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From Fairview Administrator



Fairview Apartments Brick Work

The Apartment tower is getting close to 40 years old. We have recently been able to see some damage to the brick exterior on the front side of the building, particularly above the 6th floor. A “stair-case” crack has opened that runs down through several rows of brick. As well, the bricks that meet at the far corner of the tower have been spalling.

Spalling happens because moisture gets into the brick and stays there. In our climate that moisture will freeze at some point. Since water expands when it freezes, the moisture inside the brick puts pressure on the face of the



brick and it flakes off. This usually happens slowly and over a long period of time.

In April a contractor came in and did some repair work –

cleaning off loose pieces of brick and then covering the damaged brick with an aluminum shield that should prevent further damage.

The “stair-case” crack likely emerged because the building has shifted slightly over the years. We often see the same kind of thing happen inside a building where a crack develops in the ceiling or a wall. This is due to aging. A contractor will be coming in over the next few weeks and will remove the old mortar and replace it with fresh mortar that will fill the space.

That might give you something to watch for a day or two!

Bird Display

I have been grateful for the kind words several of you have spoken to me about the bird photos.

Photography has been a hobby of mine since I was in my teens. It is only in the last few years that my wife and I took a real interest in bird watching. It seemed almost “natural” for me to combine the two. The next step was to make birding a feature of our vacations. The photos on display were taken in various parts of Canada.

It really isn't that hard to take decent photos of birds. A good telephoto lens (400 mm) will let you get great photos from a distance.

Digital photography is wonderful because you can take lots and lots of photos, and some of them are sure to turn out! Leaves and branches are the biggest frustrations because they always seem to be in the way.

The camera that I use is a Canon 7D and the “big” lens with which most of the photos were taken is a Canon EF 400 mm. By the way, all the photos are cropped. The approach to take is to centre the bird in the picture so that it will be in focus. Then you can crop the photo on the computer to compose the picture to make it more appealing to the eye. A good photo of a bird is one where your bird's eye is in “tack sharp” focus.

I find bird photography a great way to spend time outdoors with my better half, enjoying God's creation.

~ Jim Williams;
Fairview Administrator

Annual Tenant Meeting Review



Thank you to everyone who attended the annual tenant meeting on Thursday March 29th, by the time you read this you will have already received the notes from the meeting but there are a couple of items I would like to highlight;

- Carpeting will be replaced in the hallways on 5th and 6th floor this year.
- The new patio doors and windows will all be re-checked by the installation company due to the numerous concerns about drafts. Please stay tuned for more information.
- We have a voluntary tag system here in the building, so neighbours can keep an eye out for each other. If you would like tags, please speak with Heather.
 - White means that the resident is out.
 - Red is only used in the evening/night and indicates that the resident is in bed or doesn't want to be disturbed for the evening.
 - This is a security system for those who wish to use it, if the red signal is still on the door handle at 11:00 am or later, anyone who sees it should knock on the door to make sure the resident is OK. **The resident must come to the door.**

- If the resident does not answer please inform the reception desk, and Fairview Staff will check on the resident.
- Any red or white item can be used. This system is voluntary, at each resident's discretion.
- Please continue to keep Fairview safe by;
 - Only letting in people you know
 - Locking your apartment door
 - Leaving the doors near Café 515 closed when reception has left for the day

There is now a signup sheet at reception for tenants and their families to book a time to see me; this is for current tenants only. Please use this service if you wish to ensure that I am in my office and available to speak with you.

We, the Fairview Staff, are very grateful for the wonderful tenants that are living here at Fairview, who create our warm, friendly and helpful community. Looking forward to a great 2018 with all of you!

*~Heather Congdon
Housing Co-ordinator*



RESIDENT CHANGES



Welcome to residents who have settled into their new homes during the past three months. May these changes bring comfort, peace and joy in the years to come.

Fairview Mennonite Home

Enrica B.	Hespeler	Ippazia D.	Galt
Ronald F.	Preston	Samuel H.	Blair
Lillian H.	Galt	Daniel L.	Preston
Betty M.	Hespeler	Mickey M.	Preston
Eileen R.	Hespeler	Mearl S.	Preston
Elisabeth S.	Blair	Muriel T.	Galt
Esther W.	Blair		

Fairview Apartments

Gloria G	Floor 5	Jim S.	Floor 7
Judith W.	Floor 7		

Fairview Court

Fairview Villas

Fairview Suites

Grace M.	Floor 3	Gracia P.	Floor 3
Bill R.	Floor 2	Kryn & Catharina V.	Floor 1

Fairview's New Chaplain

Hilya grew up in South America in a little country called Guyana, where she spoke English and Patois. Guyana was inhabited by the Amerindian people and later populated by the Dutch and British who brought slaves from Africa and indentured servants from India. Guyana was made up of six equally important nationalities and three major religions – namely: Christianity (includes Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Lutherans), Islam; and Hinduism.

Hilya grew up in a Hindu home, and attended many religious functions including those hosted by her Muslim and Christian friends. She attended an all-girls High School where she studied The Bible, sang Hymns and prayed as Christians would. Hilya's family was quite poor and her dad tried very hard but often met on hard times trying to take care of a wife and six children.

Hilya immigrated to Canada in 1989 and five years later - in 1994 - while working at CTV television down town Toronto she started wondering if there was more to life. She is a very curious person and found herself interested in religious shows and spending much time searching for answers about God. Being a Systems Analyst; Hilya pursued a quest to figure out who God really was, and she would do this by reading and analysing the Bible, the Koran and the Bhagwat Gita. This process took approximately six years, during which time she had one foot in the familiar world she was accustomed to and one foot in this new world where she was learning about a sacrificial love that she couldn't fathom or dared to dream about.

It wasn't until 2001 that Hilya took the bold step of visiting a church, and since then her life has taken a 360 degree turn and she no longer sits on the fence. Her life at this time is about others and helping them to experience the joy of the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

Hilya has since attended Bible College and Seminary. She has also been given the opportunity to preach, teach, and live in Romania as a missionary and currently, to be a chaplain at Fairview Mennonite Homes.



RESIDENT NEWS

Fairview Apartments

Floor 2

Lydia Froklage writes:

Last Thursday night we had the last Supper Club, where the women from Grand River Institute serve supper and join us for the meal, until fall. This program has been going on for approximately 15 years. I and I am sure, many other tenants enjoy this program. Last Thursday we had at our table a gentleman who is their driver and a lady from the program itself. I asked what was waiting for her when she was able to go home. She has two grown up sons and was very excited to meet her new granddaughter. Our driver said "wait a moment" and he showed his photos from a 5 month little baby boy who is living with his mom at the prison. This was something new for me. The baby has lots of moms and everybody loves him. My heart goes out to all of them, this program helps me understand other people. People who may not have had such a good background. Blessings and thankfulness for my own upbringing.

RESIDENT NEWS



Floor 3

Reporter: Trish Lajoie

Trish Lajoie writes: Hello folks! Well, March started out with a “big bang”...not a theory but for real! We welcomed our new CEO Elaine Shantz and found her to be a pure delight. She is thoughtful, sincere and a get up and go kind of person. She has a sweet personality but I can also see a no nonsense kind of gal. I noticed immediately she listens quite intently and makes mental notes as you can see the wheels turning which is endearing. I say this as a definite compliment. I already feel she is going to make our Fairview homes even greater. Welcome to the family Elaine!

Next, we were treated to a Victorian Fashion show bringing us back to the “Gone with the Wind” era. What fun we had learning about this period of time and watching residents and staff alike modelling clothing as if they just got off the runway from “Paris Fashion Week”. What a great time we had. Thank you to all those who were so brave to become a model for us.

Our winter bar-b-ques were delicious and we thank Jim Williams and all the dietary staff who as always helped serve and organize everything for us. Kudos to many of our administrative staff who, as part of the FRESH series, tantalized our taste buds with a “Chili Cook Off” and salads contest. The auditorium never smelled so good and our winner for chili was Sheila from the Dietary department. Our salad winner was Christine. Last but not least our annual Volunteer Appreciation was themed “Volunteers are Magic” Just when you think you can’t out do yourselves, you totally amazed us. Thank you once again for putting so much work, as well as your heart and soul into acknowledging our contributions here at Fairview. We are so grateful for the constant recognition each year. Well, I don’t know about anyone else, but I can’t wait for our Royal Mothers Day Tea and the surprises staff have in store for us!

Floor 4

Reporter: John and Henny Hunnersen

John and Henny Hunnersen write:

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbours Maria Dittrich and Carol Coull.

When Troubles Assail You, God will not Fail you

When life seems empty
And there’s no place to go,
When your heart is troubled
And your spirits are low,
When friends seem few
And nobody cares
There is always God
To hear your prayers—
And whatever you’re facing
Will seem much less
When you go to God
And confide and confess,
For the burden that seems
Too heavy to bear
God lifts away
On the wings of prayer—

And seen through God’s eyes
Earthly troubles diminish
And we’re given new strength
To face and finish
Life’s daily tasks
As they come along
If we pray for strength
To keep us strong—
So go to Our Father
When troubles assail you
For his grace is sufficient
And He’ll never fail you.

RESIDENT NEWS



Floor 5

Reporter: Irene Felker

Irene Felker writes:

We regret that Bill Rochester has left the floor, but are happy for him. He is going to be moving to the Suites where he and his wife will be together. Best wishes to you both. We still have not officially welcomed Sheila Bourgaise, but are planning to have a welcome dinner for her soon. Marjorie Dance has been our faithful caring floor leader for a number of years. For health reasons she has had to give it up. Now, Evelyn Wake will be our new floor leader. Thank you, Evelyn!

Evelyn Wake writes:

I am writing this after chatting with my fellow tenant, Irene Felker. She believes some of the details of my life journey are worth sharing with fellow tenants and residents.

In 1973, my marriage hit the rocks and I needed to find gainful employment. All I was able to find as someone who had not completed high school, was work in sales, which did not pay well. It also had hours not conducive to good parenting. Several persons at my church, had noted I had done well as a Sunday School and Summer Bible School teacher. They believed that teaching would be a good fit for me. This required a university degree. I applied to several universities in our area, and was accepted by the University of Waterloo as a mature student.

I managed to mother three children, work a part-time job, and attend classes full time. I finished a three-year programme in English and Linguistics, in just two years time. I was able to hand-write most of my essays for the professors; but I had a few who insisted on typewritten ones. I used the machines at the University Library. I thanked the typing classes I was made to take at Rockway Mennonite School, for my ability to produce a properly typed paper. An economic depression scuttled my chances of going to McMaster to get my BA of Education on top of my BA in English. I then worked at a variety of jobs, mainly in sales management, for the next decade.

Circumstances and health issues made me realize I needed to find a job that I could do from home. Consultation with counsellors at UW, led me to choose going for a Master's of Applied Science in Psychology. On the way to working on the Master's degree, I also completed the requirements for Honours degrees in English and the Applied Science of Psychology. I now found that no professors were accepting handwritten essays; and they no longer had typewriters at the Library, just word processing computers. So, I learned on my own to use a word processor programme, with help from a Library tutor. Then I decided that if I was going to be in business for myself, I likely needed some computerized accounting courses. So, I took some, but also signed up for computer programming courses.

A back injury while riding a bus, derailed my studies before I completed that degree. I was on disability for almost a decade, during which Budd Stores hired me as a part-time office staff. They needed somebody who could teach other office staff how to use a computer.

Eventually, that job became full-time. They were no longer able to use the old vacuum tube system, which allowed me to finally achieve my long-time goal of becoming a teacher. I created a booklet for our staff, which provided step by step guidance on how to use the computer. The staff had been panicking, many thinking it was time to retire. But, my little guide, and my patient help caused them to change their minds. Some of our staff were in their late 70s to mid-80s, and all learned to use the computer to serve their customers.

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The person who sold our computer system to the Budds, came back to see how things were going, before we went live on the computers. Mr. Budd told him that the instructions he had given us were completely useless to anyone but a computer technician. He then told the man, that thankfully they had such a person on their staff who had written up an instruction booklet that allowed even the oldest members of his staff to use our point-of-sale computers. The man was very grateful to hear this he gave the Budds a large discount on their purchase, if they would give him a copy of my little booklet. I did not learn of this until I retired. The staff gave me a wonderful party to say goodbye, along with some nice gifts. The Budds presented me with a lovely Bulova clock with chimes and a plaque thanking me for my years of service and my loyalty to the Budd family.

As I was ready to leave that day, Mr. Budd called me into his office. That is when he informed me of how valuable my little booklet had been to them; and gave me an envelope containing a cheque for ten percent of the discount they got from the provider of their computer system. It was not a small amount.

It came in handy, because nobody had told me, that in addition to informing the pension office of my retirement, I should also have informed a separate agency for the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Having filled out forms months earlier, that applied for the CPP, OAS and GIS, I figured it was just one agency. So I was shocked, when I got my first deposit, to discover the amount was not enough to cover my rent, allow me to eat and pay for my food supplements and medical supplies not covered by the Ontario Disability Benefit. God was good to me, and all ended well.

Floor 6

Alice Ryan shares:

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

What are Seniors Worth?

Old folks are worth a fortune,
with silver in their hair,
gold in their teeth,
stones in their kidneys,
lead in their feet and
gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social
with the passing of the years,
some might even call me a frivolous
old gal.
I'm seeing five gentlemen every day!

As soon as I wake, Will Power
helps me get out of bed.

Then I go see John.

Then Charley Horse comes along,
and when he is here he takes a lot
of my time and attention!

When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows
up and stays the rest of the day.

He doesn't like to stay in one place very long,
so he takes me from joint to joint!

After such a busy day,
I'm really tired and glad to go to bed,
with Ben Gay!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day.

He said that at my age I should be
thinking about the hear-after.

I told him I do, all the time.

No matter where I am,
in the kitchen or down in the basement,
I ask myself, "Now what am I here after?"

RESIDENT NEWS



Ruth Boniface writes:

Fairview's Volunteer Appreciation event. Tuesday, April 12, 2018. Within this event the Magic of Rick Rossini was a refreshing change of pace with humour. Volunteers of the Year and Volunteer Milestone Years of service were respectfully honoured and celebrated.

The dessert was beautifully presented and the useful gifts can be enjoyed.

For me, this was a new opportunity to converse with three student volunteers of diverse backgrounds. They all expressed how much they value the opportunity to serve and learn from Fairview Seniors Community. Their career choices are Nursing, Early Childhood Education and Criminal Law. The latter was recently called to the bar. Congratulations!

Sincere gratitude to the staff who continue to plan and innovate special events for the Fairview Senior's Community.

John Childs writes:

An old friend sent me this some time ago. Neither of us knows who wrote it. Some may have already seen it or something similar, but I thought I would share it anyway.

Old age is golden, or so I've heard said,
 But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed.
 With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
 My glasses on the table until I get up.
 As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself;
 Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
 The reason I know is my youth is all spent,
 My get-up-and-go just got up and went!
 But in spite of it all I am able to grin,
 And think of the places my get up has been!

Floor 7

Reporter: Ruth Hess

Ann Cameron writes:

It looks like Spring has finally sprung. After a winter that seemed to be endless we now have daffodils popping up, buds on the trees and some warmer weather.

I received recognition for 25 years of volunteering this April. Volunteering at Fairview has been a real joy. This is such a wonderful place – a great variety of activities to choose from and a lot of great residents to get to know.

We had our Victorian Fashion Show this year. My brother refers to it as our "Victoria Secret Show". I sent a copy of me modeling my outfit (with the shirt falling down) and told him that's as close as we got to Victoria Secret!
 Have a Super Spring everyone!



Ruth Hess writes:

If you like to sing beautiful hymns and lively gospel songs, don't miss the monthly service on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:15 pm in the Fairview Auditorium by Zion United Reformed Church.

A short meditation and special music are also a very special part of the worship which Zion United Reformed Church has provided so faithfully for 20 years...you'll enjoy the warm, friendly fellowship.

Viola Runions Shares:

Blessed In Aging

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand
 Blessed, who know my ears today must strain to hear the things they say.
 Blessed are those who seem to know my eyes are dim and my mind is slow
 Blessed are those who look away when I spilled tea that weary day.
 Blessed are they who, with cheery smile stopped to chat for a little while
 Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday.
 Blessed are those who never say "You've told that story twice today"
 Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone.
 And blessed are they who will ease the days of my journey home, in loving ways.
 ~Esther Mary Walker

Gwen Naylor writes:

HATS OFF TO THE MYSTERY TRIP ORGANIZERS.

Trip to Peuter Shop in St. George. We saw first hand the beginning to end of beautiful designs. Of course we had a gift store to admire/purchase jewelry etc. Then off to be fed at the "Olde School House" for a first class dining room and service. Everyone (all 15 of us) had no complaints on the starter, main course, dessert, tea or coffee. Oh, I almost forgot, the warm sour dough bread and garlic spread (which some thought was horse radish!!) fun had by all! Thanks Sarah, you're the best!



We had a welcome dinner last Monday night to welcome Judy & Jim to our floor. We then went to the 3rd floor lounge for what was the introduction of these people, and socialize a bit. But wait SURPRISE: we honored our outgoing floor leader, Joan Hipel. Joan has been our floor leader and has done a terrific job for several years. Our new floor leader is Ed Gilmour.

More food and punch was enjoyed by all especially the following poem written by Betty Foote.

ODE - To Joan

If we had the skill of a Shakespeare or, an Oscar Hammerstein
 We could then, express our feelings in a fine poetic line.
 But, we must resort, to this poor verse to say what's in our hearts.
 You've been a great floor leader Joan, right from the very start.

Your sunny smile, lights up a room and makes us all feel happy
 So-Best of luck, to you and yours. May all your days be happy

Love from all your 7th floor friends !!!!!



Floor 8

Reporter: Jan Koole

We welcome Jannie Gazendam on our floor, we wish she will feel at home at her new surroundings and our community.

God's Helpers George W. Wiseman

'God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.'

Pamela Steadman writes:

LEAVING HOME and HOMELAND

As a teenager I came across a radio station broadcasting from high in the Andes mountains of South America just south of the equator. One Sunday afternoon I heard a doctor from Toronto, Canada tell of his dream to start a clinic/hospital to serve the native peoples of the mountains. That Sunday afternoon I knew in my heart what my life calling was. But it would require training as a nurse and as a missionary.

Thus on a fall day I had my first aeroplane rides as I boarded a plane to fly over the sea to Miami and then later another flight to Chicago. We landed there in the dark of night, around 4:00 am I think. I learned about Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and their Missions program which had courses such as World Religions, Emergency Health Situations, and the basics of caring for someone who was sick. At the airport I asked how I could get to LaSalle Street and I was shown the bus stop. After a short time I was the only one of the few people who had boarded the bus, and the driver told me it was "the end of the line". It was dark still and there was no one in sight. While I was pondering what to do, a man came around the corner and asked if I was wanting a taxi and I said yes. Off he went and soon a taxi cab appeared and took me to the main entrance of Moody Bible Institute and set my suitcase down beside me. Dawn was near but the entrance door was locked and I could not see anyone inside the foyer. So, with my suitcase in hand I headed for the taller building a block away. It turned out to be the women's dormitory and there was a buzzer to communicate.

It was the next day that I learned that, in the dark of night, I had been hanging around on Chicago's infamous "Skid Row", and that even around the safer area of the school, women were not to go out on the streets without a male chaperone. My first practical work assignment was teaching children in a well-known Mission in that area. We women had to be accompanied by men as we visited families in the area and brought children from their homes for the story time. So WHO WAS THAT MAN hanging around on Skid Row who did me no harm but got me a safe cab? Was he a GARDIAN ANGEL IN DISGUISE?



Floor 8 continued . . .

Audrey Wismer writes: On Monday April 30 we went on a mystery outing. We would like to thank Sarah for taking us to the Pewter Gallery and our surprise meal at the Old School House – Fancy! It will be hard to top this one.

Bob and Wilma Grove write:

We have been thinking a lot lately about age. We are 89 years now and are near the end of our time on earth. We are glad that the folks of Fairview apartments have so many activities and programs here. We not only can take part in things that make for healthy living but the enjoyment of it as well. We'd like to share this little article about age.

Do You Realize That The Only Time In Our Lives When We Like To Get Old Is When We're Kids?

If you're less than ten years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

"How old are you?"

"I'm four and a half."

You're never 4 and a halfYou're four going on 5.

You get into your teens; now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number.

"How old are you?"

"I'm gonna be 16."

You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16. Eventually.

Then the great day of your life: you become 21.

Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21....Yes!!

Then you turn 30.

What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21; you TURN 30.

Then you're PUSHING 40... stay over there.

You REACH 50.

You BECOME 21; you TURN 30; You're PUSHING 40; you REACH 50. Then you MAKE IT to 60.

By then you've built up so much speed, you HIT 70.

After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday...

You get into your 80's; you HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30pm.

My Grandmother won't even buy green bananas. "Well, it's an investment, you know, and maybe a bad one."

And it doesn't end there....

Into the 90's, you start going backwards. "I was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens; if you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half."

RESIDENT NEWS



Fairview Court

Reporter: Janet Clayton

Janet Clayton writes:

Chilly outside...Chili inside. On February 21st, 24 residents from Fairview Court attended a Chili Supper. We thought attendance was so good because people were fed up with winter and wanted something to do. Chili was good and everyone enjoyed the fellowship of their neighbours and friends.

On April 4th, Fairview Court held its Annual Meeting. Heather Congdon chaired the meeting with input from Jim Williams. Heather noted items that were completed since the last Annual Meeting, and then discussed items that were not completed. Several new issues were brought forward, hopefully they will be resolved to the satisfaction of both the tenants and Fairview. Of major concern is the deterioration of balconies. We were then introduced to the new CEO for Fairview, Elaine Shantz. Coffee, tea and cookies helped keep the meeting mellow. Consensus was the meeting went well.

April 14th, Wii bowling tournament planned between Fairview Court and Allan Reuter Centre was unfortunately cancelled, due to mother nature having her own plans – rain, freezing rain, ice and snow. However, 15 residents decided to play Wii, as we were confined to our apartments anyway. We had a good time playing. Earl Gerber had a high score of 212, and the winning team consisted of Doug and Dorothy Hoyt, Bruce Hart, Audrey Simpson. This was followed by social time and pizza supper. Good way to spend a crummy day. After, the die-hard card grannies played cards to finish off the day.

Arlene Burnett writes:

For ten days in the middle of April, my family and I enjoyed a trip to Belize – five days in the jungle and five days on an island in the Caribbean Sea. While on the mainland we canoed through a cave and saw some of the Mayan Ruins, saw where the Mennonites settled and many other sights and sounds. It is a birders paradise. Fishing and snorkelling were some of the activities while on the island – I stayed on the boat. We had a beautiful place to stay while we were there.

Lorraine Shuttleworth writes:

On April 14 we had planned a Wii tournament in our activity room. Twelve people from Allan Reuter Centre along with 15 people from The Courts were to play. That was the day of the ice storm so we phoned to cancel until April 28. The 15 people still had a game, ordered pizza and had a good afternoon. The weather was so bad we couldn't go anywhere anyways. We had a good afternoon. So, we did it again 2 weeks later. The count was down to 20 people. Some played 2 games. The winning team from Allan Reuter was Harry, Shirley, Ruby and Sandra who also had a high score and took the trophy home. We ordered pizza for supper and 12 stayed to play cards. It was a good day and we will do it again in the fall.

RESIDENT NEWS

*Fairview Suites*

Lois Rivers writes:

If we had no winter the spring would not be so pleasant

- Anne Bradstreet

At the end of April we enjoyed a bus trip to Paris for ice-cream. Many of the residents commented that it was the best bus trip they have had. We are planning another bus Trip on Wednesday, May 30th to Colour Paradise, a nursery in Mannheim, ON. We expect it to be a lovely outing and are looking forward to enjoying some beautiful flowers.

May has been a very busy month for us in the Suites. Java Music Club started on Tuesday mornings at ten. During Java Music we share life experiences, sing memorable songs and enjoy a cup of coffee.

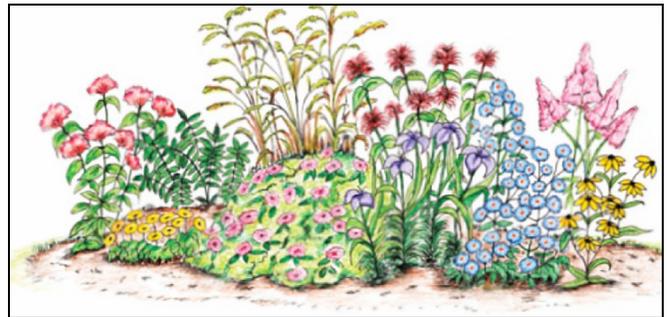
The Mother's Day Sale was a great success we made over \$1000.00. I now understand that we need to make more chocolate sweets - in one hour most of our chocolate was sold. We also enjoyed our Mother's Day Royal Tea, we had a total of 25 suites mothers attend the event. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake, lovely background music by a young man named Gregory, and of course a time to spend with friends and family.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new residents: Joan Bowen, Tina & Frank Vandenberg, Grace Meyer and Bill Rochester.

Many of our residents are soaking up the sunshine on the benches at the front of our building. I think I can speak for us all when I say we are so thankful the warm weather has come!

Advice for the Gardener:

Grow PEAS of mind
LETTUCE be thankful
SQUASH selfishness
TURNIP to help your neighbour
AND ALWAYS Make THYME for loved ones



Saturday June 17, 2018

RESIDENT NEWS



Fairview Preston School Apartments

Donna Zik writes:

Thank you to all the tenants to have donated to our new "Coffee Time Mondays". It is very much appreciated. Thank you to the donor who supported the purchase of our lovely new fireplace. We are all enjoying it.

Gary Jordan writes:

When last I wrote for this space I badly berated Warton Willie the weather forecasting rodent. I wrote he was wrong most of the time with his long-term weather forecasts and that I expected an earlier spring than did he. Well, I owe a big ground-squirrel apology to that wily little marmot. My bad. It turns out my prowess for long-term weather forecasting isn't quite up to snuff, and for this year, at least, the ground hog... one, Gary... zero. Good going Willie. I don't believe in shooting the messenger. (Willie likes that part.) Never let it be said that I'm a poor sport about such things.

So, here it is the end of April already and we are finally getting some nice Spring weather. As I'm writing this I can look out my window and see clear blue sky and a beautiful shining sun while the temperature is a balmy eleven degrees. (April 21) Finally the winter weather has passed, we hope for good.

Wait! Let's back up, just a bit. I'm talking about the end of April and forgetting to mention that on April 1st, we awoke to find all the postings on one panel of our bulletin board had been mysteriously turned up-side-down through the night. A bit of a prank. An April Fools trick played on our house and the lady who takes such good care of our bulletin board, Barbara S. I wonder who would have done such a thing. (wink wink)

Now, where was I? Yes, Winter has finally loosened its seemingly endless grip on our part of the country and is now allowing some marvellously nice weather to descend upon us. June 21st is only about two months away. We shall have Spring for now, short though it may be. That first day of Summer will surely issue in the new season with its own uniquely peculiar and sometimes amusing set of ups and downs. No, I'll not be making any weather predictions at this point. I have officially retired from long-term weather forecasting, given my recent inability to do so with any reasonable degree of accuracy.

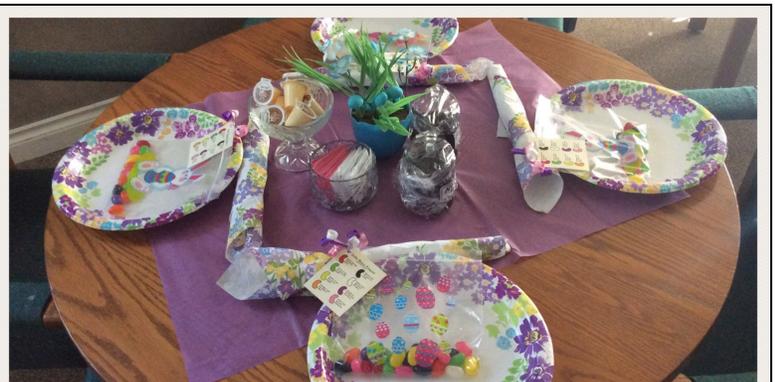
I've not done this before, mostly because I've not thought of it before. Since this time last year we have had some new tenants come to live with us here at Preston School Apartments. Their names have been mentioned in different issues and in another part of this publication, "Fairview News."

In this past year: Margaret C, Mary S, Angela and Gary G, Reginald S, and Doreen R, have all become tenants at PSA and I trust I can speak for everyone here when I say, "Welcome, all." You will most certainly be happy living here.

So I guess that's it for me.
I'm going to Horton's!

Right: Donna and Patsy preparing Easter Monday breakfast for the tenants. Thanks Ladies!

Submitted by Paulette Dawson





Long Term Care

Animal Ambassadors

Residents enjoyed a furry, scaly, slithery afternoon with Animal Ambassadors! We met a tarantula, lizards, rabbit, guinea pig, and even a King California Snake! Only the brave were petting the snake, spider and lizards. Such a fun (and educational) afternoon had by all!



Above: Jeni L. the brave! (above)



Right: Donna R. & Antonio C. getting up close to the snake!

On Thursday May 3rd a group of Residents feasted at the Old Marina on Puslinch Lake just outside of Cambridge. Unfortunately we didn't have the best weather so water skiing was out of the question but the amazing lunch made up for the rainy weather. A favourite spot for many of our residents.





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Butterfly Conservatory

“Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly”

Residents enjoyed a tranquil afternoon at the Wings of Paradise – Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory on Thursday April 19th.

Left: Andrew D. and Victoria (Activity Specialist) enjoying the beautiful lush gardens and warm temperatures.



6th Annual Father's Day Car Show & BBQ

Saturday June 16th 1:30-3:00 pm
(front parking lot – Langs Dr)

Join us for an afternoon of fun as you cruise through a variety of cars and motorcycles of all ages. We will have a hot dog BBQ lunch as well.

Have an old classic car? Motorcycle? New fancy car? We'd love to have you join us!

For more information please contact:

Heidi Elliott, Activities Manager LTC 519-653-5719 x4251

Proceeds go to purchasing new patio furniture!



Residents prepared for our Mother's Day Sale on May 10th and 11th. We made succulents, raisin treats and peanut butter desserts to sell to visitors, families, staff and residents. It all looks great and we had a fun time preparing for it!

Above: Laura's green thumb shining through!



In Memoriam

*“Blessed are they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”*

Matthew 5:4



Pauline McDonnell

November 14, 1920 – March 1, 2018

Cameron Schiedel

November 19, 1928 – March 5, 2018

Aileen Mollison

January 20, 1915 – March 25, 2018

Beryl Clemmer

September 7, 1929 – March 26, 2018

Iwan Jaworsky

January 26, 1925 – April 1, 2018

Doris Cress

July 23, 1926 – April 2, 2018

Alex Brown

June 10, 1931 – April 16, 2018

Russell Dunn

November 8, 1942 – April 30, 2018

Enrica Benedetti

July 2, 1920 – May 14, 2018

Lois MacIntrye

July 26, 1929 – May 15, 2018

Marie Hansen

November 30, 1929 - May 22, 2018

BLESSINGS



The residents of Fairview Mennonite Home maintain an ongoing passion for the world outside their doors. Donations have been presented to the following charities in the past three months:

Menno Homes

Christian Horizons

Salvation Army

Haven House

House of Friendship



Lisaard House

Hidden Acres

Cambridge Memorial Hospital

New Life Prison Ministry

The Bridges

April 26, 2018



Giving
Hope
Today

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank your residents for the donation of \$189.50 to the work of The Salvation Army Cambridge Citadel. We appreciate their continued support of our service to the community of Cambridge.

Again, many thanks and may God richly bless you.

Blessings,

Nicholas Samuel
Captain
NS/lc

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteer Tea

Shake a Volunteer's Hand

Volunteers are a very special breed.
They're not afraid to step in when they
see the need.

They're always willing to lend a hand,
To lift someone up who's sinking in
quicksand.

They always have something
encouraging to say,
And they manage to say it in the
kindest way.

They share their skills, talents and time.
And in return, they don't ask for a dime.

So the next time you meet with some
volunteers,
Shake their hands, and let them know
you're happy they're here.

Each year we celebrate our volunteers by hosting a "Volunteer Tea". It is a special afternoon to recognize and support all the work that volunteers do here at Fairview. Fairview currently has a whopping 185 volunteers who support the many programs, activities and special events that happen here.

We deeply appreciate all the time, skill and support that volunteers give to Fairview. Many of our programs would not happen if it was not for volunteers. Examples of this are Café 515, Fairview Library and the Handicraft Sale and Tea Room.

At our appreciation events we take a moment to honor some of our long service volunteers along with Volunteers of the Year. Our 2017 volunteers of the year were our Librarian; Barb Duncan, Pool Support and Friendly Visitor Carol Klawitter and Cindy Slotegraaf; Long Term Care volunteer. These ladies give of themselves on an ongoing basis, sharing their time, love and spirit with the residents and tenants of the Fairview community. We truly appreciate their commitment!

Sarah Feeney-Martin
Recreation & Volunteer Coordinator - Centre

Heidi Elliot;
Program and Volunteer Manager - LTC

