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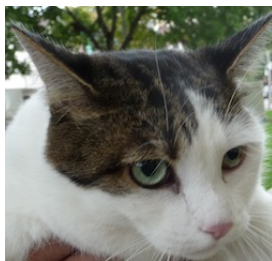


by Colonel John McCrae

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:

Service to human kind
cannot be two folds, some
for you and all for me.



Carpet Cleaning

by Charles Marker

For a good job getting your carpets cleaned, Garry Carter and I recommend Exclusive Cleaning Services. Garry has used them several times and I had my first experience recently. They are efficient, do an excellent job and their prices are reasonable.

We both had "traffic area" cleaning, meaning that they moved small items and light chairs but did not move the heavy furniture (presumably it might be clean under them anyway!). Traffic stains and spots were all cleaned away.

They also do upholstery cleaning and free pick up and delivery of drapes and area rugs.

Contact with Exclusive Cleaning is through their phone, 416-910-0590. See their website, www.exclusivecleaning.com.

Corridors and Balconies

by Charles Marker

With our front brickwork being redone, renovations going on at level 2B and with the big window project coming next year, residents wonder about the plans for other "repairs and replacements."

Some repairs and replacements are pretty much out of sight (think boilers) although they obviously affect the building and our lives. Other repairs and replacements are more obvious in everyday life and also have aesthetic aspects.

People often wonder about when the corridors will be redone. They aren't as "modern" as the lobby and 1B areas now. The corridors were last done in 2000-2001 at a cost of \$412,000. For the carpets, owners voted on whether they wanted the design in green or blue. Corridor refurbishment shows up in the current (2015) Reserve Fund Study in 2022 for an estimated, that-year cost of \$1,424,000.

Our balconies were "restored" over four years, 2000-2003. The concrete was repaired, new flooring was provided, etc. The cost was \$1,300,000. "Concrete and balcony - major repairs" shows up in the Reserve Fund Study in 2023 and 2024 for \$156,000 and \$159,000 and then again in 2038 and 2039 for \$210,000 and \$214,000.

The condo corporation is not obliged to follow a particular Reserve Fund Study to the letter. Some things might need doing sooner and some can be postponed a bit, etc. The Reserve Fund Study is updated every three years, so it's somewhat up-to-date.

You can find the 30-year chart from the current Reserve Fund Study on the website:

40homewood.org. At the bottom of the home page, there is a link to the Study. Study away!



WASTE REDUCTION

Monthly Challenge:

Increase Waste Diversion

Your Goal:

Select one room in your apartment to focus on your recycling/organics efforts (e.g. bedroom, living room, bathroom, or kitchen.) Try to divert more of the waste produced in this room from garbage to either recycling or green bin for the month of November. How can I accomplish this?

- Place a recycling or green bin next to the garbage in the room you selected to focus on.
- Save space and keep a bag (instead of a bin) in the selected room to collect any recycling or green bin items. Empty the bag frequently.
- Make the recycling and/or organic bins in your home easily accessible so it's convenient to place recycling or organics produced from other areas of your condo into them.

Why is waste diversion important?

The City of Toronto has a goal to divert 70% of our waste from the landfill to other programs, such as recycling and green bin, where materials can be transformed into something useful rather than sitting in a dump. In addition to the environmental impact landfills have, they are also costly to maintain.

Toronto's current landfill is a 2-hour drive away requiring our city's garbage trucks

to travel a minimum of 4-hours/daily to dispose of our garbage.

REDUCE the amount of garbage you produce in your apartment. Look for items with minimal, or reusable, packaging.

REUSE glass jars for storing dry goods or as extra drinking glasses.

RECYCLE any eligible garbage from your selected room into recycling or green bin for diversion.

Select the links below to download a list of acceptable materials for: Green Bin Collection

<http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Solid%20Waste%20Management%20Services/1%20G&R%202.0/3%20Apartment%20&%20Condos/Green%20Bin%20Program/Green%20Bin%20Information%20Card.pdf>

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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.

NOTICE

Notice to residents from the Board of Directors

Donald Balla, our Property Manager, will be absent from the building between October 31, 2016 and January 4th, 2017 to attend to a personal family matter. He will return to work on January 5th, 2017.

Meagan Newstead, our Site Administrator, will be on-site throughout this time frame. Additionally, Katherine Gow, our Regional Director at Brookfield Condominium Services, will be on-site every Friday, and James Vrolyk, a property manager with Brookfield, will be on-site Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Board of Directors has been working with Donald to ensure that current maintenance, repair, and replacement projects will continue as planned. Donald will be in communication with us regularly.

We thank you all for your patience and cooperation during these few weeks.

Beyond the Confines of Blinkers

By Felix Almeida

As a North American, I am constantly aware that the world view I am force fed, every hour on the hour, in the form of 'the news', is provided to me almost exclusively through the narrow vantage point of the corporate media.

This world view seeks to determine how I think, both of myself and of others. In this world view there are 'the good guys', usually us, or

corporate interests, and there are 'the bad guys'; usually the other, whose resources we need in order to maintain our standard of living.

In this 'good guy/bad guy' dichotomy, it was so refreshingly uplifting to attend a Travelogue session in the middle of the month that personalized 'the other', bringing them closer to me and affording them the humanity they rightfully possess.

'Iran Today' was a hands-on account by Constance Dilley, a Canadian of American origin, of her travels, a few of them, in Iran. She was in Tehran, the capital, essentially to learn Farsi, the language of an ancient Indo-European people, the Persians. The slide presentation provided us with insights on her lived experiences from day to day, of things that touched her as being different ways of negotiating the daily necessities of our common human existence, of the warmth of their hospitality.

Far from making subjective inferences of any kind, the credibility of this slide-presentation lay in merely recounting what she saw, what she experienced. A factor that greatly enhanced the presentation was

The fact that she rooted her experiences in personal relationships with Irani people. Richer still was the fact that many of these friends she has made have immigrated here to Canada, while maintaining their ties with their motherland. Through her ongoing relationships with these friends, we were provided with an added appreciation of the challenges of immigration, of losing all that is meaningful to you and of developing an identity anew.

The venue for the presentation, the Meeting Room, was cozy, inviting and interactive, with music and foods of Iran to enhance the experience.

So, if I were now to ask myself how this Travelogue has enhanced my world view, I'd have to say that it has increased my compassion for my fellow human, with a glimpse into how they face demands of life that are all too similar to my own.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-

The wrong picture was used for October. This is the right one.



Happy Festive November Everyone!

Well, looks like we're really into the thick of autumn: shorter days, brisk winds, colourful leaves, and cool climes...and with those, the hankering for comfort food. Thank heavens, there is always a little 'plus' with the 'minus'!

It has been suggested to me many times (you "Homies" know who you are!), and finally I was taken there by my dear friend Wayson a few weeks ago: Cranberries. It is a tiny place and easy to miss if you're not looking for it. You'll find it on Parliament just south of Wellesley on the East side. It has been in operation for years with many of the same staff, Wayson tells me. It is a favourite of his, and now mine. Here's why:

The decor of Cranberries is the dark cherry wood and brass interiors reminiscent of the 90's but not in a cheesy outdated sort of way...it evokes the feeling you get when you enter shops in a quaint small town; you might not decorate your own home that way, but you can appreciate how it fits with other environments. We are immediately seated in the semi-filled dining room.

There are daily specials as well as the usual Sunday standby of a 3-course roast beef dinner (\$18). But on the day we went, the special was AAA Angus steak and Caesar salad (\$18) which Wayson ordered. And I had the salmon fillet (see pic) which comes grilled on a generous helping of real mashed potato with vegetables (\$14). There aren't many places downtown where you can get a fillet like that for under \$15, I know. The steak, done to order was perfectly executed I am told, and the salad had bits of real bacon throughout. He ate fast, a comment stronger than any words can convey. My salmon also was grilled properly, not overdone nor underdone with a crispiness to the edges. When vegetables are cut so large, as they were, they are easily underdone, but not so in this case. All the vegetables were easy to chew with just enough bite that gave them their bright colour, much like the rustling autumn leaves outside that evening. The mashed potato had scallions and maybe a touch of garlic with a nice balance of seasoning. It was an even serving of protein, to starch, to vegetable. I had many "perfect bites".

We were there to discuss some business, and when that is the case, I unfortunately have the tendency not to notice my food too much. But with

meals like these, it was impossible not to. So instead of business, we spoke about how much we were enjoying our food, how delicious and satisfying our meals were, what incredible value, and the consistency of the food and staff that have made Cranberries a winning neighbourhood haunt for decades. I am just a little slow to realize it. But now that it is on my radar, it is totally, one of my "go-to" places. Maybe it will be yours too.



40 HOMEWOOD
 **Holiday** 
Dinner
 Sunday, December 4th, 2016
 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 in the Recreation Room
 • Catered by Absolutely Famished •
Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Menu to be announced
Wine bar (not included) by donation - \$3
Tickets: \$25.00
 available in the office
 starting November 14th





meeting


First Meet and Greet for new owners and tenants – November 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room

Please come and meet your Board of Directors so that we can get to know each other and welcome you to the building. As a new resident, if you have any questions or suggestions, please bring them to us and we will do our best to provide answers.

Owners budget 2017 meeting – November 29, 7 p.m. in the Recreation Room

This year, we will be hosting just one budget meeting. We will incorporate any changes made during the meeting, finalize the budget, and present it to the owners.

Pharmacists should stuff every third prescription bottle with one of those snakes that pops out at you...Because laughter is the best medicine.





November Fall Events

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

Nov 1-30	Movember
Nov 1	Anthony Bourdain - The Hunger
Nov 4	Craft Beer Awards
Nov 4-5	The National Women's Show
Nov 4 - 6	2016 Craft Ontario Craft Show
Nov 4 - 6	2016 Home & Lifestyle Expo
Nov 4 - 13	The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Nov 5	25 hour gaming marathon in support of SickKids
Nov 5-6	Festival of Smalls Art Exhibition
Nov 5-6	Day of the Dead (harbourfront)
Nov 6	EcoFair at the Barns
Nov 8 - 12	Secret Session: The Movie Experience
Nov 8 - 19	2016 Reel Asian Film Festival
Nov 10 - 13	3rd Annual Toronto Tango 8 Festival
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 11	Art Battle Royal
Nov 11 - 13	The Babytime Show
Nov 12	National Donate Your Hair Day
Nov 10 - 12	The Gentlemen's Expo
Nov 13	Haggar Hockey Hall of Fame Legends Classic
Nov 15-20	Reel Indie Film Fest - RIFF
Nov 16-20	11th Annual Pomegranate Film Festival
Nov 17-19	TSAFF - Toronto South African Film Festival
Nov 18-20	Hot Docs Podcast Festival
Nov 18-Dec 22	Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery
Nov 19	Illuminite 2016
Nov 19	Holiday Bazaar
Nov 19 - 20	The Trinity Bellwoods Flea - Pre Holiday Market
Nov 19 - 20	Swedish Christmas Fair
Nov 20, Dec 11	Gladstone Flea: November Market
Nov 20	The Happily Ever After Wedding Show
Nov 24	Nerd Nite Holiday Nerdtacular
Nov 24 - 27	2016 Grey Cup Festival
Nov 24 - Dec 4	One of a Kind Christmas Craft show
Nov 26	Cavalcade of Lights
Nov 27	Toronto Maple Leafs Skate for Easter Seals Kids
Nov 27	Weston Village Santa Claus Parade
Nov 27	Christmas Holiday Show

Classified



THIS TRIKE WAS USED LAST WINTER TO GET GROCERIES. 6 SPEEDS 24 INCH FRONT WHEEL, 20 INCH REAR WHEELS. I CHANGED THE HANDLEBARS FOR HIGHER ONES AND A MORE COMFY WIDE SEAT. BIG BASKET ON THE BACK. IT NEEDS A GOOD CLEANING, BUT HAS LOTS OF MILES LEFT ON IT. MEDICAL CONDITION FORCES SALE! NO TRADES, CASH ONLY, PICKUP IN DOWNTOWN TORONTO! \$400.

Call  Tom 416 735-6131



Grow a
Mo,
Save a
Bro

Grow a mustache in November

The Movember Foundation is the only charity tackling men's health on a global scale, year round. They have one goal:— to stop men dying too young.

<https://ca.movember.com/get-involved/moustaches>

A Little Light Humour

THREE OUT OF FOUR DOGS LOVE BACON. ONE OUT OF FOUR DOGS KNOWS WHEN THERE IS A WORM PILL IN IT!

INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON, IS A YOUNGER PERSON....WONDERING WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!

WHOMEVER SAID THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE; HAS NEVER TRIED TO STAPLE WATER TO A TREE!

A POLICE OFFICER CAME TO MY HOUSE, AND ASKED ME WHERE I WAS BETWEEN 5 AND 6. HE SEEMED IRRITATED WHEN I TOLD HIM....KINDERGARTEN!!



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