

THE CHRONICLE

A Newsletter for the Residents of Canterbury Common
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Winter 2017

REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD

Gord Simmons, President 982-1330

On behalf of all the CCRA Board members I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and for those who don't celebrate Christmas I wish you a very pleasant and healthy holiday season. The main thing is, whatever you are doing and whoever you are with during the festive season, take time to enjoy all that you have and share your kindness with others.

Over the last six months all the members of your Board of Directors have been very busy, not only with their own committee activities, but also with the added work of a complete review and rewrite of the Policies and Guidelines, under which our community has operated for the past 20 years.

We have been very fortunate to have had several long standing residents such as Pat Procnier, Doug Thiemann, Vern Reynolds, Ed Richards and Jim Worsley provide us with tremendous support and insight in our efforts to ensure that we will be ready to face the challenges of adding new residents to Canterbury over the next couple of years. A special thanks to Vern Reynolds who has acted as co-chairperson during the rewrite sessions.

Once we have completed the Policies and Guidelines, Roger Doe and Ed Richards have agreed to update and amend BY-LAW No. 1, which is a by-law relating to the transaction of affairs of Canterbury Common Resident's Association. This by-law was put in place in 1998 with some later resolution amendments. We now recognize that significant changes to the by-law will be needed or wanted. The preferred procedure is that the existing by-law will be repealed and replaced in its entirety. Because of the importance of this document and the impact it has on the affairs of our community our legal council will become involved, given the impact of the integration of the new residents and acquisition from the Township of certain portions of the former golf course lands. Changes to the By-Law must be brought to the residents for a vote so we will keep you informed in more detail when the scope and time frame of the project is better known.

We have also received some very good news from The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). MPAC administers property assessments and appeals of assessment in the Province of Ontario and determines the assessed value for all properties across the province. Over the last couple of years Doug Thiemann, working with Lee Maher, has been diligently attempting to have the assessment of our Centre significantly reduced. Doug had evidence of another community, similar to ours, which achieved such a reduction and he and Lee were attempting to make a case for our community to reap the same benefits.

Along came one of our newest residents, David Cooper, who was extremely helpful and related to them his experiences with successfully achieving such a reduction in assessment when he lived in Swan Lake in Markham. With this last bit of evidence Doug and Lee persisted, made their case and the appeal they submitted to MPAC was successful. Along with the confirmation we now have the acceptance by MPAC which literally reduces the tax on The Centre to nil. This ruling is retroactive to January of 2017 and if accepted by the Township will result in a savings to Canterbury of close to \$7000.00 in taxes per annum. The Township has the right to appeal the MPAC ruling which of course we would meet with strong opposition.

We all owe a huge thank you to Doug and Lee for their hard work and diligence in getting us this far and likewise to David Cooper for his assistance in providing us with yet another strong argument. Once again this serves as a great example of dedicated volunteers who give up their personal time to make life simpler and certainly richer for their friends and neighbours. What a great accomplishment!

Over the past year the world outside of Canterbury has become very tumultuous and uncertain, what with certain political leaders threatening each other and descending to the lowest levels of behaviour seen since the Second World War era. If we read the news and watch TV regularly we see chaos, bigotry, racism, mass killings and sad things happening wherever we look.

This kind of environment pulls us down and can be very disheartening.

My hope for all of us is that we can start to erode that sadness by looking for the good in each other, encourage the hope in our young people, seize opportunities to expand our friendships and promote the understanding of our special status in life. We are the seniors of our society who have been there, done that and survived numerous falls, setbacks and hurdles. Let's not ever forget that we are still a force to be reckoned with and that we still have so much left to offer our families, our society and most of all ourselves.

Just because our birthday suits might be a bit wrinkled doesn't mean that the brightness of the flame we carry within has to be diminished. Let's make sure we remember that although the past was ours so too can the future. Want to make your life more active, more interesting and certainly a bit busier? Volunteer to be on a committee, a project or an event. Stoke up your internal fire and let's make people understand we are still here, we are still ticking and most of all, we are still contributing.

As a lead-up to our 20th Anniversary, this issue of The Chronicle features a profile on Canterbury's first ladies Carol Sambrook and Lucy Dale. In addition, you'll read about the Cavalcade of Homes and Garden Tours planned for next year as a fundraising event in support of the Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham. Also included are the original photos of homes in Canterbury along with those amazing 1998 prices!

As well, you'll meet more new residents, this time Ian Donnelly and Joy McDonald, Les and Katy Zsidai, Norm Lasseter, Ed and Mary Smurthwaite, and Donna and Dave Cooper. We'd also like to welcome Dorothy Bull, Jane Lawson, Tracy and Dave Inverness, and Luise and Tony Suchy, who recently moved in. We hope you'll join us at some of this season's festive activities. With the Christmas season in full swing, we take a heart-warming, nostalgic look at the vanishing Christmas card of days gone by.

Have a great time with your family and friends, be safe, stay healthy and smile!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ken Hurst, Chair 982-2633

On Oct 30th the Admin committee (back breakers) along with other great volunteers set up 200 chairs for the Town Hall Meeting and distributed 165 Canterbury 20th Calendars to residents. Thank you to all who helped.

We went back to work on Nov 25th helping with the tree decorating and Dec 1st with The Holiday Wine Tasting. We worked diligently to put everything back in place but please forgive us if some of the chairs were not perfectly positioned on the day following these events.

A NEW PHONE has been installed in the lower level for emergency calls and also for calls coming into The Centre.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Joan Rickerd, Board Liaison/Chair/Editor

In mid-October the Communications Committee initiated another method of keeping residents informed and up to date. Called the CCRA Information Bulletin, it will be produced around the middle of the month and contain concise information on social announcements, notices of upcoming meetings, closures and openings (i.e. the pool), deadlines, changes, etc. It does not replace The Chronicle or What's Happening publications, but will supplement information currently being received. Residents without email addresses can read hard copies posted in The Centre and at the postal kiosk. As with The Chronicle, Martha Simmons will be coordinating submissions. All input will come from the CCRA Board and Committee Chairs. If you have something you would like mentioned, please contact one of the Committee Chairs directly no later than the 10th day of each month.

Also, beginning in October, the Minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings can now be accessed on the CCRA website under Association News and Information - Board.

In the continuing review of the Policies and Guidelines Manual, the Board, Administration and Communications sections have been updated and completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Doug Thiemann, Chair 985-4644

The Finance Committee met in October to review the Second Quarter Financial Statements. Total expenses for the first six months are slightly below budget. All assessments have been paid. Early in the New Year, the Committee will begin the process of developing the budget for the up-coming fiscal year. Henny Dickson has resigned from the Committee after more than eight years of service. We thank Henny for her many hours of dedicated service on the Finance Committee.

MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair 982-1593

Golf for Canterbury Men's League is over for the 2017 season but just beginning for many of our southern vacationers. Men's Golf had a very successful although on several occasions wet season using Sunnybrae Golf Club as our home course. We really enjoyed the ability to play all three nine-hole courses. We will return to Sunnybrae for the 2018 season.

2017 Men's Golf award winners included:

George Clapham – low gross (best two week total 82)

Ron Bauer – low net (best two week total 68)

Registration for Men's Golf is scheduled for April 24th at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre and our first golf game in 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday May 1st, so mark your calendars.

Enjoy your winter wherever you may happen to spend it. See you next season.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tallya Moore, Chair 985-8370

Outside construction around the homes in Canterbury has slowed down now that the cooler weather has arrived. We still have a few sun porches that are in the planning stage or early construction phase. There are a number of projects that we anticipate being started next spring.

If you have any questions or are seeking clarification or advice on the Protective Restrictions please contact any member of this committee - John Brewer, John Rintoul, Frank Young or me.

HOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Dave Sparling, Chair 985-8001

Winter is upon us and H&P's priorities will relate to dealing with snow and ice. Our contract with TYSYD stipulates that they will clear our sidewalks of snow within five hours of an accumulation of 5 cm or more. They will also salt the sidewalks at the request of the H&P Chairman. Please contact me if you believe that salting is required.

At each entrance to The Centre (upstairs and downstairs) and also in the Mail Kiosk there are containers with salt and a spreading scoop. Snow gets tracked into the Kiosk and on the entrance ways even after the main sidewalks have been cleared and salted. Please feel free to spread that salt when it gets slippery. Neither H&P nor TYSYD can be there all the time to do that job.

The thermostats in The Centre have both been preset to 21 degrees during the day and 17 degrees at night. We have left a space open in the upstairs thermostat so that members can move the temperature up or down two or three degrees at any time. Please use this diligently since gas and power are expensive. **Moving the temperature beyond your requirements doesn't heat up the space any faster and just adds to the cost.** The upstairs thermostat is programmed in 4-hour periods; if an adjustment is made the temperature will return to 21 degrees at the end of that period.

By the time this Chronicle is sent out the pool table and dartboards should be in place and will be available for all members to use. Play times will be posted.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me.



MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

David Thompson, Chair 985-1214

It was noted in the fall edition of The Chronicle that traffic flow data had been requested from the Region and that the Region would make that dataset available to us shortly. As a reminder, that dataset was requested in an effort to determine whether a truck by-pass around Port Perry was warranted. As a follow-up to that fall edition report, I am pleased to say that the Region honoured their commitment and I received that dataset shortly after the fall edition of The Chronicle went to press. Unfortunately, the dataset was not able to answer the questions we had posed to the Region. There simply wasn't the kind of detail that was needed. This was a clear risk when we asked for the data, but we wanted to try. I am happy to share the data with anyone who would like to review them.

It was also noted in the fall edition of The Chronicle that the township was not willing to cut the weeds around the settlement pond behind The Centre and that we had asked them for permission to do so ourselves. We were waiting for a formal response to that request at the time the fall edition of The Chronicle went to press. As you may have seen when walking past the pond later in September, we were granted that permission by the Mayor himself. Thanks go out to Ed Richards and Gord Simmons for their efforts in working with the Mayor on this issue

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher, Chair 982-1510

The Christmas tree is beautifully decorated and The Centre is alive with lights and music as we celebrate the Christmas Season in Canterbury. Many thanks to our volunteers from Admin and Social for a job well done!

Since the last edition of The Chronicle...

Our first COFFEE HOUR of the season provided an opportunity to welcome our new residents, and we thank the many volunteers from our various activities who were on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Thanks to Mark and Ellen Brewer, our Coffee Hour hosts, for continuing to provide interesting speakers and entertainment weekly. Be sure to pick up your Monthly Calendar at the kiosk, check the Canterbury Website and the bulletin boards for information regarding future Coffee Hours.

We were pleased to welcome some of our new residents at the Dinner and Dance, featuring THE BEEZ BAND. Following a delicious Italian meal we danced the night away. Thanks to Val Richards for arranging this entertaining evening.

Many residents tried their luck at RAMA and special thanks to Audrey Thompson for organizing this very popular day trip for Canterbury. As an added bonus...Harvey Graham gave us some insight into the various crops and livestock at many of the farms on the way home. Harvey is already planning the FARM TOUR for 2018!

YOGA classes have started as residents take time out of their busy days to enjoy some good stretching and relaxation.

Empty shopping bags and comfortable shoes were the order of the day as many residents and friends boarded the bus for a day trip to the Christmas One of a Kind Show in Toronto. Thanks to Terrie Slack for her hard work in making this happen.

The Holiday Season in Canterbury began on December 1st with the Holiday Wine Tasting Event. Be sure to read all about it in this edition, and thanks to Donna Easter for convening this festive evening.

Plans for our NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND DANCE have been finalized and we look forward to ringing in CANTERBURY'S 20th year in style.

2018 is shaping up to be an "eventful" year in Canterbury with many special events planned to celebrate CANTERBURY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY. Watch for Neil Simpson's updates.

Be sure to watch for details on our GREEN flyers, available at the mail kiosk, the Canterbury Website, the bulletin boards, The Chronicle, and the Monthly Canterbury Information Bulletin, and mark your Canterbury Calendars for these upcoming events.

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January 27 th	Pizza/Bingo Night
February 16 th	Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show
April, 2018	Pancake Breakfast
May 5 th	Annual Canterbury Yard Sale
July 1 st	Canada Day
July, 2018	Farm Tour

A very special thank you to our volunteers on the Social Committee who spend many hours planning these social events, to Neil Simpson for his enthusiasm and community spirit, and to our Residents....your support is most appreciated.

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

...John Steinbeck

REMINDER – NO ENTRY

In recent months, several unpleasant incidents have occurred when mail is being delivered to the kiosk. Post Office employees put a chained barrier across both the east and west kiosk entrances indicating residents cannot gain entry while distribution is in progress. Please keep this in mind the next time you go to pick up your mail and see the barriers in place:

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ACTIVITIES

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BOOK CLUB

Pat Procunier 985-3775

We begin our 2018 meetings on January 25th with our wine and cheese party and a discussion of "The Perfume Collector" by Catherine Tessaro who tells the story of two women linked by a secret only one knows. On February 22nd, we read "In the Bleak Mid Winter" by Julia Spencer Fleming which is the beginning of a critically heralded mystery collection set in upstate New York with the newly ordained female priest finding an abandoned baby on the church steps. On March 29th, we read "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See set in China's Yunnan province about a woman from the Akha tribe who becomes a tea entrepreneur as her daughter grows up in California.



On April 26th we read "The Redemption of Alexander Seaton" by Shona Maclean, and we end our year with lunch out on May 31st and the book "Up and Down" by Terry Fallis.

Please join us on January 25th for an enjoyable afternoon discussing "The Perfume Collector."



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



"TIS THE SEASON TO BE MERRY"

We hope our Christmas Concert 2017 contributed to your Christmas spirit! We had fun practising from September to the 11th of December so we could present to you our best possible performance.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Brian and Carol Strachan who have poured countless hours of work and skill into trying to make us sound better than we are. This was their last year to lead and inspire us and we thank them sincerely.

We also thank Mark Brewer who helped us by playing some difficult piano accompaniments with skill and enthusiasm, with the assistance of our faithful page-turner, Barb Annette. Many thanks go to our Chorus members who sang solos and to our impeccable flute player Laural Griffen.

In 2018 we will yet again be without a director and possibly a venue since we have been told The Centre will be undergoing construction. However a lot can happen in the space of a year so stay tuned for Chorus news. We always look for guidance from the community to help us maintain the chorus so if you have any ideas about a new direction please contact one of us.

Photos: Marg Jackson



COFFEE HOUR (Thursday Mornings October to April)

Ellen and Mark Brewer 985-0738

It starts with social time at 9:30 a.m. followed by the speaker from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Our first coffee hour was held Oct 5th. We had a large turnout to welcome residents who had moved to Canterbury Common the previous year and provided them with information on the various activities offered at The Centre. Our last talk, before the holiday break, will be on December 7th and we will return in the new year on Thursday, January 11, 2018.



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. Remember to bring your own cup to all coffee hours if you plan to have tea or coffee.

FRIDAY NIGHTERS

Joan Rickerd, Coordinator

This group of 11 ladies that has gotten together every Friday evening since the year 2000, now meets every second Friday each month. We've adapted to age, slower mobility and other health-related issues and changed from cooking dinner in-house to ordering in. Ladies, if you're on your own and would like to join us, drop by The Centre on a Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. We'd be delighted to see you. We will meet on January 5th and 19th in the New Year.



ACTIVITIES

SCRAMBLE GOLF AND SOCIAL

Carol Strachan, Chair 985-4423

It doesn't take too long to realize that golfing season is over when you are looking for your ice scraper, shovelling your sidewalk and mounting your snow tires.

Our 2017 scramble golf games and dinners can chalk up another successful year. We initiated many new ideas:

- *a weekly reminder of teams and information on meals and entertainment
- *lightened the load for Steak night by offering only one meal choice
- *created a separate position of treasurer
- *welcomed Shirley Anderson as an assistant to emcees
- *created new golf games which encouraged more involvement and encouragement of women members
- *started the concept of Open Mic evenings to involve more members
- *conducted a golf survey in which all golfers had input as to their preferred golf club to continue scramble golf next year. It was a unanimous decision to return to Crestwood.
- *changed the year-end banquet menu to Roast Turkey dinner, preceded by appetizers.
- *helped support Crestwood's junior golf program.
- *re-organized committee positions to lighten work loads.



We welcome these people to the 2018 committee: Theo and Judy Scholz as dinner registrants, Barb Annette as secretary and Andy Spohn as golf starter.

We are always looking for new people to -

1. Conduct an Open Mic evening
2. Act as an emcee for an evening
3. Become a member-at-large to be a support for the committee
4. Become a meal convener

Please contact any member of the committee to offer your assistance

Registration for Scramble Golf 2018
Opening Day - May 3, 2018

April 18th & 25th at The Centre - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make 2017 a great year!



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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



Starting in January, the Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mixed Bridge will be moving to Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. for the months of January, February and March. We will play until 4:00 p.m. Please sign the posted sign-up sheet in The Centre each week so we can arrange to have the tables even. All bridge players are welcome for a fun afternoon. Bring a loonie for prizes.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Doug Thiemann 985-4644



The Duplicate Bridge group started another season on Friday October 13th at 9:00 a.m. We regularly have four tables but always have room for more. We also need spares on occasion so please call if you can be a spare or come and give it a try. 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

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Knitwits as we commence our Fall/Winter season; they are Lucy Dale and Betty Snell.



KNITWITS

Continued

We enjoyed the Wine and Cheese party and had fun preparing our display of knitted items. Some of the display represented gifts for our family; however the majority will be donated to Operation Scugog, our local food bank.

If you would like to drop in for an informal visit to meet our ladies, please do so on Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. around the fireplace. If you would like to try your hand at knitting, we have lots of needles and wool to help you get started.

LIBRARY NEWS

Jane Sibul 982-0196

The library runs on the honour system; there is no need to sign the books out and there are no fines. Just return the books when you are finished with them. The book return box is on the lower shelf to your right when you enter the library.

We appreciate donations of paperback books but just a couple at a time in good condition. Please - NO magazines, textbooks, cook books or coffee table books.

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
Lucy Dale 985-2283



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.

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING – DECEMBER 2017

Donna Easter, 985-3609

It was a great way to kick off the holiday season! On December 1st, over 150 Canterburyans gathered to enjoy fine wines such as Pinots, Chardonnays, Rieslings, Sparklings, Merlots and Cabernets. The appetizers and desserts were absolutely delicious! Brian Strachan and Lucille Huron kindly played Christmas music to help us get in the Christmas spirit. Carol Sambrook won the Christmas Contest to guess the number of tree lights and decorations.

We are lucky to have so many talented artists in Canterbury. It was a fabulous display of art! There were watercolours, oil paintings, acrylics, fur creations, toys and woodcarvings for all to enjoy. The KnitWits displayed their knitting which they donate to Operation Scugog.

Your generous donation to the Operation Scugog Food Bank will help those in need during the holidays. We had over five boxes of groceries to donate to the Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this evening a success including:

- ✓ Everyone who donated to the Operation Scugog Food Bank
- ✓ Our pianists, Brian Strachan and Lucille Huron for our Christmas music
- ✓ Tim English for displaying his antique tricycle style horse, dating between 1817 & 1870
- ✓ Ken Hurst and the team for making sure The Centre was ready and restored
- ✓ Pat Corlett for co-ordinating the artists display
- ✓ KnitWits and our talented artists for sharing their art
- ✓ Friday Nighters for sharing their expertise and experience
- ✓ Lauren Maher and the Social Committee for all of their help
- ✓ Doug Ahier and Dave Easter for all of their help
- ✓ Marg Jackson – our photographer
- ✓ Everyone who helped with our quick clean up

A great time was had by all!



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WINE AND CHEESE TASTING DECEMBER 1, 2017

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AQUA-FIT LADIES HAVING LUNCH OUT AFTER ALL THEIR HARD WORK

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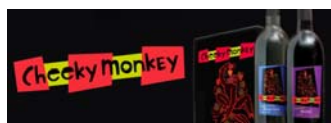
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In an effort to demonstrate Canterbury's commitment to the larger Scugog community, we have undertaken a fundraising campaign to raise \$20,000 in support of the Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham which, when completed, will provide physical and emotional end of life support here in Port Perry at no cost to the families. When planning your 2018 charitable contributions, think about giving locally by making the Hospice a priority. Watch for complete details in the Spring Chronicle.

One of the Canterbury fundraising events is a house and garden tour scheduled for July. Have you ever wondered how other owners of your same model home finished their basement, renovated their kitchen and bathroom, arranged their furniture or decorated? Have you always wanted to sneak into the backyards of our best gardeners? The Cavalcade of Homes and Gardens will allow you that chance.

It is hoped that many Canterburians will be willing to open their homes or show off their gardens to fellow residents, their friends and families on a Saturday afternoon next July. This will give those touring and those hosting a chance to meet more of their Canterbury neighbours. To make such a tour a success, we will need people willing to open their doors for visitors so they can view the different variations in each model and also view the beautiful gardens around Canterbury. House and Garden Tour "passports" will be sold for \$10.00. All money raised will go to the Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham. Full details will be announced in the spring.

If you are willing to have your house or garden included on the tour, please e-mail:

Bev Bone
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George Clapham, Chairperson 982-1593

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- * There will also be a silent auction.
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- * Sign up early, as this special day will only be open to the first 144 golfers.
- * Dinner-only guests (\$30.00 per person) will be accommodated if space is available which will be determined after all golfers have registered.
- * Watch for more information about this great event in the January CCRA Information Bulletin.

Money raised through this event will support the Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham.

COMPUTER HELP CORNER

Karen English, Webmaster 985-8255

This tip is for anyone who would like the first thing they see when they turn on their computer to be the latest photo of their grandchild!



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6. When you close this window you should see the picture you selected as your new background.
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Note: If you are using Microsoft Paint to look at your photo you can simply right click anywhere in the photo and one of the options is: Set as desktop background. It saves a few steps this way.

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SNIPPETS FROM CHRISTMAS PAST

Marg Jackson 985-5555

NO TURKEY!

Growing up in England, our family did not have turkey. It was always a goose with NO cranberry sauce. The sauce? Just a bread sauce made with milk infused with onions and then white soft breadcrumbs were added for thickening. Roast potatoes, brussel sprouts, carrots and turnip filled our plates AND individual Yorkshire puddings. Dessert was always Christmas plum pudding with money (sixpences) inserted into the pudding before serving. The sauce was called Bird's Custard (a corn flour-based powder mixed with milk and sugar and heated until thickened), no hard sauce then, and of course, brandy was poured over the pudding and lit just before it was served. Each family member hoped to get a sixpence and Mom always made sure it was served so they did! Christmas presents were opened before breakfast.

Ken remembers his parents reading the story of how a little robin redbreast helped Father Christmas on Christmas Eve, from the book Tell Me a Tale by Elizabeth Clark published in 1938. I didn't know that story until I met Ken and liked it so much that to this day we have kept the tradition alive reading it to our children and our grandchildren.



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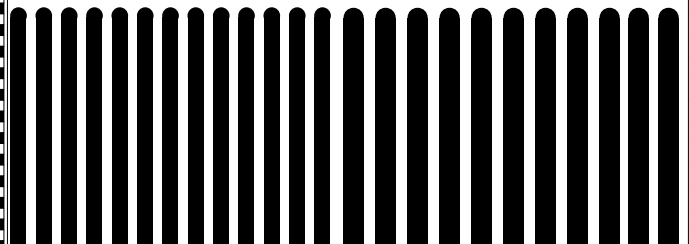
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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Neil Simpson, 982-0887

Donna and David Cooper have been together for 24 years. Both lost their first spouse to cancer and were brought together by Donna's son, who played volleyball with David. Between them, they have five children and eight grandchildren, aged 4 to 29. Since getting together, the Coopers have taken more than 50 cruises and visited 84 countries. Donna was a stay at home Mom until she was on her own. She worked as an ophthalmologist's assistant then as a secretary at G.B. Little P.S., R.H. King Academy and the Board office in Scarborough. David spent 39 years with the Royal Bank and subsidiaries Royal Trust and RBCDS, retiring as an executive VP at RBC. They are bridge players and David lists his hobbies as a) serving on boards, b) ancestry, c) travel. Donna spent summers at Caesarea and wanted to move from Swan Lake, Markham to Canterbury 10 years ago but wasn't able to convince David until 2015. 359 Waterbury is home for just part of the year. They spend more than four months in Bonita Springs, Florida, three months at their cottage on Chandos Lake and another month in the Barbados annually, leaving little time to enjoy the friendly people of Canterbury.



Ian Donnelly moved from Belfast to Ajax where Joy McDonald was raised. As teens, they worked at the Ajax Steadman's store. Both married, raised families and reconnected a few years ago after each was widowed. Joy's son and three daughters and Ian's son and two daughters were all pleased that they have found happiness together. Joy had a career in banking, retiring as a manager of a TD/Canada Trust branch in Whitby. Ian spent 40 years in manufacturing hose, pipe and sheet metal fittings



at the helm of his own company, Novaflex Group, which is now run by his children. Ian travelled extensively for work and has been to most of the Caribbean Islands and several European countries. Joy's travel has taken her to Singapore and Asia. On their travel bucket list is Australia as well as P. E. I. and Newfoundland. They winter in Bonita Springs, Florida. While golfing five years ago, Ian was passing the house at 239 Waterbury and said, "If it's ever for sale, I'll buy it." In October 2016 he did and they made the short move from Coulcliff Boulevard. Avid pickleballers, they knew many Canterburians before moving in and Ian has been friends with Bob and Joan Trowell since their teen years.

Les and Katy Zsidai owned a fruit store in Budapest, Hungary where they were born. Being self-employed in corrupt Communist Hungary in the 1980s didn't allow them what they wanted for their young son and daughters. They took a "holiday" in Austria, spending 10 days in a reception centre where Les underwent hours of interrogation before they were moved to a refugee camp housing more than 200 Hungarians. They first applied to the U.S. but were rejected within minutes because they were a family of five. They were warmly received at the Canadian embassy and, after eight months in the refugee camp, were on their way to Toronto with a government loan for airfare and first and last month's rent. Knowing no English, they struggled to find accommodation and even to shop. Les used an English-Hungarian dictionary to help but found little help from fellow Hungarians who had settled years earlier. After earning some money, they set up their own cleaning business which evolved from house to window to carpet cleaning. Proud Canadians with three children and five grandchildren, they moved to 28 Candlelight in June 2016. Less than a year later they were T-boned by a large truck that ran a red light at Lakeridge and the Goodwood Road, nearly ending their lives and surely ending their careers.



Mary Smurthwaite was born in her parent's house and Ed in his grandparent's, both in Scarborough. They met at Agincourt Collegiate, married in 1956, have three boys and a girl plus nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mary stayed home to raise the family and worked later as a secretary, receptionist and personnel advisor. Ed's work with Bell Canada took them from Toronto to Hamilton, Kitchener, Montreal, Windsor and Saudi Arabia before returning to work in Toronto and live in Mount Albert. Mary loved the three and a half years in Saudi Arabia with frequent travels through Asia and the Middle East. Ed says that life in Saudi Arabia was like going back 2000 years in a time machine. After retiring from Bell, Ed bought a small fertilizer company which he ran for five years. Ed wanted to downsize but Mary, the collector, couldn't believe the little "dollhouse" they bought on South Garden and still has a mountain of unpacked boxes in the garage. Mary felt safe as soon as she drove into Canterbury and both like the friendly people, wide streets and abundance of trees. They enjoyed attending Scramble dinners this year and hope to join the card players.



Norm Lasseter was born in Brighton, England. His family settled in Agincourt in 1952. Raised in Scarborough, Norm played guitar and formed a band called "Karma". His father inadvertently home-schooled him in electronics which meant that, after enrolling in Ryerson, he found his skills too advanced for the courses offered. Although not a certified engineer, he worked in the role of an electronics engineer, rising to VP of operations of a Scarborough firm. Married life took Norm to Oshawa then Ajax where he raised his daughter and son. He later moved to Brooklin and Scugog Island. He loved construction projects. Skilled in many trades, he was able to help build his parents' cottage and worked on many basements. Health problems plagued Norm throughout life, requiring several operations on his feet in his 30s. Always accident prone, a disabling fall in the shower in 2000 ended his career. Norm has a special lady, Lynda Morrow, in his life. He says Lynda is the most caring person he has ever met. She lives on a hobby farm on the Island. Sadly, the air quality at the farm is extremely detrimental to Norm's health. Not able to live there, he wanted to be close by, able to help Lynda whenever possible, thus the move to his home at 79 South Garden.



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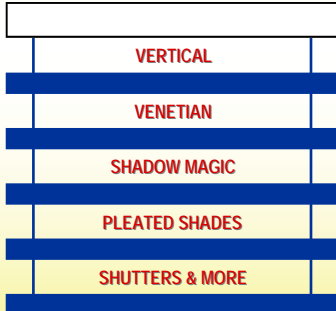
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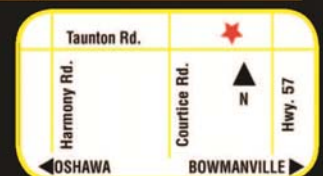
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Lucy Dale and Carol Sambrook both lived in Scarborough and volunteered at Scarborough Centenary Hospital but didn't meet until they became two of Canterbury's first residents, living next door to one another.

Lucy was born and raised in Scarborough and, after marrying George, lived in Mimico, Pickering and for many years in Scarborough's Guildwood. Carol was born in Star City, Saskatchewan, (north of Regina) and came east at the age of three, living in East York and Scarborough. Once married to Bob, they lived in Don Mills briefly, then spent 34 years in Scarborough.

Carol and Bob met at a dance at the Balmy Beach Canoe Club in Toronto. Their dancing skills were obviously an early attraction and a love they shared through the years. Lucy and George both worked at Ontario Hydro. She says she started first and George "came after her".



Photo Neil Simpson

The Dales and the Sambrooks both decided to move away from Scarborough after retiring but didn't want to be too far from the city. As with so many Canterbury residents, they looked at several places before deciding that Canterbury and Port Perry had what they wanted.

They looked at the model homes on Coulter and bought from plans, not knowing that upheaval was to follow. The original builder was bought out and buyers became nervous about the future of the development. Carol and Bob got their money back but Lucy and George persevered. As it turned out, the Sambrooks ended up with the house they had originally wanted with slight modifications to the plans.

Both couples were to move into their Canterbury homes in August 1996 but had to make alternate living arrangements as their previous houses had already sold. Carol and Bob ended up at their daughter's home in Aurora while Lucy and George spent the summer at their Haliburton cottage before renting a place in Wilmot Creek for three months.

The Dales took possession on December 31, 1996 and the Sambrooks on January 24, 1997. It was cold and lonely in Canterbury that first winter, with no sidewalks. They did have security that patrolled with a guard dog.

As spring and more residents came, the Canterbury pioneers would meet in clusters around the neighbourhood in what Lucy referred to as "street gangs". Everyone was friendly and groups started meeting in one another's homes for cards. Once the golf course was finished, the scrambles were started with dinners at Crestwood and the old Emil's Restaurant in town. There was no clubhouse, just a trailer for a pro shop.

As neighbours met and talked they became a tightly knit group wanting to ensure everything that they had been promised would be built. The developers tried to renege on building a pool. Some of the purchasers had promise of a pool in their contracts while others didn't.

Bob Sambrook, along with Candlelighters Dave Noble, Tony Graham and Maurice Patterson were instrumental in establishing the first Board of Directors and registering CCRA as an association. Those were challenging but exciting times. Carol and Lucy both agree that Dave Noble was very efficient in getting things done. The Board fought to have the clubhouse kitchen enlarged and to ensure that the furniture promised for the clubhouse became a reality.

Canterbury evolved, but not quite as originally envisioned. The original plans showed townhouses on South Garden. It wasn't until September, 1999 that the clubhouse was open to residents. It had been completed for a year before they were able to gain access.

Lucy recalls that George usually got his way but moving to Canterbury was her dream. Even though George referred to it as hicksville after living in the big city, it wasn't long before he changed his tune. One day, while golfing, he turned to Lucy and

said, "Aren't you glad I made you come here?"

Lucy says that she loved Canterbury right from the beginning. It was like starting over with the opportunity to meet so many great new people. Everyone was friendly. Carol said that she and Bob no longer felt safe going for evening walks in Scarborough but she has always felt safe in Port Perry and has enjoyed walking around town.

Carol had never golfed before coming to Canterbury but loved the game and enjoyed the Ladies' League, Scrambles and informal golf groups. Lucy had golfed in Haliburton, when at the cottage, and also enjoyed the many golfing opportunities here.

Both Lucy and Carol have served on the Social Committee. In the early days they say everyone pitched in to do everything to make the community work. Carol likes meeting people and started tracking new arrivals and has now got a complete listing of everyone who has lived in each of the 241 houses in Canterbury, noting that some houses have had five owners. As the Membership Secretary with the Admin. Committee, she has a range of duties and is looking for others to step forward to help to share the load which will become much more onerous once phase four is started.

Lucy and George did lots of travelling, much of it to visit their son who served in many locations with the U.S. Military. Travel took them through the U.S. and Europe. Italy is a favourite destination for Lucy. Carol and Bob did less travel but managed to visit Bermuda, B.C., California and Florida.

One thing most people wouldn't know about Carol is that, as a young newlywed with no children of her own, she was called upon to help a neighbour to deliver a baby at home. There was no time for Carol to be anxious, she just did what needed to be done. However, she says the birth was very messy, not like on TV.

Lucy has a daughter who lives with her and two sons. Carol has two daughters. Since Bob and George have passed, neither has entertained thoughts of leaving Canterbury. They have friends here and feel safe. As Lucy says, life in Canterbury is much like life was back in the fifties.

Now that Canterbury is looking to celebrate 20 years, things are going to change with an influx of newcomers. Lucy has enjoyed 20 years of a golf course view and beautiful trees but is resigned to the fact that things will change. She feels that things are better than they might have been, knowing that the new homes will have the same covenants as the old.

Thanks to Carol and Lucy for being great ambassadors for our community and for helping to make it the happy, friendly place we have all come to love.

REMINDER – SNOW REMOVAL

Dave Sparling, Chair, House & Property 985-8001

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It's happening again! It happens every year around the first of December – I fall in love with the mailman. Unbeknown to him, I wait in great anticipation for his arrival.

You see, I love receiving Christmas cards. I also enjoy writing Christmas cards and sending them to friends near and far and, of course, to all my beloved relatives. However, I experience a real letdown once Christmas has come and gone when I discover that I didn't receive a card from "So and So" – that special someone I look forward to hearing from every year and, unfortunately, there are at least one or two expected cards that don't arrive . . . then the panic button goes off!



Has she moved without leaving a forwarding address? Has the card been delivered to the wrong address (oh yes, the post office has been known to make mistakes)! I wonder, would the Pony Express, if indeed they were still in business, deliver my cards correctly and on time? Of course they would - their motto was "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Or perhaps my friend just decided not to send cards anymore like so many others did a few years back when the postage went sky high. If this is so, couldn't she just take a minute to slip a message in the mail advising me that she no longer wishes to carry on the traditional Christmas card greeting? A quick scribble on my envelope with a magic marker RETURN TO SENDER, plus a small discreet notation "I don't send cards anymore" would do the trick. I would certainly understand and could rest knowing my friend was well and still among the living. But what a shame – I've always considered the exchanging of cards one of the highlights and lovely customs of the holiday season.

I also enjoy the newsy letters that some of my friends enclose, even those that are lengthy and pretentious. Although I must admit that sometimes I find myself becoming rather envious when reading about the exotic places they have travelled, the fabulous things they have seen and the celebrities and royalty they have met since their last writing. A few of my friends and relatives have adopted the habit of phoning to wish me the best of the season. A commendable gesture, I'm sure, but hardly tangible unless, of course, I tape the conversation. Then too, they run the risk of not getting through at such a busy time. Can you imagine how chaotic the telephone lines would become should everyone choose to phone and give up this lovely old-fashioned tradition?

Sometime between Christmas and the New Year, when I find a quiet time, I like to gather up all the cards, sit with a cocktail, or depending on my mood, a nice cup of tea, a piece of Christmas cake or some leftover shortbreads. That's when I settle into some serious looking and reading. I marvel at all the beautiful illustrations, the delightful, witty prose and poetry, and every year I continue to be amazed that all the cards are different – well perhaps one or two duplicates. Sometimes I speculate at who took advantage of last year's sales and bought their cards for half the price. Often, I feel each card is an extension of the sender's character:

A LOVELY LANDSCAPE/SNOWY WINTER WONDERLAND CARD: This sender is a true nature enthusiast. She loves creatures big and small and spends many hours watching the birds and squirrels at the feeder.

SANTA CLAUS/ELVES CARDS: She is vivacious and sweet. She adores the holidays and builds snowmen and snow angels with her children while they impatiently wait for Saint Nicholas to arrive.

A CENTURY CARD: BIG OLD WORK HORSES, SLEIGH RIDES AND GINGERBREAD HOUSES: She is a true homemaker and a romantic. She starts baking cookies the middle of November and her freezer is full with delicious goodies long before her neighbours have even thought about the holidays. Her house is beautifully decorated from top to bottom and she plays carols all day long, breaking into tears every time she hears I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas and Silent Night.

HUMOUROUR/SATIRICAL CARDS: I see this sender as a skeptic, one who declares that Christmas is a sham, but being a real party girl, she loves all the festivities that go with the holidays.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND POINSETTIAS: This sender is gentle and caring – often a grandmother or spinster aunt, but forever young at heart. She spends most of her shopping time in the youth and toy departments.

A PLAIN LETTERED CARD: How organized, in control and efficient this sender must be! She definitely lucked out on the day-after sales!

AN ANGEL CARD: She is passionate and sincere. Her card represents the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Christ, which unfortunately, is lost to so many in this commercialized world in which we live.

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You have probably noticed that I have used the female gender throughout these “words of wisdom”. Indeed, there are men who write and send Christmas cards, but never in my house. You can rest assured that I truly have passed on to another world, or perhaps somewhat less serious, have broken both wrists, should you not receive my annual greeting. But to give credit where credit is due, my one and only did contribute to the holiday festivities. His display of flickering, coloured lights was exceeded only by the Northern lights, but he definitely had an aversion to writing.

Around the middle of January, when Christmas is long forgotten, I decide to pack up the cards. I could never, ever, pitch them out as my practical, no-nonsense, most definitely not a packrat spouse suggested. Oh, heavens no! I have all kinds of plans and marvellous ideas as to how I am going to recycle these treasures. Actually, I have been recycling cards long before recycling became fashionable. I can make lovely personalized name tags for next year’s gifts; place cards for next year’s family dinner table; ornaments for next year’s Christmas tree, not to mention all the crafty works of art the grandchildren and I will create (if only I could find my pinking shears!) Eventually, they are neatly packed and tied with one of the pretty ribbons I rescued Christmas morning. Then, as I approach my already overcrowded closet, I discover, to my horror, last year’s cards, plus several stacks from previous years!

I’m sure that Hallmark and all the greeting card companies love folks like me, but I sometimes worry that we will all become extinct – the makers of cards and the senders. Naturally, I’m not criticizing progress, but I wonder about this computerized world we are creating. Could I really cherish an E-MAIL greeting in lieu of a pretty card?

Oh, well, Happy Valentine’s Day!



A SAMPLING OF LETTERS TO SANTA FROM CANTERBURY

Nora Senechal, Asst./Special Projects 982-0601

Dear Santa,

My Christmas wish this year is that my neighbours all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It would be wonderful if you could grant as many of their Christmas wishes as possible. I have attached a few of their letters for you.

As always, my hubby has the popcorn and beer in the man cave for you.

Nora

Dear Santa,

I’ve been very busy this year or I would have written sooner. I hope everything is well with you and the Mrs. **T** and I are doing very well. For Christmas this year I would like some new watercolour paints and surprise, surprise - **T** would like a new clock.

Thanks again for last year’s new windows, the living room is much warmer.

K

Dear Santa,

Well time flies; I cannot believe that Christmas is just around the corner. I hope you had a good year; mine surely could have been better. If I had one Christmas wish it would be to have a better world for my grandchildren to grow up in. As that may be a bit much to ask for, maybe you could just do what you did last year – have the elves sprinkle salt on the sidewalks in front of my house when it snows.

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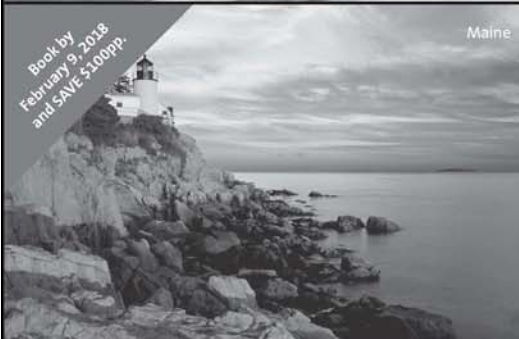
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Dear Santa,

I hope things are going well for you in the North Pole. Things here in Canterbury are getting better all the time so I'm going to be selfish and ask for gifts for me this year. I'd like a new hip, new teeth and better vision.

Your Buddy,

B

Dear Santa,

We had a great 2017, I hope you did too. I'd like to thank you again for the fantastic anniversary party we had this year; it went very well. I was hoping that if it is not too much trouble you could get me a new sweater for Christmas. **H** wants me to tell you that there will always be a seat for you at the poker table on Monday night.

P.S. – Thanks for not taking the tractor from the front lawn last year when the sleigh broke down. I'll leave some grain for the reindeer - I know they get tired flying all night.

J

Dear Santa,

I hope this letter finds you and Mrs. Claus well. I'm sure you and the elves are quite busy right now as Christmas is fast approaching. As long as my family will be able to be here for a visit on Christmas day I won't ask for much. I only need two things – if you could replace my left knee and then my right knee it would be great for walking in the morning.

I'm going to be boring this year and leave you some coffee and cookies. I'm sure you get enough wine and spirits in this neighbourhood; you don't need any more from me.

S

Dear Santa,

It was difficult, but I want you to know that I was very good this year. I would like to thank you for the fantastic new Smart TV with NETFLIX you brought for me last Christmas. I only want one thing for Christmas this year. Can you please teach me how to use that fantastic Smart TV and NETFLIX!



Thank you,

D

HOME SWEET HOME

Dave McBride 985-6231

- o I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you have to be in Kahoots with someone; you can't be alone.
- o I've never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.
- o I've been in Sane. You have to be driven there and I have made several trips, thanks to my children, family, friends and work.
- o I'd love to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not very good at physical activity anymore.
- o I have also been in Doubt, a sad place to go. I try not to go there very often.
- o Sometimes, I'm in Capable. I find myself there more often as I get older.
- o One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense. It really gets the adrenaline going and pumps up the old heart. (I need all the stimuli I can get).
- o Oh, and I may have been in Continent, but I can't remember what country I was in.
- o Thank goodness I'm in Canterbury Common. At least some people here understand me . . . I think.
- o Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!





Little did I know when I left my office August 25th that I'd be returning the next day. It was Friday night, the start of the weekend, and my plan was to stain Mom's deck. Instead, there I was in hardhat and boots with a dying flashlight in hand and a security guard at my side, stumbling through the semi-darkness to retrieve whichever essential items I could access. News coverage the night before showed shocking scenes of the fire at Port Perry Hospital and our brave staff and doctors evacuating patients, but until I walked through the empty, darkened hallways I hadn't really grasped the full extent of the damage. It was devastating.

A hot tar roofing application process that ignited nearby insulation has been blamed for the fire. While it was confined to one area of the building, that was the location of all the electrical and mechanical systems and significant water damage meant that no power or water would be available for months. Damage was estimated at \$10 million. Fortunately, these costs will be covered by insurance.

This morning, I again donned a hardhat and boots to meet with the site engineer to discuss some projects that the Foundation is considering once the reconstruction is complete. It was so encouraging to see the progress being made, and just to know that our own people who work at the hospital are in charge of overseeing its restoration gave me confidence. All the equipment we'd purchased with donations was safe; some of it was moved to storage, but it will all be returned when the hospital reopens.

Lakeridge Health has posted information about construction progress at Port Perry Hospital on their website at <https://www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca/en/port-perry/Restoring-and-Reopening-Port-Perry-Hospital.asp>. If you don't have a computer, here are some questions and answers that may help.

When will the hospital reopen?

The current estimate is late spring of 2018. A lot of progress has already been made with removal of asbestos, clean up of debris and water and smoke damage, wrapping and/or storage of equipment and furnishings. In December, we will have a detailed schedule outlining the phasing of the electrical and mechanical installations.

Where do I go if I need medical assistance?

It is important to remember that if you are in crisis, call 9-1-1 immediately. The skilled EMS response team will determine what level of care you need and ensure you get to the right place for treatment.

As well, Medical Associates of Port Perry has extended their urgent care hours. They are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, including holidays, and they are located in the building directly across from the hospital on Paxton Street. Please call them at 905-985-2895 if you'd like more information about additional services they are offering during this time.

Where will appointments or surgeries previously scheduled at Port Perry Hospital take place?

I was amazed at how efficiently our patients were accommodated. Appointments and surgeries have been going ahead with minimal or no interruption. While it is an inconvenience to have to drive to another Lakeridge hospital, you can count on a familiar face at your appointment or procedure as all Port Perry Hospital staff are situated at other hospital sites, and our own surgical teams work together.

For more information, please call the Port Perry Hotline at 1-833-681-9840.

Why is Port Perry Hospital Foundation still fundraising when the hospital is closed and the cost to reopen it is covered by insurance?

Before August 25 we had a list of equipment needs totalling over \$400,000 that we were committed to purchasing. We will still need to buy these items when the hospital reopens. Included on the list is a specialty monitor requested by Dr. Suri for thyroid procedures, as well as infant warmers for the New Life Centre and new infusion pumps with Smart Technology for all patient areas of the hospital.

How can I reach Port Perry Hospital Foundation to make a donation?

We have a temporary office space at 246 Queen Street Port Perry. The telephone number is 905-985-4356. Our mailing address is 451 Paxton Street, Port Perry, ON L9L 1L9. Donations can also be made via our website at www.pphfoundation.ca.

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