

CHELSEA GARDENS Newsletter



They're back!

It was a long dry winter...from November 11th 2017 to March 23rd, 2018 to be exact. While it is not always true that ignorance is bliss, most of us have had occasions where we posed an innocent question that caused so much trouble, we wished we'd never asked. Such was the case when a resident started doing a bit of research and came to the social committee to suggest that when there was a cash bar we might be opening ourselves to legal liability that would not be covered by our insurer.

Well the thought of that possibility sure dried up the party spirits! It led to discussions with the Liquor Control Branch, with our insurer and ultimately with the lawyer that Crossroads retains on our behalf. Four months later we had an answer.



Gladys Bittner and Lucie Walker served the crowd that came out for a potluck dinner. The tables were groaning with the weight of all the food but the guests weren't complaining at all.

As long as we comply strictly with the terms of our liquor licence, any resident who suffers a mishap that can be attributed to our sale of alcohol is covered by our insurance. Visitors are not covered under our existing policy so council is looking into supplementary plans. More to come on that, I'm sure.

In the meantime we were very happy to see these ladies back in business on March 23rd.

The difference between:

This

And This

Is this:



Lloyd Anderson and Barry Miller are seen here rebuilding the base under the ball atop one of our fence pillars. Many of them needed to be repaired. We had a whole crew of volunteers out painting too. What a difference! Thanks guys. (Thanks too, to Zenon Jalbert who sent me this picture.)

Sun Run 2018

This is the 13th year that the Chelsea Walkers have participated in the Sun Run but they aren't the only Chelsea residents who join in these days.. Bob and Kathy Hurley's daughter used to lead a Sun Run clinic so they got started training with her. This year they have added some of their Chelsea neighbours and formed a team of their own.

We were lucky enough to catch all our participants at the main gate the morning of April 22nd.



Chelsea Walkers: Back row: Paul Davis, Al Dyck, Renate Cheetham, Gail Konings, Gladys Bittner, Marty Olsen. Front row: Margy Jalbert, Diana Petersen, Barb Gregg, Gladys Zemianski and Yvonne Brennan.

This year Renate came first in her age division and won yet another gold medal to add to her collection. Gladys Bittner placed 8th in the same division which is pretty impressive too.



The Walkamolees:

Anita Thompson, Cher Gleitman, Bob Hurley and Kathy Hurley were later picked up by two of their team mates who do not reside in Chelsea Gardens.

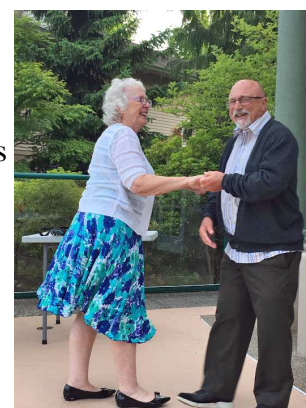
No Special Occasion, No Theme, No Problem!

I asked Gerry Helmer if she was going to the extended pub night and dance which we were having on May 26th. When she said, "yes," I asked if she would mind taking a few pictures. She did me one better. She submitted a write up too! I will have to remember to hire her more often. She's a great reporter and the price was right. Here's what she had to say:

"The hosts did a fantastic job. The DJs were excellent and enthusiastic! The wigs are now a somewhat accepted but weird trademark – probably the intention. The dance floor was busy all night - inside and out!

Ashley and Marie Orton had just jumped off a jet from England but found the time to show up for this extravaganza! Appetizers were plentiful.

The Chelsea Chick-Lets, led by Margy Jalbert, performed to Mustang Sally and Copperhead Road. The colourful changing lights over the fireplace added to the atmosphere. We need more party lights!"



Carolyn Swayze and Barry Jones took their moves outside where there was better light for our photographer.

Pool Opening!

Our pool opened on May 12 this year, a little earlier than usual. The weather cooperated so we were able to make the most of that additional week. Not many swam that first morning but there was a good sized group that turned up to drink coffee, eat Timbits and chat with friends.

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A Walk Down Memory Lane:

This year our traditional volunteer appreciation party had a different focus. We wanted to acknowledge some special residents who have made major contributions to Chelsea Gardens over the course of our community's two and a half decade history.



As Elaine Saunders said in the skit she prepared and performed in, the spotlight was on **Dave and Lois Pritchard**. And yes, there was a real spotlight! Space does not allow for a full itemization of their contribution but here's a sampling. Dave served on council, he organizes our bridge group, he leads sing-alongs and for many years has been a key organizer and participant in almost all our Christmas celebrations. Lois was chair of the social committee for several years. She has organized many of our social functions most notably the Canada Day horse races, the Spring Thing and the Christmas concerts. She is also a talented actress and playwright.



Diane and Lloyd Anderson are another couple whose energy and contribution to the community is mind boggling. Diane headed the social committee for a time. She has run the bar for several years now and she is in charge of the seasonal decorations we always have at the clubhouse. Lloyd served on council; he works on the irrigation crew and puts up Christmas light. He builds props, power washes, repairs fences...the list is endless.

Aydne Roberts was featured in this newsletter last fall when she gave up the job of caring for the clubhouse library. She had done that for 20 years. She was also on council for several terms back when this was a new complex. She was in charge of getting social activities up and running before we even had a social committee.

When **Bill Callagan** signs up to attend a volunteer appreciation party, he regularly fills in the blank where he is to indicate what it is he has done with one word. "Everything."

He is not exaggerating. He has been on council and the social committee. He was on the irrigation crew and he's put up outside Christmas lights both for the complex and for half his neighbours. He is an accomplished cook. His specialty is his English trifle but he also roasts turkey and cooks corn. He is a bit of a ham and plays a lead role in many of the Chelsea dramatic presentations.



Kay Oldman is always one of the first people we call



on when we want a volunteer to work on one of our big dinners, but she is best known as the lady in charge of our Wednesday morning coffee. She buys the supplies, instructs new coffee makers and makes reminder phone calls to the hostesses each week. She does this 51 weeks of the year and has done so since about 2004.

Yvonne Brennan has gathered and taught singers and directed a choir here in Chelsea Gardens for twelve year. Each Christmas this group performs at a Christmas concert. Yvonne served as chair of the social committee. She has also organized the entertainment for other events such as variety shows or lip syncing concerts. When not leading performances she can be found serving food or selling 50/50 tickets.



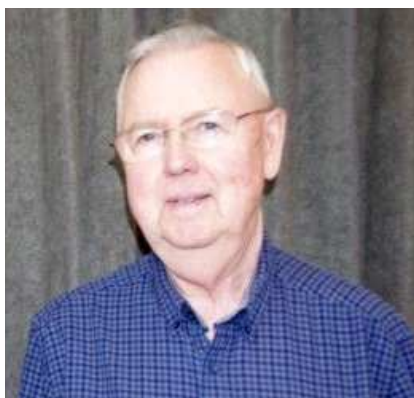
Reinhart Brust worked on the irrigation crew for many years. He organizes the group of men who put up our outdoor Christmas lighting. Reinie is not a fellow that you see at the pub for our Friday night get-togethers and many people are not aware that he and Bill Callagan come in every Saturday morning to empty the dishwashers and mop up the floors.



Gladys Bittner served on the social committee for several years and even did a brief stint on council. She is another of our most frequent bartenders. She is a dependable volunteer and if she is not tending bar will do any job she's asked to do.



Barry Miller led the irrigation crew for several years. He served as workshop supervisor and during the time that he spent there made the carts we store our chairs on and the roll out drawers for our kitchen cupboards. He knows his way around a kitchen and has often carved and served at our special dinners. He makes coffee and also plays host.



Lucie Walker served on the social committee for several years. She tends bar for most events. She is active in many of our dramatic presentation. Along with Simone Tait she sends out our sunshine cards for residents who are ill or have experienced a loss.



Date night?

Diana Petersen enjoys the view from her balcony on the west side of the fish pond. She's not always alone in her appreciation. Last month, she found she had company and grabbed this shot with her phone. This handsome fellow was perched on the roof of the townhouse next

door and was keeping a close eye on the family who were admiring the fish from the walkway around the

pond. As soon as they departed, he swooped down for a closer look...but maybe there was more to the story than that. He had no sooner landed at the pond's edge than he was joined by a second heron who flew in from the east. Are we to believe this was just a chance encounter? It looked prearranged to Diana!

At a recent meeting we were told that maybe we should quit chasing the herons away since apparently a lot of our problems with the murky water in the fish pond is because we have too many fish. So let them enjoy their dinner date.

Patti Scott and Jerry Horne had spent a couple of days earlier in the week draining and scrubbing down the pond. Bob and Kathy Hurley often take on the task. If some diligent fishers can reduce the problem, I am sure our volunteers would be relieved.