Dreams
By Peter Meyer G15

Dreams are hard work. At night I begin to yawn and I rub my eyes. My mind tells me it is sleepy and my body agrees. So I lay me down to sleep and expect that my mind and body will totally relax. Some people then like to go to dreamland. Sometimes my mind also likes to go there but for me that is often a frustrating experience. While I am sleeping there is a part of my mind that likes to play tricks and practical jokes with me. It makes me do all kinds of work and activities that normally I would not do at all. The other night I was in dreamland and found myself spray-painting a house with olive-coloured paint. Paint was running down the pillars and even covers the windows. It was a mess that I could not stop. I was in agony. To my great relief I woke up tell my mind to leave me alone, to turn it off.

Just last night I was in another predicament. For some reason I had to make a visit to someone who lived in an underground mine and the only way to get there was through one of the drawers under the kitchen counter. I was sweating with anxiety.

To be fair I have to admit that I had one sweet dream in which I was flying effortlessly above everyone else, as easily as the men who fly around in a spacecraft far above the earth. But most of the time my dreams turn out to be little nightmares. I do not know why someone called them that. To me they are more like night frights, nothing to do with mares.

I am not a student anymore and yet in a dream that appears from time to time I am trying to find the class I have to attend and am running up and down the college corridors from one building to another, yet never getting there.

The frustrating part of all of this is that it is my own mind that is doing it to me. Psychologists say that dreams are important because they try to tell us something. Well, perhaps my mind is telling me that I should take a course in spray painting in an underground mine. Perhaps my mind tells me that I am still young enough to go to college. That is dreamland all right. You can tell I do not like night dreams.
Daydreaming is altogether another matter. Daydreaming is relaxing. I can let my mind go in all directions and let it fly like a kite in the sky. I can dream the impossible dream. I can dream with my words I can fashion something that will last as long as the fine furniture people make with their hands.

When Martin Luther King said, "I have a dream" it was a daydream that was not confusing but easily understood. The dream took on flesh and blood. We ate and drank it. Yet it took hard work to accomplish it. It even took his life.

Actually, all our lives are dreams come true. We may dream of being princesses and heroes. We may dream of far away countries. Our forefathers dreamed of sailing around the world and of being able to fly. Some even dreamed of space and of exploring the moon. The dream became a spaceship.

When I was young and sitting in a stuffy office filing life insurance policies all day long, I dreamed of wide, open spaces where the deer and the antelope play. Canada became my country.

Shyly, I dreamed of a girl who would share my life. We have been married fifty years. Together we dreamed of a home with children. The dream took on flesh and blood. Our dreams have true. At the end of our lives we say that we never could have dreamed of achieving and accomplishing so much.

Not so long ago we watched the Olympics and during the events I heard the expression "dreams come true" more than at any other time. I would not be surprised if this whole universe in which we live began as a dream. I can imagine that God who is spirit dreamed of a physical universe of stars, moons and planets. Just as a painter fills the empty space on his canvass with colourful paints to create an image so I can think that God wanted to fill the empty space with beautifully handcrafted atoms. He let them down like snowflakes falling into patterns of his design. They began to glow with light and they set out on their courses according to the directions of their Creator. Then he dreamed of atoms that would combine into plants of every kind and atoms that would bind together to form animals of every kind. As a final touch God said, "Let us make human beings after our own image" and he touched these atoms with his own hand and signature. HUMAN BEINGS, a beautiful dream come true, human beings who can dream dreams. When Rembrandt paints the guards of the famous "Night Watch" in all their glory, it is not those men but Rembrandt who receives the honour and praise for making that renowned painting. You would think that the same holds true for the Creator of this universe and world of mankind. However, our human dreams turned to thinking that we are like gods and can dream of handling both good and evil. It turned out to be a nightmare. Like Snow-White who ate the poisoned apple and had to be awakened by the kiss of the prince, so we have to be awakened from the evil that poisons us by the Prince of Peace. Jesus has a dream of a kingdom where people are at peace with one another and with God. He was willing to lay down his life for it so that it would take on flesh and blood. He even sent his Spirit to mankind so that they all would dream the same dream of peace on earth. It will take hard work to make this dream come true. Dreams do come true.

View from the Camerons’ window
You may have seen one of the “Christmas stars” made by Hans Poppler in the workshop. Made of sixteen pieces of wood, it turns in the breeze and makes different shapes – one of which is a star. One of Mildred and Stuart Cameron’s daughters took this picture from the balcony of the Bethany Gables apartment.

Sid’s report
Executive Director’s report, April 28, 2006

"Spring is here; the grass has riz; O what a busy time this iz:"

Additional maintenance staff
Our maintenance department is echoing this refrain as we gear up for the spring and summer season. Now that Tollandale Village has been fully occupied for some time, we have a much better understanding of the efforts required to maintain such a large and beautiful facility as ours. As a result we needed to hire another staff member in the maintenance department. After numerous interviews we are pleased to announce that Mr. Hank Veenstra has joined our staff. To help offset the cost of the additional salary, Hank will also be
responsible for the lawn and grass cutting and we will not be contracting out this work. We welcome Hank to our staff.

**Budget increases expected**
This past month we have also been busy working on the upcoming budget for the next fiscal year beginning in September 1, 2006. We will notify our residents by the end of May what will be the impact on their maintenance and other monthly charges. We are experiencing significant increases in some of the fixed costs over which we have no control, including among others taxes and hydro charges. There is also an increased demand for our nursing services and these additional costs will need to be reflected in the new budget.

**Waiting list policy**
The Board has established a new waiting list policy which we believe is much more fair and equitable to our members and applicants. All those affected have recently received correspondence explaining the new policy to them.

**Warranty matters**
We are experiencing some challenges with our contractor to have him finish the deficiencies and warranty items in Trinity Woods and SonRise Place. The building committee is actively reviewing its options in this regard and we trust we will have these remaining items completed in short order.

**Future nursing home**
Negotiations with respect to the nursing home are ongoing and we are making continual progress. As details become available we will advise the membership.

**Tollendale Village polling station**
Our facility will again be used as a polling station. This time it will be for the municipal elections to be held later this fall. We believe this is a real convenience to our residents.

**New Gathering Place policy**
The Board recently approved a policy to allow the use of The Gathering Place for activities that include some limited use of food and drinks. We hope this will allow more and better use of the wonderful facility that we have in the Village Square.

**Heather Harpell leaving Barrie**
We were disappointed to learn that Heather Harpell will be leaving our employ later this summer. Heather and her husband Glenn will be moving to Saskatchewan where Glenn hopes to carry on his studies at Briarcrest Bible College. Over the next few months we will be looking for a replacement so that proper training may occur.

**Good news for Rose Tjeerdsma**
Those of you who are not residents may not have heard that my wife Rose received some encouraging news. This past week the CT scan of her brain showed that the radiation treatments she had earlier this winter have shrunk the brain tumours to the point that they are no longer visible on the scan. We praise God for this. She will be undergoing regular bi-monthly scans and ongoing chemotherapy treatments, however we are thankful for this recent news. Thank you for all your prayers, support and the numerous cards she received. To help her stay busy, Rose continues with her painting hobby. She has recently prepared a set of hand painted cards, which can be bought in the Tollendale Treasures Shop in the Village Square. All the proceeds go to the Leprosy Mission.

**Sid Tjeerdsma**

![Alice Datema (left) and Joka Cornelisse (both from Eden Hall) escaped Barrie’s winter for a short time to go on a cruise in the Caribbean.](image)

**Tollendale Tenant Committee**
Information gleaned from minutes of TTC meetings
March 23, 2006

Present: Madlyn Bertrand, Bob Hamilton (chair), Joanne Hammers, Cor Langhout, Johanna Plomp, Reta Tanner (secretary), Harry VanderKooij, (Board liaison), Peter Vegter
Absent: Clarence VanderLei

1. The committee has not yet received a response from Rob VanderMey regarding the directional signs proposed by Cor Langhout.
2. No new people moved into Tollendale Village in the past month.
3. The committee received a letter from Mr. Ian Graham who expressed his thanks for the invitation from Tollendale and for the donation of $130.00, which will be shared by his family and Heritage Christian Academy.
4. The committee received a letter from Carol Visser, co-ordinator of the Quilters group, advising them that the group is making a quilt that will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. The committee will pay for expenses.
5. The committee saw and accepted a plan by Cor Langhout that involves a way of making it easy to hang and display pictures in the dining room when anniversaries are celebrated or other festivities take place. The concept is to be discussed with the administration.
6. A public telephone is being installed in the Village Square directly opposite the office.
7. The Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on April 17 at 10 o’clock in Eden Hall.
8. The next meeting is to take place on April 20, 2006.

**April 20, 2006**

Present: Madlyn Bertrand, Bob Hamilton (chair), Joanne Hammers, Cor Langhout, Johanna Plomp, Reta Tanner (secretary), Harry VanderKooij, (Board liaison), Clarence VanderLei, Peter Vegter

1. Amendment to the minutes of the March meeting: A proposal to organize a bake sale and ask the quilting group to assist. This event will be combined with the Kiers clothing sale on April 2, 2006.
2. The committee will pay for the prizes of the Easter Bonnet parade to be held on April 21.
3. There were no new arrivals in the past month, but the welcoming committee organized a successful bake sale on March 12.
4. Plans are proceeding for the construction of a gazebo at the west end of Bethany Gables.
5. The committee wants to see to it that additional bulletin boards are put up on each floor of Trinity Woods and Sonrise Place.
6. A Summer Garage Sale will be held outside on June 3 from 8:30 – 1:00 p.m.
7. Residents will be able to rent a table for $10.00.
8. In a letter Mike and Irene Cassidy express their thanks for a donation of $69.70 received after the March 18 sing-along evening in which the Young At Heart participated. It will be donated to the Full Ahead Ministries.
9. The next meeting is to take place on May 25, 2006.

**Tenant fund figures**

**Treasurer’s report March 23, 2006**

- Opening balance $11,880.64
- Income
  - Coffee Social $120.00
  - Busy Needles $30.00
  - Glee Club $40.00
  - Coffee social $120.00
  - Total income $255.00
- Expenses
  - Advertising $14.49
  - Microphone stand $33.35
  - Coffee and cookies $64.69
  - Total expenses $112.53
- Balance $12,023.11

**Treasurer’s report April 20, 2006**

- Income
  - Gift store $2,000.00
- Expenses
  - Coffee $28.62
  - Coffee and cookies $37.50
- Balance $13,956.99

**VanderHorst 50th wedding anniversary**

Come and celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary with us at an Open House in the Village Square dining room from 10 a.m.- noon D.V. Saturday, May 6, 2006. Best wishes only.

Yours in Christ,

Albert and Nell VanderHorst, Eden Hall 202
Chaplain’s Corner
Chaplain. Siebert Van Houten

Memorial service
A memorial service is scheduled for June 7. Someone asked why we would have a memorial service if funeral services have already taken place. I believe it is important to have a service in which we together as a community remember those who have passed away. All have been a part of our lives and of Tollendale, and we honour them by recognizing their departure. We will recognize those who have passed away since January of 2005.

Pastoral care visitors
Some people have offered their time to make pastoral visits on behalf of the spiritual care program. If you are interested in knowing more, or would like to volunteer your time, please let me know.

Alpha course and grief support group
I know we have not even enjoyed the summer yet, and no one is thinking about the fall, but since this issue of Tollendale Tales is the only one before the end of summer I am announcing now that if there is enough interest we will offer both courses beginning in September. The grief support group will run for eight weeks, and the Alpha course runs ten weeks. If you are interested in attending or would like to know more about either course, please let me know.

Chapel services
We now will have the hymns available in a large print format. There is no large print version available of the hymnbook we use so we will make loose leaf copies. We hope to compile these hymns in a binder as we build up an inventory of songs. The words of the hymns will also be available on channel 18 during the broadcast of the service.

We are looking for more volunteers, men or women, to operate the sound and video system for the chapel services. The running of the equipment is being simplified so the task is not difficult. The person who operates the equipment will only be responsible for that task. You may commit as much time as you feel you are able to offer.

Ushers and other volunteers needed
We are also looking for volunteers to do the ushering and taking up the offering during the services. Please consider giving of your time and let me know whether you are interested or would like to know more about what is involved.

The tenant committee arranges for a coffee social after the chapel service on the last Sunday of the month. We appreciate their willingness to arrange for this time of fellowship.

Table Talk
Table Talk will continue during the summer months meeting every second Wednesday of the month. We have had excellent attendance and interesting topics. If you have not attended one of the sessions please come out sometime and join us. You will find it worthwhile.

Chapel Offering and Gift Donations
March 5 - $454.50
March 12 - $375.59
March 19 - $275.24
March 26 - $315.26

Jack Gehrels (Garden Homes) uses his expertise to make improvements to the audio and video equipment used for The Gathering Place.

AUDIO-VIDEO COMMITTEE
By Chaplain Siebert Van Houten

Improvements to audio and video equipment
The committee continues to make improvements to the audio and video equipment to provide the best possible listening and viewing of the activities in The Gathering Place. A new camera was recently installed which will allow the words of the hymns sung during the chapel services to be seen on channel 18 in the apartments. This added feature allows those who watch the service to feel more a part of the worship. This camera can also be used in an emergency and for quick messages to the residents’ apartments.

Volunteers needed
We are looking for volunteers - men and women. We are simplifying the handling of the equipment so the task will not be difficult. No technical skills are required, and we will provide individual training. If you are interested but want to know more before making a commitment please talk to one of the committee members. We would appreciate your time. The committee members are: Jack Gehrels, Peter Vegter and the chaplain.
The first years –
Emigration experiences of the Kamstra and Jansma families
By Julie Christiaanse

Many Tollendalers share emigrations experiences, not only those who came from the Netherlands, but also those who came from other countries. This, however, is what we may call a typical “Dutch” story, although each family’s experience is unique.

When Frank and Tena Kamstra look back on their lives they consider themselves blessed. They like living in Tollendale and are in good health. “Life has been good,” Tena says. “We have much to be thankful for,” says Frank. Although Frank Kamstra and Tena Jansma came to Canada from the Netherlands with their parents more than fifty years ago, their emigration experiences differ.

Tena’s (Trijntje) Jansma’s family lived in Stiens, a village in the province of Friesland. Her oldest brother first formed the idea of going to Canada, but Tena’s father applied for immigration along with him. It was 1952. The son left first, settling in Ontario. The rest of the family, father, mother and three children, followed six weeks later. The Jansma family went to Nova Scotia, and settled for a while in Pugwash, a beautiful coastal village where Tena’s father became a farmhand on a dairy farm. (Pugwash is now known for its Seagull Pewter Company, and for the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.)

The ocean crossing on the Grote Beer had been an adventure, especially since there were so many young people on the ship. Tena was fifteen years old and did not go to school again in Canada. The family took in three boarders, bachelor (lobster) fishermen, who may have been native Norwegians. The men were not great talkers. As a result, there was never much communication between them and the newly arrived Dutch family that spoke only a few English words.

Once Tena’s mom promised the men some good Dutch pudding. Not being able to read the directions on packages, she used a package of Jell-O and cooked it as one would pudding. The result was “something nice and pink,” remembers Tena.

Frank (Fonger) Kamstra came to Canada with his parents as a nineteen-year old boy in 1954. There were ten children in the Kamstra family. Frank’s oldest brother had a job and a girlfriend and did not want to emigrate. A sister had left earlier and lived for a while in Cochrane, Ontario, where she worked in a hospital. In Franeker, also in Friesland, the Kamstras had once owned a flourishing business buying and selling all kinds of wool all over Europe. But things had changed. “After World War II there was almost no export,” says Frank. What were the eight boys, the youngest under a year old, all going to do? For a while Frank went to HBS (secondary school) in nearby Harlingen. He admits that he did not do well there. “I had too many worries to put my head into study,” Frank says. He shared the worries of his mother who often did not know what to serve the growing family for supper.

Thus the Kamstras also decided on a future in Canada. It was Frank’s mother who said, “We have to go.” The family’s belongings went into a kist with a Hagersville destination. They travelled on the Zuiderkruis. Frank too found the trip quite exciting. He had the important job of being responsible for his six-month-old brother who travelled in the reiswieg (portable baby basket). Frank and his father were the only ones who did not become seasick during the crossing of the Atlantic. After about nine days on the ocean and travelling through the wide St. Lawrence River, the big harbour of Quebec City loomed. It was May, but cold and it...
snowed. Miraculously, the weather changed for the better almost immediately after that. A good thing because the family had to spend several days in that unfamiliar place. Before debarkation it was discovered that the baby had the measles. As a result, mother and child had to go into quarantine for five days. The rest of the family was housed in what was once used as a holding place for German prisoners of war. Frank remembers the five days the other members of family spent exploring the town as “warm and glorious.” The boys wore their brand-new boots and plusfours or pofbroeken (loose-fitting trousers that closed about four-inches below the knee which were then in fashion in Europe). Dad thought having good pants and shoes was important. The family stood out to a man who met him on the street. “New arrivals?” he asked. Yes they were. “Welcome to Canada,” the man said, and, giving each of the boys a quarter, he added, “Buy yourselves a nice ice cream.” Frank remembers that, and the “Portugese guys” who stayed with them in the holding area and who played cards a lot. Whenever the game became too rowdy (and that happened often), one of them would always put a small statue of Mary in front of them on the table. This never failed to quiet the men down.

Frank’s father, already in his late forties, was totally unaccustomed to that kind of work. But persist they did. Frank still had time to notice the black birds with orange wings that were plentiful in the swamps and lived in nests above the water in the canals that were dug.

Relief would come on Saturday afternoons. They would be off at four o’clock and, if the boss was in a generous mood, he would allow them the use of a truck. Innisfil Park beckoned. “A real outing,” says Frank. Sunday afternoons were the highlight of the week. “A whole bunch of teenagers would go for walks up the hill in flat Holland Marsh,” says Tena. Frank noticed Tena Jansma, “the girl in the little black hat.” Life was the way Eleanor Roosevelt saw it when she visited their home country after the Second World War, when she is said to have remarked, “Why do these young people have so much fun with so little?”

These were the months before Hurricane Hazel struck the community. That early October day, only a younger brother of Frank and the baby brother were at home in the little house that had no second floor. When it became apparent that the whole Holland Marsh area was in danger of flooding, no one was allowed to enter the Marsh at first. But the Kamstras were let in when the officials heard of their plight. Soon however, there was a knock on the door and they were told to leave the house immediately. Frank quickly found a box of precious photos and put them on a top shelf in the kitchen. Taking just a few blankets, the family fled the house. They joined many others who had found rescue in the Verkaik house. All that night the men watched the water rise. After reaching the fourth step leading up to the porch, it stopped rising. The next morning the wind had abated and there was bright sunshine. “But it was very nippy,” says Frank.

It wasn’t long before the Canadian army, using boats, came to the assistance of the flood stricken people. People were given blankets, and a relief fund was set
up. When the Kamstra men were allowed briefly back into the house, they found that the water had been up to the ceiling and all the pictures were lost. Frank moved about in the house using two chairs as stepping-stones. For a while the family stayed with a widow in Bradford. The area east of highway 400 was not flooded. Frank and his father found some work in Toronto. It was night work. “Burning squares out of the pavement,” says Frank. The first week Frank lost twenty dollars he had in his pocket. “It must have slipped out,” he says. Mother Kamstra and the younger children lived with a relative in Acton for a while.

The Jansma family also had to leave the house, but the area was not totally flooded. Frank remembers that time after the flood as “a mixed-up way of living.” Like many immigrants, Frank’s mother spoke very little English and everything was still so new. But people managed. And the English-speaking baker who made his rounds knew that a loaf of bread cost a kwartje (quarter).

Churches were a big help to the families. Besides the spiritual help and perspective the church provided, much practical help was given and ties were strengthened.

Some time later a trailer camp was set up so families could be reunited. And that’s when Frank began to set serious eyes on Tena. Frank’s curly-haired little brother established connections. He liked to visit the trailer of friendly Mrs. Jansma.

Drainage of the Marsh progressed steadily with the aid of portable pumps from the Netherlands, which had had its own terrible flood a year and a half earlier. When after some time the Kamstras moved to a rented house in the Albion Road and Kipling area of Toronto, Frank hitchhiked to the Marsh for three years every weekend to see Tena. The Sunday afternoons became more serious. Saturday nights were for “cruising,” if possible in an 8-cylinder Ford. “No bars or loud music; innocent stuff,” says Frank.

Frank and Tena married in 1958. Frank had saved up $500.00 and Tena $700.00. “Before we married, almost all our money went to our parents,” says Tena. “That was the way it was done.” They were content. “You came with your hands,” says Frank, referring to emigration itself.

For six years Frank operated a chicken business, Skyline Farms. Then he “hooked up with” Craig and Dorothy Hunter who had a well-known poultry farm in Stroud. That became a good combination and Frank worked there for close to thirty years, and was given a great deal of responsibility.

When at the age of fifty-five Frank had to find other work, he owned a small carpentry business for a while and then worked with his brother in the aluminum manufacturing business for several years.

Now in Tollendale, Frank and Tena, who were blessed with five children and have fourteen grandchildren, have no regrets they emigrated. They still recall the great amount of work the Christelijke Emigratie Centrale did for so many immigrants. “We had it much better than many families,” says Frank.

“Topspin, backspin, highball, lowball” - table tennis at Tollendale

By Peter Meyer

By reading Tollendale Tales from cover to cover I notice that some people playing cards make hundreds of points. I can imagine them sitting around a table and putting their cards down one after the other and making points. It takes two hands, one to hold the cards and another to throw them on the table. Good exercise. Most of these games are played on the third floor where the Maple Leaf is graciously waving at them. But I have you know that there is another group of people who are making points in the basement. We too have a table to play on. We do not play with cards but with a little two-inch celluloid ball. Albert VanderHorst is the master of ceremonies. He rolls the
tables into place, unlocks the upright halves of each table and declares them ready for play. We arm ourselves with bats and face each other with a look that says that I am going to win this game. Albert might say, “I have to warm up first.” Actually it is meant to find out how strong the opposition is. When convinced that it should not be too hard to beat the other person, we say, “Let’s play for serve!” It becomes a serious business because now the points should be adding up. But to get a point, the ball has to cross the net and hit the other side of the table. That is not too hard but the trouble is that the opponent hits the ball back and is not so nice about it. On and on it goes. We jump from one side to the other to hit the ball back. Finally the ball misses the table and someone scores a point causing the men to groan. The women are more vocal and sometimes we have to calm them down. Slowly points are made with hard work on both sides. At the count of twenty-one the game is over. Points are forgotten because now it is the games that are counted. We can only play three or four games because it tires us out. Some take a drink to keep their spirits up. After all that hard work the points that are scored are hardly worth mentioning. Who will ever remember a score like Ed 2 - Peter 0? When Jean comes to play, we are humiliated. The score is too one sided. She delights in crushing our male egos. It is amazing how a little two-inch ball and a bat can give us so much fun. We have to thank the late Marinus VandeVis for getting us the best tables and promoting this game in the basement. Art, Ed, Paul, Margaret, Greta, Adriana, Inge, Tena, Jean and Vincent all deserve a medal for being good winners and losers.

A matter of perspective

One day the father of a wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing him how the poor live. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a poor family. On their return trip, the father asked his son, “How was the trip?” “It was great, Dad,” the son replied. “Did you see how the poor people live?” the father asked. “O yeah,” said the son. So the father asked him what he learned from the trip. The son answered, “I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio wraps around the house and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property, but they have friends to protect them.”

The boy’s father was speechless. Then his son added, “Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are.” Isn’t perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have instead of worrying about what we don’t have.

Submitted by a resident

Hidden beauty in the Gables

While many of us take walks through the Gables to enjoy its general tranquility, Nora Mobach knows its hidden beauty. This is the beauty only those who take the time to observe the subtle changes that take place there throughout the year, but especially from spring to fall.

For several years Nora found, dried and mounted on cards many small wildflowers that make up the carpet between the trees. She has now compiled a catalogue of sixty-eight plants for Tollendale Village. (She also made one for herself and one for the Brereton Field Naturalist Society, a group that takes a great interest in the Gables.) The album – and Nora is not finished with it yet – is on display in the Tollendale library in the Village Square. Nora encourages us to have a look at it and marvel at the variety of flowers she found. “Right beside the path,” she says. Betty Wander, another keen observer of nature, helped with the selection.

Flower drying has been Nora’s hobby since 1975 and she has all kinds of drying equipment. Although the natural colours of these flowers fade somewhat during and after the drying process, the intricacies of the plants remain. So, take the time to sit down in the library and find not only common flowers such as the Lily of the Valley and Queen Anne’s Lace, but also more rare specimen such as the Leucojum Snowflake and the Canadian Wild Ginger.

Better yet, go out into the woods and look around with Nora and Betty’s eyes. But, “Don’t wait,” Nora says, “it goes pretty fast.” Although the flowers can be found throughout the seasons, spring is the best time. “Before everything gets up,” Nora says.
May 01  Wesson     Donald
May 01  Mast       Eliza
May 01  Meyer      Tena
May 07  Ruddick   Alvin
May 07  Snieder   Elisabeth
May 08  Harmsion  Kenneth
May 11  VanderByl  Bill
May 12  Campbelt  William
May 12  Crawford  Audrey
May 12  Mohlmann  Ina
May 13  Kwasny    Margaret
May 14  DeWinter  Bill
May 16  Kamstra   Frank
May 17  Short     Ruth
May 18  Kleinsteiber Marianne
May 18  Nijehuis  Mieke
May 23  Eigenhuis  Jake
May 24  Chapla    Michael
May 24  Jagt       Jerry
May 24  Portengen  Frank
May 25  Bowman    Margaret
May 25  Hellemann Corrie
May 25  Hill      Fernande
May 27  Siderius  John
May 28  McBryan   Tom
May 29  Zaluski   Rejeanne
May 30  Cameron   Mildred
May 30  Dekker    Minnie
May 30  Vaalwyk  Toos
June 02  Dearham  Dirk
June 04  Bishop   June
June 06  Vegter   Anne
June 07  Casey    Arthur
June 09  Ambroziak Karl
June 09  Benum    Irene
June 09  Langhout Lieske
June 10  Foster   Lois
June 10  McMillan Doreen
June 12  Leblanc  Bernice
June 12  Bouius   John
June 14  Wheelan  Helen
June 15  Cornelisse Herb
June 16  Henstra  Margaret
June 17  Ball     Esther
June 17  Scheepstra Ellen
June 18  Langlois  Jeannette
June 18  Langlois  Jeannette
June 20  Gillis    Myrna
June 20  Langenhuiizen Tilly
June 21  Averell  Jack
June 21  Campbell Marjorie
June 21  French    Don
June 22  Markus    Arthur
June 22  Warlow   Graham
June 24  Groen    Jelle
June 24  Langenhuiizen Jack
June 24  Stassen  Henk
June 25  Stassen  Janny
June 27  Rupke     Rebecca
June 28  Lucas    John

June 02  Brooks   Jean
June 02  Mast     Audrey
June 04  Zondersvan Betty
June 05  Arens    Hans
June 07  Fabricius Greta
June 10  Donnis  Joline E.
June 10  Scheepstra Clarence
June 11  Connercher Doreen
June 11  Hardstone Elaine
June 12  Brouwer  Albert
June 13  vanderToorn Attie
June 14  Bos      Trudy
June 15  Heemskerk Sara
June 15  Wood     Madge
June 16  St. Peter  Anita
June 17  Charters  Don
June 17  Cook     Alma
June 17  DeGorter  Eva
June 19  Poppler  Inge
June 20  VandenBerg Marjie
June 21  McBryan Audry
June 21  McSpadden  Jack
June 21  Smilde   Hiljje
June 22  Pilwin   Elizabeth
June 23  Johnston Betty
June 23  Sturtridge Janet
June 24  Tripp    Anne
June 24  Winkle  Barbara
June 25  Reid     Ruth
June 26  Hekkenberg Mary
June 26  Hull     Jean
June 26  Robertson  Olive
June 26  Wells     Doug
June 30  Meinema  Anna
July 02  Lyumes    Fenny
July 31  Scott    Elizabeth
August 01  Cameron  Stuart
August 01  Schaly  Maria
August 02  Lumsden  Arthur
August 03  Burke    Thelma
August 03  Cuthbert  David
August 03  DeJong   Audrey
August 04  Hutchinson Iris
August 05  Kuikman  Bea
August 07  Langhout Cor
August 08  Todd    Marjorie
August 09  Buken    Glenn
August 09  Swagerman Hank
August 10  VanderWal Margaret
August 17  Virgoe Betty
August 18  Devroom  Riet
August 20  Bishop  Lloyd
August 21  Vegter  Peter
August 24  Bertrand Madlyn
August 25  Weistra Catharina
August 28  Wige    Margaret
August 29  Foster  Jack
August 29  Visser  Taeko
August 30  Kenwell  Flora
August 31  Elliott  Marguerite

Please mention any errors or omissions in the birthday list to Tena Kamstra (D304) Tel.725-9298
Here at Tollendale

We remember
Ken Clubine (B202) † February 28, 2006
Chris Rupke (B217) † April 8, 2006
John DeValk (B108) † April 9, 2006

We said good-bye to
Willemina Schep (A211) – Simcoe Manor in Beeton
Nel DeValk (B108) – Bradford Valley Nursing Home

We welcome
Arnie & Hilda Kloosterman (C309) – from St. Thomas

Note of thanks
I thank you very much for your prayers, and the cards we received with my husband Chris’ passing. It means a lot to live in a Christian community.

Rebecca (Katie) Rupke

Harry VanderKooij receives a tribute from his son Ray at the open house on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Harry VanderKooij open house
Alma Cook organized an open house on the occasion of Harry VanderKooij’s seventieth birthday on April 8. About 170 people came to express good wishes. Among those who spoke congratulatory words were Margaret Black, mayor of King Township where Harry served for several years as a councillor and Rev. R. VanDaalen, former minister of the Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church where Harry was a member for many years. The Young at Heart chorus contributed to the success of the afternoon.

Bridge and Euchre scores

March
Trinity Woods

Euchre
1st Ninka Hovius – 182 points
2nd Ken Miedema – 181 points
3rd Marjorie Todd – 174 points
4th Ken Harmston – 170 points

Bid-Euchre
1st Ninka Hovius – 849 points
2nd Agnes Visser – 807 points
3rd Taeke Visser – 778 points

Bethany Gables

Euchre
1st Inge Poppler – 172 points
2nd Hans Poppler – 165 points
3rd Margaret Llewellyn – 162 points

Bid-Euchre
1st Jerry Nyenhuis – 744 points
2nd John Connacher – 742 points
3rd Aly Brandsma – 675 points
4th Doreen Connacher – 612 points

Moons: Elva Frankland 2; John Connacher 1

April
Trinity Woods

Euchre
1st Ken Harmston – 196 points
2nd Bob Hovius – 186 points
3rd Marjorie Todd – 179 points
4th Ninka Hovius – 168 points

LHs: K. Harmston 11; N. Hovius 8, T. Visser, K. Miedema 7

Bid-Euchre
1st Hedy VanDyke – 653 points
2nd Bob Hovius – 594 points
3rd Ken Miedema – 582 points
4th Art Lumsdon – 545 points
5th Sid VanDyke – 542 points

Moons: L. Allison, B. Hovius, K. Miedema, F. Portengen 1

Bethany Gables

Euchre
1st Anne Crane – 177 points
2nd Elva Frankland – 169 points
3rd Margaret Llewellyn – 148 points

Lone Hands: Anne Crane 10; Hans Poppler 7

Bid-Euchre
1st Anne DeGroot – 685 points
2nd Jerry Nyenhuis – 623 points
3rd Dorothy Jackson – 540 points

Moons: Elva Frankland and Marguerite Elliott 1

March

Bridge
1st Irene Benum – 11,470 points
2nd Frank Benum – 11,410 points
3rd Isobel Bridgman – 10,280 points
4th Jerry Nyenhuis – 10,220 points

April

Bridge
1st Jerry Nyenhuis – 8,920 points
2nd Aly Brandsma – 6,070 points
3rd Marguerite Vellinga – 5,990 points

Food and Games: Lisette Cuthbert and Trix Spaans organized a social get-together for all the card players on April 18. It began with a dinner in the dining room, followed by card games in several groups also in the dining room.
Tollendale Village benefits from the relocation of Dr. VanderWater’s office to the Village Square in several ways. Adele Bulthuis is one of the staff members.

Nursing manager's notes
Marie VanderWal R.N.

Foot care clinic on May 12, 2006
The Georgian College Foot Care students will again come to Tollendale Village to provide foot care for 42 residents. This will be done in Eden Hall in the meeting room. Appointments have to be made with the nursing office (Tel. 726-1213).

Fire safety
If you have difficulty leaving your apartment in case of a fire, please inform the nursing department now, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for your safe exit.

Vials of Life
It is important to keep your medical information current. Please make changes when necessary.

Nurse call monitoring
Villagers who are connected to the monitoring system and are using the pendant, please check the pendant regularly by pressing the red button to make a connection to the monitoring service, to be sure that it is always in good working condition. If you need more information contact the nurse (Tel. 726-1213).

Volunteer drivers available
The Cancer Society has volunteer drivers available for anyone who has to go to Toronto for cancer treatments. The Red Cross also has a volunteer driving service for doctors’ appointments in Toronto.

Woodworking shop meetings
1. Summary of meeting held on April 18, 2006 in the craft room of the Village Square.

Present: Frank Kamstra (Chair); Peter Vegter (Treasurer); Harry Vanderkooij (Secretary); Bill Vanderbyl; Bas Visser; Don Houter – Maintenance Staff
Absent: Albert Brouwer (Vice All); Orley Ball
1. Treasurer reported as follows:
Opening Balance: $3,135.66
Income: $255.00
Expenses: $15.64
Closing Balance: $3,375.02
2. Don Houter reported on information obtained from Tollendale’s insurance provider. The woodwork shop:
   • Cannot be used as a commercial production shop
   • Can be used as a hobby shop only
   • Must be kept clean and in good order
   • Have 3 fire extinguishers added.
Two more new workbenches will be added and one existing bench replaced.
The shop will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
Harry and Frank will prepare a questionnaire to obtain input from the users of the woodwork shop on such items as rent for cabinets, cleaning of shop, fundraising, etc. They will prepare a questionnaire for review at the next regular meeting.
The next meeting will take place on May 29, 2006 at 10:30 in the craft room in the Village Square.

Did Marie Miedema (Trinity Woods) decide to buy this summer outfit from Kiers Clothing?

Women’s Golf Anyone?
Any women who would like to get together for a game of golf (9-holes) please get in touch with Helen Wheelan Sunrise Apartment 311 (737-2488)
Performances by the Young At Heart Chorus are in demand here and elsewhere.

Does your will reflect your current situation?
By Patricia van Oostveen

How long has it been since you have taken a good look at your will? Take some time now and look it over and answer the following questions. It may be time to get your will reviewed and possibly updated.

1) Is the executor named, still appropriate? Is he/she alive? Physically and mentally able to take on the duties required? Familiar with your personal situation, and still living in Ontario?

2) Are your assets going to be distributed as you would like them to be? To your spouse? To your children? Have you included your grandchildren? Or the in-law spouse? What happens to the share of a pre-deceased child?

3) Does your will match with other documents? What about shares/option buy/sell agreements? And RRSPs or RRFIs and life insurance beneficiaries? Are there joint names on assets? Does it still make sense?

4) Have you included charities or ministries in your will? Does it reflect your giving while you are living? Do you still want to support those charities named? Are changes needed to those charities named? Are your tax issues eliminated with the charitable donations?

5) Does your will reflect biblical stewardship? Are you following God’s principles in the distribution of your assets?

6) Has your will and estate been reviewed in the past 3 to 5 years?

If you have answered “NO” or “I don’t know” to any of these questions, you need to have your will and estate reviewed. As you may know, Tollendale Village and Christian Stewardship Services are partners to enable you to a free in-home consultation regarding your will and estate planning. Please take advantage of this free service and let me provide you with qualified advice for peace of mind. You can contact me for an appointment at 905-986-0221 or by e-mail at: patriciav@csservices.ca or call the head office at 1-800-267-8890.

Tollendale Treasures and Gift Store” - Manager’s report

We have now been in operation for a full year. We opened on March 30, 2005 with two afternoons a week, which soon became three afternoons. It has been very successful. Our donations have come from you, the tenants, from family and friends outside the village, from people who moved in, and from apartments that were vacated. Thank you all so much for thinking of us when you have things you don’t need any more. Bring us whatever you have. What we can’t sell will automatically go to the market day sale. That way we get the most out of your donations. We have also had consignment articles of which we get a third of the selling price.

From the beginning of April 2005 until the end of March 2006, we took in approximately $15,000.00. This included $924.00 for the workshop and $10,000.00 that went to the tenant committee. Some had to be paid back for consignment articles. We also paid for 35 boxes of all occasion and birthday cards, money that will come back to us some time. This is a non-profit item. We have sold many aerial view cards of Tollendale and have many more on order. We also have Rose Tjeerdsma’s hand-painted gift or note cards. All proceeds from the latter go to the Leprosy Mission. We thank you for your support. In the near future we will have another book sale. So bring your books for us. There will also be another silent auction during the summer. We have some great articles for it already. Our gift shop is a nice place to visit, to meet others and to chat. We try to keep it interesting for you, but also depend on your donations. Have a great summer and come and see us. Janny Mudde

Spring time = yard sale time
The Tollendale Tenant Committee is organizing a yard sale outside on Saturday, June 3 (8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
Call Joanne Hammers (719-9725) for more information.

List of medications
One of the residents suggested I alert Tollendale residents to the importance of keeping a list of important medications on one’s person, not just in the Vial for Life in the fridge.
Bob Hamilton (left) and Mike Cassidy are as close to Irishmen as one could find.

Irish roots
When the dining room had its Irish dinner in March, I wanted to take picture of some true Irishmen (or women). So I asked the diners whether anyone was born in Ireland or had had a parent who was born there. Alas, Tom Mc. Bryan and Audry were in Australia so I had to pick those who came closest. Pictured are Bob Hamilton and Mike Cassidy. Bob’s father was born in Ireland. And Mike? Mike is from Liverpool, England, often jokingly referred to as the ‘Capital of Ireland’. By the way, I found out that Cassidy (O’ Cassidy) is an ancient Irish name.

UNITY CHS SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL
The Annual Arts Festival of Unity Christian High School will take place on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the school, at 750 Essa Road. The festival will showcase the talents of the band, the jazz band, the choir, the art class, and the food-and-nutrition class. Students praise God for his gifts to his people. There is no admission fee, but you are asked to bring a canned or boxed food item for the Barrie Food Bank.

Zehrs Grocery Tapes
We began collecting Zehrs tapes a little over a year ago. The cheque we received in April 2006 for $177.82 brought our total from Zehrs alone to $511.07, all for the tenant committee. I enjoy collecting these tapes and would like to thank all who have put tapes in the shoebox in the Eden Hall meeting room. A special thank you goes to the person who put a substantial amount of tapes in the box in March. This donation alone bumped us from $60,000.00 worth of tapes to over $80,000.00. Keep up the excellent work. It all adds up. Lucille (Dewey) Wesson (Eden Hall 222)

Your guess
Although people have told me they like the idea of guessing someone’s age or name, I had to do some foot work to have enough readers guess Peter Meyer’s age in the picture that was in the March-April issue. I can tell you that the opinions varied greatly: from 21 (several) to 60 (one person,) and many in between. Peter says he was 38 years old when that picture was taken. And the successful guessers were: Margaret Reed and Kenneth Tye. Elizabeth Scott and Betty Virgoe were very close. Congratulations!

An evening with Jack Hutton
Ragtime pianist, Jack Hutton performed in The Gathering Place. Jack Hutton, “Mr. Eyebrows,” has been a long-time piano player for the Rainbow Garden Jazz Orchestra. He now lives in Bala, Muskoka. He has been performing and researching ragtime and popular music for more than 30 years. Ethel Snow sang one of Jack’s favourite songs.

Classical music evening
Well-known performers Darlene Johnstone (classical guitar and bass clarinet) and Dawn Ellis (flute), both accomplished local musicians recently played in a very well received evening of classical music in Tollendale Village.

Residents’ socials
Bethany Gables’ second floor has been a leader in organizing socials for some time. A comment at a recent get-together was: “We are looking out for each other, especially when someone is sick.” Because music is often part of the socials, residents had the piano tuned. They are planning a picnic sometime in the summer. (See also picture on next page.)
Henk Swagerman gets into the spirit of *Irish Eyes are Smiling* while Betty Maw accompanies him on the piano (Bethany Gables second floor social).

Do you notice a resemblance?
Did you know that one of the Garden Home residents has often been told he resembles a well-known actor and entertainer? Yes, people have stopped him in the street.
Who is that resident and whom does he look like? I will put his picture in the next issue. On a piece of paper write: (Name of Garden Home resident) looks like (name of actor/entertainer). Place your entry with your own name in the box in the office.

**Who’s that in the picture?**
*(Not one, but three pictures)*
Who are the people pictured here in their late teens or in their twenties? Please write your answer on a piece of paper and put in a box in the office with your name. And remember, I would like to have more portraits for the next issue of the newsletter.

My guess:
Photo No. 1
Photo No. 2
Photo No. 3
Deposit your entry with your name in the box in the office.

Who’s next?
Please give me a picture of yourself taken when you were young. Perhaps you will be on this page in the next issue.
Slice of life in Tollendale

Mary Hekkenberg (left) and Elaine Mout were well prepared for the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Margaret Llewellyn was an enthusiastic participant at Jack Hutton’s ragtime music evening.

Trudy Bos can hold her own when it comes to music. She led one of the sing-along evenings.

On a recent spring day Joan Versluys prepares the rock garden the takes pride in next to her apartment in Trinity Woods.

Meanwhile Joan’s sister Ina Mohlmann enjoyed her leisure time in the sun.

Tollendale Tenant Committee elections
Remember to submit your names for new committee members.

Copy deadline
The deadline for the September-October August 2006 (No.36) issue of Tollendale Tales is Thursday, August 31, 2006.

Corrections: In the March-April Tollendale Tales I forgot to mention Thelma Wright who is also a “Saskatchewan girl”. The name of Mrs. Gezina Popma was misspelled in a photo caption in the same issue.