

THE CHRONICLE

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REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD

Jim Brady, President 985-5491

On behalf of all the CCRA Board members, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and to those who don't celebrate Christmas, I wish you a very pleasant and healthy holiday season. Winter arrived early this year with a beautiful covering of snow and frosty cold days. Those who are staying in the North are preparing to enjoy all that winter has to offer.

Your new Board of Directors, composed of many new members, is meeting on a monthly basis and is working together both efficiently and effectively. Monthly reports of the Board's activities are posted in a binder in our library for all residents to review.

Over the past year, the previous Board of Directors completed a revision of the Canterbury Common Policies and Guidelines which our community has operated under for the past twenty years. I would like to thank Harry Hough, Lauren Maher, Tallya Moore, Pat Procnier, Joan Rickerd, John Rintoul, Vern Reynolds, Ed Richards, Martha and Gord Simmons, Jane Smythe, Dave Sparling, Doug Thiemann, David Thompson and Jim Worsley who all worked tirelessly to complete this tremendous task. The rewriting of these Policies and Guidelines involved an unbelievable number of volunteer hours and demonstrated some of the great talent and expertise of the residents we have living in our wonderful community. The revised guidelines were reviewed and approved by the present Board of Directors in November.

The next step was to review and to update By-Law No.1 which has been in place since 1998 and relates to the Transaction of Affairs of the Canterbury Common Residents' Association. The By-Law was updated and amended by Roger Doe, Gord Simmons, and Ed Richards. Our corporate lawyer, Michael Fowler, has approved the updates and changes made to By-Law No.1

The By-Law No. 1 will be used by Michael Fowler, who is currently working with the Geranium lawyer, to determine the actual process and procedures that will be used to integrate the buyers of the 99 Geranium homes into CCRA and ensure that the Protective Restrictions forming part of their purchasing agreement will in all material aspects be the same as those registered on title to the existing homes in Canterbury Common.

The December Board meeting included a final review of the By-Law and a motion for approval of the changes.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Martha Simmons who is retiring from her current role as Editor of *The Chronicle*. Martha has worked with Joan Rickerd co-ordinating the newsletter for the past six years. I am sure I speak for all our residents when I say how grateful we are for all of Martha's input and expertise in helping to make this newsletter such a great source of information and pleasure for the community. Martha, we sincerely appreciate and thank you very much for all your time and efforts.

On behalf of the CCRA Board, I would like to welcome all of the new residents who have moved into Canterbury this past year: Vicky Anderson, Bruni Biagioni, Duane Bronson, Dorothy Campsall, Christine & Andrew Cox, Maria & Angelo Decina, Barbara & Stephen Holt, Susan & Murray Lennox, Susan & George Munroe, and Lea & Nick Stabler. It is hard to keep track of all of the recent changes in homeowners so my apologies if I have not mentioned your name here and, as I write this, I know that some houses will change hands in the very near future.

In this issue Neil Simpson introduces us to two of the new residents, Sue and Murray Lennox. You will also learn about other types of communities in the article by Karen English entitled *Living in Canterbury*. Malcolm Thistle reminds us of the spirit of Canterbury as we read the note he wrote to the "swimming regulars" at the end of the swim season. Nora Senechal gets us into the Christmas spirit and peeks our appetite with her article on Christmas cookies.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to once again wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday and a safe, healthy, prosperous New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ken Hurst, Chair 982-2633

We have hired a new cleaning company as our previous cleaner, Don, retired. The new company is Shine-On Janitorial Services and the cleaner's name is Peter Kusakovski.

We have installed a garbage bin close to the side entrance of The Centre. This was done to avoid retaining garbage (and accompanying odours) inside The Centre.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Martha Simmons, Chair 982-1330

The Communications Committee said good bye to Joan Rickerd this past summer when she moved to Ottawa - she is missed. I am currently assuming the role of Chairperson but our committee is actively looking for someone who would like to take on this role. Our small committee meets only four times per year and all the roles are well-defined, making it work like "a well-oiled machine". If you have any interest or would like more information, please contact me.

We are also still looking for someone to assist with *The Chronicle*. This will be my last issue. Nora Senechal will take on the role of Editor as of Spring 2019 and I know she will do an excellent job. However, as we often say in Canterbury - many hands make light work - so it would be wonderful to have a second person also helping with *The Chronicle*. The majority of the work is done using email and Microsoft Word, so good computer skills are essential. It is rewarding and interesting work - ideal for someone who "loves the written word."

We are in the process of updating the software which runs our website. The security portion, which protects us from unauthorized attempts to access our data, is out of date and no longer a free enhancement. The website hosting company proposed several options. The webmaster and the CCRA Board decided on the best one for us. We are not sure exactly when this will occur since some preparation work needs to be done, but you should not notice any interruption in service unless otherwise notified.

The CCRA Information Bulletin is a year old and by all informal accounts is well-received, so it will be continued. A name change for it is being considered.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harry Hough, Chair 982-0748

The Finance Committee met during October to review the Q2, September 30, 2018 in-house financial statements. Total expenses for the first six months are well in line, standing at about 40% of the total annual budget. All assessments have been paid. Early in the new year, the Committee will begin developing the budget for the up-coming fiscal year.

MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair 982-1593

Golf for Canterbury Men's League is over for the 2018 season but just beginning for many of our southern travelers. Men's Golf had a very successful season with only a couple of rain-outs to dampen our spirits. Most Tuesday mornings were beautiful golf days. We will return to Sunnybrae for the 2019 season.

2018 Men's Golf award winners included:

Garry Geer - low gross (best 2 week total 83)

Peter Donnelly - low net (best 2 week total 73)

Registration for Men's Golf is scheduled for April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre and our first golf game in 2019 is scheduled for Tuesday April 30th, 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

Update on Governance Procedures

Every so often we get a question or are confronted by a situation which makes us realize it is time to give everyone an update on the procedures that the Governance Committee follows in order to approve a project. As most of you know the Governance Committee works on behalf of the CCRA Board to apply the Protective Restrictions, ensuring that projects comply with the requirements as explained in that document.

The Governance Committee can only work with the registered Homeowner who has the authority, responsibility and right to sign documents on behalf of the property in question. The Committee cannot work with third parties unless authorized in writing by the registered Homeowner.

When a Homeowner has an outdoor project, which affixes or renovates a structure to the existing building, he/she should approach the Governance Committee with the following items:

- A request for a visit by the Committee to the premises where the work is to be done
- A drawing/diagram of the addition/project which has the measurements of or changes to the proposed structure illustrated.

After an on-site inspection, the Committee will provide the Homeowner with a letter giving pre-approval for the work to be done, if it falls within the requirements of the Protective Restrictions.

Recently we have had proposals which, under our guidelines, would have been approved, but which after being reviewed by the Township were rejected. In all cases the rejection was based on either the fact that the structure occupied too much of the footprint of the property or a minor variance was required. Had these structures been built as designed, without Township approval, the Homeowner would have been in danger of having the Township order them to be dismantled.

In order to prevent this in the future and because the situation regarding the installation or extension of a new deck or the installation of a sunroom can be complicated, the Committee will request that the Homeowner:

- Contact the Township and obtain a building permit prior to pre-approval by the Committee. The Homeowner should also understand that in some cases a legal survey and formal drawings will probably be necessary in order to get Township approval and that the granting of a minor variance may also be necessary.
- Inform his/her neighbours on both sides about what the project will entail and determine whether they have any problems with the placement or size of the structure.

Once the Governance Committee knows that an application for a building permit and/or a minor variance has been received from the Township and input from the neighbours has been solicited, it will review the project against the Protective Restrictions checklist and provide a pre-approval letter, subject to obtaining any external permits that may be required.

While it is the Homeowner who is ultimately responsible for obtaining any required Township building permits, minor variances, building inspections, electrical permits and inspections, there is no reason this cannot be done through a reputable contractor. Failure to do so could have some immediate financial consequences from government agencies and could also impact on future sale of the property.

The Committee members are always available to assist and guide Homeowners through the process and given their experience can offer some helpful hints along the way.

Once the structure has been completed, a final inspection will take place and if the structure has been built in accordance with the plans supplied and the discussions held, the Homeowner will receive a letter of approval, issued by the Governance Committee on behalf of the CCRA Board. It is advisable to file this letter with your other household documents as it is proof that your project has been approved as meeting the requirements of the Protective Restrictions.

I wish to thank the members of the Governance Committee for all their help and guidance during the past year - John Brewer, Todd Glenn, Gord Simmons and Frank Young.



HOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Dave Sparling, Chair 985-8001

Recent activity included: -

- Completion of the caulking around the outside perimeter of The Centre.
- Installation of steps and railings on the south side of the postal kiosk.
- Six new trees planted to replace those removed in the Commons areas.
- Outside taps drained and turned off at The Centre.
- Installation of lights to illuminate the dart boards in the games room on the lower level of The Centre.
- Outdoor Christmas lights put up at The Centre in early December.

We thank Gary Carmichael for his generous donation of a 44" TV, now installed in the basement area of The Centre. If anyone has a DVD player to donate, please contact me.

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 Chairperson. Please contact either individual 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.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Birgit Pullen, Chair 985-3820

On November 15th, SCS Musicals provided a little coffee-time entertainment and gave us a glimpse of their upcoming musical "MAMMA MIA". Feedback from residents who later saw the show was very positive – they loved it! This coffee hour was the last one with a guest speaker, as no one came forward to organize future coffee hour events. Ellen and Mark Brewer were kind enough to make coffee and tea until the end of November, and Ken Hurst will take over this task for the month of January. After that, neighbours are encouraged to meet on Thursday mornings at The Centre for a friendly get-together and chat. Starting in February, you will have to bring your own beverage.

Many residents tried their luck at RAMA. Special thanks to Audrey Thompson for organizing this very popular day trip for Canterbury.

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 all our volunteers for a job well done!

The holiday season in Canterbury began on December 7th 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 the new year in style. Your beverage of choice is the only thing you need to bring, along with your dancing shoes and a big appetite. See you there at 7:00 p.m., with appetizers and dinner being served at 7:30 p.m.

Theatre trip to Stratford in 2019

Ken Hurst is looking at planning a trip to Stratford some time in 2019 to see the Musical *Billy Elliott*, music by Elton John. You can review it on YouTube. It played in London England for 11years. Please call Ken Hurst at 905 982-2633 or email him at hurstk@rogers.com if you are interested.



BOOK CLUB

Pat Proconier 985-3775

The CCRA book club, which began in October 1999, will begin again on January 31, 2019, with our wine and cheese party and the 2016th National Book Award nominee, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Her story about Capt Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an itinerant news reader in Texas, seems simple. He is charged in the winter of 1870 with returning a white girl kidnapped by Indians to her closest relatives in San Antonio. Neither has had much experience with the kinds of perils they meet along the way.



On February 28th we will discuss *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn, on March 28th, *Forgiveness: A gift from my Grandparents* by Mark Sakamoto, on April 25th, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, and we end our year with lunch out on May 30th and finish with *Full Disclosure* by Beverley McLachlin, former Chief Justice of Canada.

CANTERBURY CHORUS

Coordinators: Pat Corlett, 985-4966, Tony Graham, 985-9041, Lucille Huron, 982-2769
Musical Directors: Terry Cockerill and Frances Grove



"TIS THE SEASON TO BE MERRY"

Canterbury Christmas concert -

Once again, many Canterbury voices joined our Christmas concert to sing the afternoon away with all those Christmas favourites. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas fruitcake.

Thank you for your generous cash donations, totally \$571.25, which our local food bank can use to buy all of those fresh foods needed for a Christmas dinner!



Canterbury Chorus Christmas Concert, Decemeber 10th

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ACTIVITIES

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,
Barb Lindensmith 985-5610



For the period of December 2018 - March 2019, Mixed Bridge will switch from Tuesday evenings to Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. We hope a few more people will make the effort to join us for a little fun bridge with some friendly neighbours. Please put your name on the weekly sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in The Centre to let us know who will be coming so the tables can be even. Bring along a loonie for prizes.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Doug Thiemann 985-4644



BIG NEWS



The Duplicate Bridge group will be changing their meeting time to Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Perhaps this later start time will encourage greater participation; we would love to have you join us. If you need a partner, we can help with that. For more information, please contact me.

CRIB CLUB

Audrey Thompson 982-2156



Cribbage is played on Thursdays 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

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Jane Sibul 982-0196
Lorna Zamulimski 985-4935

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. in The Centre. New members are welcome and we are happy to teach you how to play.

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 keep track of changes in home ownership within Canterbury and welcome the new residents, providing them with lots of useful information about Canterbury.

When a resident passes away, we also send out sympathy cards and arrange for a donation to the charity chosen by the family.

We would appreciate hearing from anyone who can assist us with the printing of obituary notices.



KNITWITS

Doreen Reynolds 985-9858

The ladies of the Knitwits have been really busy at this time of the year. In addition to our projects of lap blankets for the seniors at Operation Scugog and a decorated muff to comfort the Alzheimer residents at Port Perry Place, we have also donated two baskets to the Basketeers Program. We hope you enjoyed seeing the variety of knitting skills at our display at the Holiday Wine Tasting Party.

We cannot leave out the personal gifts we prepare for our families, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren. This is a wonderful time for sharing our skills and love at Christmas and throughout the year. We also want to thank the ladies of Canterbury Common and their friends for the generous donations of wool, needles and patterns. Your gifts encourage us to stay busy.

You are welcome to join us on Friday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. as we gather around the fireplace at The Centre. Need assistance to remember your knitting talents? Drop in at any time – we will welcome you and be pleased to see that you enjoy an afternoon with us.

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING – DECEMBER 7, 2018

Donna Easter, Convener

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Over 100 of our neighbours gathered for our merry mingle. We enjoyed listening to our resident pianists, Brian and Lucille, play Christmas music. We were so thirsty that we enjoyed over 50 bottles of wine! The tasty treats went fast too!

We are lucky to have so many talented artists in Canterbury. We had a fabulous display of art! The Knitwits displayed their creations which they donate to Operation Scugog.

Your generous donations to the Local Food Bank will help those in need during the holidays!

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

- * Everyone who came and donated to the Local Food Bank
- * Our pianists, Brian Strachan and Lucille Huron, for our Christmas music
- * The Knitwits and our artists for the fabulous displays
- * Martha Simmons – our photographer
- * The Social Committee for all of their help
- * Everyone who helped with our set up and quick clean up

A great time was had by all!



See more photos from this event on page 20

Photos: Martha Simmons



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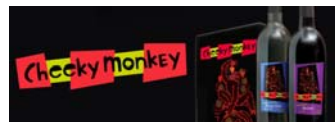


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When my husband and I decided to buy a house in Canterbury Common eight and a half years ago, we had barely heard of adult lifestyle communities. Having Carol Sambrook come to the house and welcome us helped a great deal and we read the first couple of Chronicles from start to finish. It still didn't really sink in though.

Our first Annual General Meeting opened my eyes as I saw that there were so many committees in place and so many neighbours involved. What the heck did all these people do? The only way to find out of course was to join a committee, so I offered to take over as Webmaster when Pat Mosey announced she was leaving. One of my tasks is to keep an up-to-date list of all committees and their members on the website. I was flabbergasted to see over 100 positions listed for the committees alone. This doesn't even include activity convenors and helpers. Wow, and since all of this is volunteer-run, the annual homeowner fee is only about \$400/yr.

In 2013 CCRA was invited to join the Adult Lifestyle Community website. Since then I have had an opportunity to see how other adult communities are run. To my surprise – we are one of only a handful of self-governed adult lifestyle communities in Ontario.

The Adult Lifestyle Communities website has an article called 'An Overview of Home Ownership' which explains some of the different types of communities. What follows is taken from that article, with a bit more information added to further explain the defined terms.

- Canterbury Common is a **Freehold ownership community** since we each own our home and the land with no space co-owned or co-managed with owners of adjacent homes. We are also solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our property, and the property taxes associated with it.
- **Condominium ownership** means you own the individual unit you live in, and share in the ownership of common spaces. Common spaces can be within the building (e.g. corridors and foyers), the grounds around the building, and any shared amenities (e.g. swimming pools, recreation rooms). Units owners pay a monthly amount for the annual operating costs plus a reserve for future repairs.
- **Cooperative housing** is a different type of home ownership. Instead of owning actual real estate, you own a part of a corporation that owns the building. Cooperative housing usually includes an apartment building or buildings. Co-operatives in Ontario are incorporated under the Co-operative Corporations Act, and are share capital business corporations carried on for the benefit of the members, in which each member has a say in how the co-operative is run.
- A **Land Lease community** is one in which the owner of a house leases the land on which the house sits. Many land lease communities are occupied by owners of trailers or manufactured houses, although land lease communities may take other forms. In this type of community, the design of the house is often covered by limitations in order to control the overall appearance of the community. Land leases work very similarly to the way traditional property leases operate, and tenants can enter into both residential and commercial agreements.
- In **Life Lease** housing, you do not own a property; you hold an "interest" in that property in exchange for a lump sum payment up-front, with monthly maintenance fees and property tax payments. The life lease interest gives you the right to occupy, or live in, a unit rather than owning the unit itself. The phrase "life lease" means that once an initial lump sum is paid out as a deposit, there is very little change in rates, and the purchaser occupies the home for life, with subsequent monthly payments covering management fees, maintenance and other operating expenses. Westshore Village in Port Perry is an example of a life lease community.

I for one, like the Freehold idea. The benefit of Canterbury Common is that we formed our own corporation which enables us to govern our community in line with the wishes of the homeowners. We are able to have a say in managing our expenses and also in how and when things are done.

However, just because a community is freehold does not mean it is self-managed. I had a letter from someone residing in another freehold community asking for our advice. They were having many problems with the people managing their community and were shocked to discover that they had no legal recourse since they did not fall under the rules of a cooperative or a condominium. Instead of using the monthly funds collected to repair fixtures and common areas, the



management company was using them for advertising and building new homes.

It is certainly preferable, in my view, to be in a self-managed freehold community. It could be disastrous if we had to resort to using a management company and it would cost us a heck of a lot more money to do so. Can you imagine what dealings with Geranium would have looked like if someone else was covering our concerns?

We all need to make sure that we keep the spirit of volunteerism alive and well in Canterbury Common. I am a bit worried that the temporary closure of The Centre (during the renovation period) will disrupt several activities and that meetings and volunteers may fall by the wayside. We need to make sure that we keep things going and that when we get back to 'business as normal', there will be people stepping up to keep our community running smoothly.

This would actually be a great time to join a committee since things will be scaled back for many functions during the build time. Get your feet wet and find out what it is all about. Many tasks require only a small amount of time and you will learn a lot more about how this community thrives the way it does. It can even be a lot of fun and a definite social benefit.

On this wintry day, I thought it would be nice to share a note that Malcolm sent to the swimming pool regulars at the end of the season.

SWIMMING POOL CAMARADERIE

by Malcolm Thistle

Hi Everyone:

It's only been a day since the pool closed but I'm missing it already and so are a lot of other people. Yesterday when Anne and I were out for our walk, many of our neighbors, as well as friends around the neighborhood, came up to us to say what a good year they had at the pool. I think they only came to me because they know how much I enjoy the pool but they all commented that they thought the pool was really well-used this year, how friendly everyone was and what a good time they had.

It would be easy to attribute this to the good weather but I think there's more to it. Just like there's a golf community, I think the pool community is rapidly growing for the health benefits and social connections. A number of people are even forming a group to go to Legends in Oshawa over the winter.

Finally I just wanted to mention this to everyone. I'm a pool buff and hope to see it around for a long time. On the last day there were about 15 people in the pool and we all said goodbye for the season.



The other thing that everyone said to us was how lucky we are to have people like Bill Gerber and Bill Craning to coordinate the pool. On the last day, Bill Gerber happened to be there and, totally spontaneously, he got a great round of applause from the swimmers.

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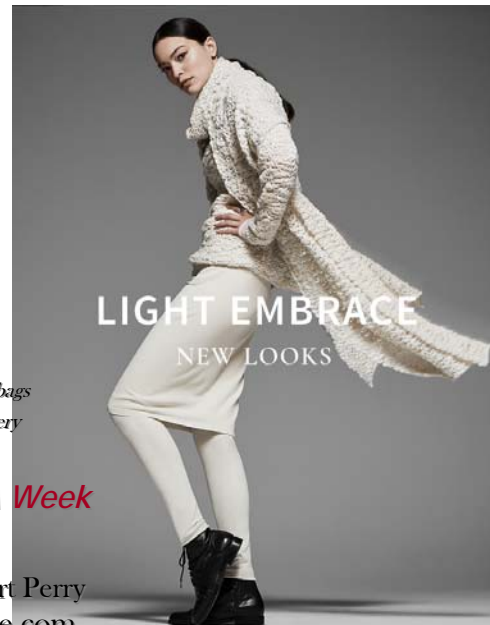


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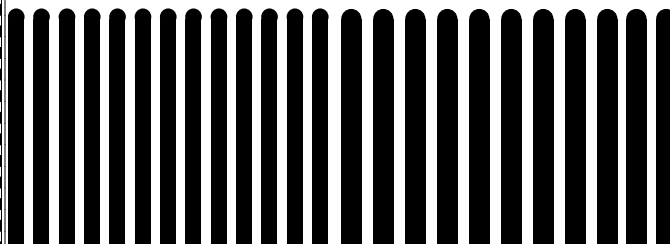
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Sue & Murray Lennox

A match made in heaven? No, on the internet! Sue, widowed for a dozen years, had been searching for Mr. Right on Match.com. She struck out several times but when Murray's profile appeared, she told a friend, "This is my guy!" Sure enough, Murray, recently widowed, turned out to be the one. After emailing and phoning, they agreed to have brunch at the Old Mill in Toronto on a Sunday but Murray was too anxious and asked if they could meet at High Park on the Thursday. It was love at first sight. They spent the day together and Murray even took Sue for a romantic visit to Costco.

Sue grew up in Toronto's west end and Murray in the east end. She has two sons and five grandsons, He has one son and two grandsons. Murray, an electrical engineer, spent half of his career working for Black and MacDonald and the other half with various utilities in the GTA. Sue was a stay-at-home Mom for a long time and then worked as a medical assistant to the head nutritionist at Sunnybrook and in pathology at Princess Margaret before opening her own business, "Sue's Boutique", which set up for a day at a time in various hospitals.

Murray enjoys golf, poker and euchre. He was heavily involved in the Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis. Recently he has been dabbling in "My Heritage", learning more about his ancestry. Sue loves art and classical music, once taught ballet and plays mah jongg at The Centre. She taught English in Turkey for a year and lived in Haliburton for awhile where she did some painting and writing.

They married in February, 2017 and lived in a Thornhill condo but longed for a house in an active community. Their search took them to Guelph, Niagara and here to quaint Port Perry. They got immersed in Canterbury even before buying when they found themselves driving at the end of the parade in June.

**REMINDERS**

Martha Simmons, Editor

A Year in the Life of Canterbury

You will find this document inserted in this issue of The Chronicle. It is a handy reference, particularly for our new residents who want to know what activities are available in Canterbury. There is something for everyone but if you are interested in an activity that isn't listed, you can always ask others for help in getting it started.

Our website

Don't forget to go on line to the Canterbury Common website. It is full of useful information – check the monthly calendar to see the schedule of events and activities, preview upcoming events, browse through past issues of The Chronicle and perhaps, best of all, take a leisurely look through all the photos from this year and past years.

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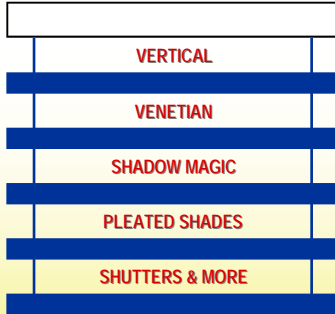
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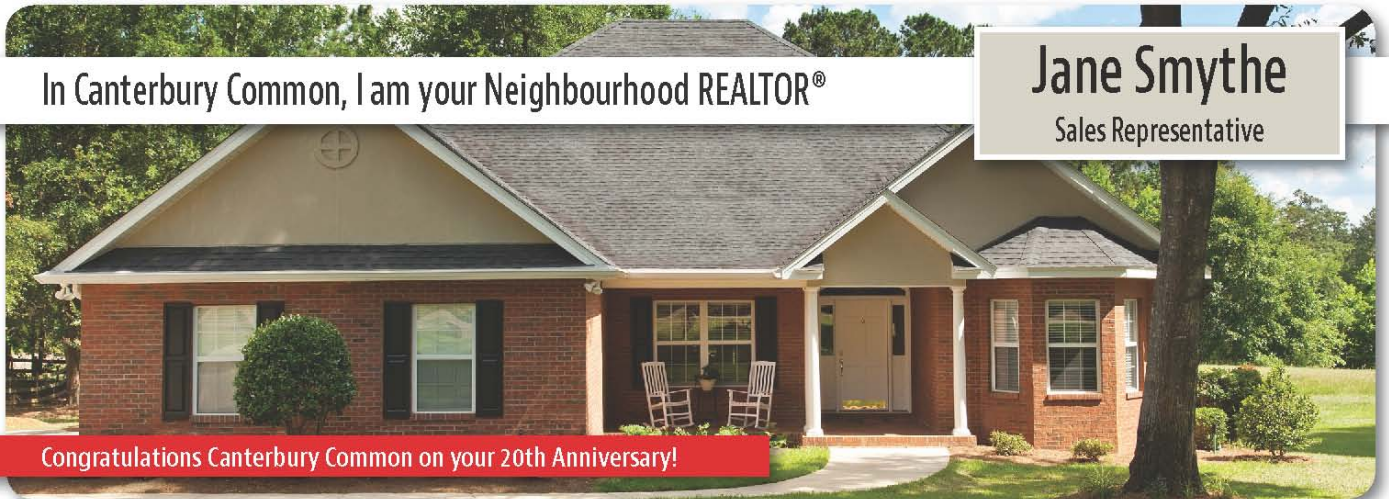
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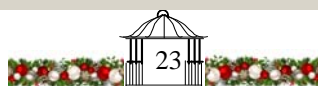


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When I decided to write about Christmas traditions I realized at once that I was going to have to narrow my focus or my article could take a couple of pages on its own. When you really think about Christmas and its traditions, there are many factors to consider. The first and most obvious would be religion, but we all know that religious discussions don't often end well so I will leave that topic alone. Geographic area could also be a determining factor in Christmas traditions as many different countries have their own traditions. As we live in North America, I think I will identify the tradition I want to write about from our region. Christmas traditions that have evolved over the years often have something to do with how we distribute gifts.....do we draw names in the family or do we give gifts to everyone? Do we open gifts on Christmas eve or do we open them on Christmas morning? Some families even choose to go to warm sunny places over the Christmas holidays just so they do not have to deal with the hustle and bustle of the season. Whether visiting a warm and sunny destination or staying in our home country, many of the Christmas traditions eventually center around family gatherings and the food we serve. There are so many traditional holiday foods that I thought I would concentrate on one Christmas tradition that seems to be universal, the cookie.

When we think of Christmas cookies many people automatically think of decorated sugar cookies. Well, that is what most kids want to leave out for Santa but Christmas cookies have a much more interesting history. Over the years we have baked many different types of cookies for Christmas. We have sugar cookies, shortbread cookies, thumb prints, pinwheels, ice box cookies and of course gingerbread cookies. These can be anything from the standard gingerbread man to some very creative gingerbread houses. I decided to do an internet search to see what types of cookies people have been making over the years. I found a recipe from one of the first cook books in North America (in 1796):

“Christmas Cooney”

To three pound of flour, sprinkle a tea cup of fine powdered coriander seed, rub in one pound of butter, and one and a half pound sugar, dissolve one tea spoonful of pearlash (a rising agent) in a tea cup of milk, kneed all together well, roll three quarters of an inch thick, and cut or stamp into shape and slice as you please, bake slowly fifteen or twenty minutes, tho' hard and dry at first, if put in an earthen pot, and dry cellar or damp room they will be finer, softer and better when six months old.”

I'm not sure I would be interested in letting my cookies sit in a damp room for six months to get stale enough so that I could eat them but still the tradition is there. In the late 1800s and early 1900s molasses was often used as a sweetener in cookies as sugar was very expensive and primarily reserved for guests. In the 1930s Depression era, butter was a very expensive item; many bakers began to substitute vegetable shortening in their cookies in order to save money. In the 1940s sturdy roll and slice cookies were often included in care packages sent to boys overseas fighting in WWII.

As early as the 1960s women were getting together for cookie swaps. The idea of each person baking large quantities of her specialty cookie and swapping with each other continues to this day. Often these parties now include wine and have become a tradition of their own for many families and friends. In the 1970s I remember many of my friends bringing cookies made with a cookie press to our school Christmas parties. Wreaths with those hard silver balls, Christmas trees with green sugar sprinkles and tiny candy canes with red sugar sprinkles were a staple at many Christmas gatherings at that time. In the 1980s the no-bake cookies began to emerge. The most common of these were cookies with chocolate and oatmeal and several new versions of traditional rum balls.

Today, some of the traditional recipes have been changed to incorporate the latest food trends. Recipes have been altered to be vegan, gluten free, fat free and, if you ask me, taste free in many cases. Unless you have specific allergies, I think that if you are going to change a recipe you should do it for taste - just ask Hedi Hampel, one of the best-known bakers in our neighborhood. Hedi provided me with a cookie recipe that she enjoys herself, now that she has changed it to suit her taste. Sometimes just a little tweak will make all the difference. The following recipe originally supplied by Kraft Canada was just too sweet so Hedi uses less sugar and adds a bit of salt to produce a better product:





Big Batch Kris Kringle Cookies

Prep Time: 15 min

Ready In: 30 min Yield: 72 Cookies

BEAT 1 cup softened butter, 2/3 cup granulated sugar and 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla; mix until well blended. Add 2 cups flour, 2 tsp baking soda and 1/2 tsp salt; mix well.

STIR in 12 squares chopped BAKER'S Premium White Baking Chocolate, 2 cups each dried cranberries and chopped pecans, walnuts or almonds. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto ungreased cookie sheets.

BAKE at 375° for 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 3 minutes then remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely on wire racks. Store in tightly covered containers.

If I do any baking this year, I may try the Kris Kringle Cookie or I might try this recipe provided by Pam Birgeneau:



Pecan Crescents

2 cups flour

1 cup corn starch

1 cup icing sugar

1 1/2 cups butter (softened)

1 cup pecans (ground)

icing sugar for sprinkling

Optional; 3-6 semi sweet chocolate squares melted for dipping ends.

Combine all ingredients. Work well with hands until smooth dough formed. Dough can be shaped into logs (about 1/2" thick and 3" long), or you can bend ends to form crescent shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 300° 20-25 minutes or until edges lightly browned. Cool on rack. Sprinkle/dust tops with sifted icing sugar, or you can dip ends into chocolate, or leave plain.

These Crescent cookies have been a tradition in many households over the years. If your Christmas baking this year is going to include cookies, branch out - we don't have to stick to the tried and true sugar cookie recipe - **try something new and most of all have a wonderful holiday season.**

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Martha Simmons, Editor

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SEPTEMBER 21ST 2018
CHEQUE PRESENTATION

Photos: Marg Jackson

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Port Perry Hospital Foundation

As I write this, it's snowing outside which means I can no longer deny that winter is coming, so I'd rather talk about good news. Port Perry Hospital is back! It was a long year following the fire and it is so good to be home. We have been wowed by the turn-out at the re-opening event and continued gratitude at having the hospital back.

While closed, Port Perry Hospital Foundation was actively working with Lakeridge Health to bring the hospital back better than ever. With community support, the Foundation was able to ensure most of the IV Smart Pumps needed were ready opening day. We still need to buy the remainder and we are hopeful our holiday appeal will get us there. Our nurses report the new pumps are user-friendly, that the built-in drug library offers a new level of safe-guard, and the modular design means more room around a patient's bedside when it matters most.

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I'd like to thank the many Canterbury Commons residents for your support and trust this past year. It's been a hard one for many.

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