



### A word from our Chaplain



*"We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."* ~ Isaiah 64:8b NIVUK

I love hand thrown pottery – the cups, bowls, decorative serving dishes and plates, vases – all of it! The thing I love about it is how every piece is unique. It is impossible to make every dish exactly the same. And who would want that anyways? They are so beautiful to look at - the shape, the way the glazes have formed on each piece. Truly they are pieces of art and worthy of our attention. When I go to craft fairs I can never make up my mind which pieces to buy!

It's the same in the fall, when the trees start to change colour. Each one is a work of art and each one is totally unique. Trees aren't even the same from year to year. You never know what that old maple in your yard will look like until it has made the change to its fall brilliance. We are the same, you and I. Like the trees we are all beautifully unique in how we present ourselves to the world around us. And like the pottery we are worth a second and third look. Each of us has our own specialness, our own marks that were placed there by a loving God. God is the potter and we are the clay. We are created slowly, over our lifetime the work of God's hand. Each of us is unique.

I encourage you to think of yourselves as unique and beautiful – as gifted and priceless, because you certainly are. When you see the brilliant array of fall colours and notice how each tree is special, recognize this preciousness in yourself and in your neighbours. Your world will be richer for it!

*Blessings on you!*  
*Chaplain Liz*



Fun times at the Village!



### Alzheimer Society Support Group

will resume on Oct. 25th, Nov. 22nd and Dec. 27th at Parkview Home in the Meeting Room. In partnership with Parkview Home the Alzheimer Society of York Region offers a family support group which provides information on coping with and caring for people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. For further information please contact:

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# Fall Edition 2016

## Parkview's Senior Scene

Serving Residents, Families, Staff and Friends of Parkview Home & Village October 2016



### "Greetings" from the Home's Administrator

*"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn"*

*Elizabeth Lawrence*

After a very busy and warm summer, we welcome the changing season as fall gets underway. Harvest brings us the many fruits of our labours like ripe, fresh tomatoes and crisp Macintosh apples. The country roadsides are dotted with pumpkins as farmers attract travellers to their vegetable stands. The trees explode in a symphony of colour as the weather grows fresh and cool. We open our windows again, put on a cozy sweater and sip hot chocolate.

Now, with children back to school and summer vacations ending, we settle back into our familiar and comfortable routines. It is also a time to connect with family as we start to make plans for Thanksgiving and holiday celebrations.

It is important to take time to enjoy all that the season has to offer and to be thankful for everything we have, especially our loved ones and friends here at Parkview. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring and vibrant community. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your continuing support.

*Terry Collins*

### Parkview Village Bazaar

**When:** Saturday November 12th

**Time:** from 9am to 1pm

**Where:** Parkview Village Auditorium

**It's a good time to start your Christmas shopping!**




**STAFF CARNIVAL**  
will be held on Wednesday,  
November 2nd from 1- 4 pm  
in the Founders' Hall.

*See you there!*



### Parkview Home's Family Council Presents

**The York Regional Police Male Chorus** on Monday October 17th at 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$12.00 each.

**I'm Still Here** on Monday November 7th at 7pm. I'm Still Here is a 50 minute play that illuminates the realities of living with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Both events will take place in the Village Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at either Home or Village. Proceeds help support the Home & Village's music events.

We thank our sponsors, Medical Mart and Welcome Home Care !



## Staff Pacings

Welcome to the new team members who joined the Parkview family:

**To the nursing team:** Petros Skendos PSW, Jessica Thompson PSW, Smitha Paul RN, Yuan Chen RN and Gulnara Abdulkarimova RN.

**Client Service Clerks:** Katrina Cressall, returning

**Dietary:** Maya Pamunuwe, Dietary Aide

**Village Café:** Morgan Parcels

**Farewell to:** Marion Jensen, Environmental Aide who retired, Julia Lew PSW, Zalika McDermott, O Home's summer student, Brendan Callaghan Village Summer Student, Donna Lang Dietary Aide, Elisha Cruz RN and Melissa Abrahams RN.

**Our Sympathy goes to:** Shannon Norris on the loss of her brother-in-law, Ithaya Francis on the loss of her father-in-law, Marlene Williams on the loss of her brother, Mubina Bharwani on the loss of her mother-in-law, Mehjabin Habib on the loss of her grandmother, and Terry Collins on the loss of her sister.

**We will miss and pray for Evie Hertel.** Evie was one of our Dietary Aides who has passed away. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences to Evie's family.

**Congratulations to:** Brenda Clayton on the birth of her first Grandchild.



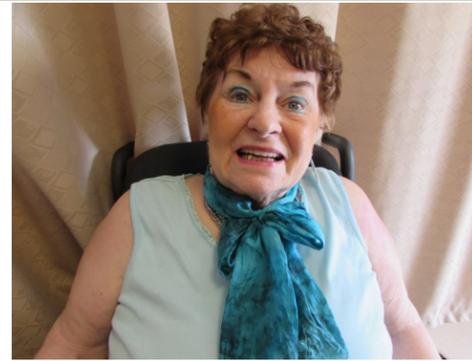
**Did you know...** Autumn babies, or those born between September and November, are more likely to live to 100 than those who were born in other times of the year. **Or that...** Pumpkins were once believed to remove freckles and cure snake bites. They are also grown all over the world: six of seven continents (all except Antarctica), to be exact. Love pumpkin pie? The largest ever was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It took over six hours to bake... now that's patience!



**Fun times at Parkview Home!** Residents enjoying just a few of the activities and excursions this summer. A resident art show, retirement tea party, helping out the office, husking for the corn roast, a wagon ride picnic, residents having fun, residents enjoying the entertainers, and ice cream making!



## Meet your neighbours



**ALICE GREEN**

Alice Green is the President of Resident Council here at Parkview Home. She has a wonderful, outgoing personality and is interested in many things, which keeps her quite busy. Alice always makes time for her family and faith. Alice had many of her paintings starred in the Art Show Fundraiser earlier this month, and has expressed her artistic talent many times over in the art program. As well as being a talented artist, she is also very musically gifted. Alice can play the piano, accordion, xylophone, electric organ, and even had lessons on a steel guitar. Though she is outstanding in all instruments, she loves the piano the most and played it often for her church while growing up.

Alice lived along the East Coast in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the majority of her younger years. Her father was a pastor, which lead them on another move to the Toronto Area. Here Alice worked in not one, but three different nursing homes, where she got to help out with residents. Alice met her husband Don while she was playing the piano and visiting residents at one of the nursing Homes. Alice and Don married and raised two boys on a farm in the Stouffville area. She now has two beautiful granddaughters, whom she is very proud of and loves dearly.

Alice spends her days with her family, friends, and her faith. She enjoys painting and colouring, knitting, singing, and music. She has many gifts and talents and expresses many of them with the staff and residents here at Parkview.

At the end of World War II, Vera was among a multitude of Refugees coming from the Eastern Theatre of the War. They came by trucks, all the way to the outskirts of Denmark. These refugees were either fleeing ahead of the Russian Army or later driven out of their ancestral homes. At the end of 1944, many disembarked in Vera's hometown of Schleswig in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, which is 36 km from the Danish border.

Gerhard met Vera in 1947 as they joined a group that was digging for peat moss, as a source of fuel, for their stoves and heat in the winter. At the end of the war, Vera's Father made some money by using his horses to help their group pull the peat sleds into the drying area.

In 1950, Vera and Gerhard were married in Bielefeld, Germany and emigrated to Canada to start their family. In 1957, they settled in Markham.

They feel blessed to worship with the congregation at Rouge Valley Mennonite Church. Parkview Village is a wonderful place to live and they feel privileged to have so many, kind friends and neighbours.



**Vera & Gerhard Schroeter**