
CHELSEA GARDENS Newsletter



WE LOVE OUR POOL!



It was another hot summer and our pool was busier than ever. A record number of residents joined the group for pool exercise. Thanks to Evelyn Bailie who took this photo and the headcount: 17 in the pool and 6 on deck.

A GRAND PARTY

Our pool was also, at least the starting point for a very successful child centered event organised by Margy Jalbert. After finding wild jungle animal masks for photo props, Margy had chosen a jungle theme this year for her Grand Party. She had fun running to each dollar store for ideas that would go with that theme. She found balloons for decorating and to use for the draw and pool games, along with lions, tigers and bears for the fishing game!

A chance meeting with Dorie Hadder and her pet birds sparked an inspiration. Wouldn't exotic birds fit in well with the jungle theme? A call to the Exotic Bird Association yielded positive results.

Several members agreed to attend this children's event and bring their birds with them. They arranged to meet those who were interested down at the gazebo at 3:00 P.M. By that time most of our young ones had played all the available games and had a good swim so they were ready for something new.

Little Olivia Sullivan made two new friends but was caught here looking to grandma, Marilyn Sullivan, for a bit of reassurance.



By way of a thank you, the profits made on the sale of personalized ice-cream sundaes at this event were matched by the Social Committee and donated to the Exotic Bird Association!

RUMOUR HAS IT,
that Andy Evans, from the Kensington,
won a gold and silver medal in the
over 80 cycling events in the Senior
Summer Games.

PIRATE POOL PARTY

by Yvonne Brennan

Alluring wenches and swashbuckling pirates dotted the landscape of the pool patio Friday night, Aug. 5, as the Caribbean themed pool party, organized by Marie Orton, began.

Many delicious and interesting appetizers were served and were enjoyed by all.

After we feasted, the Chelsea Dancers, led by Margie Jalbert, entertained us with a dance and skit. We had a surprise visit from Jack Sparrow, who recently sailed into Chelsea Harbour.

Still, he was upstaged by our own Lucie Walker. This comely wench definitely stole the show.

After a sing song of sea shanties, the dancing began. Ashley Orton manned the sound system and many could not resist moving to our familiar beloved oldies.

Tickets were then sold for our usual 50/50. Joyce Doyle won the pot, which was \$101.



NEWCOMERS' WELCOME AT LAST!

By Terry Hyde

Finally, after many attempts and cancellations due to Covid, the Newcomers Sessions were held on August 28, 2022 in the Fireside Room.

Thirty newcomers attended, some bringing a friend or family member to hear what Chelsea has to offer and, more importantly, how to get that information. After picking up their name tags and wine tickets, the new residents had their pictures taken in the library by Gerry Helmer. Gerry would then direct them into the Fireside Room to enjoy a glass of wine, a cup of coffee or a glass of cold lemon water.

Once the guests were gathered, Barb Parker gave opening remarks to start the sessions. Terry Hyde spoke on the resident phone list; Zenon Jalbert discussed the importance of the web page and blog; Bob Hyde spoke on behalf of council and Ross Ruddick zoomed in from Ontario, gave a brief outline of strata duties and showed off his new grandson. Jerry Horne/Bruce Helmer gave a quick run-down on the workshop and Doug McLeod explained the Emergency Preparedness Program.

Following these presentations, snacks of calabrese and fruit skewers were passed around, glasses were topped up and residents were able to ask questions or get acquainted with their new neighbours.

CONFUSED?

Small wonder. Never have we had so many people taking such an active interest in their empties. The confusion has arisen because we have more than one collection project going on.

Rumour has it that it was Jules Sureau who got the idea first. A couple of years ago residents at the Windsor wanted new Christmas lights and it was Jules who suggested that they pool their recyclable beverage containers, collect the refunds and use these funds to buy lights. The plan worked. Perhaps that is why when Covid made the usual potluck style Christmas party too risky, residents decided to resort to a communal cash in of their empties to pay to have this annual get together catered. Bob and Kathy Hurley and Charlie Sweet took on the task of collecting and returning the bottles and cans. Restrictions being what they were, the party was delayed but was finally held outdoors on September 10th. By this time, Lloyd Anderson and Brian Coates had a similar project going but their contributors were not invited to a party.

That is because the need that gave rise to their endeavour was completely different. Some months before, caretaker, John Unger, had suggested that someone start a project like this in the Kensington since when he was making his morning rounds, he often came upon non-residents sorting through the recycle bins in the parking area there. There were security concerns. Brian and Lloyd stepped up to the plate. Brian set up the account with the bottle depot and

Lloyd put out dedicated containers in the secure portion of the garage. They hadn't been at it long when townhouse owners heard about it and wanted to be included. An effort was made to set up a separate account for them but there were some difficulties so their refunds too were deposited to the "Chelsea Bottle Fund" account. Most recently, the Mayfair has started contributing too. Like residents of the Kensington, they now have containers for recyclables in a secure area.

Collecting from townhouses is more labour intensive. Lloyd has been able to "borrow" the golf cart on Friday afternoons and then he picks up any items left in front of the townhouses. He had originally suggested leaving them in a clear bag in front of the garage door but has found that if a car is parked in the driveway, it is hard to see them so now suggests you leave your offerings roadside. He will leave a new bag for you.

The bottle depot has bent its usual rules and are allowing Brian and Lloyd to turn in more than three bags at a time. They have, however, asked that the bottles be picked out of the large bags and returned separately in smaller lots since the weight of the bags becomes an issue. More work for Lloyd.

So far \$1,600 has been deposited to the

Chelsea account. Tentative plans are to donate these proceeds to the Surrey Food Bank at Christmas time though if you have other charities you think would benefit, they would certainly be considered. But NO they are not doing all this work so you can have a party!



A GREAT WELCOME FOR A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN

Friday September 9th turned out to be a perfect evening for our Corn and Chili night.

Tables were set in the Pub and Library and many enjoyed dinner at the tables on the pool deck.

- the corn was picked fresh on Thursday
- corn on the cob and chili was served
- there was even second serving of chili if you wished.
- it was nice to be together and to have Ross and Maureen Ruddick join us for what may be the last time since Ross is retiring at the end of September.

Gail Carter was the winner of the 50/50.

What a great way for all of us to start the fall in Chelsea.



Joan Winter isn't a very big lady. Will she manage that huge cob of corn or will part of it go home for her lunch tomorrow?

LOSE SOMETHING?

It was a good solid drive but then Cathy Lockwood couldn't find her ball. Guess where it was!



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