated. **Please keep them coming.** I would also like to thank all the residents who were agreeable to participating in the "*Getting To Know You*" section. I think it was painless for the most part. Connie and Charles are always looking for people who are willing be profiled for this section Get to know your neighbors!!!! Agree to be profiled or make suggestions for profiles by using the box in the office or calling Charles at 416-968-3458.

