



SCOC A Community That Cares

Celebrating Christmas at SCOC



Residents' Christmas Banquet



SCOC Staff Making Merry



Three Cheers for the Kitchen!!



And it's a very jolly Day
Program Christmas Party —
for Seniors as well as Staff!



Love is in the air —
at Christmas!

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From the Editor:

To those of us who have spent our entire lives in the northern hemisphere, snow is an essential ingredient to the Christmas season. We feel bereft at the thought of not having a “white” Christmas. We recently returned from an extended trip to Asia, which concluded in 3 weeks with our grandchildren in Singapore. There too, as in other warm climates, the “symbols” of Christmas are snowflakes, snowmen, although they have never seen snow there, and probably never will. We returned home a few weeks ago, walking out the airport into freezing temperatures. Not only was my body confused, but suddenly I needed to “find” the Christmas spirit with only 5 weeks left to go! The “spirit” of Christmas is not in the decorations around us, or whether or not we have snow. Now as I begin to get ready for the festive season, and involve myself in bringing some cheer to others during this time, I am reminded that the “spirit” of Christmas, is not only in being joyous, but in bringing joy to others. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus’ birth, we can feel this “spirit” by reaching out to those in need around us.

In this issue, we look at the role of the Residents’ Council; a season of trials and construction, and the relief which followed; tasty treats from the kitchen; and how to plan your yearly giving.

Margaret Friesen

From the Executive Director’s Desk:

Christmas is now upon us, and everyone at SCOC is extremely thankful to have the Meeting Room and Craft Room back in time to enjoy all the exciting Christmas festivities.

Over the past five months, the Meeting Room and Craft Room have been under construction, with over 1500 square feet of concrete were removed

and replaced in this area. Sadly, our pool was also affected, and unfortunately still remains closed. The Board of Directors is investigating the issues and costs related to reopening the pool area. The extensive work needed to be done in this area, and the ongoing cost of maintaining the pool will need to be understood, as well as the financial capability of SCOC to bear these costs, before a decision can be made.

During Construction, many of our programs and services had to be relocated throughout the building. Many thanks to the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure residents were kept active and entertained throughout the renovations.

On November 18th, Residents and community members enjoyed an afternoon performance of Anne of Green Gables by the Smile Theatre Company, compliments of SCOC. This was our way of saying thank you to everyone for their patience during the renovations, and an opportunity to enjoy our newly renovated room.

Staff are busy preparing for our upcoming Accreditation starting in May 2012. Along with the accreditation of our Long-Term Care Home, the Adult Program and Supportive Housing Program will also participate in accreditation for the first time. The accreditation process takes a considerable amount of time and hard work; but for us, it is a way to measure ourselves against best practices and shows us ways to improve. It also demonstrates to others that we exceed the minimum standard set out by the provincial government.

The Board of Directors, Managers and Staff are looking forward to a very active and productive year ahead. On behalf of all of us at SCOC, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Susan Gallant



SCOC and SCOC Foundation Board Christmas Dinner
(Not pictured: Walter Friesen, Ed Heese, Arch Dysart)

The SCOC Residents' Council

is a group of (10 to 15 maximum) members, made up of residents, elected by residents, to work for the welfare of all at SCOC.



The purpose of the Council is clearly defined in its Constitution and a copy is given to each new member that assumes a place on the Council. For the purpose of tangible evidence of existence, the Council organizes two fundraisers per year; the major one being the Peppermint Fair in November, and a lesser White Elephant sale in the spring, preferably June.

Every January a Council budget is established to decide where the raised funds should be spent, apart from the usual expenses related to the Peppermint Fair craft program. The other established areas are:

- Entertainment—pays the entertainers for the nine birthday parties during the year.
- Indoor Plants as required, to replace and renew, to add that special touch.
- Inter-generational Events: The main one is for Canada Day; it involves townhouse families and children, all residents, families and friends.
- Outdoor Plants: These change with the seasons to adorn our planters in front; to renew the butterfly garden in the courtyard; and beautify the back patio for socializing time.
- Donations: These vary, of course, with the funds raised, but Council tries to give annually to the TEGH

For the past several years, donations to SCOC have been made in various forms: a leaf on the Donor Tree, some new carpeting on 2nd floor, new fireplace unit in the Meeting Room, new furniture in front of it, a wall painting, some new chairs, and a contribution toward the tearoom renovations to name a few.

The Residents' Council has been a wonderfully active and contributing factor to the positive appeal of living at SCOC.

Let's be proud of it.

Submitted by: Roberta Eyton Jones
Residents' Council

Long-Term Care Facility Christmas Sugar Plum Fair

On Saturday November 12, 2011, a true miracle happened for the SCOC Long-Term Care Facility. The family Council and the residents hosted their first "Christmas Sugar Plum Fair". As Family Council members met on the Friday evening to set up what they thought would be a couple of small tables in the first floor dining room, they discovered that the meeting room was now available for their use. But how could they fill the space? In the true spirit of giving, friends and family, church members, residents and staff of SCOC, generously donated their crafts and baked goods to fill 12 tables, raising more than \$1500. Special thanks go out to all of you for your generosity; we are all grateful to those who supported our efforts and helped out. What a truly wonderful experience!

Sharon Wilkinson
LTC Family Council President

Upcoming Events:

Save the date!

- Jan. 6, 5pm, New Year's Bash
- Jan. 17, 2pm, Constable Hannah presents Safety Tips
- Feb. 3, 1:30pm, Residents' Council presents: A Classical Music Concert, with "Intempo" (a violin duo)
- Watch for Easter Banquet date and details



Nursing Home Christmas Banquet



