
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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Let's celebrate this wonderful country in which we are lucky enough to live.

♪♪ O'Canada ♪♪

by Calixa Lavallée

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, terre de nos aïeux
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée.
Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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Nomination Meeting

Sunday, June 13, 2004

The Nomination Meeting for the candidates running for the Board of Directors was held on the above date. **John Darling** had a prior commitment and could not attend. He deputized **Jim Mitchell** to speak for him. As no further names were added to the roster at that time, then John and myself will be the only candidates.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Primrose Hotel, Pearson Room

The A.G.M. took place on the above date and the following agenda items were transacted.

- ▶ The Audited Financial Statement for the year 2003 was presented and approved.
- ▶ Appointment of the Auditors for the Corporation, Soberman, LLP was made for the year 2005.
- ▶ Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting and Business Arising were adopted.
- ▶ There was no election session.
- ▶ There was no other business.
- ▶ The meeting terminated at 8:12 pm,

There was no election of directors segment because only two candidates submitted their names for the two spots. **John Darling** and **Martha McGrath** were elected by acclamation.

THANK-YOU

The Board of Directors would like to thank **Gerry Crowe**, for his service as Director and Treasurer on the Board for the past two years. Gerry, your contribution was very much appreciated.

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Thank you to everyone who supported me in my re-election to the Board of Directors for another term of two years. Thanks to **Pamela Brunton** who was kind enough to nominate me, and **Jennifer Smith** for seconding the nomination. Also to **Florence Rice** who agreed to act as my scrutineer should there have been an election session.

Your kind words of encouragement are always very much appreciated.



For those of you who wondered where the pansies from the octagon went, they were planted as spring flowers and removed when the summer planting took place.



Despite the wind and iffy weather, everyone who participated in our **Yard Sale** on June 19th seemed to enjoy it. I hope that all the buyers enjoy their treasures and that the vendors made lots of money. As usual, I spent more than I made but enjoy the fun.

Thanks to **Marise Mitchell** for agreeing to convene it and to **Helen Stathopulos** for posting the announcements around the neighbourhood and special thanks to **Antonio Monni** who worked hard to make sure that everything went off without a hitch.



YUK STICKY GUM

Adults, as well as children, have been observed dropping their chewed gum on the walkways outside. Adults should know better and children should be taught. It is a nuisance to get it off your shoes and unnecessary work for the maintenance staff to have to clean it up. We have a garbage pail just before we come in the front door, and one right beside the back door. Please do people a favor and dispose of your gum in these containers. Give your neighbours a break.

Top 10 Funny Store Signs

1. **Outside a muffler shop:**

"No appointment necessary, we hear you coming."

2. **Outside a hotel:**

"Help! We need inn-experienced people."

3. **On a desk in a reception room:**

"We shoot every 3rd salesman, and the 2nd one just left."

4. **In a veterinarians waiting room:**

"Be back in 5 minutes, Sit ! Stay!"

5. **At the electric company:**

"We would be de-lighted if you send in your bill. However, if you don't you will be."

6. **On the door of a computer store:**

"Out for a quick byte."

7. **In a restaurant window:**

"Don't stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up."

8. **Inside a bowling alley:**

"Please be quiet, we need to hear a pin drop."

9. **In the front yard of a funeral home:**

"Drive carefully, we'll wait."

10. **In a counselors office:**

"Growing old is mandatory, growing wise is optional."

Family Care

One of our owners, **Wilma Westerof**, has asked me to remind people of a notice that we received from Bill Graham's office entitled "The Employment Insurance Compassionate Care Benefit". This benefit is available to EI-eligible workers who must be absent from work to provide care or support to a child, parent, spouse or common-law partner who has a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death within six months.

It would take too much room in this newsletter for me to post the entire notice but for further information and updates, visit the Human Resources website at www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca or contact Bill Graham's office at 416-954-2222 for another copy.

Politics

By Don Sangster

I wondered where the word "politics" came from, so I looked in the dictionary to discover:

"Poly" means "many, much, a glut of".

"Ticks" means "blood-sucking parasites".

So there you have it. Now you know!

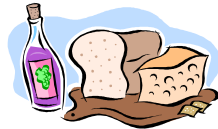
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Politicians

By Don Sangster.

Our elected leaders seem to lack
Integrity and vision
My favorite oxymoron is"
"An Honest Politician".

A.G.M. Wine & Cheese



The Board of Directors decided to forego the annual Wine and Cheese Party this year because of the very successful one to celebrate the garage only three weeks ago; because there was no election session with this A.G.M. and the directors were elected by acclamation; but most importantly, no resident came forward and offered to convene it. This fact is so important. See the article on the other side of this page. These get-togethers don't just happen by themselves.

Let's Talk.



A good way to get to know your neighbours and encourage more of a sense of community in the building is to talk to each other in the elevators.

It can be your vertical sidewalk.

Behind the Scenes

Based on a submission by Violet Green

No big event in the building becomes a reality without a great deal of planning and hard work by a committee of people who have volunteered their time and energy. This committee usually has to meet two or three times before a plan is even finalized. A budget has to be drawn up. All aspects of the evening have to be taken into consideration. A caterer has to be chosen. A menu has to be decided upon.

Sometimes, more volunteers agree to make wine if the Corporation's wine supply has depleted and we would not have enough for the event.

Supplies have to be checked to see if we have enough plates, glasses, cutlery, napkins, candles, coffee, sugar, creamers, etc. These things have to be purchased at the lowest cost possible.

The room has to be configured. Tables and chairs set in place, tables dressed and set. Salt and pepper shakers filled. Scenery, props or decorations have to be purchased and mounted in the room.

A group of people usually has to give their time the evening before the event or the day of the event for all this set up.

Then there is the computer work. Posters have to be made announcing the event, often three or four times. Tickets have to be printed. Luckily we have the office that will take on the responsibility of selling the tickets for us so no individual has to be responsible for holding the funds. Handouts, if there are any, have to be made.

If the event has door prizes, it sometimes takes many hours in person or on the phone to locate these and then pick them up.

Finally, there is the clean up. The building staff is not responsible for cleaning up after an event. Clean-up must be done by people attending or committee members.

Volunteers are valuable. Suggestions are welcome.



Getting To Know You



Catherine Munro and Norman Watson

Catherine, living in 40 Homewood for 22 years, took Norman as roommate in 1992 and wedded spouse in 1999. They live on the 11th floor, an “extremely friendly floor,” she finds. It may be a question of getting back what you give.

Catherine has her own firm as a Certified Financial Planner, which she playfully calls “financial social work.” Listening to clients and understanding concepts is at the heart of her job and she’s pleased to be of help. Once a very active athlete, she’s a good swimmer and goes to the pool three times a week.

Norman retired as a teacher and school principal at 65, in 1976; he started his career in Sarnia, where he still has family. A move brought him to Etobicoke as coordinator of history in the school system. Students still keep in touch and visit “Mr. Watson”.

Catherine lived for a long time in Australia, where her children still are. She also lived in Ghana and England before returning to Canada.

Despite the series of small strokes, which have slowed Norman down, they go together to the ballet, opera and symphony and to the Shaw and Stratford festivals.

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Credits for this section:
Connie John and Charles Marker



Getting To Know You



Danielle McBride, Vita, and Rachel De Grâce

How do you go from photography to payroll? Or from trombone to sound editing? Ask Rachel and Danielle.

Rachel, who finished Concordia University in photography, works at the Canadian Television Fund. She’s working on her designation as Payroll Manager from the Canadian Payroll Association. She also teaches for the association.

Danielle, after a degree in music from The University of Western Ontario, is working for the third year as the sound editor of *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. She’s also been nominated for a Gemini Award for her work on *Milgaard*. (She did study sound editing in London before moving to Toronto to find work, eight years ago.)

Although Rachel grew up in Montreal and Danielle in Scarborough, buying an apartment at 40 Homewood together two years ago allowed them to create their own home. The building is an “amazing community,” one in which they feel both safe and welcome. Rachel would like to give back someday and perhaps be a candidate for the board of directors. But that will have to wait. Today, she’s preparing her qualifying exams while Danielle experiments in the kitchen and minds the herb garden on their lovely, leafy balcony.



Ongoing Activities

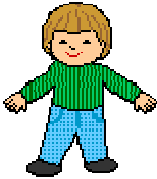


Bridge in the recreation room,
Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



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

Kids say the Darndest Things



Hary came home from
school, very unhappy, "I'm
not going back tomorrow,"
he said.
"Why not dear?" asked his
mother

"Well, I can't read and I can't write, and they
won't let me talk, so what's the use?"

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

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*Is anyone in need of a bath bench?
Very sturdy one for sale, reasonably
priced, \$25.00 ☎ 416-923-6885*

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CONDO FOR RENT (August 1st)
1 Bedroom, \$ 1100 /month (utilities
included)

Please contact ☎ 416 963-9890



Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

I think that I shall never see
A postage stamp too high for me.
A stamp that covers many miles
To take my loved ones joy and smiles;
A stamp that goes to those who care and
welcome all the news I share—
A stamp that's such a tiny thing and yet
such happiness it'll bring.
A stamps that's gone from two to twenty,
but still my postman knows I'll be plenty
A stamp is still cheaper by far....
Than any other pleasures are.....

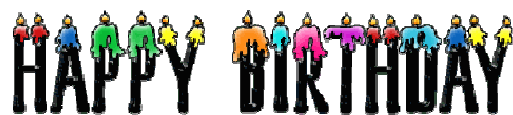
Rumor Squelching

Re: Financial Meeting, June 9, 2004

At the above-mentioned meeting, an amount
of \$821.00 on the financial statements under
the heading of Recording Secretary was
questioned by a resident. The Board does
not have a recording secretary and she felt it
required explanation.

As an amount \$1,200 was budgeted for
recording secretary and as the funds were
being unused, the Board decided to
delegate these monies for the costs of
printing and distribution of this newsletter.
The above amount represents these costs
for the months of October, November and
December, 2003. This account will be used
for this purpose in future.

I would like to set the record straight that I
DO NOT get paid for my part in publishing
this newsletter nor does anyone else who
submits articles. It is done on a strictly
voluntary basis.



To everyone who has a birthday this month

RECIPE EXCHANGE

by Violet

If you wish to impress your guests, try this dessert now that the warm weather has arrived. It is very colorful and easy to make. Use Equality Cool Whip, it's cheaper than Kraft. It is not necessary to use the oranges, cherries, etc. Use the cherry pie filling as it gives a nice pink look to the mixture. Add any fruit or nuts that you have. I have used raisins, walnuts chopped up, candied peel or the small Christmas peel, available at the bulk barn. I usually divide the mixture into two loaf pans so that one can be saved for another day—depending on the number of guests you have. Decorate with dried fruit, or biscuits, whatever you prefer. Can be made in advance. Freezes for at least one month.

Frozen Cherry Salad

1 package (8 ozs.) cream cheese, softened
1 carton (8 ozs.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 can (21 ozs.) cherry pie filling
2 cans (11 ozs each.) mandarin oranges, drained.
Maraschino cherries and orange wedges, optional.

In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese and whipped topping. Stir in pie filling. Set aside ¼ cup oranges for garnish. Fold remaining oranges into cream cheese mixture. Transfer to a 9-in. x 5-in. x 3-in. loaf pan. Cover and freeze overnight. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before cutting. Garnish with reserved mandarin oranges, and cherries and oranges if desired.
Yield: 12 servings



Getting To Know You

Connie & Charles would like your help. To suggest residents to be featured in the above noted section, use the Suggestion Box in the Office or call Charles at 416-968-3458.



Out at the Back

By Violet

Have you noticed that the "oval" around which cars drive to keep to the right and avoid any car driving out, has now been planted out and surely trucks and moving vans will avoid driving over it now.

In the center are two butterfly bushes, plus other flowers to attract those beautiful creatures. Perhaps we should walk around and our property more than we do, instead of staying at the front so much. There are benches at the back and the sun shines there all afternoon, almost to sunset.



By Violet

We need a new "Old Group". Younger people are needed to volunteer for the "joe-jobs" which have been done by original residents who have lived here since Day 1 in 1972. We are getting older and would like to hand over to younger people. Why not take a bigger part in your immediate community, right here at 40 Homewood? It is always the "Same Old Group" that helps to get an event on its way – we need a new look.

Note from the Editor

Martha McGrath, Unit 615
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OOPS I would like to make a retraction for Violet Green's article "The World's Best Kept Secret" which appeared in the June newsletter. "World War I" was mentioned. That should have been World War II. I apologize to Violet making a typo in her article.

Martha
