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Community Newsletter

 **November, 2015**



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LEST WE FORGET



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by Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.





Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty
says:

Truth being a pathless land
requires no symbols.



The Metro and 24 Hrs. newspapers are brought into the building by a couple of residents who go out early in the morning to pick them up. Thank you to those residents who do this for us. They do this so house bound residents, including seniors, will have a chance to read them. These papers are available from a table in the Meeting room.



To **Dave Campbell** who sat with me (Martha) in the lobby on Halloween to hand out candies to the children (big kids and small kids) on Halloween.

Thank you, also, to everyone who donated goodies for the occasion.

Pet of the Month



Avery



Hello, my name is Avery, I am a Maltese female. You have probably seen me in the lobby or the elevator. I was adopted/ rescued by my mom when I was two. I am VERY friendly. I LOVE meeting new people and I get along well with other dogs and small children. My FAVOURITE thing is having guests visit me at home (I go crazy when I hear the phone ring for my mom to buzz people in), and playing with toilet paper rolls comes in at a close second. I have no interest in balls, but I do enjoy chasing other dogs who are chasing balls. My 5th birthday was on October 25th so feel free to wish me a happy belated birthday when you see me. Thanks for taking the time to get to know me :-)

Don's Movies For November

**All movies at 7:30pm in
Recreation Room**

Thursday, Nov. 5th
Michael Curtiz's **"CAPTAINS OF THE
CLOUDS"**(1942)
James Cagney, Dennis Morgan,
Brenda Marshall, Alan Hale

Friday, Nov. 6th
"THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN" (1969)
Sir Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine,
Christopher Plummer, Sir Ralph Richardson

Thursday, Nov. 12th
- Alexandre Dumas' **"THE MAN IN THE IRON
MASK"**(1939)
Louis Hayward, Joan Bennett, Warren William

Friday, Nov. 13th
"THE MARK OF ZORRO" (1940)
Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell,
Basil Rathbone, Gale Sondergaard

Thursday, Nov. 19th
"ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE"(1969)
George Lazenby, Diana Rigg, Telly Savalas (as
Blofeld)

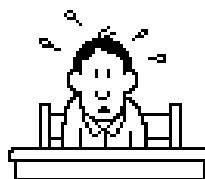
Friday, Nov. 20th
"NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN" (1983)
Sean Connery, Kim Basinger,
Max Von Sydow, Barbara Carrera

Thursday, Nov. 26th –
William Wyler's **"THE DESPERATE HOURS"** (1955)
Humphrey Bogart, Fredric March, Arthur Kennedy,
Gig Young

Friday, Nov. 27th
Come Down and Help Don Celebrate his Birthday!
John Huston's **"THE AFRICAN QUEEN"** (1951)
Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn

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From the Mouths of Babes



The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?"

Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network"



Smoke Alarms

The "time change" is a good opportunity to put new batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.



Laundry Card Helpful Hint

Another idea besides putting your unit number on your card is to put your card in a plastic case and put it on a lanyard and hang it around your neck. Less chance of getting lost that way.

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Holiday Dinner

Sunday, November 29th, 2015

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

in the Recreation Room

• *Catered by Absolutely Famished* •

Dinner served at 6:00 pm



❁ M E N U ❁

Caesar salad with homemade dressing

Spinach salad with cranberries, cucumber, red peppers, pears and red onion

Roast turkey breast served with gravy and homemade cranberry sauce

Roasted and steamed vegetable medley

Creamy mashed potatoes with fresh herbs

Green beans almandine

Savoury stuffing

Salmon with ginger and sesame

Vegetarian butternut squash galette

Festive dessert platter

Beverage (pop included in price)

Wine bar (not included) by donation ~ \$4

Tickets: \$25.00 ❁ Available now in the office

Last date for purchase ~ Wednesday, November 25th, 2015

Let's, Share Recipes



Melt in your Mouth Chicken.

Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

1 cup mayonnaise (for a healthier option, use plain Greek yogurt in place of the mayo)

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

1 tsp seasoning salt

1/2 tsp black pepper

1 tsp garlic powder

Directions: In a bowl, combine the mayonnaise (or yogurt if substituting), cheese, and the seasonings.

Spread the mixture on top of each of the chicken breasts.

Place chicken into a baking dish and bake in a preheated oven, 375, for about 45 minutes, or until cooked through.

Serve warm!!



Loose in the Blue Bin

The recyclables which you deposit into the blue bin must be loose.

Loose means not enclosed in a bag, box or any other container.

Items in bags are discarded into the garbage at the recycling facility!

The main exception to this is shredded paper which can be enclosed in a clear (transparent) plastic bag.

Did You Know?

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

And **"lollipop"** is the longest word typed with your right hand.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"

"Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-

Happy Autumn Everyone!

What I have for you this month is definitely a "good eats" and it is not too far from home. In the cooler temperatures, sometimes what my body craves is "comfort food", warm food, or in this case, quite simply, spicy food.

At The Dumpling House (restaurant possibly featured before, but not the food), a Chinese restaurant on Spadina just north of Dundas on the west side, I ordered: Ma-Po's Tofu (their spelling), shrimp fried rice, and pan-fried shrimp and vegetable dumplings.

First, the tofu: stir-fried with garlic, chilli, green peppers and onions, it comes in a steaming red sauce, which looks alarmingly hot. But here's the kicker; the square cubes of tofu that are covered in the garlic/chilli sauce definitely pack a punch at first, but that subsides. Unlike Korean chilli sauce which seems to have a lasting effect, (or in my experience, a numbing effect) this Chinese spiciness doesn't linger, adding just the right amount of heat without taking over. And if you team this with the fried rice which comes with a reasonable amount of shrimp, green peas, grated carrot and fried egg, you get a nice saucy mouthful, every time. The green

peppers, which aren't overly plentiful, prove to be perfect vehicles for holding the sauce. Add to this, pan-fried shrimp dumplings and what you got is a balanced plate. I recommend the pan-fried dumplings to the steamed ones since there is a crispiness that adds texture you otherwise lack. Though filled with what seems to be savoy cabbage, the dumpling is mostly shrimp.

As the bill came to just under \$30, and we came home with leftovers, I'd say that, all in all, it is worth a visit. And as the city scape seems to be changing at break-neck speed, with condos being built at every turn, The Dumpling House is on a stretch of Spadina, that still has a lot of the old Chinatown landmarks and storefronts that hark back to different times: a nostalgic reminder of Toronto's colourful multicultural history.



The History Of Mansions And High- Rises Of St.James Town

Submitted by John Kantor



In the 1870's, St.James town was a desirable neighbourhood for Toronto's upper middle class. It was covered in beautiful Victorian-style homes which were popular with home buyers at the time.

Many of these homes had vastly deteriorated by the 1950's, as the area became one of the city's poorest neighbourhoods.

By 1953, the City of Toronto announced a major rezoning of St.James town for the largest urban renewal project the city had ever seen. This was a turning point for the area as it quickly received the attention of many private developers who over the next few years bought up and demolished the crumbling Victorians to build Toronto's first high-rise residential apartment towers. But removing some of these homes proved problematic as a handful of owners refused to budge. The result was homes which had to be built around instead - a good example is 583 Sherbourne (shown in the photo) surrounded on three sides by a park and high-rises.

Originally, the St.James town apartments project was designed for mobile singles and

professionals, however almost from the start the area had been populated by low to moderate income families.

The latest plan by city council involves some additional redevelopment: some other forlorn Victorian homes on Sherbourne and Glen Road are planned to be relocated, or converted into townhomes or residential towers, the tallest of which was to be 45 storeys.

Sources: BlogTO, Toronto Neighbourhood Guide, Wikipedia. Photo: Google Street View

November Fall Events

With so many events happening each month, here's a few things to do in November:

Nov 6-8	The BabyTime Show
Nov 6-15	The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Nov 7-8	Day of the Dead
Nov 7	2015 CN Tower Climb for United Way
Nov 8	The Luxury Chocolate Show
Nov 10	Art Battle at The Royal
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 14	Illuminite @ Yonge&Dundas
Nov 15	Santa Claus Parade
Nov 19-22	Gourmet Food and Wine Expo
Nov 20-22	Seasons Christmas Show
Nov 20 – Dec 20	The Toronto Christmas Market (Distillery)
Nov 26 – Dec 6	One of a Kind Show & Sale
Nov 28	Cavalcade of Lights



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 17th, 2015
Board of Directors' meeting to set the preliminary budget for 2016

November 24th, 2015
Board of Directors' monthly meeting

November 29th, 2015
Christmas Dinner
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Recreation Room

December 1st, 2015
Owners' meeting to present the preliminary budget and get input from owners to finalize the budget for 2016.
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room

December 8th, 2015
Owners' meeting to present the budget for 2016
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room

These budget meetings are very useful for all owners to attend as it will give you an overview of our annual budget and how it is allocated.
This year we updated the Reserve Fund Study and it is an important tool for us to use in preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

It is also the time that we set the maintenance fees for the next calendar year.

We welcome the input of owners in this process and invite you to consider at least attending the December 1 meeting.

Also, if you have not attended the Christmas dinner in the past, please consider joining us this year. It is always a great way to meet new people and enjoy an evening of good food and entertainment.

Tickets are on sale in the office and there is an information poster on the website and in this newsletter.

Lest We Forget

The answers to the Brain Teasers are:

1. Breaking a custom
2. Quarter Back, Half Back, Full Back
3. Criminal
4. Tucson Arizona

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