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# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?" The father replied: "Well, son, you must have gotten it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."

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June 21 – 27, 2004

Pride Parade

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 - 2:00 pm

## Prime Timers Toronto !!!

By Arthur Martin

The Prime Timers Toronto were the proud winners of the "Community" prize at last year's Pride Parade for their float called 'The Little Boat That Could'. This year we are going to participate in the parade, but will not have a float. We will be marching with a difference. If any residents have seen the production of "The Producers" they will know what I am referring to. In the show there is a dance number using walkers and we are using this idea for our march. Keep your eyes open for the group.

Any gentlemen in the building who might be interested in joining the Prime Timers can get all the information from our website at [www.primetimerstoronto.ca](http://www.primetimerstoronto.ca).

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## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2004  
Primrose Hotel, Pearson Room.  
7:30 pm

### Schedule of Meetings

June 9, 2004 – Financial Meeting  
June 13, 2004 – Nomination Meeting  
June 17, 2004 – A.G.M.

There will be two-vacancies on the Board of Directors' this year. The two-year terms of **Gerard Crowe** and **Martha McGrath** expire.

If you were intending to run for the Board of Directors, your résumé, along with a candidacy form, should have been submitted to the Management Office by May 26<sup>th</sup> in time to have it included in the Annual General Meeting package.

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## Election Proxies

There always seems to be much confusion and controversy at Election of Directors time about proxies.

Since the new Condominium Act has come into effect and we can no longer have municipal style elections, the proxy form has changed. It has now become a proxy/ballot form.

You can no longer just give someone a blank proxy form that they can vote for you. **YOU MUST** vote for the candidates yourself and sign the form. If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting, you can give someone your proxy/ballot form or hand it into the Office, **all filled out**, to take to the meeting for you. That is all that they are allowed to do for you. Carry the form not, choose who you want to vote for.

The number of proxy/ballots that someone takes to the meeting no longer matters.

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## My Father

### When I was

**Four years old:** "My Daddy can do anything".

**Five years old:** "My Daddy knows a whole lot".

**Six years old:** "My Daddy is smarter than your Dad".

**Ten years old:** "In the olden days, when my Dad grew up, things were sure different".

**Twelve years old:** "Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood".

**Fourteen years old:** "Don't pay any attention to my Dad. He is so old fashioned".

**Twenty-one years old:** "Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date".

**Twenty-five years old:** "Dad knows about it, but then he should because he has been around so long".

**Thirty years old:** "Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience."

**Thirty-five years old:** "I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad."

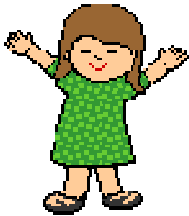
**Forty years old:** "I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise."

**Fifty years old:** "I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him."

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## Kids say the Darndest Things



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was

alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

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## Gimme a Break

By Jean Walker

A plea to people living on the upper floors:

There are those that still believe that anything that is thrown off balconies goes into never-never land. Being on a lower floor, it makes me angry to have to clean up other people's garbage that falls onto my balcony, i.e. bottled water, flower waste (water, soil, plant refuse), refuse from bird cages and above all, cigarette butts which burn my carpet and can cause fires and can prove fatal to children and pets. **Please be considerate!** You are causing problems for those below you – please use garbage pails.

Also, smells from cooking on balconies, smoking, especially marijuana, do not stay on the user's balcony and are unpleasant for neighbours.

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## RECIPE EXCHANGE

Submitted by Violet Green

Last year I required a birthday cake in a hurry, so I called an Ice Cream store to inquire about a yogurt cake, small size.. They told me the price. then told me to call another branch as they were about to close for decorating. The second place wanted more money for the same size of cake.

To solve the problem, I bought a 2 litre carton of Rainbow Frozen Yogurt, it was very colorful. I let it stand to soften a little while I found a spring form cake pan (not absolutely necessary) and lined it with Saran Wrap. Then I pushed in as much frozen yogurt as the pan would take and I put it in the freezer.

Two days later, I removed it from the cake pan, and took off the Saran Wrap. I placed a candle in the center and the result was a very delightful cake, low calorie, low cost and everyone was delighted. There are many different ice creams and yogurts. Line any dish you want to use and the cake will come out easily. Have your serving plate ready.

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Getting To Know You



*Rob Cohnstaedt*

Robert Cohnstaedt is an artist and craftsman who works in stained glass, although he currently earns his living doing home renovations. He and his partner are self-employed, relying on word-of-mouth for a continual flow of business. His artistic bent also finds some outlet in the renovations, and he prides himself on the high quality of his work.

Growing up in Saskatchewan and B.C., Rob enjoyed painting in oils and acrylics. Some years back he enrolled in an initial course in glass work and took to it right away. His stained glass designs often reflect the natural environment, as well as native Canadian themes. His business card shows one of his stained glass monarch butterflies. Besides original designs, he does commissions and restorations.

Rob has lived in Toronto since the mid-1990s, originally to help care for his father. He got to know his uncle, an original resident of 40 Homewood, then and, in 1997 he bought his uncle's apartment. He has shared the apartment with Alison Warren for the past three years.

Rob enjoys the outdoors, too, including fishing and canoeing.



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Getting To Know You



*Ken Dawe and Eva Kato*

1976: the Eaton catalogue shuts down and copywriters Eva and Ken leave for a year and a half, to travel in Eastern Europe. The feel of the old world, cheap and comfortable, confirms that taking the less traveled road is right for them. Two more years of work is followed by another year of traveling through North Africa and Mediterranean Europe. Then another two years of work leads to a year in India, South-East Asia and China. No wonder Eva's slide shows, like the one about Tunisia we saw in May--complete with authentic music and narrative--are a hit.

As for Ken, you've seen his movie posters, announcing the weekly movies here. A real film buff, he gets to three or four movies a week and, together with Eva, gets to most of the plays and cultural events Toronto has to offer.

A farm boy from the Niagara peninsula, Ken heard the call of the big city and places beyond from the train that ran through a nearby field. For Eva, who immigrated to Niagara Falls from Hungary as a child, traveling through Eastern Europe was a return of sorts. Both freelancers, they have lived at 40 Homewood for 30 years.

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Credits for this section:

Connie John and Charles Marker.

To suggest residents to be featured, use the Suggestion Box in the office or call Charles at 416-968-3458.

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# The World's Best Kept Secret

By Violet Green



In the spring of 1939, King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth (who later became the Queen Mother) sailed from England to pay a

royal visit to Canada and the U.S.A. A warship sailed alongside as protection, because the threat of war between England and Germany was quite serious. Half way across the Atlantic, the King ordered the warship back to England as he felt it would be needed, if indeed the war began. He also knew that on his vessel was part of England's gold. It was to be harboured safely in Canada or the U.S.A.

As soon as Winston Churchill came into power as "War Lord", without permission, or even mentioning his intentions, he set about the transfer of England's entire wealth in gold, gilt edge securities, over to Canada. The first ship was brought down from Scotland and the crew were informed that they were to go south on a special mission, so they were "kilted" out with tropical uniforms. Golden sovereigns, guineas and bullion were stacked into wooden boxes. And stored on board. Although the sailors knew what was going on, not a word was ever uttered about the cargo and no receipts were signed. They had no idea of their destination or knew that Churchill was determined that if England were invaded, their gold would not be there.

The ship set sail for Halifax and on the way, encountered the worst storms experienced for some time and none of the crew had warm clothing. They arrived late in Halifax, battered, worn out, frostbite on some hands but the cargo was safe. On landing, the Captain said he was a little late with "the fish", and was it possible to get some warm clothing for his crew. Within 24 hours, the entire crew had the best of Canada's winter wear.

The gold was then loaded onto a train and set off for Montreal. In the meantime, a quiet unassuming man in a London Bank was taken from his desk and put on a ship bound for Montreal. He was assured everything he needed would be given him, and his wife and family would join him. The man's mission was to open the Bank of England in Montreal, and he was to be in charge.

The destination for the gold was the Sun Life Building in Montreal and the bank itself would be in the basement. From there, business would proceed exactly as if in London.

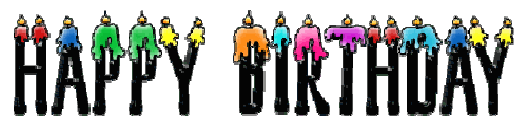
More ships followed with gold. Special steel doors had to be installed in the basement and checking in and out was a very important part of daily routine.

Churchill finally had England's entire wealth in the custody of Canada, even to gilt-edge securities, which are negotiable worldwide, without signatures.

Toronto has, at present, 9 (nine) copies of a book called "**Operation Fish**" by Alfred Draper. The information is thrilling and accurate and reveals how other countries like Norway and Holland were determined that Hitler would not get their gold, should they be invaded.

I was in the Sun Life Building several years ago, fully expecting to find some legend for all to read somewhere inside, but sadly there is nothing to let Canadians know what a big part this country played in World War I. My own opinion is that the story is part of Canada's history and should be part of the History course in every school.

It is impossible to reduce the facts to a small space and Martha has lots of other contributions to type. I suggest you read the book.



To everyone who has a birthday this month

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## Rotten Eggs

By Don Sangster

I went into a restaurant  
To get something to eat,  
I ordered up 2 soft-boiled eggs  
And then some cream of wheat.

I also asked the waitress  
To bring coffee and some bread,  
But when she brought my order  
This is what I said:

"I think these eggs are rotten,  
They have a funny smell  
They certainly can't be very fresh,  
I'm sure my nose can tell."

"I'll be glad to make amends", she said  
"But only if I'm able  
Just don't blame me for the eggs  
I only Laid the Table."

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## security

Please welcome our two new security guards from Ontario Guard Service. **Andy Sebhatu** is on duty from 4:00 pm until midnight replacing **Arvind** and **Sabastian Sylvester** whose shift is midnight until 8:00 am, replaces **Bill Corner** who is now our Superintendent.

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## THANK-YOU

To **Eva Kato** for showing such a marvelous slide presentation on **Tunisia** in our recreation room on May 13th, 2004. Everyone who attended enjoyed it immensely.

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## THANK-YOU

To everyone who answered my plea for surplus grocery bags to use for my garbage. The result was overwhelming. It is very gratifying. I will not have to ask again for quite a while.

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## CLASSIFIED

### For Sale

2 - Mediterranean style coffee tables, measuring 18" x 18" by 16" high. One is fitted with a snap-on padded cushion so it can be used as a footstool. Finished in dark walnut. Excellent condition. \$60.00 the pair ☎ 416-923-0721.

2 - JBL Stereo speakers, finished in light walnut. Measure 10½" W by 20" H by 10" D. \$50.00 the pair. Excellent condition. ☎ 416-923-0721

Plastic fold-up Chaise Lounge with mattress pad for use on balcony. Mattress never stored in locker \$75.00 ☎ 416-923-6885.

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## Ongoing Activities



**Bridge or Euchre** in the recreation room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



**Movies with Don** in the recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at 7:30. Notices posted every week.

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## Recycling Corner



## KITTIES ARE CUTE BUT

Kitty litter pails are **NOT** recyclable, even with a  symbol on the bottom

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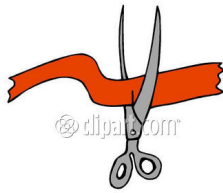
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## Garage Celebration



A reception was held May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to celebrate the completion of our "new" garage. Its main purpose was to thank many, many people. First to thank

residents for the all the inconvenience, noise, dust, dirt that they have put up with for the last two years. From the law suits, to the mediation, to the final positive outcome it has been a rocky road. Thanks were also extended to Mark Arnold from the law firm of Gardner, Miller, Arnold who led us through the law suits and the mediation. To Martin Gerskup of Best Consultants, the structural engineers whose mandate was to make sure the whole thing came to a favorable conclusion.

The people from Structural Contracting who were actually on the job site during this mega project were also thanked.— Victor Da Silva, Tony Paglia, and Vito.Nardi.

Also thanks went out to members of the Board of Directors who sat in on numerous meetings during the long legal processes, Ivan Cody, Ron Browne, Larry Wert, Margaret Osmond, Joanna Qureshi, Wayne Beaton, Martha McGrath, not to mention Doug Smith and Pat Savoy, without whose knowledge and experience, we would not have been awarded the \$3.2 million.

Thanks also went to the staff.— Peter Warner for personally undertaking all the electrical lighting work himself, saving us big bucks. To Victor Chadrine who increased his workload and took on part of Peter's regular duties. To Bob Mullin, Antonio Monni, Delores Hall and Bill Corner who had more cleaning duties added to their jobs. To Liz Madden, Natalia Silanteva and Donna Breit who spent many hours switching parking spaces for residents and sometimes facing their wrath.

Now, to thank for the people responsible for a great evening. Thank you to Pat Savoy, Chris Lambert, Arthur Martin, Larry Wert, David Thornton, Denise Redwood, Martha McGrath and all the volunteers who made sure the event was a big success.

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## Cribbage

Two people are looking for more people to play cribbage maybe one afternoon a week. It is suggested that a card table could be brought outside. Do you want a chance to play cards and get fresh air at the same time? Give your name to the office.

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## Yard Sale

In order for us to have a **yard sale** this summer, we need a convener to organize it. Please give your name to the Office and they will give you the details.

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## Barbecue

We do have a convener for the **barbeque**. Date to be determined. It will be sometime in July. Watch for notices on the bulletin boards and Channel 13 and this newsletter for details.

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40 Homewood Ave.  
or  
40 ?????????? Ave.

Because of the city amalgamation, there is another Homewood Avenue in Toronto. It used to be North York. The city is proposing to change the name of our street or the other one. There is a meeting at City Hall scheduled for a date in June. Watch the bulletin boards for details as to where and when. We suggest as many of us attend as possible in order to make sure it is not our Homewood Avenue that will be given a new name. We were here first. Let's defend our street's name!!

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