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# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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*Happy Canada Day*  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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Don't forget about our annual yard sale.

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2006.** There is still time to purchase tables.

Tables are \$2.00 each (maximum 2) available at the Management Office. 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 and winds down at 1:00 pm

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To everyone who has a birthday this month.

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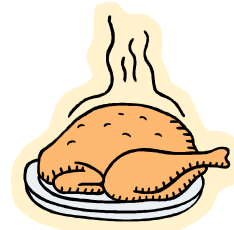


As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, the Government of Ontario has instituted a Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Condominiums will be greatly impacted by this new regulation, which states:

"Any common areas in a condominium, apartment building or university or college residence, including, without being limited to, elevators, hallways, parking garages, party or entertainment rooms, laundry facilities, lobbies and exercise areas....."

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## A FABULOUS DINNER



June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

About 40 residents and friends enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner and the ambiance at our "Christmas" dinner on

We have **Arthur Martin** to thank for almost single handedly being responsible for this event. Thanks also to **Russell Baxter** for his participation in making sure it was an enjoyable evening for everyone there. . Some of our outside guests also assisted with the setting up and serving. These being Arthur's friends, Harry Cartner and Harry and Cliff from Peterborough.

A number of attendees helped with the clean up at the end and as I didn't get everyone's name a collective thank you to all of you too.

We need more functions like this.

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## Getting To Know You



*Joel Dick and  
Dara Douma*

The Mennonite belief in peace and social justice guides the life decisions of Joel and Dara. Joel was born to it; Dara came to it by association in her university years.

Now a practicing lawyer and candidate for Trustee of the Toronto School Board, Joel was born on a farm near Cottam and Windsor. Third of four children, he relished his days at Essex High, the hub of his community. As trustee, he would work to bring community back into the lives of Toronto's schools. Joel graduated in 1997 from the University of Waterloo in political science, and peace and conflict studies, continued peace studies in AMBS in Indiana, and then graduated from U. of Toronto law school. Currently, he works in civil litigation.

Brought up in Guelph, also one of four siblings, Dara met Joel in the Mennonite residence while at Waterloo. Graduating with a major in English rhetoric and professional writing, and a minor in musical composition, she moved to Kansas City with the Mennonite Voluntary Service. There, she developed and taught a program for English as a Second Language. Back in Guelph, she worked with a food bank and shelter while teaching ESL. In Toronto, she is taking fire-fighting courses and, yes, teaching ESL.

He plays volleyball and baseball, she plays hockey. Together, they play board games and curl. They married in 2004 and have lived at 40 Homewood ever since.

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## Getting To Know You



*Chris Lambert*

After the roller coaster life of the self-employed, Chris is happily settled at Homewood and walking to work at Queen's Park in the Ministry of Finance.

Born in Kirkland near Montreal, Chris grew up the middle kid with a brother and a sister. Her memories are of the pool down the street, of water-polo, synchronized swimming, and finally life guarding. She studied biomechanics (like kinesiology or ergonomics) at the University of Waterloo. The co-op program there placed her in Orillia, working with the physically handicapped, researching issues of mobility and drafting programs to accommodate limitations.

She travelled to England with a boyfriend, who needed a heart-lung transplant to repair the damage of cystic-fibrosis. After a wait of two and a half years, he received the transplant, only to die five days later. A real heart-breaker for Chris at 28.

She came back to Ottawa, working in the car insurance industry, drafting return-to-work programs for the injured. This led to getting an MBA from the University of Ottawa and a decision to find permanent employment. The province responded with a job offer, hence the move to Toronto. She worked, initially, on car insurance.

Chris sails small boats in the co-op off Cherry Beach all summer, and has scuba dived in Australia and Bora Bora. She is an able crafts-person,: embroidery, painting, renovating, crocheting. At Homewood, she still gets into the pool regularly.

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## Down Memory Lane

By Violet

### The Ship That Broke Down

About 1997 or 98, my long time friend Wilma, from my Port Dover days and myself joined other well know travelers and boarded a plane for Singapore, where we would embark the ship Golden Odyssey, bound for the islands of Borneo and finally Hong Kong. Wilma and I had also booked a week in Hong Kong as she had not been there before.

We arrived at Singapore weary and tired because it was 3:00 am but we did manage to be up, alert, have breakfast and set off on a city tour at 9:00 am, finishing up at the famous Raffles Hotel where everyone goes when they are in Singapore to have the "Singapore Sling" drink.

The next day we set sail for the islands and having a land tour of most of them— think Bali was one of them, but I didn't really find that different to all the others. Actually, when you see most islands, they are almost all alike.

Eventually we sailed into Makassat Straits along side Borneo where we would have one of the final land tours to see the special monkeys.

I was in the cabin writing post cards and had Wilma been there too, I would have said, "An engine has just dropped off" when I heard the loud bang. The ship slowed down and passengers began to ask the crew for information. Then we seemed to stop. The captain came on the P.A. and firmly assured us there was no danger to us at all, that one of the engines had malfunctioned and we were going to limp around to Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital city of Borneo, where two planes which were being sent from Los Angeles would take us from there up to Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, everything on board was free except gifts that you bought for other people. We had wine given to us at dinner, the games and everything were all free, although you won prizes and actually the crew went out of their way to make up for this slow boat going round the north end of Borneo to Bandar Seri Begawan. I enjoyed it because I like being at the sea but after the second morning, at breakfast, I was

sitting opposite a neurosurgeon from Los Angeles and he was grumbling like mad and I finally said to him "You know, since I was knee high, I have longed to be on a slow boat to China and by the grace of God, I'm on one, why don't you enjoy it". His wife slapped him on the back and said "There , I told you there is always a good side, to every bad side ". So that got him cheered up. In the meantime, we were slowly proceeding to our destination.

During our slow boat ride, the crew were very busy changing, by hand, all the landing cards of well over 600 people. Everything had to be changed because we would not be arriving there on the day we were supposed to be. Wilma and I wondered if we would get to the hotel that we had already pre-booked for the extra week. .

Everybody was going in all kinds of directions, and I think the crew and management did a wonderful job, because everyone went where they were going in the first place from Hong Kong and we found we were in our hotel, not only were we where we booked ahead of time, but they had left an amount of money to pay for our meals, and it was so generous, I didn't even spend all of mine. We found that the tours we had booked in Hong Kong were free too, so there was no need to grumble about the owners of the Golden Odyssey. After about the third day there we saw the boat in the Hong Kong harbour but I don't know how long it would be there until the engine was repaired. I must say that the staff of the ship really went out on a limb to satisfy everybody. . The only thing that I really missed was sailing into Hong Kong at morning dawn. I had done that once before and I realize that it is a sight to experience that you probably wouldn't see anywhere else. We had missed that opportunity because we landed in by air but the treatment from the ship's staff people was excellent.

So, if you want a long sea ride, board a ship that is not very stable and maybe you will be on "A Slow Boat to China" too.



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# RECIPE EXCHANGE

## Perfect Perogi Casserole

16 – 20 Perogies  
1 Onion  
1 chopped green pepper  
½ cup milk  
½ cup cooked ham or bacon  
1 tbsp butter or margarine  
¼ cup grated cheddar cheese  
1 10 oz. can of condensed cream of mushroom soup.

In a small skillet, melt butter or margarine and sauté onion and green pepper for 5 minutes. In a medium size casserole dish, arrange frozen perogies in a single layer. Sprinkle onion, green pepper and ham or bacon over the perogies. Combine milk and soup and pour over casserole. Top with grated cheddar.

Bake 35 minutes at 350° or microwave until heated through.  
Serves 4 - 6



**Please DO NOT feed the pigeons. The droppings carry disease and bird flu is on the rise. We do not want that in Toronto or any other city. Let the pigeons find their normal food. They were not created to eat human food.**

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911

If you see someone collapse or faint anywhere on the property, do not pick them up or move them. The procedure to follow is to call 911 immediately, no matter what the person wishes. Most of us are not trained and may harm the person further. Building staff are instructed to follow the same procedure



Recycling Corner



**PLEASE NO GLASS  
IN THE RECYCLING BINS**

**EXCEPT**

- Clean glass bottles or jars. Lids and corks go into the regular garbage.

**ALL OTHER GLASS** goes into the brown garbage bins at the rear of the building. Please do not put glass items down the garbage chute. Garbage glass includes: drinking glasses, dishes, cups, pots, pans, vases, light bulbs, mirrors, window glass. Also chinaware, ceramics and pottery.

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING.**



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## Board, Meetings

Just a reminder that the majority of our Board of Directors' meetings are open to all residents. It is a very good way to acquaint yourselves as to what is being done in the building and how your money is being spent.

It is a place where you can voice your opinion. If you think something should be on the agenda to be discussed, simply put it in writing and bring it to the Management Office about a week before the meeting..

The Board Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month. If an agenda is posted on the bulletin boards then it is an "open" meeting. Should an agenda not be posted then the meeting is a closed one.

Very few other condominiums in the city have opening meetings and we at 40 Homewood are lucky we have the opportunity to witness the meetings in person.

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The refurbishing and enlarging of the gym has been postponed until next year because of the caulking job that is being done **BUT** we have purchased two

new treadmills which are now in our gym for the residents' use.

I have been asked by the Management to suggest when people go to the gym to use the treadmills that they bring a towel or cloth with them. It is no fun for the next person to use it with someone else's sweat all over it.

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## Famous People Players

One of our residents is attempting to put together a group of us to go to see these wonderful dancers. There is no firm date set as yet. People interested can choose whatever date they prefer and I guess the majority will win. They are:

**Hello Broadway** from May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006

**Hollywood Rocks** from August 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Price: Dinner & Performance - \$45.00

Call Florence Rice at 416-923-9200

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## Barbecue



A barbeque is being planned for a weekend in August (with the exception of August 12/13). Date to be determined. Input welcome

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Give your name to the Office

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## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2006  
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 2005 was presented and approved.
- ▶ Appointment of the Auditors for the Corporation, Soberman, LLP was made for the year 2007.
- ▶ Minutes of the 2005 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. **John Darling** and **Martha McGrath** were elected by acclamation for another two-year term.

At a meeting of the Board on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the officers were elected and appointed as follows:

President – Ivan Cody  
Vice-President – Ron Browne  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John Darling  
Treasurer – Denise Redwood  
Secretary – Martha McGrath

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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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## More 'THANK-YOU's

To **Arthur Martin** for his unfaltering enthusiasm in bringing residents together for social events. Many of our functions are suggested and organized by him. Because of Arthur and a team of volunteers that he recruits, we have had very successful dinners, murder mystery evenings and especially the barbeques that usually draw almost a hundred people. These functions take a lot of work, a lot of which he does himself. Way to go Arthur—thanks so much.

To **Len Southward** who has donated numerous pieces of office furniture and equipment to our Management Office in an effort to help make the environment in the office a pleasant one for the people who work there. This has subsequently saved cost to our owners.

To **Dave Middleton** for donating new speakers for the recreation room  
and

To **David Thornton** for giving his time and expertise in bringing them all to life.

To **Larry Wert** and **John Donat** for the beautiful pieces of art that now grace the walls in the Management Office.

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## Note from the Editor

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Thank you to everyone who gave me good wishes upon my return to the Board. They are appreciated.

