# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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# January 1, 2007

May 2007 be a Happy and Prosperous year for each and every one of us.

Merry (hristmas – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to all of you who follow the Eastern Orthodox (hurch.



Recycling Corner



### **IMPORTANT**

No plastic bags in the recycling bins please





# Movie Night Ten Years Later!

A very enjoyable evening transpired at the end of Don Sangster's weekly movie on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The movie for that week was "FANTASIA". This 1940 Walt Disney production had superb animation for its time, combined with classical music conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

Don's usual audience numbers are at leas a dozen or more but that evening's crowd was double that amount.

About 15 of the faithful stayed behind on that occasion as they had been contacted earlier about their attendance and whether they'd like to contribute towards Don's birthday celebration. A card was provided for all to sign, along with some amusing cartoons from a resident artist,

A cake was purchased from their donations and it read "Happy Birthday to "Don" "The Movie Man". Coffee and tea were also served and even our office generously made a donation.

Don was surprised...a good time was had by all...and the evening concluded about 10:00 pm.

Thanks go out to the convener who prefers to remain anonymous

Made any New Year's resolutions??

# **Cetting To Know You**



## Dean Goldstone

A Victorian Lampwright. Living at 40 Homewood? A quick trip down to Dean's store at 64 George St, nestled in a building that dates from 1836, will give evidence.

Dean's passion for rebuilding old lamps and making shades was nurtured by neighbours when he was a kid. He grew up in Surrey, BC, surrounded by European immigrants who brought and bought antiques: lamps with fringes and beads, lamps of many bright chameleon colours. Coming from a long line of collectors, Dean was intrigued by the time he was eight and going to flea markets by ten. By fifteen, he had started to rebuild and recycle lamps and shades, reading voraciously about antiques and anthropology. He was working at Sears fulltime by the time he was sixteen, buying and selling lamps on the side.

In his twenties, he had a rough several years, what with a car accident and health problems. In 2000, he moved to Toronto with the intention of having a business. Jobs building furniture, making house calls to repair lamps, using other stores as consignment places for the lamps he built eventually led to opening both a studio and a store.

When he can find time, he plays one of the two pianos in his studio: either honky-tonk or classical. Otherwise, lights and shades have taken over Dean's life as he works by hand, building and recycling with attention to detail.

Thanks for this section go out to Connie Johns and Charles Marker.

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# Jon and Línda Hyka

The story of the arrival of Linda and Sefer Hyka and their three grown sons at Homewood is one of true love, great deprivation, survival and daring

Postwar Albania was not a great place to fall in love, what with the Communist government issuing permission to couples. But youth triumphed and the Hykas married after two clandestine years of courtship. He, a mechanic and she, an elementary school teacher, would have three sons who would eventually take them to Canada.

The eldest, Tan, worked for the US embassy in Tirana and came to Toronto in 1999. Linda followed in 2001 and youngest brother Jon came the following year. Only Tan knew English; the others learned on their various jobs, saved their money, and were ready to call for their parents in 2003.

After the deprivations of life in Albania, Canada seems welcoming and friendly, full of honest, working people, says Linda, all eager to help. Health care is most important to them. As a translator and paralegal, Tan is giving back. He and the family have founded the Albanian-Canadian League (<a href="https://www.albca.com">www.albca.com</a>) to welcome others and ease their settling into the Canadian way, all the while safe-guarding their Albanian language and customs.

Although Tan and Jon will continue to live at Homewood, the others are moving soon to Pickering, where a garden awaits Linda's devotion to flowers and to the canaries she raises.



## Down Memory Lane By Violet

Happy and Healthy New Year. It seems only yesterday everyone was awaiting the new century and here we are about to commence year 2007.

Christmas is over, and great sighs of relief from many people, who are now ready to begin New Year's resolutions. How many will be kept is anyone's guess.

During the first ten years or so life in 40 Homewood was always celebrating any special time of year with a dance, plus live band volunteers helped to decorate the recreation room and many more brought food and perhaps a small gift as spot prizes. These were wrapped according to the event being celebrated such as Valentine's Day. We always had a dance to celebrate Thanksgiving. I will always remember Jean Walker wearing braids and a cotton country dancing dress one year. Of course, we original owners were much younger then and fancy dress was often worn. Any excuse was considered for someone to appear in something suitable for the occasion.

It seems that every country "let's in the New Year" in a traditional way. The Scots celebrate Hogmanay.and carry a bottle of whiskey, some money and maybe a cookie or two.

The first person (called a "First Footer") to cross the threshold at Hogmanay (after midnight December 31<sup>st</sup>) brings all the luck, good or bad, for the year ahead. And, to follow in tradition they have to fulfill certain criteria. They have to be male, tall, dark and handsome. They cannot be doctors, ministers or grave-diggers (!) - oh, and your first footer cannot have eyebrows that meet in the middle!

Many people in England enjoyed all this too, some even have a small fireworks show.

Ernie Trepanier's friend, Jack Chowan (who fit the description of a "first footer") would wait up for me whenever I came home with a bottle of wine and some biscuits. I would give him my key and he would walk me down the hall and enter my apartment first and then come an escort me in so that I would not be the first person over the threshold that year. We always laughed and giggled about this and brought the new year in with fun.

## 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.



To
everyone
who has a
birthday
this month.

### Success

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

Success is a person who has lived well, laughed often and loved much. Who has gained respect of people, loved children and left the world a better place then they found it. Someone who never forgot to appreciate the earth's beauty. Who has looked for the best in others and whose life was an inspiration. Their memory will never be forgotten.

### Things to Wonder About

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?

Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat round?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"...but it's only a "penny" for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

If you drink Pepsi at work in the Coke factory, will they fire you? (yes they will)

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

and finally

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural? (anybody know the answer?)



### Recycling Corner



# ANNOUNCING NEW RECYCLING ITEM

#### CARDBOARD CANS - PART 2

A cardboard can may look like a metal can but is actually cardboard wound in a spiral with a metal top (sometimes) and a metal bottom. They are used as containers for the following products:

- 1. powdered cleansers (e.g. Comet)
- 2. refrigerated dough
- 3. shortening
- 4. chips, nuts and other snacks
- 5. powdered drink mixes and baby formula

How to recycle a cardboard can:

- Rinse or wipe out any residue
- Items 3, 4 and 5 above will probably have a plastic lid with a peel-off (foil) seal underneath. The peel-off seal goes into the garbage.
- The rest of the container, including the cardboard; the metal top (if any and the metal bottom still attached to the cardboard; and the plastic lid (if any) go into the recycling bins.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING



The management and staff have asked me to convey to residents their thanks to everyone who was so generous to them over the holidays and they wish everyone a Happy New Year.

### What's new?

By Connie John

Thanks to Peter for installing a bicycle pump in the garage bike room. Now each bike room has its own pump. It's on the far wall directly opposite the door, has a black on/off button on the front (I mention this because I couldn't find it at first), and a good dial to set the pressure. A fine addition.

Also, for those who don't know, there's a hobby room on the B3 level. You can get the key from the office, work on a craft, sand, paint or restore furniture.

### CAN'T EAT THIS, CAN'T EAT THAT...

Can't eat beef... mad cow>
Can't eat chicken... bird flu>
Can't eat eggs... Salmonella>
Can't eat pork... fears of trichinosis
Can't eat fish... heavy metals - poison
Can't eat fruits and veggies...
insecticides, herbicides>



It is about time that we officially welcomed Mubasher Yassin, our newest Security Guard who replaced Charles. Welcome to our building Mubasher.



Getting rid of used printer cartridges? Please drop them off at the office to help St. Luke's Church and help save the environment.



This has been submitted as a public service message by someone who wishes to remain anonymous.

It seems pertinent to mention something that is becoming a significant problem with growing older which affects all of us at some point.

This is to stress the need to prepare ourselves for anything that the future might hold. Obtaining a Power of Attorney for financial and health care considerations should be a priority. Downsizing is important. We never know how our life might be a year or so from now.

It is prudent to take of all this before it is necessary to leave it in the hands of the Government.

I seem to have two secret Santas. I would like to know who they are.



#### THANKS SO MUCH

To the person who left a Christmas bag full of goodies and a card at my door. The card was not signed and I would to personally like to thank my "Secret Santa". Who are you?

#### **ALSO**

Oh my goodness.....what another surprise I got on New Year's Eve!
Outside my door was a vintage
Cabbage Patch Kid in his box. I love him. Again...I have no idea who put him there and would like to thank that person

# Helpful Hints

Submitted by Arthur Martin

Flexible Vacuum—To get something out of a register or under the fridge, add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum.. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Measuring Cups—Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes out.

Reopening Envelope—If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily.

Take baby powder to the beach—Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When you are ready to leave the beach, sprinkle yourself with the powder and the sand will slide right off your skin.

# Practical Remedies

Smart splinter remover ...just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter ticks to the dried glue.

>Hunt's tomato paste boil cure ....cover the boil with Hunt's tomato paste as a compress. The acids from the tomatoes soothe the pain and bring the boil to a head.

Balm for broken blisters...To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine ... a powerful antiseptic

Heinz vinegar to heal bruises... Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.

# RECIPE EXCHANGE

### Egg and Bacon Pie

Submitted by Margaret Osmond

Margaret uses back or pea meal bacon which work the best.

100 g (4 oz.) thinly sliced bacon, streaky or back.

1 teaspoon oil 3 eggs 150 ml (½ pint) single cream salt, pepper, nutmeg 1 tablespoon chives 275 g (1 oz) short crust pastry

Cut the rind off the bacon rashers, and fry them briefly in very little oil without browning.

Beat the eggs with the cream and seasonings, strain through a sieve into a bowl and stir in the chopped chives.

Line the bottom of a buttered 20 cm (8 in.) pie plate with half the pastry, brush it with the cool bacon fat and then lay the bacon rashers over the bottom - the bacon fat acts as a buffer between pastry and egg mixture and prevents the pie from becoming soggy. Pour in the egg mixture, lightly brush the outside pastry rim with water, cover with a second layer of pastry, pinch the edges, brush with any beaten egg mixture remaining in the basin, cut a slit in the centre to act as a steam hole and bake for 23 minutes at 220° C. 425° F, and a further 20 minutes at 160° C, 325° F, covering the top with slightly crumpled foil if it starts to get too brown. Allow to cool for 5-10 minutes before serving. This egg and bacon pie is excellent cold and makes very good picnic food.

### Note from the Editor

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