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 *Happy*
Valentine's Day
February 14, 2007

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we mourn the death of Ivan Cody, President of our Board of Directors since 1991. An owner since 1979, and a resident since 1988, Ivan was always willing to give many hours of his time to sit on the Board and tackle the issues, concerns and problems that arose at 40 Homewood over the years.

During his tenure, the following are some of the projects that were completed:

A healthy reserve fund; An energy saving program; Emergency Generator; Gas Hot Water; Security Upgrades; No increases in maintenance for 5 years; Balcony refurbishment; No special assessments; Corridor refurbishment; Elevator cab refurbishment; The rose garden,

Last and most important was the acquisition of the garage which took hours and hours of work by Ivan, the other directors and the property manager to obtain the positive settlement that we did.

Rest in Peace, Ivan

Chinese New Year

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February 18, 2007

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Kung Hei Fat Choi

Gong Xi Fa Cai

"Wishing You Success and Prosperity"

2007 is the year of the Boar

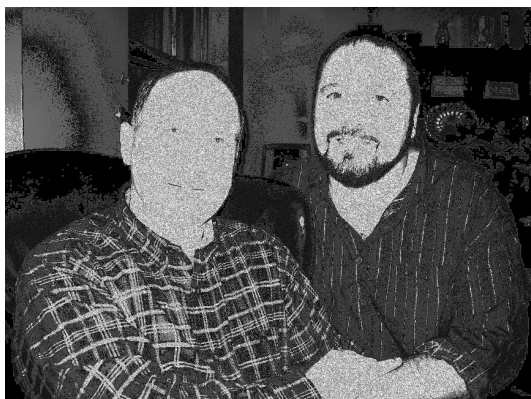


I am not blue this month, I decided to go yellow. Next month I could be pink or green or purple.

(It has been suggested by some residents that because the newsletter is now placed on the rack, people are not always aware when a new one is there, .so I will be doing it in a different color every month from now on.)



Getting To Know You



*Mark Thompson and
Rob Beecroft*

Rob and Mark have been together for seven years, all of them happily at 40 Homewood. Although they had often noticed one another, it was only after a mutual friend introduced them that their relationship began.

Mark, the oldest sibling of four, lived in several Ontario towns before his family settled in Toronto. Rob, the youngest of two, was born in Oakville; his parents still live in the home he was brought up in.

After many years working in various culture related organizations, including London Records and the CBC, Mark has recently become a certified hypno-therapist, helping others to lose weight, stop smoking, shake bad habits and manage stress. As he transitions to the new career he is also on contract to Ontario's Minister of Culture as her senior communications advisor.

After courses at Ryerson and George Brown, Rob became a manager at Ford's print shop. Twelve years ago, when Xerox Business Services took it over he joined the Xerox team. In his off hours, he's developing a line of BBQ sauces he hopes to market.

Exploring gourmet food shops and cooking extravagant meals is a shared love, as are auto excursions with no firm destinations. These spontaneous trips have taken them all over Canada and the U.S. But most of all, Mark and Rob enjoy spending time with their friends, many of whom live right here at 40 Homewood.



Getting To Know You



*Mario-Yves
Moringlane*

Mario-Yves' life has weaved through many countries, several languages, and major career shifts before coming to live at 40 Homewood two years ago.

He was born in the Caribbean, where his French father was a coffee exporter. After living in Guadeloupe, Dominican Republic, Haiti, etc., he spoke French, Spanish, and a smattering of creoles. At ten, the family moved to Dax in the south of France. In 1969, missing the Caribbean warmth and with the threat of military service looming, he was happy to follow his sister to New York City, where he enrolled at City College. There, a chance encounter with a college teacher from Quebec led him to study administration in Trois-Rivières the following year. He gained landed immigrant status in 1973 and decided to stay in Canada.

At first he worked in financial services in Montreal. Then, after a year studying "hôtellerie," he bought a home and opened a Bed and Breakfast. When Montreal fell into a slump, he moved to Toronto to work for Via Rail and then went to George Brown to learn to teach second languages. Today, he teaches both Spanish and French at the college and recently won a prize for Teaching Excellence.

In 1989, he began work with the provincial government, where he still works as a paralegal in Community and Social Services. Travel, movies, reading, swimming and TV in three languages fill his spare time.

Greendale Drugs

Greendale Drugs is under new ownership and new management (again). The new owner is Kamal Yousf and he will be in the pharmacy every day.

Their unique service will include the following:

1. Free Deliveries
2. Counseling for new medication and follow-up calls to eliminate any possibilities of side effects.
3. Checking any kind of drug interaction with other drugs or food.
4. Quick reminders for medication refills which are due and arranging for delivery or pick-up,
5. Senior's day will be held on the last Thursday of every month where 15% discount will be applicable for all seniors.
6. Home Health Care.

They are also in the process of Pharmacy renovation, hence the new image.



**HAPPY
VALENTINE
BIRTHDAY!**

**Ms. M. Monopoly
February 14, 2007**

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Olive
Olive who?
Olive you.





Groundhog Day

February 2nd, 2006

It is said that if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of bad weather, and if he doesn't, that spring will be here soon.

Will he see his shadow?

.Let's hope he doesn't



*To
everyone
who has a
birthday
this month.*



Valentine Dinner

February 14th, 2007

6:00 pm

Recreation Room, B1

\$20.00

Tickets available from Office.
Get yours now!!!





February 20, 2007

New Year's Eve in the Recreation Room

About a dozen or so people gathered on New Year's to welcome in 2007. Don "the Movie Man" showed the movie "South Pacific".

Afterwards there was socializing and enjoying food provided by the attendees.

At midnight the year was toasted with some wine and the big screen TV was tuned to Nathan Phillips Square here in Toronto for the ringing in of 2007.

A pleasant time was had by all.



Friends

By Sylvia Keshen

In this world of hurry
And work and sudden end
If a thought comes quick of doing
a kindness for a friend.
Do it this very instant!
Don't put it off - don't wait!
What's the use of doing a kindness
If you do it a day too late.



RECIPE EXCHANGE

I unfortunately made 4 typos last month in Margaret's recipe. Here is the revised version with the changes highlighted.

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 ($\frac{1}{4}$ pint) single cream

salt, pepper, nutmeg

1 tablespoon chives

275 g (10 oz) short crust pastry

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

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 12 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.

The Mayonnaise Jar and Coffee

Submitted by Don Sangster

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar....and the coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar slightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now", said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things. Your family, your children, your faith, your health, your friends and your favorite passions... Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter. Your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first", he continued, "There is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If

you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand".

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The Professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

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.

Upcoming Activities



Join Don and your
neighbours in watching
the

Academy Awards

February 25th, 2007

7:00 PM

In the Recreation Room

Refreshments will be
welcomed

Pick the winners

Win a prize



Recycling Corner



Battery Disposal

Batteries are classified as hazardous waste and should not be put into either the recycling bins or the garbage. You may bring your used household batteries to the office for proper disposal.

Thank You For Recycling

Jokes

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen



An old lady walked into a department store to buy some material for a quilt she was making. "Where do you find the yard goods?" she asked the teenage clerk. Eager to help, he led her to the "Lawn and Garden" Department



Father: "Johnny, your teacher tells me you're at the bottom of your class."

Johnny: "So what, Dad? We learn the same thing at both ends."



If you cross a cow with a porcupine, you get a steak with a built-in toothpick.

Smoke Alarms



The beginning of the year is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

Welcome Back Violet

Violet Green is back from her trial stay in a seniors' home. She found that she missed 40 Homewood and all her friends here and has decided that this is the best place for her to be.

We are glad you are back, Violet.

Violet decided not to do her usual column in this month's issue but we can look forward to her submitting again in March. Her support of this newsletter is really appreciated as she has submitted something every month almost from the beginning. Thanks Violet.

Note from the Editor

Martha McGrath, Unit 615
marthamcgrath@esuite.ca (new)

Well, I did it again! Made some typos in the recipe last month. I have reprinted it in this issue with the corrections made. Sorry if anyone burnt their pie. I apologize to Margaret.

Does anyone have any recipes they want to share? Anything they want to buy or sell? An interesting trip they have been on? Any jokes. (Thanks Sylvia for your submissions. Keep the poems and jokes coming).

How about volunteering to appear in the "Getting to Know You" section. I know people enjoy reading it but we are having a hard time recruiting people. How about it?

