

THE CHRONICLE

A Newsletter for the Residents of Canterbury Common
Port Perry, Ontario
www.canterburycommon.ca

Fall 2017

REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD

Gord Simmons, President 982-1330

Over the next two years Canterbury will experience considerable change, some disruption and certainly a high degree of renewal. We have now moved from an adversarial position with Geranium Corporation to a loose partnership in redesigning and reshaping our community. When we took the position of no development on the golf course lands we believed that it was not appropriate to have a new separate development phase containing close to 180 new houses. As you are aware we hoped and worked diligently for no development. When it became apparent that the Township could not and would not place themselves in a position where they would spend over \$500,000.00 at an OMB hearing, we had to employ a different strategy. All of you know the results of that new strategy and that we will now have 99 new homes built in Canterbury and a Seniors Retirement Facility. It is still incumbent upon us to ensure that we get the best possible outcome for the Canterbury Residents, so we will position ourselves in such a way that we can work closely with the Township and Geranium Corporation to enable us to be in a position to have a significant influence on everything which takes place in Canterbury.

In order to prepare ourselves for the inevitable changes that will take place our first step, as a Board, is to review, revise and modernize the Policies and Guidelines Manual to ensure that the language and the policies and guidelines are in line with the new reality that we will experience over the next two years. It is also our intention to ensure that BY-LAW NO. 1 which is the basis for the Policies and Guidelines Manual is also reviewed and revised. This process must be done carefully and competently and must take into account the fact that we will now have, along with an influx of 200 new residents, a significant amount of new property to manage. Fortunately we have Roger Doe, Ed Richards, Barry Smythe, Marilyn Stafford and Doug Theimann, who have volunteered to stay on the Planning and Action Transition Committee and will continue to add their considerable expertise and experience to assist the Board in its upcoming decisions. We will do our best to keep everyone informed as we gain insight into the plans of the Township and Geranium Corporation and get further information regarding timelines.

The Pro Shop Lease

On Friday July 28th Ed Richards and I attended the office of our Lawyer Michael Fowler where the documentation legally required for the release of the lease to the Pro Shop held by GolfNorth was signed. On Monday July 31st we received the cheque for \$255,000.00.

Investment of the Lease Settlement Monies

Harry Hough, our Treasurer and the Finance Committee spent a lot of time determining the best investment strategy keeping in mind our primary policy is to not place the Principal at risk and endeavour to obtain the best possible return in the current low interest rate environment.

The rent cheques on the Pro Shop lease will end in December 2017 which will result in a shortfall of \$4,500 in rental income this fiscal year. It was therefore recommended to the Board that we invest \$5,000 in a six month GICs to come due in the first quarter of 2018 to cover the rental shortfall. The remaining \$250,000 will be invested in three GICs with no more than \$100,000 with any one financial institution. We will withdraw \$18,000 each fiscal year which in turn will be credited to the Operating Fund to replace the lost rental income from GolfNorth going forward. The Finance Committee and the Board agreed to these guidelines pending input and advice from our Financial Advisor at Edward Jones. On Friday August 18th the Treasurer and I met with the Financial Adviser at the local Edward Jones office. We were advised to purchase laddered GICs up to a two-year term at this time to take advantage of future rate increases.

Investment Policy

One of the things we discovered when we received this large amount of money was that we did not have an investment policy. Thanks to the expertise we have on our Finance Committee this was not a problem for long. An Investment Policy was written and approved by the Finance Committee for inclusion in the Policy and Guidelines Manual. The Board approved and adopted unanimously the Investment Policy as tabled, with some minor edits.

The Pro Shop

As we now have complete control over the previous Pro Shop space the Board has authorized the House and Property

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Committee to renovate the space in order that we can start to utilize it. A window air-conditioning unit has been secured and was installed on August 21st in order to ensure that the renovators are kept cool during the renovations. Many thanks go out to Gary Carmichael, Mike Pullen, Wayne Shannon and Dave Sparling for all the work they have done to get the Pro Shop space ready for all of us to enjoy. The plan is to leave the space as open and flexible as possible to ensure that it is multi-functional.

Why our Community Works

Hats off to Neil Simpson (Canterbury's answer to the Energizer Bunny) for his continued efforts to bring our community together. His profiles of our residents, the unique and creative events he organizes and his general enthusiasm for life has brought a vitality to the community that has been a very welcome and positive force. Neil along with Joan Galonska will be chairing our 20th year celebrations so we should all look forward to some interesting and entertaining activities in 2018.

Ongoing Happenings

We recently wrote to our M.P.P. Granville Anderson and our M.P. Erin O'Toole to thank them for their support over the last couple of years regarding our opposition to the development of the golf course lands. By return mail we received very warm and complimentary letters of congratulations from both Mr. Anderson and Mr. O'Toole. Mr. Anderson in particular spent hours researching and lobbying on our behalf.

We have been in regular contact with Geranium over a number of issues, the foremost one being the weed and grass control. Geranium and GolfNorth have an agreement that the grass and weeds will be cut on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday or Sunday so that a third of the golf lands will be cut each day which will mean each area should be cut weekly. Geranium has been very responsive while GolfNorth has not been successful in meeting our standards or those of the Township. However, we are pleased to report that the situation seems to be resolved with the recent hiring of the former GolfNorth groundskeeper, (Peter), who has been doing a very good job in meeting the terms of the grass cutting agreement.

Ed Richards and I met with Mayor Tom Rowett on September 7th to discuss the use of the golf course lands and the suggestion made by Township officials regarding the development of a six-hole golf course. We also discussed other issues such as weed control on Township property, the progress being made with Geranium to come up with an approved site plan and timelines for the commencement of development of the subdivision. As many of these issues have not yet been decided upon, there is little to report at this time. When there is something significant to relay we will send out a What's Happening.

This issue of The Chronicle features two close-up profiles, one on long-term residents Margo and Ken Gadsden and the other on our own Centenarian Pauline Leitch. As well, you'll meet new residents Ann and Malcolm Thistle, Jane and Norm Hartley, Rosland Fortier and John Ernst, Cathy and Andy Spohn, Maria and Paul Pace, Betty and Mike Snell, and Diane and Don Phillips. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you'll enjoy reading the history of how this celebration of thanks evolved over the years. Be sure to check out the Computer Corner for helpful hints from our Webmaster, the updated list of A Year in the Life of Canterbury, and the Who To Call contact lists.

DID YOU KNOW?

Co-chairs - 20th Anniversary - Neil Simpson and Joan Galonska

Plans are under way to celebrate Canterbury's 20th anniversary in 2018 and all residents are encouraged to get involved in the following events:

- A parade through the community
- House and garden tours
- A grand celebration on September 8th

As well, there will be a fundraising campaign in support of the North Durham Hospice to be established here in Port Perry. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of The Chronicle and on the Canterbury Common website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ken Hurst, Chair 982-2633

I took over the Admin position July 1st from Vern Reynolds who did a great job for two years leaving the operation of The Centre in great shape. Due to Vern's organization and preparedness, when I got a call on Thursday Aug 24th, before the



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Scramble dinner that our Canadian flag was ripped, it was replaced before everyone arrived.

We had one meeting in July with the next meeting held on Sept 11th. We are currently developing a "Private Rental Checklist" to be filled out and signed as the renter leaves The Centre to ensure ALL items have been turned off and all windows and doors have been closed. Some outside lights were replaced with the help of House & Property. We have also provided you with two lists, inserted in this issue of The Chronicle, of WHO TO CALL in Canterbury if you have any questions and WHO TO CALL outside of Canterbury if you are in need of any services around the house.

If you are thinking about a family celebration or party at The Centre, we recommend that you book early to get your preferred date. Please contact Pat Corlett at 905-985-4966 or Carole DeMorest at 905-985-6732 for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Joan Rickerd, Board Liaison/Chair/Editor

Communications is participating in the review/revise/update of the Policies and Guidelines manual currently being carried out by the Board.

Canterbury celebrates its 20th anniversary next year and planning is already underway. Communications met last month with Neil Simpson and Joan Galonska, Co-chairs coordinating the events, to discuss a host of ideas that have been put forward, bring other suggestions to the fore, and plan a special souvenir edition of The Chronicle on our last two exciting decades.

To assist our new residents, we have included an update on A Year in the Life of Canterbury in this issue of The Chronicle. This is a compendium of all events that take place in the community during the year, the day and time of the events, and a contact person. If you wish to start an activity, contact a Board member. Steps can be taken to find you time and space. If you do not see it listed, maybe you could run it with help and advice from other Canterburians. Also included for the convenience of residents are internal and external Who To Call lists.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harry Hough, Chair 982-0748

The Finance Committee met on August 2nd to review the 1st Quarter In-House Financial Statements. Total expenses for the quarter are close to budget. The statements were presented to The Board at the August 8th meeting and were approved for release. A copy of the Q1 Financial Statements is posted in The Centre library. There are two assessments remaining to be paid.

We are currently in the process of investing the funds, recently received from Geranium in settlement of the pro-shop lease. In accordance with policy these funds will be invested in GICs with laddered maturities.

MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair 982-1593

As our Men's 2017 Golf Season draws to a close, I'm sure that we can only look forward to a drier golf season in 2018. I read over my Chronicle article from 2016 and we only had one rain date...although that was an exceptionally hot, dry summer.

This season we had 34 registered golfers and we have had four end-of-the-month luncheons at Sunnybrae, providing great food to hungry golfers.

Our end of season Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday September 26th hosted by Dorie and her able staff at Sunnybrae. Season-long accumulated winnings and individual golf awards will be presented that night.

I would like to thank my Canterbury Men's Golf Committee for their hard work and support throughout this season, particularly Gerry Paton and Roy Wilson who replaced Gerry for the final two months of the season.

We look forward to an even more successful season in 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tallya Moore, Chair 985-8370

The Governance Committee members John Brewer, John Rintoul, Frank Young and I will all do our best to assist you to interpret the Protective Restrictions. Please contact any one of us prior to commencing any projects such as new or replacement decks or sunrooms being added to your home.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and cooperation with our Committee as well as with your neighbours. Please inform your neighbours of any outdoor projects you plan to undertake.

We live in a special community that thrives on kindness to one another during many different circumstances and one of the best examples of this has been the way that our residents have been considerate of each other and the impact that we have on each other. One of the reasons the Governance Committee has been so effective monitoring the protective restrictions is that in most cases residents follow the procedures and let their neighbours know about their outdoor proposals, before the decision is made to carry them out. In most cases residents notify the Governance Committee and then get approval prior to starting their project.

There have been a couple of situations this past summer when projects were started and in one case finished, before approval was received. The rationale given by the residents involved was that they didn't think it was necessary to get approval to make a simple change. The reason we encourage you to call before starting your project is because there are still a couple of existing decks and structures that were built before the Governance Committee was formed and which do not comply with the protective restrictions. It is for that reason that we ask that you consult the Committee before you start your project. Not only are they good at interpreting the protective restrictions they are often very helpful with their building advice.

Since July we have seen three decks replaced and one sunroom completed. Projects in progress consist of three decks and two sunrooms. We have enjoyed meeting the homeowners involved in the new and ongoing projects.

I wish to thank the Governance Committee and Gord Simmons for all their help and guidance since the AGM.

HOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Dave Sparling, Chair 985-8001

House and Property has been working to prepare the old Golf North Pro Shop for use by Canterbury residents.

The office has been removed making the room much larger and suitable for any number of activities. We hope to have the entire project finished and ready for use by mid-September. The area is now air-conditioned and we plan to put in a fridge for cold water etc.

If you have any suggestions for uses of the new space be sure to let either Gord Simmons or me know.

H& P is also renewing TYSYD's contract for grass cutting and snow removal for another year. If you have any suggestions or complaints please let me know so that we can raise them in our discussions with TYSYD.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

David Thompson, Chair 985-1214

The Region of Durham has been approached regarding the volume of truck traffic on Simcoe Street. A heavy truck by-pass around Port Perry was proposed but the Region's staff felt that this was not necessary. A request for traffic flow data from the region was subsequently made and these data should be available to us shortly.

Weed control is a problem around the municipal settlement pond at the north end of the old ninth hole. The municipality was asked to cut the weeds but they responded by saying that they prefer allowing such areas to evolve naturally. We subsequently proposed cutting the weeds ourselves if the municipality would give us permission to do so. We are awaiting a formal response from the municipality.

Weeds are not the only concern regarding the pond at the north end of the ninth hole. The pond itself is in poor condition and there was some concern expressed over mosquito control. These concerns were raised with the township staff. Given that the pond will need to be upgraded by Geranium when homes feeding that pond are built on the ninth hole, the township does not

intend on investing money in the maintenance of the pond at this time. They assured me that all municipal storm water systems are treated for mosquitoes.

The storm water management pond up at the north end of our community was dredged during the winter. The area around the pond was finally graded and the fencing removed. This activity was delayed due to the large volume of rain we experienced this spring. A letter thanking the municipality for their work on the pond was sent to the staff involved.

Our partnership with the municipality is almost exclusively uni-directional with CCRA asking for assistance/services and the municipality providing those services. Our relationship evolved recently when the municipality asked us to post a notice in the clubhouse and at the mail kiosk which identified their need for crossing guards. If you have not seen the notices and would be interested in acting as a crossing guard during the coming school year, please contact the municipal offices.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher, Chair 982-1510

Since the last edition of The Chronicle:

The Canterbury Commoners and guest performers entertained over 240 residents at our annual Canada Day Celebration, marking Canada's 150th Birthday. They certainly deserved their "standing ovation"!

Blue skies prevailed as several residents boarded the buses for Harvey and Joan Graham's Farm Tour when we toured the countryside on a guided tour with Harvey and his family. From lavender fields to lunch in Blackstock, an enjoyable day was had by all.

The Trivial Pursuit Canterbury Car Rally tested our ability to follow Neil's directions and our knowledge of "trivia" as we drove on roads some of us had never travelled in search of the answers. We wrapped up at The Centre with a light meal and refreshments and were encouraged to watch for details and registration forms for Neil's Canterbury Photo Scavenger Hunt. (See articles and pictures in this edition of The Chronicle)

We extend a Warm Canterbury Welcome to our new residents and hope you will join us at Coffee Hour on October 5th (9:30 a.m.) when we preview our various activities and upcoming events. Neil Simpson will also provide details of the plans for Canterbury's 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2018.

Are you interested in a BUS TRIP to the CHRISTMAS ONE OF A KIND SHOW in Toronto? Watch for the signup sheet coming soon.

The Centre will be decorated for Christmas on November 25th in preparation for all the festive activities in December and wrapping up 2017 with our New Years Eve Celebration.

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

Donna Easter, Coordinator

All residents are invited to join us for our Holiday Wine Tasting on Friday, December 1st, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at The Centre. For couples attending, please bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer. For all singles attending, please bring a bottle of wine.

Many of our talented artists will display their artwork for all to enjoy. We are pleased that the Knitwits will also be on hand to display their handmade knitted items, many of which are kindly donated to local children throughout the year. If you wish to display your artwork, please email mrsdonnaeaster@gmail.com.

Your generous donation to our local Food Bank (canned goods, peanut butter, etc) will be accepted at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Plans are being finalized for our 2017 events and 2018 is shaping up to be an "EVENT-FULL" year.

Please watch for further details on our GREEN FLYERS, the posters on the bulletin boards and visit our Canterbury Website where we have some "great" pictures and information regarding future events. Monthly calendars are also available at the mail kiosk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

October 5 th	COFFEE HOUR Resumes (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.)
October 21 st	DINNER/DANCE WITH THE BEEZ BAND
October 30 th	RAMA TRIP
December 1 st	HOLIDAY WINE TASTING
December 31 st	NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION
January 27, 2018	PIZZA/BINGO Night

Special Thanks to our VOLUNTEERS who spend many hours planning these events, and to you, the Residents of Canterbury – your support is most appreciated!

“Two sounds of Autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.”

-- Hal Borland

ACTIVITIES

Basketeers' Update



www.basketeers.ca
Barb Willis 985 - 5551
Marilyn Stafford 985-6610
Pat Corrllett 985-4966

Basketeers is an organization created to help women leaving shelters and starting a new life. What a boost it gives them to realize that someone cares enough to fill a basket with essential items. You can choose to put a basket together with friends, family or neighbours. You can also contribute items into a basket that will be at The Centre from October 2nd until October 16th from 11:30 until 1:00 p.m.

BOOK CLUB

Pat Procnier 985-3775

The CCRA Book Club will resume on Thursday, October 5th with a memoir, “The Pelee Project” by Jane Christmas, who took a three-month leave of absence from her job with the National Post, put her house up for sale, and moved with her 10-year old daughter to a simpler life on Pelee Island. On October 26th, we will read “The Women in the Castle” by Jessica Shattuck. The story, set in Bavaria, 1945, as the third Reich crumbled, is of three German women whose husbands were killed because they planned the assassination of Hitler. On November 30th, our book will be “A Piece of the World” by Christina Baker Kline who also wrote “The Orphan Train”. This book deals with a fictional account of the life of Christina who was the inspiration for American artist, Andrew Wyeth.



We begin our 2018 meetings on January 25th with “The Perfume Collector” by Catherine Tesaro, on February 22nd with “In The Bleak Midwinter” by Julia Spencer-Fleming, March 29th with “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane”, April 26th with “The Redemption of Alexander Seaton” by Shona Maclean, and we end our year with lunch out on May 31st with the book “Up and Down” by Terry Fallis.

Please join us October 5th for an enjoyable afternoon discussing “The Pelee Project”.

ACTIVITIES

CANTERBURY CHORUS

Coordinators: Pat Corlett, 985-4966, Tony Graham, 985-9041, Lucille Huron, 982-2769 Frances Hurst, 982-2633
Choirmaster and Musical Director: Carol and Brian Strachan



HELLO TO ALL CANTERBURIANS, BOTH OLD AND NEW!

One of the signs of summer winding down around here is "back to school" sales and a reminder that our Canterbury Chorus organizers are gearing up for our Annual Christmas Concert. The 2017 Concert date has been set for 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 11th. Those of us involved behind the scenes are busy locating EASY enjoyable music to sing and scouring the community at large for talent to include in our program.

Please join us. There are no auditions and no reason to be shy. We begin our weekly practice at The Centre at 2:00 p. m. on Sept. 25th. If you missed the first practice join us for the next.

Participation in our Chorus is a limited commitment. You will still be able to join other snowbirds by mid-December. In the meantime you will meet your neighbours and have fun singing together.

According to a recent study: "Singing and exposure to music can boost creativity, improve cognitive processes involved in memory and attention, and facilitate problem-solving skills." Look forward to having you as one of the Chorus!

COFFEE HOUR (Thursday Mornings October to April)

Ellen and Mark Brewer 985-0738

Coffee hour is returning at its usual time and place each Thursday starting in October. It starts with social time at 9:30 a.m. followed by the speaker from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This is a chance to meet your neighbours and hear from a variety of speakers on a number of interesting topics. The schedule for each month is posted on the back of the calendar of events which is available at the Postal Kiosk at The Centre each month. One week prior to each Thursday a more detailed summary of the event is posted on the Bulletin Boards at The Centre.



SCRAMBLE GOLF AND SOCIAL

Carol Strachan, Chair 985-4423

On behalf of the Scramble Golf and Social Committees, thanks to all those who have been involved in any way with our events. We have had another successful scramble year because of your involvement. Members signed up in record numbers to help with the suppers and to play golf.

We did have a challenging year as Mother Nature cramped our style with all the rain. Our golfers were very resilient and signed up, even with rain in the forecast. We soon realized that it can be raining in Port Perry and dry at Crestwood.

A survey was conducted to give members their say as to where they would like to continue the Scramble next year. The result was quite definitive in that members were quite happy to return to Crestwood. Sixty-four golfers returned their votes - 40 for Crestwood, 13 for Sunnybrae and 11 for Foxbridge. Bruce Grant will be delighted as he continues to treat us well.

We are a little sad to see Anne and Bill Anderson leave our committee, as they have contributed for three years in a stellar way. They always give 120 % in effort, enthusiasm and just plain hard work. Anne is staying on as treasurer. We welcome Judy and Theo Scholz to tend the door and set up weekly tables.

Our final banquet is on Sept. 28th. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate and welcome fall. To those who are travelling south, be safe. We look forward to having you back for the 2018 golfing season.



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- *Deposit of \$150.00 per person
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LADIES' BRIDGE

Carol Hough 982-0748
Jane Sibul 982-0196



Ladies' Bridge is played on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. year round. If you wish to play with a friendly group of ladies, please come and join us. Bring a loonie for prize money. New players are most welcome too.

MIXED BRIDGE

Carol Hough 982-0748
Cecilia Del Genio 985-4855



Mixed bridge will be played on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. All new faces in the community are certainly welcome to join us for a fun night of cards. Bring along a loonie for prizes. Please put your name on the posted sign-up sheet in The Centre each week so we can arrange to have the tables complete.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Doug Thiemann 985-4644



Golf weather will soon end and we will start another season of Duplicate Bridge. Our planned start date is Friday October 13th at 9:00 a.m. In spite of the date, it will be a lucky day. We regularly have four or five full tables but always have room for more. It is a fun relaxed atmosphere. Snowbirds - come out for a couple of weeks before you head south. We are betting you will have fun so we are offering a money back guarantee. If you need a partner, we can help with that. For more information please contact me.

CRIB CLUB

Audrey Thompson 982-2156

Cribbage will resume on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. We do not take the game too seriously and have a lot of laughs. Please come out and give it a try.



EUCHRE

Barb and Mike Kaban 985-7599

Euchre is played every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in The Centre. We encourage anyone interested to come out and join us for some interesting local gossip, a few laughs and some darn good euchre. It's still only a toonie for a good evening of euchre and a shot at the 50/50 draw. Join us on any Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in The Centre and give it a try.



KNITWITS

Doreen Reynolds 985-9858

The Knitwits took some well-deserved time off in July and August and have just resumed our weekly activities at The Centre, Friday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



During the next few months we will be busy knitting and crocheting items for Christmas for our families. We shall also support the Basketeer's Program for single moms starting out on their own and Operation Scugog, our local food bank. The volunteers at the food bank encourage their clients to select our knitting for their families, especially during the winter season when we donate hats, toques, scarves and socks.

If you would like to renew your knitting skills, please join us. We have supplies to help you get started and many willing helpers to assist you. You may also see a display of our knitting and crocheting at the Wine and Cheese Christmas party in December.

Please contact me if you are interested; I would be pleased to introduce you to our members who will welcome you to an enjoyable afternoon.

MAH JONGG

Carol Sambrook 985-1556

Mah Jongg is played every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Feel free to come and watch us play or maybe join in.

POKER BOYS

Harvey Graham 985-6446



We meet at The Centre on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. We welcome new participants. Come on out and join in the fun.

POWER WALKING

Hedi Hampel 985-5465

We meet in The Centre Monday to Friday from 8:10 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. I am pleased to guide the "Power Walkers" five days a week as we exercise to a series of Leslie Sansome tapes engaging muscles of the upper and lower body. This walking program improves range of motion, muscle conditioning and stretching to keep our bodies fit (and young?). No cost and no commitment. Everyone Welcome.



SUNSHINE CLUB

Carol Sambrook 985-1556
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We deliver cards to residents who might need comfort or get well wishes. Please call either one of us if you have a neighbour who could benefit from a cheery greeting. If a resident passes away we arrange for a donation to the charity chosen by the family.

ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY NEWS

Jane Sibul 982-0196

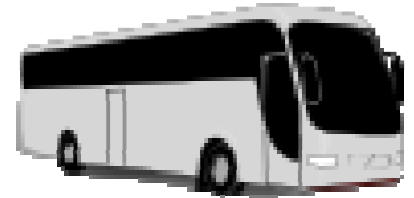
Our library operates on the honour system - no need to sign the books out and no fines, just return the books when you are finished with them. The books are filed by the first letter of the author's surname. The paperback collection continues at the back of the room, followed by the hard-covered books.

Our entire collection of books has been donated by the residents of Canterbury Common. We are pleased to accept donations of recent books in good condition but only a couple at a time. If you are heading south this winter, please feel free to take a few books with you - just bring them back on your return.

RAMA TRIP

Audrey Thompson 982-2156

Save your \$\$\$\$. On Monday, October 30th, we will again head up to Casino Rama to try our luck, shop and dine. The bus will leave The Centre at 9:00 a.m., returning about 4:30 p.m. The bus is free if we have 50 passengers and the Casino will give us \$15 each in free slot play. Bring your government photo ID and your players' card if you have one. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in The Centre. New residents are most welcome.



SWIMMING POOL

Bill Gerber, Pool Coordinator 985-8595

Well believe it or not another swimming season has come to an end. Even with all the rain we had, the pool was still busy with lots of regular swimmers and residents also having fun with their grandchildren. We hope that you all enjoyed it.

When the pool opened we had a new liner installed. It is so nice to look down now and not see all those ugly wrinkles on the bottom of the pool. Unfortunately we had to close for a short period of time to make necessary repairs to the steps. Thanks to Clearwater we were able to get the right people in to do this specialized job and minimize the down time.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with testing the water and opening/closing of the pool. Your contribution was greatly appreciated by all. A special thanks also to Bill Craning's grandson Nick who helped out a lot around the pool this summer.

Hope to see you all again next year. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you think you would like to join our team please contact Bill Craning (985-3875) or me.



Hats off to the Social Committee for organizing a very special Canada Day celebration this year. Many residents have commented on how much they enjoyed it. One of our residents took the time to write to us with his comments, which we are sure reflect the thoughts of most of us.

It was truly inspiring to see the hall so well decorated and most attendees clad in red and white. The enthusiasm and joy thrust into the rendering of "O Canada" was heart-warming.

There was something special about those hot dogs and thanks to Geranium for that, as well as to our BBQers. The hard work of Lauren and her committee is to be commended. It was a smashing success. Kudos also to the Canterbury Commoners and the French Connection for their performance. It was anything but "Common".

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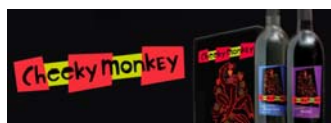
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2017 TRIVIAL PURSUIT CAR RALLY

Neil Simpson 982-0887

On June 12th, 42 women and 25 men piled into 19 cars to tackle Canterbury's second car rally. The instructions were all based on clues such as "Turn L on the street with the first name of a famous bus rider." (Rosa), "L on ____ street where workers join together" (Union) or "L at _____ Rd where you can "scam Lynn" (Conlin).



One hundred (100) points were available for answering questions along the route, finding the price of trailers at Campkin's and picking up a brochure for "an eco-adventure". Participants were asked to name two songs with summer in the title. When they had completed the drive they were awarded bonus points if they could/would sing part of each song. Teams were also asked to sketch a Brooklin Church. Points were awarded for artistic ability and for use of three-dimensional aspects.

The rally was followed by a relaxed dinner of sandwiches and squares where teams were invited to sing their "summer" songs and a few of the more amusing incidents from the day were shared.



The team to finish in the shortest time was "Next Door Neighbours" (Donna & Doug Ahier + Sandy & Gary Carmichael). They raced back in one hour and 50 minutes. "Plan B" (Karen & Murray Smith + Barb & Bill Annette) enjoyed the most time enroute clocking in after three hours and seven minutes.

Gift Cards for Flieler's Ultramar were awarded to the top six teams. "Wee the Commoners" (Robin & Andy Stamper + Richard & Bronwen Quirk) earned 113 points with a time of 2:00; "No Name" (Audrey Thompson, Carroll Burke & Lucille Huron) took second, also with 113 points in 2:03; Three teams tied with 111 points: "Tricky Trackers" (Karen & Tim English + Carol Sambrook & Rowena Fowler) – 2:06, "Blue Vibes" (Maureen Redmond & David Moyer) – 2:13 and "Highwayman" (Jean & Sid Lawley + Diane & Neil Tink), with sixth place going to "Texas Creek" (Judith & Theodor Scholz + Henny Dickson) who earned 110 points in 2:06.



"The Cruisers" (Martha & Gord Simmons + Ellen & Mark Brewer) missed out on the winnings when they stopped at home before checking in at the finish line but did report that the rally was "challenging but also lots of fun...and as a bonus we got to see areas we had not seen before ...like Mud Lake."

The champions, "Wee the Commoners", reported that it was "a perfect way to spend an afternoon with good friends, exploring parts of Durham that none of us had ever seen. One of the funniest scenes took place at the Eco-Adventure Centre, where several cars came racing each other down the hill, coming to a dusty, screeching stop at the kiosk, with participants madly dashing out to pick up a brochure, then jumping back in their cars and zooming away."



A reminder for large events at The Centre...Silence can be golden!

When we gather in The Centre for a large event our numbers can be a bit overwhelming. The sheer size of room and related acoustic issues can make hearing the speakers and performers more difficult, especially in the far corners of the space. Work is ongoing to improve the sound system.

One problem that is a very easy fix is to have all of us to refrain from side chatter (which given our failing hearing is often very loud) during announcements and performances. Not only does this aggravate the problem; it is also inconsiderate and what our mothers would no doubt say is downright rude!

So...just a reminder next time we are all together in The Centre, let's give the speakers, entertainers and fellow residents our respect and full attention, without any annoying side chatter.

How do I edit my photo?

Everyone wants to know the answer to this question. You may want to shrink the size so that you can email it to your friends. You may want to cut out the corner of your finger that got in the way or you might even want to brighten the picture up a bit. Regardless of what you use, there will be some kind of photo editing program built in.

I believe that most photo software programs will allow you to change the brightness, colour intensity, size and shape of any photo. You may even be able to use special tools like 'Red Eye Removal' or add text to your picture.



An example would be - How do you crop a picture?

- If using Windows – one of your accessory programs is Paint. Open the picture and select the portion you want and copy it. You will then need to create a new picture and paste.
- Until Windows 2013, you could use a Microsoft Office tool called Picture Manager. You would open the picture using this program and select 'Edit Pictures'. Crop is one of the options.
- If using an Android Tablet you will select the photo and then press 'Menu Icon'. From there you have a Crop option available.
- I am sure that there are many more photo software programs out there. Hopefully when you find and open your photo – it will automatically open with a program that allows you to make changes to the picture.

Just make sure that if you want to keep the original you save your modified photo with a different name. This is important if you think you might want to print any of the original photos. The quality of the print will change on an original vs. a copy that is only 25% of the original size.

When in doubt – my favourite option is always Google. I simply type in exactly what I want to ask and it always gives me the answer.

When they eliminate landlines for telephones, desktop computers and gasoline driven cars that require an operator – I will have to retire and let someone more knowledgeable write this column!

Scary Stuff

These scammers are getting just a bit too real for my liking!

We have to renew our CCRA website address every year. Thankfully our hosting company takes care of that for us, but still I was almost scammed a few months ago.

I had an email from our website support company that we had to renew within 60 days – normal procedure. Well I guess domain renewal information is public knowledge, because about two weeks later I received an email from a supposed administrator about 'WHOIS Verification : Action required'. They told me 'You have two days to verify your email address is active before the domain registration is deactivated and your website/e-mail becomes inaccessible.'

Panic!

WHOIS gives you the ability to lookup any generic domain addresses and to find out the registered domain holder. It is useful if you are starting up a new website and don't want to use the same address as someone else.

The timing was impeccable since I was already dealing with this. I can only thank YEARS of conditioning from stopping me from clicking on the verification link. Then I noticed the from email address: admin@nyfios006im.nazwa.pl. It was an obvious hoax, but just to be 100% sure – I checked with our web hosting company.

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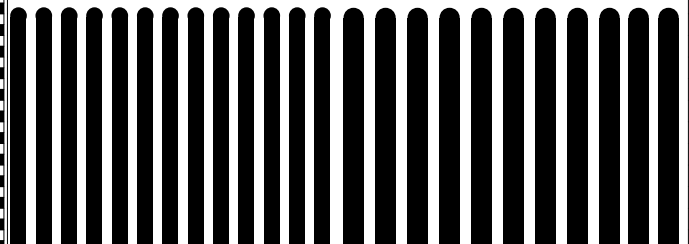
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*Happy 60th Anniversary
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Photo Martha Simmons

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With our 20th Anniversary celebrations coming up in 2018, it is hard to believe how Canterbury has grown, flourished and rejuvenated. Too many of us oldtimers have lost good friends and neighbours who have passed away or moved away. It's hard to believe, but Carole Sambrook has been tracking these things since day one. We have 241 houses in Canterbury and there have been 191 resales throughout the years. Many houses are still occupied by the original owners, but one house now has its fifth set of inhabitants. If you're like me, it's getting harder and harder to meet all of the new folks who are calling Canterbury home. Since June 2016, we have 22 new owners and if you haven't already met them, it is my hope that in the coming editions of The Chronicle you will have the chance to get to know a little about our newest residents. Please take time to invite all newcomers to join in our varied activities and to truly feel a part of Canterbury.

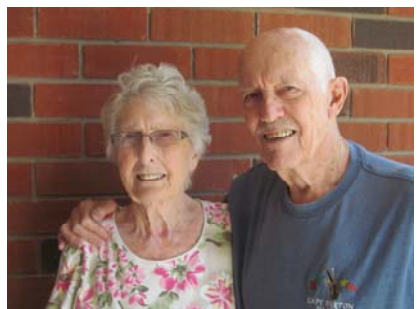
Anne & Malcolm Thistle 28 South Garden



Malcolm, born in Montreal, moved to Agincourt when he was 12 and met Anne in high school. She attended U of T while Malcolm went to York. Much of Anne's career was in the financial services section of Xerox followed by several years at a smaller company. Malcolm was a buyer at Eaton's and helped to close down their catalogue division. Subsequently, he worked in book publishing, then office supplies, before taking early retirement for health reasons. After marrying, they lived in Don Mills and Agincourt before settling in Uxbridge. Downsizing to a townhouse, they realized they wanted more space, indoors and out, and moved into Canterbury in April because of the pool, clubhouse and many activities offered just as they enjoy while wintering in Florida. Highlights of their time together include their daughter, Lindsay, who was married recently and a cottage which they built over a 20-year period. They both love

to travel and golf. Anne is the more voracious reader while Malcolm enjoys walking five miles daily and swimming 20-30 laps of the pool. In their short time here they have been impressed by the warm welcome they have received.

Jane & Norm Hartley 37 Candlelight



Jane and Norm Hartley were both born in England. Jane came to Toronto at age 15 and Norm when he was 20. Jane worked as a seamstress on Spadina, then later at Eaton's and Central Tire. Norm started at the TTC then moved to Otis elevator. They have now been married 62 years, have three daughters, two in Port Perry, and a son plus 10 grandkids and six great grandchildren. Life got really interesting when they set out to work for themselves. They found "Idyllwild" a lodge on the Severn River with nine cabins. A fire in the middle of the night during a February blizzard forced Jane and Norm to escape through a second storey window. The lodge was gone but they continued with housekeeping cottages. Later, they bought a 115 unit mobile home park in Orillia which they expanded to 151 units during their 16 years. In 2001, they retired

to a home Norm built on the Severn and in August 2016 they settled in Canterbury. In November, they plan to head to Sarasota where they have wintered for 15 years.

Rosalind Fortier & John Ernst 46 Waterbury



Rosalind Fortier was raised in the Toronto "Beaches" while John Ernst was a transplant from Cleveland at the age of 13. John has been a licensed commercial and industrial real estate broker for 54 years. Rosalind worked in property management and it was work that brought them together 17 years ago. Rosalind has a son and a daughter, John has three girls and three boys. They have 12 grandchildren. Condo living in Thornhill wasn't their cup of tea. They passed through Port Perry enroute to their trailer on Pigeon Lake and found a century house on Caleb Street. An old house with a pool and too many stairs was more than they needed so they moved to their Canterbury

bungalow in September 2016. They started attending scramble dinners as soon as they bought and have enjoyed meeting more Canterburians each week. They were snowbirds for 10 years but the changing political climate, medical issues and the "stand your ground" mentality convinced them to sell their Largo winter home in 2016. Once they have finished working on the house, they hope to get more involved. Euchre appeals to Rosalind and John may join the poker boys.

Cathy & Andy Spohn 191 Waterbury



While Cathy Spohn was born and raised in Toronto, Andy's journey started in Hungary where he lived for five years before moving to Germany for two years followed by a year in Simcoe County before reaching T.O. In 58 years of marriage they have had five children but lost one as an infant and another just over a year ago. A 47-year career in insurance took Andy to Winnipeg, Brooklin and Port Hope. Meeting volume targets with State Farm allowed them to travel extensively on company-sponsored trips. Cathy managed various departments at the Oshawa Centre Eaton's for many years. "Handy ND", as his licence plates read, loves fixing houses and is adept at plumbing, wiring and carpentry. During 16 years with the Sweet Adelines in Oshawa, Cathy sang, choreographed and produced their newsletter. Andy is a member of the Knights of Columbus and was with Rotary in Port Hope. Here in Canterbury they both like to play euchre and bid euchre as well as playing in the scramble. Cathy helps out with line dancing and plays mah jongg while Andy golfs. They are both very involved at Polo Park East where they winter in Central Florida.



Maria and Paul Pace 20 Commons

As with so many of our new residents, the Paces came to Toronto in their youth, Paul from Malta at the age of 16 and Maria from Poland as a 10-year-old. They both lived in the High Park area of Toronto. Paul was dating Maria's best friend. After a fight, Maria was to help the couple get back together. She stole Paul's heart and they have now been married 45 years. They have no children. Instead, their lives have been filled with cats, dogs and motorcycles as they moved from Toronto to Ajax, Uxbridge and now Port Perry. Paul has always been an avid photographer, especially of motorcycle racing. Maria's passion is cooking. For 25 years she and her mother ran a catering business serving Eastern European foods to crowds of 100 to 600. Paul suffered a massive stroke three years ago. After two weeks in critical care and time in rehab, he returned home and promptly fell and broke his hip. When Maria found their home, she fell in love with the house and the backyard overlooking the common area. Within hours they owned it.



Betty & Mike Snell 108 Waterbury

Canterbury may not be the last move for Betty and Mike. He moved a lot as the son of an air force dad while Betty's family had her on the move from Grand Bend to various places in Toronto. Marriage, three boys, two girls, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandkids hasn't slowed them one bit. Betty says real estate is in her blood. They had a house in Oshawa, four in Ajax and three in Whitby before coming to Port Perry. Mike worked in various jobs before joining the North York Fire Department where he spent the last 10 years as a captain. He gave Betty six months to make a go of it in real estate and she has been going strong for more than 30 years, most of those selling new homes for Great Gulf. Mike says the best three years of his life were spent building their cottage on Salmon Lake. They have a winter home in Zephyrhills, Florida. Betty likes to quilt, knit, play cards and line dance while Mike enjoys golf and boating but has given up motorcycles. Now that they've downsized, he really misses his Whitby workshop.



Diane & Don Phillips 383 Waterbury

Diane was born and raised in New Toronto. Don was born in Galt but raised in Toronto and Peterborough. Diane spent five years as a secretary at Lakeshore Teachers' College. Once married, the couple agreed that they'd invest in their family by having Diane stay home to raise their three girls and a boy while Don travelled the country extensively for E.D. Smith, then for a private label health and beauty company. They first settled in Port Perry in 1974 on Cochrane St. after having lived in Toronto, Calgary and Pickering Village. Next, they moved to a home on Ella St. with a large lot which was later subdivided and a new home built. Their journey continued to Oshawa and Whitby before a return to Scugog on a large property near Caesarea across from their daughter's farm. Ready to have less work, they bought their Waterbury home the day they first saw it. Family has always come first for the Phillips who are very proud of the accomplishments of their four children and eight grandchildren. Be sure to stop to say hello if you see Don out on his riding mower.

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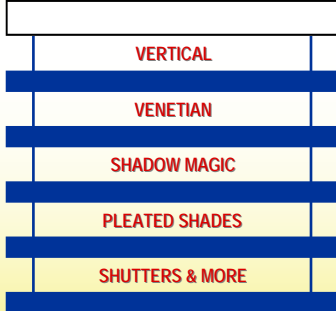
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FOREVER YOUNG – PAULINE LEITCH

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Born July 17, 1917, Pauline Leitch has no explanation for her longevity except to say she "just kept breathing". Her son, Doug, attributes it to the fact that "she has always stayed engaged in life". Today, at 100, that is very evident as many Canterburians witnessed at her grand celebration in the clubhouse this summer.

The year Pauline was born, the U.S. declared war on Germany, the NHL had its first game, "For Me and My Gal" was topping the charts and the world's population was 1.9 billion. John F. Kennedy, Dean Martin and Raymond Burr were some of the notables born the same year Pauline was born in New Brunswick.

Her father was a missionary who left Scotland to serve in the Belgian Congo where he contracted malaria and was taken down river, carried by natives on a blanket strung between two canoes, to seek medical help. Because of the malaria, he couldn't return to the Belgian Congo and joined the YMCA helping service people coping with problems. He then came to Canada and met a girl from PEI. Pauline's father, being a pacifist, didn't serve in the military. Her mother was a very special lady who never got angry, always professed to believe her four children, even when they were stretching the truth, and was still tutoring English and Latin at the age of 75.

The family moved to Halifax while Pauline was still a baby, then on to Sherbrooke P.Q. where she attended school through grade ten. Next, they headed to Sault Ste. Marie where Pauline completed high school before the family returned to Quebec, this time to Montreal. Pauline was always a very good student, often at the head of her class.

Pauline worked at Sun Life. In 1943 she met Ron at one of the bi-weekly tea dances held for the military personnel. On their first date, Ron spent three hours on buses to travel from his posting 20 miles east of Montreal to pick up Pauline who lived in the west end. They went to a movie and back at barracks Ron told his roommate he'd probably not be seeing much more of this young lass as they lived so far apart.

They married in 1945 with a reception at Pauline's mother's house. They went skiing in the Laurentians on their honeymoon. After the war ended, the young couple moved to Toronto where Ron went to university to become a lawyer while Pauline stayed at home to raise their five children; Dianne, Pat, Gwynne, Doug and Tim. After having three girls, Pauline was very surprised to see how many things were broken around the house and how quickly the fridge was emptied with the addition of two sons in the family.

They lived in the Dufferin/St. Clair area, moved to Willowdale and finally settled in Thornhill where they spent 44 years in a house with a yard large enough for Pauline's vegetable and flower gardens, fruit trees and room for the kids' friends to romp.

Family was very important to Ron and Pauline. Pauline has 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Education has always been important in the family with all five of the children graduating from the U of T. Teachers, lawyers and PhDs abound in the family.

At the age of 48, Pauline started taking courses at York University, the same year Dianne started at U of T. At first, she only took one course a year but Ron suggested she take two a year so she could graduate before collecting her old age pension. That she did, earning her B.A. when she was 60. She majored in Political Science and recalls watching a televised address by Pierre Trudeau on TV during one of her classes. After watching, the Prof asked students what Trudeau had said. When it came Pauline's turn, she replied, "He really didn't say anything." The lecturer said, "You're right."

Her interest in politics led her to write many letters to the editor. She and Ron were active for 25 years in the Alliance For The Preservation Of English In Canada. Ron served as president and for many years, Pauline produced their newsletter. She took part in several election campaigns, handing out literature and working at the polls.

After the children had all left home, Pauline worked as a paralegal for Ron. She enjoyed going to Toronto where she could be anonymous in the big crowds. She is still quite modest, not wanting to boast about her accomplishments or be in the limelight.

As well as gardening, Pauline enjoyed skiing (downhill and cross country), swimming, jogging and playing tennis. Once she



Pauline and her children

learned the health benefits of exercising she set out to jog regularly. For her 85th birthday, Pauline decided she wanted to do a ten-mile walk which she and Ron did.

Pauline thoroughly enjoyed camping with the family in Algonquin and other provincial parks. On one of their first trips, Ron went back to work after two weeks while she stayed on for an extra week at Eagle Lake with the five young children and a dog. Their biggest camping expedition was a trip to PEI to see Pauline's extended family.

Ron passed away in 2006 and Pauline found that the house they enjoyed together for so many years now felt empty. She set out to find a new home where she could live on her own. She loves her kids but wasn't prepared to live with any of them. When she found her house in Canterbury she fell in love with it immediately and the children were comfortable, knowing that she'd be living in such a great, safe community.

Pauline likes to cook for herself and often spends up to two hours reading the newspaper from front to back over a leisurely breakfast. No living in a "home" for her where she'd have to abide by their hours, not her own.

Pauline learned to drive in the 1960s and gave up driving after her car was totalled in an accident here in Port Perry in which she wasn't at fault. She refused a ride home from the scene of the accident in a police car. She wasn't going to have the neighbours see the police calling at her place.

Pauline's hearing difficulties make it hard for her to participate in many activities in Canterbury. She did take line dancing when she was 93 and still plays bridge twice a week, a game she has enjoyed since she was a teen. She also studies bridge hands that are published in the papers.

She has never felt nervous about living alone here in Canterbury where "we look after one another." She says the neighbours keep an eye out for her but never intrude. They are always ready to help when she needs them. The family wanted to hold her 100th birthday party here at the Canterbury clubhouse as a way of saying thank you to Canterburians for taking their mother in and keeping her active.

Canterbury is delighted to have such a fine lady with a big smile and a good heart helping to make our community even better.



Pauline and her grandchildren

KEN AND MARGO GADSDEN

Neil Simpson 982-0887

They grew up just blocks apart in the east end of Toronto but didn't meet until both were working at Bell Canada in Toronto's west end. The Bell "girls" enjoyed having lunch at a local park where many of the installers met for lunch and football. She thought one of the guys had a cute butt and he noticed how cute the new girl was.

A dispatcher noted that both lived in the east end and suggested to Ken more than once, that he should offer to drive Margo home. One day he did and it wasn't long before she dumped her steady for the handsome Mr. Gadsden.

Margo and Ken were raised in very different families. Margo struggled and quit school at 17 to start working with hopes of getting married in order to get away from the family home. Ken was the man of the house from age five to 11 while his Dad served overseas. Once back home and running a trucking business with his brother, Ken's Dad provided well for his family and was a good role model for Ken.

In 1949, Ken's family moved from the Danforth area to Scarborough where he played hockey, basketball and football at R.H. King Collegiate. Ken was a standout in football, so he says, playing offensive and defensive end. Even though he wasn't a great skater, Ken's hockey career lasted until he was in his forties.

Margo played floor hockey and basketball and performed in minstrel shows at Hope United Church where they would later get married. At Malvern Collegiate, Margo played baseball, volleyball and basketball.



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They started dating in July 1955. Ken quickly impressed Margo's parents and the young couple made plans to marry in September of '57. Ken took Margo out to lunch one day to discuss an offer he had to head north for a year to work on the Mid-Canada Line (much like the DEW line). They agreed that, by postponing the wedding for a year, they could save enough money to buy land to build a home, so off Ken went.

It was lonely work but Ken enjoyed installing radar and radio tracking equipment and didn't mind that his only companion for long stretches was the male cook assigned to prepare his meals and keep the one building at the outpost clean. The mid-Canada line had 90 posts spaced about 50 kilometres apart with seven two-man units spaced between the main camps where 100 or more worked.

They bought a lot in Cherrywood, north of Pickering, and over the course of a year built their first home with help from friends. During this time, they were able to live in Margo's grandmother's home as grandma was visiting her brother in England for the year.

When they moved in, the house was bare bones, as they wanted to pay for things as they went along. Margo prepared meals on a hot plate, they had no curtains or carpets and used a piece of material as a bathroom door. When asked how long it took to complete the house, Ken said, "31 years".

Ken's career was going places and so was he. In 1961, he was off to Resolution Island for several months while Margo was pregnant with their first born, Dawn. In '62 Ken headed to Labrador to help sort out the problems the USAF created when they took over the project from Bell.

Recognizing the benefits of furthering his education, Ken enrolled in the University of Toronto's Certificate in Business course in 1962, attending two nights a week for four years.

In his management career he was in charge of many large projects including the second tower at the Toronto Dominion Centre, Commerce Court and Terminal Two at Pearson Airport. The only job he ever lost sleep over was the conversion of Toronto General Hospital's 2495 telephones to direct inward dialing. When it came time to cut the old cable everything had to be perfect. Fortunately it was. Ken also spent three very interesting years on the management bargaining team.

Dan arrived in 1963 and Ken stayed put, working his way up the ladder with Bell in Toronto.

The summer of 1968 found them camped on a piece of property at Sparrow Lake where they were building a cottage.

In 1969, Margo was pregnant and unable to sleep. The doctor prescribed a sleeping aid and Ken had to drive from Pickering into Scarborough late on a Sunday night. As he was approaching home, the neighbour was rushing Margo to Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Margo was quickly transferred to the back seat of Ken's car and they started the race to the hospital. Drew beat them, popping out on the Highway 2 bridge over the Rouge River. The back of his head was scarred from being delivered unceremoniously on plastic seat covers.

When he reached the hospital, Ken raced inside, found an uninterested doctor, then came upon three nurses who sprang into action. The umbilical cord was cut and one nurse, acting like an overweight offensive end, made a mad dash inside with the baby. Ken was more anxious than Margo during the hurried trip. Margo laughs that their third child was special as he was conceived in a tent and delivered on a bridge.

Margo returned to school full time at Durham College in the late 70's to qualify to apply for secretarial positions in Durham schools. She spent one year at a high school then, wanting only a ten-month job, transferred to elementary schools in Pickering.

By the late 80's, the kids had lost interest in going to the cottage and Ken was tired after 14 years of fighting off airports and dumps. In 1988, Margo found an ad for a large home on seven acres of land on Scugog Island. Ken was familiar with the area, as his family had rented a cottage at Caesarea when he was much younger. They came, saw, liked and bought.

Ken had worked his way up to Section Manager at Bell before retiring after 31 years on the job. To help fill his time while Margo was slaving away in the schools, Ken served as Pickering's representative on Durham's Land Division Committee. When he arrived in Scugog, Ken landed an appointment on the Committee of Adjustment and was encouraged to run for Town Council which he did in 1991. Concern about a Taxpayers' Coalition, that was pushing views very different to Ken's, was the added incentive needed to convince him to make the leap into politics. He served two three-year terms as Ward 3 Councillor

representing the Island, then had one term as Regional Councillor. After three years of commuting to Pickering, Margo took on the position of secretary at R.H. Cornish where she worked until 2000.

Ken's highlight while serving as local councillor was heading up the Canada 125 Committee which planned numerous events for Canada's 125th celebrations which helped to bring the community together. A competition held at that time saw our current Scugog flag chosen from hundreds of entries.

As a Regional Councillor, Ken worked hard to uncover Regional charges that were unfair to the residents of Scugog, but was very frustrated in his role by the downloading of costs from the province to the municipalities.

After retiring, Margo busied herself working on the Hospital Auxiliary and Road Watch. She became concerned that if anything were to happen to Ken, she'd be unable to take care of their large island estate. After downsizing, with the help of a three-day yard sale, they bought in Canterbury in 2002 and found that the social life in our community was even better than they had anticipated. Ken heaved a sigh of relief knowing that, for the first time in their married life, he would no longer have to worry about the well, the septic system or splitting wood.

Margo has served as Treasurer of both the Ladies' and the Scramble Golf, was on the Social Committee for a year, a member of the Canterbury Silver Dragons and the Canterbury Players. Ken served two years on the Men's Golf Committee and five years on the Scramble Committee, including two years as the scramble emcee, a job which he still does part time with his partner, Ron Belton. Ken was also an integral part of the Silver Dragons and the Canterbury Players. Being on stage was exhilarating and fulfilling, but required long hours of rehearsal.

Since 2001, they have wintered at Pine Island near Fort Myers in Florida. There they enjoy their boat and volunteering at the Legion and with the Red Cross.

Having read an article in the Bell retirees' newsletter, Ken and Margo decided that volunteering with the Red Cross was right up their alley. They signed up in Durham and did extensive training in Florida, completing courses that focused on shelter management, client casework, psychological and physical first aid, CPR, wildfire and bushfire management, basic emergency management and supervising disaster services and workers.

Their training has been put to good use in Canada and the U.S. They have found that many of the clients they encounter at disasters are renters who have no insurance and need immediate help with food, clothing and shelter. They have been dispatched to fire scenes in Oshawa and Scugog Island where their resourcefulness has enabled them to be of great assistance.

Margo went to Calgary for three weeks in 2013 to help with flood relief. As Ken was over 75, he wasn't eligible to be sent out of province. They spent a week in Mississauga helping behind the scenes with people displaced by the Fort McMurray fire.

Another deployment saw them in Smiths Falls for two weeks helping indigenous people from Red Lake who were displaced by a forest fire. The clients were housed in the former Regional Mental Health Centre where Margo operated a "store" and Ken managed bussing transportation. While there, Ken and Margo worked hard but also had time to enjoy the social interaction. As the buses were pulling away at the end of their stay, Margo was brought to tears when the wives of two of the chiefs got off the bus to thank her.

This spring, Ken went to Pickering to help a mother of two children who had just been downsized out of a job. A fire put them out on the street but the Red Cross was there to help.

Two weeks in Minden, helping families whose lives had been turned head over heels by the flooding, allowed Ken and Margo to appreciate small town support where the local food bank came through, as did the service clubs. Ken, the fire chief and health department went door to door assessing damage and needs. Margo worked in the office on needs assessments.

Ken and Margo have travelled a most interesting road through life. Margo says, "We're lucky to have lived this long and to have done and seen all we have." Ken states: "Life is good and we are part of the luckiest generation ever. We saw the effects of the depression, lived through the war and had careers when things were constantly onward and upward and we enjoyed job security. We've accomplished things our parents never dreamed of."

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SMILE OF THE DAY

Submitted by David McBride 985-6231

Canterbury Golf Club – Memoirs

Mike and Murphy had met at the Canterbury golf course clubhouse and got to know each other over several beers. Later, they rented a golf buggy and headed out to play.



At the second tee, they realized that they were following two attractive ladies playing at a very leisurely pace. By the time these two reached the third tee, Mike and Murphy agreed that they should approach them and ask to play through.

Mike got on his buggy, got as far as the men's tee and quickly returned to Murphy, saying in a slurred voice: "Boy, that was a close call!" One of the girls is my wife and the other one is my mistress." Murphy thought for a moment, then said that as he was new to Canterbury, he would go and ask them. He got into the buggy, got as far as the men's tee, and he returned. He looked at Mike and said: "Small world, isn't it?"

CORRECTION – RESIDENTS' TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The name of Peter Egan was conspicuous by his absence in the recent Residents' Telephone Directory included as an insert in the Summer Chronicle. We apologize for this inadvertent error and any inconvenience it may have caused Peter and Marilee.

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REMINDER – STOOP AND SCOOP

This summer there was more evidence of unsightly doggie doo lying around.

PLEASE LEASH YOUR DOG - AND PICK UP

THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

Nora Senechal, Asst./Special Projects 982-0601

In Canada today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday in October. In the past it was generally considered a celebration of the harvest but Thanksgiving has become a gathering of families for the purpose of feasting and spending time together. Autumn leaves, the cornucopia and a turkey with all the trimmings tend to be visuals we all imagine as the holiday approaches. But, have you ever wondered where our holiday originated?

Contrary to popular belief the first thanksgiving celebration in North America was not held in 1621 at Plymouth Massachusetts but was actually here in Canada. Sir Martin Frobisher and his crew of explorers participated in the first recorded celebration of thanks by Europeans on this continent. Held in 1578, the celebration was to acknowledge their safe arrival on what is now known as Baffin Island after a successful transatlantic voyage. Frobisher and his crew celebrated with a sermon and a meal which would have consisted of ship's fare including such delicacies as salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas. A far cry from the extravagant meals some of us prepare for the holiday today. The idea of eating foods such as turkey, squash and pumpkin is believed to have been brought to Nova Scotia in the 1750s possibly by loyalists who fled in fear of the coming fight between the colonies and Britain.

It seems that our forefathers liked to hold celebrations of thanks or Thanksgiving for any number of reasons. Hoping to prevent a repeat of the scurvy epidemic that had decimated the settlement at Ile St. Croix in the early 1600s, residents of New France, led by Samuel de Champlain, held annual feasts to celebrate the harvest. In 1763 the residents of Halifax marked the end of the Seven Years' War with a day of Thanksgiving. In 1859 the first national Thanksgiving celebration was held in the Province of Canada. This was a religious holiday which was held at the behest of the Protestant clergy of the time. The first Thanksgiving after Confederation was held in April of 1872. Not a religious holiday this celebration was held to mark the recovery of the Prince of Wales from an illness.

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The early celebrations of Thanksgiving were held when residents felt the need to give thanks for a successful harvest as well as recognizing events such as anniversaries related to the British monarchy. In 1879, Parliament passed a law designating a national day of thanksgiving. The dates and themes of these holidays were determined annually by Parliament. In January 1957 Parliament proclaimed the observance of the second Monday in October as "a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed."

So we have had a brief look at the history of Thanksgiving in Canada. What do these facts show us? Well, they show us that Canadians, and the Europeans many of us are descended from, in general are quite thankful for what we have. We may complain when things are not going well but we do take one day out of the year to gather with friends and family to give thanks for the good things in our lives. We share good food, drink and conversation with our loved ones not because we have to but because we choose to. Although the official day to celebrate this year is Monday, October 9th many of us celebrate on other days of the holiday weekend so that we may include family members who are not able to meet on the Monday.

Gather your families in October and enjoy your holiday.

One holiday tradition is to share recipes. I have decided to share a recipe from Kraft kitchens that I hope to include in my holiday celebration this year.

Warm Harvest Cranberry Dip

Ingredients:

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- ½ Cup sliced green onions

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in pie plate or ovenproof serving dish. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes, stirring once during baking. Serve warm with your favourite crackers and sliced raw veggies.

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

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On Saturday, September 9th a small but enthusiastic group headed out in all directions throughout Canterbury and Port Perry with cameras in hand on a perfect fall day. The first ever Canterbury Photo Scavenger Hunt got underway with teams having exactly two-and-one-half hours to capture pictures of as many of the 150 objects listed as possible. As with the car rally in June, the women outnumbered the men (31 to 11) in tackling this unique challenge.

The Divas (Joan Galonska, Lorna Carr, Laurette Shaw and Mary Lou Simpson) wasted no time, scouring the clubhouse for a source of pictures. The "Just Wanna Have Fun" girls (Joan Grills, Carole DeMorest, Jeanette Rintoul and Alice Lynch) spent quite some time deliberating over the instructions and planning their attack carefully before leaving The Centre. The "Girls on the Lookout" (Connie Petley, Tallya Moore and friends Mary Firth and Penny Toye) quickly got busy snatching fellers, lying on the floor and rummaging through the cupboards of the clubhouse to get their photos. "Three Chicks and a Rooster" (Debbie Simpson, Mary-Anne Matthews, Lauren & Lee Maher) spent an inordinate amount of time hatching their plans before heading out. No sooner did the "Runaways" (Dave & Marilyn Werry, Bob & Joan Ivers) get their instructions than they started running in all directions.

Teams took pictures in many local spots including their homes, local banks, grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire, the arena, funeral home and as far away as Sunnybrae G.C.

Participants returned to the clubhouse with their cameras, phones and I-pads loaded with pictures and full of comments about the hunt. Photos were then checked, points awarded for each approved picture and teams then had to select their best/funniest/strangest photos to be projected on the brand new clubhouse screen during the evening social time.

Only one team submitted a cheque for \$10 per member rather than \$10 for the whole team. As it turned out, all cheques were returned to the teams. As there were no prizes awarded and no costs incurred, no money was needed.

The "Cruisers" (Mark & Ellen Brewer, Gord & Martha Simmons) cruised through the event with ease capturing a total of 118 of the 150 objects in many unique photos. "Girls on the Lookout" snapped 109 of the items while "2 Quirks and a Half Pint" (Carol Sambrook, Karen & Tim English) wore Tim out as he posed in most of their 108 pics. Teams recorded an average of 91 photos and earned an average of 127 points for their efforts. Bonus points were awarded for collecting groups of items and three teams lost points for not returning at their exact finish time.

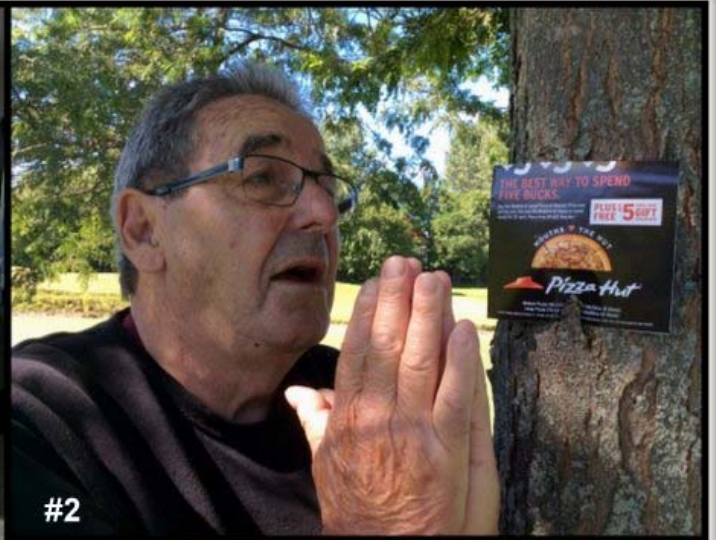


PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

#1 Laurette Shaw, Joan Galonska, Mary Lou Simpson, Lorrna Carr, #2 Murray Smith, #3 Dave Werry, #4 Gord Simmons, #5 Mary-Anne Mathews, Lauren Maher, Debbie Simpson

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