

A word from our Chaplain

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

Psalms 63:6-8



I have the privilege of meeting for a weekly 'spiritual hour' with participants in a day program for those whose memories are failing. We sing hymns and have a couple of prayers, and talk about scripture, faith and life. I come prepared with many questions on a set topic. Sometimes people participate and the discussion is good. More often when I ask a question I get little response and have to coax out conversation.

One morning I came prepared to talk about change – how we feel about it, how we cope with it, what changes we've had to face in our lives. It was a quiet day, not too much participation. Then I asked "Do the changes we face in our lives change us?" All at once a lively discussion began and people had things to say. It was energizing to see! The group considered this question and then agreed that "although you face many challenges in life and many things change, underneath it all you are still you".



Underneath it all you are still you. This profound conclusion gave comfort to many around the circle and reminded me of God's love for us. Whatever happens in our lives, ultimately we are still the people God created us to be. Moreover, our Creator's love and care are constant. God never forgets us. And when we realize that our memories are fading and that realization unnerves us, we can cling to the fact that we are remembered by our God, whose hand reaches down and holds us up.



Parkview Board Members for 2014/15

Front row left to right— Dave Burkholder (Chair), Larry Hogg (Treasurer). Back left to right— John Byer, Faye Grove, Mary Lymburner, Sonja de Roo, Pep Philpott (Vice-Chair) and Dr. Don Petrie (Secretary)



Handpainted mural at Parkview Village

Thank you, Bruni Nielsen, for painting this beautiful mural. This mural, provided through donated funds, brightens our hall and can be appreciated by all.



Spring Edition 2014

Parkview's Senior Scene

Serving Residents, Families, Staff and Friends of Parkview Home & Village March 2014



Greetings from the Executive Director

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."
- Anne Bradstreet*



As we near the end of February, we all look forward impatiently to the warmer days of sunshine and rain that herald the start of spring. This has been a long challenging winter: bitterly cold weather, mountains of snow, frozen pipes, power failures, colds and flu...the list of complaints could go on. And yet, the increasingly longer days, somewhat milder weather, and sun-filled afternoons remind us that this winter, too, will soon come to an end. So as we enter March, we can do so with feelings of gladness and expectation in our hearts. We know that soon the piles of snow will melt to slush and then disappear, our winter coats will be replaced by lighter, more colourful, spring clothing and once again we will be able to enjoy the beautiful outdoor spaces of the Parkview grounds. I look forward with anticipation to the many activities that await us this year at Parkview and trust your spirits will warm with mine as another season of growth soon welcomes us all.

Solange Taylor

Spring dinner celebration

You are invited to a celebration of spring, on **Friday April 4th**. Parkview's Annual "Celebration of Spring" fundraising dinner is being held at Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club, 11939 Warden Avenue, Gormley. Guests can enjoy a delicious dinner, silent auction and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased by calling reception at the Home (905) 640-1911 ext. 221 or at the Village (905) 640-1940 ext. 21



Volunteer Appreciation Week

A big thank you to all the Parkview Volunteers that help deliver and enhance programs at the Village and Home through their gift of time. It is National Volunteer week April 6 –12th. Our volunteer appreciation event is being held on **Monday, April 7 2:00- 4:00 at the Village Auditorium.**

Staff Pacings

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

Nursing: Melissa Abraham, RN

Dietary: Donna Frampton, Dietary Coordinator

Home's Programs: Paulyn Banzon, physiotherapist, Arteida Shaqiri and Michelle Dizon, Activity Aides

Environmental: Awais Syed, Maintenance

Client Service Clerk: Alexis Harder-Papp and Sarah Chiu

Café: Holly Boadway, Wait Staff and Brittany Leonard, Wait Staff.

Village programs: Mellissa Skelton & Diane Cowan, both volunteers

Congratulations to: Rosemary Dimitrovski (and grandma Lilljana Kocovski) on the birth of her first child, Emma, on December 28th.

Sympathy goes to: Stephane Kouakou in the loss of his father and Terry Collins on the loss of her father-in-law. Our condolences also go to Rosalie Fernandez, Junette Hessing, Melissa Smargiassi and Lorrie Cryan in the loss of loved ones.

Did you know....



March is Peanut Month! It takes about 540 peanuts to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.

Ever wonder where the term "Peanut Gallery" comes from? The term became popular in the late 19th century and referred to the rear or upper most seats in the theater, which were also the cheapest seats. People seated in such a gallery were able to throw peanuts, a common food at theaters, at those seated below them. It also applies to the first row of seats in a movie theatre, for the occupants of those seats could throw peanuts at the stage, stating their displeasure with the performance.

Alzheimer Society Support Group

In partnership with Parkview Home, the Alzheimer Society of York Region is pleased to offer a family support group to provide information on coping with and caring for people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Location: Parkview Home, Meeting Room
from 7—8:30pm April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th

For further information please
contact: Andrea Ubell
at
905- 731-6611 Ext 22



Meet your neighbors



Pat Bissell is one of our newest residents to move into the Home. She has a lovely, joyful spirit about her and brightens the day of many residents, families

and staff by visiting and sharing her beautiful talent of piano playing and singing. Her favourite song to sing is *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*. She says her gift of singing must have come from her birth mother.

Pat was adopted as an infant into a loving, caring home and was spoiled by a mom, dad, three grown brothers and their wives. One of her favourite activities growing up was going shopping with her sister-in-laws buying pretty clothes; she especially liked pretty shoes.

Pat married John "Ross" Bissell in 1956 and had two wonderful sons, Jeffrey R. and J. Scott. When first married she and Ross decided to forgo the honeymoon and bought their first house. Ross was the Fire Chief of Etobicoke. Pat is very proud of her family and has enjoyed watching them grow into all they have become. Jeffrey following in dad's footsteps became a fireman and Scott became a minister.

Pat worked for many years in the insurance business in downtown Toronto when the "composite dwelling policy" first came to be. Pat later joined a Christian women's group that travelled to give presentations to other women. These presentations were focused on making life easier for working women, giving them helpful tips as it was not that common for women to work outside the home. With this group she travelled in the US and Canada. She says they got a good deal with her, a presenter and entertainer all rolled up into one.

Bruce and Isabelle Cullen spent most of their growing up years on farms, Bruce near Gormley, and Isabelle in Vaughan. Their fathers were industrious so both young people grew up knowing how to work hard. As dating age came along, Bruce was simply too shy to ask Isabelle for a date so he asked her brother Ed to help him out—which Ed was happy to do and, as they say, the rest is history. They were married at the Gormley Missionary Church 59 years ago.

For most of their married life they lived in the Mt. Albert area where market gardening provided lots of hard work for Bruce and Isabelle and their five children. To this family have been added 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The central focus of life for this couple has been their personal relationship with Jesus. Both Bruce and Isabelle have been heavily involved in helping to construct new church buildings. They aren't "pew warmers" who simply sit back and let others carry the load. Isabelle comments on the children's ministries, ladies groups, and prayer groups where she has participated. Here at Parkview they serve on the Sunday evening worship committee, planning and coordinating one service a month.

As senior years loomed, the Cullens began to search for a retirement home where they could live comfortably while experiencing community life. They also wanted to live near their church in Gormley. From childhood, participation in the life of their church was of prime importance. Parkview Village was their choice where they became early residents in one of the suites. Bruce says, "Parkview had everything we needed." Isabelle enjoys the social side of Village life where they participate in community-wide events like the dinners and birthday parties. She also enjoys their garden plot and the camaraderie of fellow gardeners as they compare the size of tomatoes or discuss which bug is creating havoc this year.

Parkview Village is home to many fine people, and Bruce and Isabelle, your fellow residents are pleased that you are among them.

