

Tollendale Tales

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“Those Dutch know sure know how to build, don’t they.” This was the unsolicited remark by a young man leaving Tollendale Village, probably after having done business here. The only reply I could think of in passing him was, “Thank you. Glad you’re recognizing it!” However, although about forty-five percent of residents’ last names appear to be Dutch, and not a few of them still like to speak that language, this is not a “Dutch” village. But, hey, we accept a compliment when we get it, don’t we. Compliments should actually go to the architects who had this in mind. Tollendale Village stands out as an attractive and friendly looking place. Just wait till next spring when all the landscaping will be in place.



The photo is a view of Tollendale Village from Cox Mill Road.

Closed on Sundays

By Peter Meyer

While ago I visited relatives in the area of Niagara-on-the-Lake, well known for its orchards and vineyards. The growing season is but short because of our long winters. In the summer every day counts to harvest the crops and sell them as quickly as possible at the best price. So I was surprised to see in the front yard of one of these farms a sign *Closed on Sundays*.

What a brave statement to make. Here is a family who is committed to close every Sunday. Just imagine the temptation to cater to the Sunday crowd out for a drive looking for fresh fruit from vines or trees. Financially, it could be the best day of the week. Obviously, money is not their first concern. That is already a breath of fresh air in a

society driven by making money. *Closed on Sunday* makes the bold assertion that there are more important values than chasing after gold and silver. We all know that, but to make it public takes some courage.

Fifty years ago it was still common practice to close all businesses and to stop working on Sunday. Church bells pealed to invite all people to come and worship the Creator and giver of all good things on this earth. We were reminded of the fact that we are spiritual beings created in the image of God, and therefore we needed to be in touch with him. It was great to hear that God created the heavens and the earth in six days and then rested on the seventh day. That pattern we were to follow. Without a doubt the best legislation ever passed.

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Labour unions are proud to tell us that they got us Labour Day as a holiday, but God gave every seventh day as a day of rest from work. It was to be a "holy" day, set aside to lift up our heads and contemplate where our help and blessings are coming from. We do not live by bread alone, Jesus says.

The Spirit provides us with food for the soul: love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, patience, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. Above all we are encouraged to focus on Jesus, who shows us the way to the Father. His life has been an inspiration for all mankind for thousands of years. If you have watched the movie "The Passion Of The Christ" then you must have stood in awe of his willingness and determination to show and give us a better life. Yet how many people are willing to follow him?

More and more people are avoiding churches. It is said that there are too many hypocrites there. I know. I am one of them. The whole world may accuse me of being a hypocrite, but on Sunday I love to hear the words of Jesus who does not accuse me but says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal Life." I am a spiritual being and therefore these words are like honey on my tongue.

I am thankful for those brave people who put the sign in their front yard saying *Closed on Sundays*. They are not preaching to anyone, only stating what they believe is important to them and living it. The sign stopped me for a while in the flow of this fast-paced, stressed-out society and made me think. Sometimes I hear the expression we need to recharge our batteries, as if we were mechanical objects. On the contrary, we have a soul and it longs for peace. It is not only at Christmas time that we long for peace on earth, peace in our hearts and souls. I wish it would flow through me all the time. One family decided to stop the business of the world every Sunday and open their eyes and hearts to the blessings of God. May their sign encourage many others to follow this example.



Sid's report

Report for Tollendale Tales by the executive director, August 22 2004

What a summer we've had! The weather was not representative of a usual Ontario summer with the below seasonal temperatures, but we continue to be thankful to God for his faithfulness. Perhaps we will have saved some money on air conditioning expenses. No matter what the circumstances, we should always be able to find something to be grateful for. It all depends on how we look at things. I recently heard someone say, "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change". How true.



Residents on the south side of Trinity Woods will be able to see the seasonal changes first hand

Trinity Woods

As I indicated in my previous report, we have now seen most of the residents move into Trinity Woods, and we welcome them all. The contractor is completing some of the exterior items, as well as some items in the common areas of the building. I certainly appreciate the cooperation of all Trinity Woods residents during this construction period.

Sonrise Place

It is anticipated that Sonrise Place will be ready for occupancy in early October. For those moving into Sonrise Place, we advised you by letter about a slight delay for some of the floors. Once again we

appreciate your patience. We will do whatever we can and is reasonable to ensure minimal impact on your arrangements.

Underground parking

The underground parking garage should be available around the first of September and the Village Square ready for occupancy by October 15.

Landscaping

All of the exterior landscaping work should also be completed early this fall.

Video surveillance system

As part of the construction process we are also installing a video surveillance system that will include lobby cameras and a chapel camera. When completed, these will be available for viewing on your TV on Channel 18 and 67 respectively.

Chaplain

We continue to search for a chaplain and have received a number of applications. I will review these with the Spiritual Care Committee.

Obey the rules, please

Our gardening committee has asked me to remind all residents with pets, that dogs are not allowed on the grassed areas of our Village. Even if the pet owner “scoops the poop”, it tends to leave dead spots in the grass. Better access to the garden plots is included in the landscaping work. In the meantime please use the narrow path to the right of garden home no 1.

Rezoning

The City has recently approved a request for rezoning to allow a doctor to set up practice on our premises and also allow a bank to serve other members of the public. We are now in negotiations with several parties to provide these services.

Rennie's plants

Once again Mr. Rennie de Boer has been supplying the Village with many flowers and plants. We extend to him our appreciation for these donations and look forward to having Rennie and Helen join us as residents.

Piano for chapel

The Board of Directors has approved the purchase of a grand piano for the new 450-seat chapel. We estimate the cost to be about \$30,000.00 and would be pleased to receive donations to help defray the

cost of this instrument. We remind you that we are a registered charity and any gifts will be receipted and are tax deductible. Please send your donations directly to our office.



These villagers made sure they arrived early for the August picnic organized by the tenant committee

Annual General Membership Meeting

Our annual general membership meeting will be held sometime in late November; however no firm date has been set. Details will be sent to all members when the date has been confirmed. The terms of three board members will expire. John Eisses and Ricki Kapteyn have each served one three-year term and are eligible for re-election; John Kassies has completed two three-year terms and will not seek re-election. If you wish to nominate someone to the Board please submit your nomination to the Board of Directors through the office. Sid Tjeerdsma

Harmonica Club

September 14 at 7 p.m.

Clarence Scheepstra, member of an Orillia harmonica (mouth organ) club, who is now residing in Trinity Woods (C304), is wondering whether any Tollendale residents are interested in joining such a group here. Make sure you come to the concert on Tuesday, September 14, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room in Eden Hall. There will be a free-will collection to defray expenses and in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. The group has about 180 hymns on its repertoire and “many oldies”, says Scheepstra. They play in nursing homes, hospitals, at church anniversaries, among others. Three more members of the Orillia group will move into Tollendale Village this fall.

Combined meeting Tollendale Tenant Committee and Spiritual Care Committee July 14 2004

John Eissies (SCSCH Inc.) chaired the meeting. He opened with prayer.

Elaine Hardstone reported on findings of the ad hoc committee, consisting of Adriana Frouws, Elaine Hardstone, Sieb Smilde and Freddy Stoof. This ad hoc committee had the task of gathering information regarding pianos and organs suitable for the chapel.

The committee had soon agreed that a grand piano of at least six feet is needed for the chapel that will have a seating capacity of about 400. Elaine pointed out that if we have a good instrument we will be able to attract better musical talent. The piano will be used for chapel services, vesper services, sing-alongs, and for visiting groups and choirs. A piano will cost approximately \$25,000. Not-for-profit groups qualify for a 15% discount.

Sieb Smilde reported on organs and availability of organs. He investigated Content and Galanti organs. These are electronic organs. Prices run around \$32,000. (Pipe organs are way beyond Tollendale's price range.) Sieb also suggested that the Board read the pamphlet *Acoustics in Worship*.

The chairman thanked the ad hoc committee for its diligent work. The consensus of the combined committee meeting was that we should aim for a 6-foot grand piano. A suggestion on how such a purchase might be financed was passed on to the Board.

Gord Tawton and Peter Vegter are willing to work on a suitable lectern for the new chapel. The next meeting will take place at the call of the chairman.

Tollendale Tenant Committee business



Information gleaned from minutes of recent TTC meetings

(Note: Meetings are always opened and closed with prayer.)

July 22 2004 meeting

Present: Madlyn Bertrand, Bob Hovius, Liz Snieder, Freddy Stoof, Reta Tanner, Pim van der Toorn, Marguerite Vellinga
Absent: Peter Vegter

1. The date of the Market Day will be announced later. The cost per table will be \$15.00 for villagers and \$25.00 for outsiders.
2. For treasurer's report see: Financial Report, on page 5.
3. The minutes of the combined meeting of the Tollendale Tenant Committee and the Spiritual Care Committee were read and discussed.
4. Freddy Stoof reported that the strawberry and waffle breakfast was a success.
5. Freddy is looking into the possibility of having a villagers' picnic in August.
6. Marguerite Vellinga will obtain a list of new villagers. Along with other volunteers, she and Madlyn Bertrand will visit everyone and leave a pamphlet outlining activities in Tollendale Village.
7. A proposal to use the name villagers instead of tenants or residents in tenant committee correspondence was accepted. The name Tollendale Tenant Committee will remain as it is.
8. Four women have offered to organize a Victorian Tea in the early fall. This would be a great time to get acquainted with new villagers.
9. The idea of having a golf-pro to come and give a talk will be discussed in the early spring.
10. Mr. Clarence Scheepstra will try to organize a harmonica club in Tollendale Village. (See also: Harmonica Club, on page 3.)

The next TTC meeting will be held on August 26.

August 26 2004 meeting

Present: Bob Hovius, Liz Snieder, Freddy Stoof, Reta Tanner, Peter Vegter, Marguerite Vellinga, Pim van der Toorn

Absent: Madlyn Bertrand

1. Business arising from the minutes: Market Day will take place on Saturday, October 23, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Victorian tea will take place in the spring of 2005.
2. The picnic was well attended despite the cool afternoon. Notes and cards of thanks were received.
3. There will be a harmonica concert on September 14, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room in Eden Hall. A donation for the Children's Wish Foundation will be received.
4. A bus trip to the Bill Gaither Choir Homecoming Concert is being planned for Saturday, September 25. The bus will leave Tollendale Village for Toronto at 1:30 p.m.

Concert time is 6 p.m. The cost is \$80.00 per person. Watch for more information on the weekly calendars and on the bulletin boards.

5. A Talent Evening is also in the works. Villagers may already begin preparing their songs, poems, skits and more. This can be a most interesting evening. More information will follow.
6. A barbecue has been donated to our Village. We sent a letter of appreciation to Mr. Stephen Fox for his many donations of bakery products.
7. Marguerite and Madlyn have been busy organizing the welcome visits to new residents.
8. Some villagers have voiced concern about dogs not being kept off lawns. Peter Vegter will take this concern to Sid Tjeerdsma.
9. Bob Hovius will write a note for *Tollendale Tales* about when and how the games room can be used.

The next TTC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23 2004.

Financial reports



Tenant fund

Previous balance on hand: \$1,059.96

Income from coffee social \$173.50

Bank interest \$0.12

Total \$1,233.58

Expenses: Strawberry breakfast - \$81.68

Mileage - \$28.00

July: Balance on hand – \$1,123.90

Income: Strawberry breakfast – \$99.25

Coffee social - \$95.50

Total - \$1,318.65

Expenses: Binder for secretary - \$4.01

August balance on hand – \$1,314.64

Chapel donations

July: \$312.30

August: \$405.00

“Welcome Villagers” booklet

Several people have prepared the red booklet that will be given to all new residents. It shows how we can participate in the life of Tollendale Village. The monthly calendar and the large weekly calendars posted on the bulletin boards provide detailed information.

From Kali Mas to the Moira River to Lover’s Creek

By Julie Christiaanse



Repko and Gezina Popma relaxing on the balcony of their apartment in Trinity Woods

Gezina Popma, reflecting on the big changes in her life, says, “It is hard on me. From a house to an apartment, without a garden. But the balcony can become a little garden. We can sit outside and have breakfast ...” Gezina and Repko Popma’s apartment is on the first floor of Trinity Woods and overlooks the woods adjacent to Lover’s Creek. The woods and creek remind them of Plainfield, north of Belleville, and the Moira River that ran right behind their property. They had named the house where they lived for twenty-five years following Repko’s retirement from the gospel ministry, after another river, *Kali Mas*, or *River of Gold* (in Indonesian). The Kali Mas runs through Surabaya (Indonesia) where the Popma family lived for many years.

The move to Tollendale was not easily made, but Repko and Gezina are in their early nineties and had to admit that a change became necessary. Repko says, “We looked in other places, closer to where we were, but our children wanted us closer to them and in more beautiful surroundings.” With the help of their children the move went smoothly. “But it is a big step,” says Gezina.

Many close ties with church and neighbourhood communities had to be cut, or at least lengthened. They received fond farewells from the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Belleville and the

small local Presbyterian congregation they also attended. I was shown a large card with many pictures of the beautiful surroundings of their home and signed with numerous greetings, well wishes and memories of their time as members of the Belleville congregation. Neighbours organized a farewell barbecue and presented them with a photo album to which all had contributed pictures.

Married a few months before the beginning of the Second World War in the Netherlands, the Popmas first served the Reformed Church of Vreeland-Nigtevecht. (Another Trinity Woods resident was one of Repko's catechism students there.) Repko had to hide from the German occupiers and Gezina says she "had to be strong". They left Holland for Java (Indonesia) in 1947 to do mission service for their denomination and stayed for ten years. Three children had been born in Holland and they had three more in Indonesia. Gezina was often alone as her husband travelled to visit churches in other parts of the archipelago.

After just a brief time in Holland, the Popmas emigrated to Victoria (B.C), serving the newly established Christian Reformed Church there for eight years. "People needed us," says Gezina. Repko knew he needed help with the English language so local high school students became his teachers.

Then came another big move across Canada, to Trenton, Ontario, where they served for fourteen years until Repko's retirement.

The Popmas like the location of their apartment that overlooks the woods at the back of Trinity Woods. "The Lord has brought us so far. He will take care of us here too. He has provided in so many different ways. It [the move] is a little scary," remarks Gezina, "but at least we're still together. That's a privilege."

They know they'll have to get used to a different lifestyle. "We were isolated there," says Repko, "Here we have a community."

Bridge and Euchre scores

July

Bridge

1st Mary VanderKlugt – 9,380 points

2nd Frank Benum – 8,920 points

3rd Aly Brandsma – 8,210 points

4th Marguerite Vellinga – 8,140 points

Euchre

1st Aly Brandsma – 184 points (6 lone hands)

2nd Edna Mitchell – 164 points (3 lone hands)

3rd Anne Light – 159 points

Bid-Euchre

1st May VanderKlugt – 662 points

2nd Marguerite Vellinga – 592 points

3rd Aly Brandsma – 558 points

August

Bridge

1st Frank Benum – 14,210 points

2nd May VanderKlugt – 13,440 points

3rd Trix Spaans – 11,320 points

4th Ken Clubine – 10,090 points

Euchre

1st Ken Tye – 212 points (3 lone hands)

2nd Aly Brandsma 212 points (2 lone hands)

3rd Betty Maw – 197 points (4 lone hands)

4th May VanderKlugt – 169 (7 lone hands)

Bid-Euchre

1st Anne Light – 612 points

2nd May VanderKlugt – 564 points

3rd Anne Crane – 550 points

4th Ken Tye – 428 points

Story ideas

We welcome your story ideas. If you have a story about life in Tollendale Village, or know of someone I should talk to, please get in touch with me. We publish original work only and items will be edited. But don't worry, that's my job. Julie Christiaanse (G15 – 728-4739)

Be a responsible villager

A message from Bob Hovius

The large game room is open to all villagers every day of the week, but not at all times. At certain times there is organized playing going on. Look at your calendar to see when shuffle board, darts, or lawn bowling is scheduled. There were no organized games in July and August. We are asking you to not walk on the shuffleboard court. Children always have to be supervised by an adult. If you use the large game room outside organized game times you are responsible for the clean up.

Marie's Notes

Colorectal Cancer Presentation

*Colorectal cancer:
Protect yourself now!*

Did you know that colorectal cancer is the #2 cancer killer in Ontario? Ontario has one of the highest rates of colorectal cancer in the world.

But a simple, painless test can find colorectal cancer early, when it is over 90% curable.

Join public health nurse Maryanne LaBrash for an informative discussion of colorectal cancer and how you can protect yourself now.

Thursday, October 21 @ 10 a.m.
Meeting place to be determined

Fundraiser in support of Alzheimer research "*Coffee Break*", in support of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, will take place on Thursday, September 23. We will have a set-up in all three lobbies. Please call me (Marie) if you are able to volunteer some of your time to bake or help out with the coffee making or serving. "*Coffee Break*" is a national event, held to raise funds for research and education. All money raised will remain in Simcoe County to offset the cost of educational and support programs for family members and caregivers. In Simcoe County over 5000 suffer from this devastating disease. In Canada 364.000 people over the age of 65 have Alzheimer disease or related dementia with this number expected to rise to 750.000 by 2031.

Flu Clinic

The Simcoe County Health Unit will conduct a flu shot clinic free of charge at Tollendale Village on Tuesday, November 16 from 3-8 p.m. The clinic will be open to the public.

Vials of Life

Shoppers Drug Mart has provided the "Vials of Life" for our residents. Your medical information can be placed in this vial that has to be kept in the refrigerator door so that in case of an emergency the information is easily accessible. A magnet, included in the kit, should be placed on the outside of the fridge door. This will tell ambulance attendants that your information is in the fridge. I ask all villagers who have not received the

"Vial of Life" to come to the nursing office to pick one up. Or you may call me at 726-1213.

Fitness

Fitness classes take place the basement of Eden Hall in the shuffleboard room on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m.



Daily exercise is important at any age and Ivy Vanderwal has a smooth ride on her new bicycle

Here at Tollendale

We welcome:

In Eden Hall

Frances Palmer – A108

In Bethany Gables

Alice Galipeau – B304

Jean Moss – B315

In Trinity Woods

Alle, Harry & Mary C213; Aylett, Edward & Thelma C003; Ball, John & Marguerite C309; Ball, Orley & Esther C209; Blom, Albertus & Hendrika 113; Bowman, Paul & Margaret C218; Brooks, Jean C208; Brouwer, Andy & Jane C308; Campbell, William & Marjorie C207; Connacher, John & Doreen C303; Cook, Alma C111; Crane, Anne C316; DenBoer, Pieter C103; Divine, Harold & Patricia C312; Girard, Barry & Joyce C105; Haan, Charmaine C201; Harmston, Kenneth & Mary C210; Hazenberg, Frances C202; Heemskerk, Sara C101; Hall, Jean C302; Hutchinson, Iris C104; Kort, Henry & Shirley C102; Kuntz, Fred & Ina C005; Langlois, Gillies & Jeanette C115; Leibholz, Klaus & Victoria C112; Lindross, Margaret C118; Lucas, John & Diane C203; Mathews, Helen C215; Mendel, Bill & Flo C116; Miedema, Ken & Marie C205; Mohlmann, Ed & Ina C006; Mout, Jan & Elaine C310; Parent, Phyllis C315; Popma, Repko & Geziena C108; Portengen, Frank & Nelly C307; Putt, Beryl C217; Raison, Evelyn C314; Rutters, Johanna C204; Scheepstra, Clarence & Ellen C304; Scott, Norman & Elisabeth C004; Short, Ruth C009; Simonse, Lawrence & Margaret C305

Smith, Ina C107; Stevens, C. Laman & Enid D. C311
 Tanner, Rita C216; Tripp, Anne C117; Tye, Kenneth &
 Dorothy C318; VanderKoooy, Harry C109
 Van Dyke, Sidney & Hedy C002; Verkaik, Anthony &
 Johanna C313; Versluis, Joan C001; Virgoe, Betty
 C301; Visser, Taeke & Agnes C106; Wigle, James &
 Margaret C114; Wright, Thelma C317



The Communities in Bloom judges couldn't miss the sunflowers in Trix Spaans' garden

Tollendale in Bloom

By Peter Meyer

On August 11, a group of twelve villagers – Cor and Lieske Langhout, Peter Meyer, Bryce Moore, Martin Sytsma, Hank and Janny Stassen, Albert and Nellie VanderHorst and Peter and Ann Vegter – all interested in gardening, attended the luncheon arranged by the City of Barrie where they met the judges of the Communities in Bloom programme. These judges were Ted Blowes from Stratford, Ontario and Matthew Rosen from Des Moines, Iowa. They explained that they do not only look at the flower blooms, but that the combined effort of council, staff and community in making the city attractive and environmentally aware is judged. We learned that we were part of a group of six cities: Aberdeen (Scotland), Brantford and Oshawa (Ontario), Kelowna (British Columbia) and Zlin in the Czech Republic. The results of their judging will be made known at the end of September.

Later on in the day the judges came to our village and we gave them a tour of the grounds. They were impressed and pleased with what they saw.

All you villagers are to be commended for making your balconies so colourful with flowers and keeping your gardens in bloom. Many others have expressed their admiration for the colourful displays in Tollendale Village. We thank you for your participation. Thanks also go to Rennie De Boer who has supplied us with all kinds of plants. Peter Vegter and Albert VanderHorst have done a great job in looking after the flowerbeds. You deserve our applause.

Barrie Dragon Boat Festival

After many weeks of anticipation and paddle practice, August 28 finally arrived. What a glorious day it was! Fifty-four boats took part. My team was one of four breast cancer survivor teams. The competition was high calibre, and although my team finished in fourth place, we are all winners because we are survivors. Our aim was to start and paddle and finish in unison. We accomplished that and were blessed with perfect weather, sportsmanship, camaraderie, good food, and many new friends. Our tribute ceremony to remember those who have not survived cancer was especially moving. My team very proudly accepted the "Festival Spirit Award." Our race times over 400 metres were 2 min. 12 sec., 2 min. 13 sec. and 2 min. 17 sec. I thank all my friends of Tollendale Village for their monetary support and best wishes. Your generosity of money and moral support helped me raise \$1,265.00 for our regional cancer centre. I am blessed to live in such a caring community and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Paddle up!

Ina Smith

Women's and Men's Bible studies

The first meetings of the season are planned for Tuesday, September 14 in the meeting room in the basement of Eden Hall at 9:30 a.m. for the women, and on the second floor meeting room in Bethany Gables 10 a.m. for the men.



*God bless the friend
 Who see my needs and reaches out a hand
 Who lifts me up, who prays for me
 And helps me understand.*

Amanda Bradley

(Submitted by Mary Hekkenberg)

Meet Flo Mendel and Della

By Julie Christiaan



Flo Mendel and her guide dog Della on one of their rounds

Flo and Della walking together has become a familiar sight on the grounds of Tollendale Village. Flo Mendel is blind and Della, a Black Lab, “works” for her. Flo has come to Tollendale with her husband Bill, an Alzheimer patient. For many years the Mendels owned a farm near the 8th Line in Medonte. Photographs of that farm and of farms in Friesland (The Netherlands) where both grew up are displayed in their apartment, as are photographs of children and grandchildren. Friends told them about our village. Flo does not have to be prompted to say that she has found people in Tollendale very friendly and helpful. “Everywhere in the halls and outside they greet me”, says Flo. “They have taken me to the exercise group and the dining room, and someone has brought me a cake. They will do anything for me.” Friends have also been most willing to walk with Della during the first days after Flo had undergone an operation made necessary by carpal tunnel syndrome. For close to twenty years Flo has had no sight at all. Her condition, retinitis pigmentosa, was discovered in 1981. From that time on, till 1986, when she had no vision left, Flo learned all she could about living without sight. Among those skills were Braille and typing. “So my parents could read my letters,” she says. Flo says that she has never stopped learning. She adapted to the changing circumstances in many ways. She still crochets and does some knitting while listening to “talking books”, “so I won’t fall asleep,” says Flo.

Although now making use of Meals on Wheels, Flo hopes to soon be able to do cooking and baking again.

She did have to get used to her new surroundings. Once more she found out that “walls don’t move”. Then she has to remind herself of what her mobility teacher repeatedly told her: Stick out your hand! “I must not do things in a hurry,” she adds. “I have to count how many socks I put in the dryer...”

Bill Mendel is awaiting placement in a nursing home, because the task of caring for her husband is becoming too difficult for Flo. Right now, he is happy to spend several hours each weekday in an IOOF adult daycare centre. This gives Flo an opportunity to do “all the things I have to do.”

When I called early one evening to ask whether I might interview Flo, she was not home, but attending a concert in Roy Thompson Hall (with Della, of course). It was an outing with her Club 60 friends. This outing was only one of many activities this group of people, who are either blind or have very limited vision, organizes. Flo is a member of the Canadian Council for the Blind and volunteers for the CNIB. “The CNIB has been good to me,” says Flo. Her mobility teacher has shown her the way around Tollendale Village and Flo’s sister from the Netherlands came over to help her adjust to the new situation

Learning the new surroundings has also been demanding on Della, but “she’s a quick learner,” says Flo. Della knows that when the harness goes on she is on duty. Just like other dogs, she thrives on praise. Once in a while she’ll tease her mistress by pretending that a different apartment door is theirs. But Flo can tell when she is in a “fooling” mood just by the little twitch of her harness.

Flo gets depressed sometimes, but not for long. “Every home has a cross,” she says. “For some it’s just bigger than for others.” One thing she is looking forward to doing is being able to take the bus into town. “I do not sit still,” she says.

Flo likes it when people stop her when she is out walking with Della. “They shouldn’t interfere with the dog,” she says, “but people can still talk to me.”

Tollendale Birthdays

September 1 Alice Galipeau

September 8 - Mary Harmston

September 8 - George Thompson

September 9 - Zelma Zdanovskis

September 13 – Francis Palmer

September 13 - Francine Visser
 September 14 - Elizabeth Strootman
 September 15 - Cor Bos
 September 15 - Charlotte Pratt
 September 15 - Gerda van Strien
 September 17 - Wilhelmina Schep
 September 18 - Sylvia Small
 September 18 - Ruth Wylie
 September 19 - Jan Van de Ven
 September 20 - James Wigle
 September 23 - Jane Brouwer
 September 25 - Beryl Putt
 September 26 - June McCutcheon
 September 29 - Ed Mohlmann
 September 30 - Hilda Rupce



October 1 - Ann Verkaik
 October 4 - Hedi Van Dyke
 October 5 - Edith French
 October 5 - Frances Hazenberg
 October 6 - Ricky Blom
 October 6 - Gord Tawton
 October 7 - Johanna Kroesen
 October 7 - Mary Ruddick
 October 10 - Eve Mann
 October 11 - Geziena Popma
 October 12 - Dorothy Hunter
 October 14 - Ron Menary
 October 15 - Anna Bankavs
 October 15 - Dorothy Jackson
 October 15 - Alberdina Munro
 October 16 - Margaret Jerry
 October 17 - Henry Kort
 October 17 - Norman Scott
 October 17 - Laurence Simonse
 October 20 - Albert Blom
 October 20 - Pauline Charters
 October 22 - Victoria Leibholz
 October 23 - Reta Tanner
 October 23 - Donald Wood
 October 24 - Ninka Hovius

October 24 - Theo Rekman
 October 26 - Lucille Wesson
 October 27 - Paul Bowman
 October 27 - Stella Jones
 October 27 - Anthony Verkaik
 October 27 - Thelma Wright
 October 28 - Rika de Hoog
 October 29 - Irene Cassidy
 October 30 - Francine Siderius
 October 31 - Marjorie Campbell

A buzz from the Busy Needles

*Attention, ladies! Did you see
 That some of us were busy as a bee?
 The fruit of our work hangs on the wall
 Between Bethany Gables and Eden Hall.
 Socks and slippers, sweaters with zippers,
 Baby sweaters, toys or blankets,
 The colour of roses,
 And teapots hiding Kleenex for dirty noses.
 When you take a walk, see what we've got.
 The proceeds go all in the Tollendale pot.
 It pays for things like a picnic or a new game,
 All those extras, too many to name.
 Do you see something you like? Give us a call.
 It could very well save you a trip to the mall.
 So, happy browsing and many good wishes.*

For the Busy Needles – Gerrie VandeVis

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