



Winter Edition 2014

Parkview's Senior Scene

December 2014

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

Warm Wishes from The Executive Director

Chill air and wintry winds! My ear has grown familiar with your song.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



The bitter wind howls around our legs and the sunlight glistens on the freshly fallen snow. Winter has come early this year!! While we complain about our long, cold winters, we look forward to the holiday festivities that are on the horizon. Christmas visits with family, scrumptious treats of the season and special holiday parties – all of these are part of the winter rituals that we eagerly anticipate at this time of year.

The thoughts and memories of shared times with friends and family warms us through the cold, darker days of winter. We can be thankful to be sheltered in the warm, friendly atmosphere found here in the Parkview community. May each of us celebrate the relationships we have and cultivate new ones with the people we live and work with every day. And may we delight in the beauties of winter while embracing the joy of the season in our hearts.

Best wishes for a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Solange Taylor



Come celebrate the season with us:

Christmas Open House

Wednesday December 3rd from 6:00–8:00 pm at **Parkview Home in Founder's Hall**. All residents and their families are invited to enjoy a light fare and a social time together.

Staff Talent Show

Friday December 19th between 2 -3pm at **Parkview Home in Founder's Hall**. All talent and enthusiasm welcome.

Christmas Lunch

At **Parkview Home** on Thursday December 25th for Residents and Families. Menu and reservations available soon.

Lions Club Christmas Light Tour around Stouffville

On Thursday December 18th, Notices to follow

Village Resident Christmas Party

At the **Village auditorium** on Friday December 12th starting at 12:15pm with the Stouffville Spartans Choir to arrive at 1:15pm

Village Voices Choir

At the **Village auditorium** on Wednesday December 17th at 7:00pm



Staff Appreciation and Service Awards

We invite all staff to join us at our annual Staff Appreciation Event hosted by the Board of Directors on Wednesday December 3rd at 2:00 to 4:00pm in Founder's Hall.

We will be celebrating the following staff members' years of service:

25 Years— Evie Hertel, Elisabeth Brasseur, Brid Gavin

20 Years—Cathy Weir

15 Years—Debbie Assinck, Nancy Sabino, Heather Chaloner

10 Years— Esther Cressall, Charlene Riberdy, Audrey McVeigh, Brian Cowie, Larry Clapperton, Stacy Muir

Thanking each of you for your significant contributions over the years!

A word from our Chaplain
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches!



The story goes that in the 700s, a monk named Boniface wanted to disprove the belief that oak trees were sacred or magical. He wanted people to understand that the Creator of trees was to be worshipped, not the trees. One Christmas season, Boniface became so frustrated with the pagan rituals surrounding the worship of oak trees that he angrily chopped a large oak tree down. When the mighty oak fell, it crushed everything in its path; everything except a tiny fir sapling. The survival of the sapling was declared a miracle by Boniface. In honor of this miracle, for many years afterwards people planted fir saplings to celebrate Christmas. Eventually over time, people began bringing the bows of green into their homes. Nowadays you see Christmas trees everywhere. Real trees, plastic trees, ceramic or glass trees...colour everywhere! They herald the season, and in reminding us of the importance of giving and sharing they bless all of us – friends and neighbors of every faith.

I treasure this season at Parkview. There is a spirit of love that is palpable, people smiling just a little more, people wishing each other the very best. Often you hear people say that they wish the spirit of Christmas could live all year. Well it can and it does – in the hearts of those whose faith informs how they interact with all neighbors, those for whom love and kindness are the rule.

I wish you every blessing this Christmas season - health and happiness to you and yours.
 Grace and peace to you!

Chaplain Liz Brasier

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree, your beauty green will teach me
 That hope and love will ever be the way to joy and peace for me.*

Once again, we would like to thank all our volunteers who helped support our annual Village Christmas Bazaar. Your time and effort is always greatly appreciated. Thanks for all you have done!



Did you know....
What Is Snow?

When water freezes inside clouds, ice crystals form. Ice crystals are crystals that have formed around tiny bits of dirt that have been carried up into the atmosphere by the wind. The ice crystals join together creating snow flakes. Once the flakes are heavy enough they fall to the ground as snow. Each snowflake is made up of from 2 to about 200 separate crystals. In addition to a normal snow fall, snow can drift to the ground lightly as flurries, fall heavily as a snowstorm, or pile up quickly by being blown by strong winds in a blizzard.



Residents are enjoying a delicious fall luncheon at the Village Café.

Meet your neighbors



GERALD TURNER

Gerald Turner is one of our residents who moved to Parkview in June 2014. Gerald was born in Hamilton Ontario, home of the Tiger Cats, a football team that he was a fan of. In high school, Gerald joined the Air Force Reserve where he was on staff. Gerald has always been very interested in Aviation, being an airplane enthusiast and being involved with the Canadian and American aviation historical society. Gerald studied Metallurgy in the Engineers Departments and eventually worked as a technologist at the University Of Toronto. He met his wife Mary Jo in Cambridge, England while visiting different aircraft locations with a friend. They got married in September 1970. Eventually they retired in Scarborough. Gerald enjoyed doing his own housework, plumbing, and electrical jobs. He enjoyed gardening, having his own vegetable garden in the backyard. Gerald and his wife Mary Jo have a cat named Katie. They found her lost as a kitten and have raised her ever since! Another one of Gerald's many interests is in formula 1 racing. He enjoys watching the races on TV, previously going to watch them live. He always has had an interest in science fiction, one of his favourite authors being the late Isaac Asimov. Gerald is currently residing in Maple Grove Terrace and can usually be found watching TV, visiting with his wife, or admiring his aviation pictures and models.

Marian was born at home in Aurora, Ontario in 1922. with the doctor and her father downstairs listening to a hockey game! Marian's early memories go back to attending Mission Band, and learning about Africa and China. There were many missionaries home on furlow who were happy to speak to the children. As a teenager, Marian was a member of CGIT, and attended the summer Church Camp. Chief Big Canoe of the Huron Tribe offered land on Georgina Island in Lake Simcoe for a camp site. After several sites were tried, the final one was built east of Bracebridge, and was named after Chief Big Canoe.

Marian attended the Aurora Elementary and High Schools to Grade 10, then attended a Private School for the following three years. She was President of the Student Christian Movement for one of those years, and was class Valedictorian and head girl in her final year. She then attended the University of Toronto to become an Occupational Therapist.

It's a fact that blind dates do not always turn out well, but the one that Marian accepted with Don Acton was a keeper! After the war, Don had returned to Queens University to complete his degree course in Commerce and Finance. At that time, Marian lived in Toronto, but later moved to Kingston, and worked for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, dealing mainly with Neuro-Psychiatric problems of returning veterans. They were married in 1945, moved to Ottawa and stayed 12 years. They had three children, Brenda, David and Bill.

Their faith was tested in 1959 when Don developed cancer and lost his job. Don and Marian moved into the Parkview Village Suites which had just been built in 1996. Sadly, Don was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease and passed away in 2006. Marian still enjoys activities, and the company of her many friends. She fondly remembers the time when she and Don organized the first New Years Eve party!



MARIAN ACTON

Staff Pacings

Welcome to the new team members who joined the Parkview family



Nursing: Irvin Francia, Jessica Wang and Rathy Kulasegaram, RPNs and Ken Ecijan, PSW

Dietary: Ray Karimi, Cook/Aide

Sympathy is extended to: Ithaya Francis on the passing of her brother, Sara Jacob and Remedios Ramos on the passing of their mother-in-law, and Marilyn Simpson and Maria Pena on the passing of their aunts.

Congratulations to: Andrea Muller on the birth of Amelia on October 20, a little sister for Olivia and Lisa.

Farewell to: Cheryl MacDonald



Home residents making poppies for Remembrance Day



Residents enjoying the Big Band concert at the Home



Thanks to all staff who participated in the Staff Carnival.

It was a fun day!



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—8:30 pm

Dates: December 17th, January 28th, February 25th

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

