

St. Andrews Heights Community Newsletter



November 2009

The annual St. Andrews Heights Community Association membership drive was a smashing success. Over 70% of households in the community have memberships. We are grateful to John Howarth and the dedicated volunteers for canvassing.

The Seniors' Turkey Dinner was a sell out. The food and entertainment was excellent and fun was had by one and all. It was heartening to see so many community members networking with each other. These are the connections that strengthen our community and make it a wonderful place to live. Upcoming events are posted on the website... the pot luck will no doubt be popular.

As the leaves fall, our thoughts turn toward the winter months. We've already tasted snowflakes and members are inquiring if anyone is available for hire to shovel snow. If you live in SAH and wish to advertise your name and phone number, the newsletter will publish that at no charge. Just send an email to newsletter@standrewsheights.ca or call Gwen at 403 289-0625.

The Calgary Police Service has informed me that our community has experienced an increase in the frequency of theft and vandalism. Theft from vehicles has been particularly problematic. Please ensure your vehicles are locked and free of valuables. Make your vehicle as unattractive to thieves as possible by keeping compact disks, change, and other items out of sight.

We are working with the City to reduce litter and other waste that finds itself on the ground in the off-leash areas adjacent to Toronto Crescent. Improving the signage and providing additional waste receptacles should be helpful. I appreciate that signs and waste receptacles are not beautiful either but will try to achieve a balance between what's needed and preserving the vistas. See Liz Murray's article on page 8.

Speeding continues to be a concern of community members. Additionally, it appears that morning commuters are short cutting through our community in response to Crowchild Trail gridlock. I have identified our Calgary Police Service Liaison and will work with him and the City. Please drive carefully and remind visitors and servicepersons that our community places a high value on road safety.

Best wishes, Jeffrey P Schaefer

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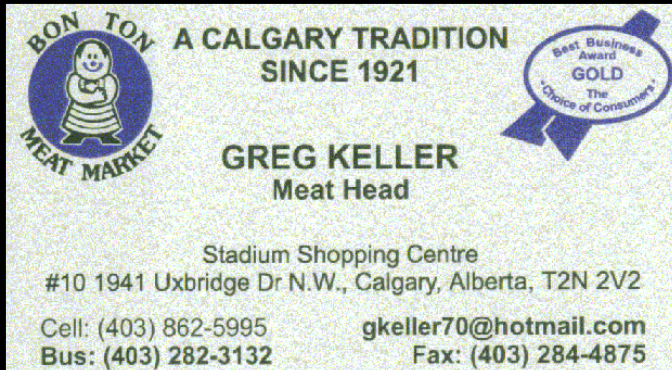
John Howarth – Membership Chairman

Canvassing for the Membership Drive was completed this year before the icy blast of winter we experienced at the beginning of October. On behalf of the Executive I would like to say a big “thank you” to all 21 canvassers who helped out and to all of our residents who participated by purchasing a membership. Special thanks go out to the new residents of the Community who have arrived recently and have chosen to show their support by buying a membership. The Community has a stronger voice in the city with your active support of the Association.

This year we had a significant increase in the number of members and of the amount collected compared to last year although the fees remained the same. Overall, to the time of writing in mid-October, we have collected \$6,158 compared to \$5,855 in last year’s Drive, a \$303 increase. This money will go into the Community budget and will help in funding this newsletter; the maintenance of the hall, including its insurance; the ice rink and its equipment; and the upkeep of the tennis courts. Two hundred and eighty-three, or 70%, of the 405 households in the neighbourhood purchased memberships. This is up from 272, 67%, last year.

While the Drive is officially over, I am still accepting memberships on behalf of the Association. Fees may be dropped off with me, and I will get a membership card to you promptly. Our membership year runs from October 2009 to October 2010; if you need more information, please give me a call.

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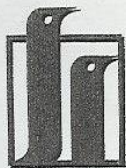
SENIORS NEWS by Betty Schmidt

We had a very successful Turkey dinner on October 4. The comment sheets were very complimentary. As a result I have booked the same caterers and pianist for Dec.12. Details will follow in the December Newsletter when all arrangements have been made. I hope to have a tree up in the Hall, hopefully a new one if the budget allows as the old one is sad. We now have a sound system with mics as well as internet access. Come to the Hall on Mondays and play with our new computers. Jacquie and I will help you access the web and share whatever knowledge we have. We are also hoping those with computer skills will help. We have games and cards for those who wish to play. Coffee and cookies will be served as well as popcorn.

We have a Pot luck supper planned for **Sat. Nov. 7th at 4:30**. It will have an Italian flavor. Seniors 55+ please. Suggested dishes include lasagna, meatballs, spaghetti, along with desserts, salads and veggies. Sign up at the Hall, email me or phone. Those unable or who prefer not to do the cooking can come and enjoy the event by contributing \$5.00 to the meal. You still need to sign up so I know how many to plan for. Also I need help with the set up and clearing up. **If you can help please contact me. paulizschmidt@shaw.ca or call 282-8949**

We had a cash bar for the Turkey dinner. However a liquor (for sale) permit costs \$27.00. This effectively adds \$2.00 to a bottle of wine if we only sell 12 bottles. I was wondering about a BYOB if I just get a permit to consume liquor on the premises for \$12.00. Any thoughts about this? It would also save me a lot of time.

Do you play an instrument or sing? Have other talents to share? Can you teach a card game or board game? I am looking for speakers, cooks who would share their love of food with us (maybe a cookie exchange?), computer savvy. These are all talents we could use and more I haven't thought of.



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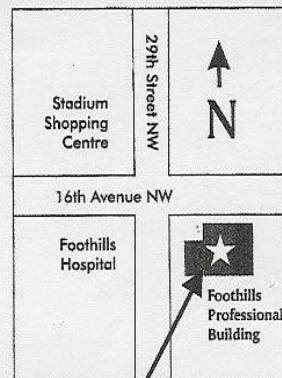
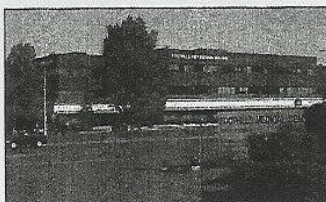
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- Nov. 2 games and computer time
- Nov. 9 financial planning and tax free savings accounts
Bert Hettinga Assante Capital
- Nov. 18 photo download, Skype (free phone service including long distance for internet).
- Nov. 23 cruises, snow birding, travel tips (AMA Travel)
- Nov. 30 games and computers/ tree decorating?

Please check our web page and notice board for changes or drop in at the Hall on Mondays to chat with me and grab a "coffee to go" if you can't stay. Betty Schmidt VP Seniors

SYMPATHY FROM THE COMMUNITY

Clifford Vernon Faulkner

One of the early members of St. Andrew's Heights, "Cliff " Vernon Faulkner, age 96 years, passed away September 24, 2009, at Carewest Royal Park. He was born and educated in Vancouver, BC, and worked at various jobs across Canada while "riding the rails" during the depression in the 1930's. He served as a marine diesel engineer on an army transport vessel during WW11.

In 1949 Cliff graduated from UBC with a B.Sc in Agriculture and began his work as a land inspector with the BC Dept. of Lands and Forests Div. of Land Utilization Research and Survey. In 1954 he became western field editor of Country Guide, contributed to Cattlemen magazine, retired, then in retirement his talent for writing won him several awards for adult and children's books, six novels for juveniles including 'The White Calf', and for non fiction 'Pen and Plow'. At age 85 he used another talent and enjoyed painting some fine pictures.

He leaves to mourn his son Stephen (Cathy) Faulknor, and daughter Noreen Pitman, grandchildren Melanie Faulknor and Kevin and Greg Pitman and many nieces and nephews and special friends. He was predeceased by his wife Betty (1990), his grandson Michael Faulknor (2005) and brother Jerry Vernon-Martin (1998).

Cliff touched the lives and hearts of many people. he had a quick wit and wonderful stories to tell. A memorial service was held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church Sept. 29, 2009. (Donations to The Salvation Army. Expressions of sympathy to family at www.fostersgardenchapel.ca)

Mai Yen Lee "Jean" (July 27, 1914-Sept. 27, 2009)

A celebration for Jean's life was held Oct. 6, 2009.

Jean was born in Sydney, B.C, as one of eight children, and spent her childhood in Victoria area before moving to Cardson, AB. at age sixteen.

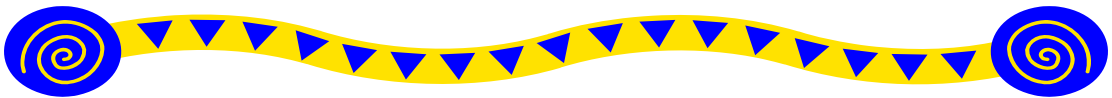
Jean moved to Calgary and then to Kamloops, B.C. in 1933, where she



married Ed. They moved to Toronto Ont. for seventeen 'lively' years, where Jean raised a family, played bridge, danced to big band orchestras and frequently traveled to New York City to see Broadway plays and shop on Fifth Avenue.

In 1952 Jean and Ed moved back to Calgary where she established a children's clothing store, instructed Chinese cooking classes, and entertained at many Stampede BBQ's, bridge and family parties. Through it all she was known as 'Aunt Jean'. She will be celebrated as a caring, generous and non-judgmental soul who welcomed many into her life and home.

A celebration of Jean's life was held Oct. 6, 2009. Donations may be made directly to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta . Expressions of sympathy may be sent c/o mountainview@arbormemorial.com subject heading: Jean Lee.



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CALGARY SNOW BY-LAW REMINDER by Liz Murray

For those people new to the community and the City, please be aware that Calgary has a snow removal by-law which states: "Owners/occupants are responsible for the complete removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a snowfall. Removal of snow and ice means the removal of ALL snow and ice down to the bare concrete. Snow or ice from private property cannot obstruct the road or boulevard. If you fail to remove snow from the public sidewalk in a timely manner, you may be reported to the City at which time they will remove the snow for you and provide you with an invoice for their services. Please be considerate of your neighbours and those with mobility problems and keep the sidewalk clear. If you know someone who struggles to clear their sidewalks, be a snow angel and clear it for them.

OFF-LEASH WARNING by Liz Murray

Those of you that let your dogs run off-leash at the park along Toronto Cres. should be aware of a recent incident in which a neighbourhood dog died after encountering some broken bottles in the long grass. Beware that there are sharp and dangerous objects in the grass as a result of people throwing garbage from the top of ridge. If you see items that could injure people or pets, please remove them if it is safe to do so or call 311 and report the item's location and that it poses a human safety risk. Never remove needles or similar items unless you are trained in biohazardous waste disposal. Call 311 to report those items or call me and I will remove them (403-282-8309).



ICE MATTERS by Nik Rasula

The open call for volunteers in last month's Newsletter has been a big hit. Many testing times have already been booked with a few still available. Call Roger, Larry, or myself to book your time as they are going fast. Best of luck to all.

In other news: In a follow up to the report about soccer referee and former St. Andrews resident Cameron Blair and his *AC Milan* assignment in July. The Azzuri press has been all abuzz with the post-game goings-on of the Canadian referee they dubbed "Camereno Blairini". Gossip journals especially were ripe with stories of our man 'Reno "dancing" the Los Angeles night away with *Posh* and the other *Spice Girls*. When Ice Matters caught up with Cam to get his side of the matter, he responded with a terse "no comment", referring us to his strict "don't kiss and tell" policy And of the reported punch-up between himself and a jealous David Beckham; Cam was a little more forthcoming, responding "that's a case of journalistic license gone wild. It was just some shoving and a couple of love-taps..... besides, he's over-rated". Thanks for clearing that up old buddy, we were starting to worry!

Don't Forget to Prepare Your Home For Winter!

1. Storm / Thaw Water Management & Winterize Outside Taps: With the freeze, then thaw type of climate that we experience in Calgary, it is essential to remove debris from the roof and then thoroughly clean out the gutters and downspouts. This will ensure proper drainage and prevent damage. All of the downspout extensions should be in position to carry the roof melt away from the foundation. If water is allowed to pool next to the foundation it could seep into the basement. Cleaning stairwell and driveway drains will also prevent backups during the winter. Winterizing the outside hose taps is important to prevent freezing and splitting of the pipes. Failure to do this may go undetected until spring.

2. Chimney Caps: All chimney caps and flue covers should be checked for damage and ensure that they are properly in place. Damaged or loose flues or bird screens can pose a safety concern.

3. Heating System: The most important part of our home during the winter is the heating system. The furnace filter should be changed at least twice a year. A clean filter means better performance of the furnace no matter what age the furnace is. Furnace fan belts should be checked for damage and proper tension. The humidifier should be cleaned and serviced to ensure proper performance. The heating system should be serviced on a regular basis to ensure safe, reliable heating of the home.

4. Weather Stripping: Examine all window and door weather stripping for any damage and replace as necessary. This will prevent cold breezes from getting in and heat escaping out. **Wishing us all a mild winter!**



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Let's do our part to help our fellow Calgarians who need the services of the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank. Join us at the community hall on Saturday, November 7th for the Annual Food Bank Coffee Party. Bring a monetary donation, chat with your neighbors, and enjoy coffee and goodies. See you there!

Date: November 7th, 10 - 11 am

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For more information, visit calgary.ca/bylawservices or call Laura Shott at 403-268-1880.

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Home-Start have openings for volunteers. We help families with at least one child under the age of 5. In the families own home.

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Do you: Enjoy making new friends? Know first hand the stresses of bringing up children? Sincerely like to listen?; Relate well with children? Like to offer practical assistance? Have children of your own and would like to support another mom?

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world. All parents experience times of doubt and despair. Why not share your skills and knowledge with another parent?

For more information, please contact Marion Paulson at The Bowness Boys and Girls Club: 403 571-0516.



Community Events

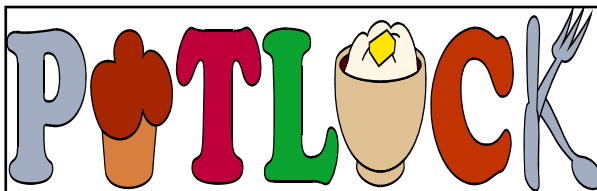
Keep Fit Classes - Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8pm in the school gym. Call Karen 403-289-7820

Art Group - Wednesdays from 12 to 3:30 pm at the Community Hall. For information call Betty 403-282-8949

The **Annual St Andrews Food Bank Tea and Fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, November 7th at 10 am. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and support the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.

St Andrews Anglican Church
1611 St Andrews Place NW

Annual Tea & Bazaar Saturday, November 28 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Admission is \$4.00 and includes refreshments, a door prize and a light lunch. We have many crafts, baking, gourmet items, frozen food, gifts and treasures. If you have any questions please call 403-282-3234, wheel chair accessible.



SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

4:30

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Sign up: Betty 403-282-8949
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Snow Shovelers :

Jordan Fleck 403-875-8572

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