

Radiant Care Tabor Manor

Tabor Times

January 2023

Happy New Year

A heartfelt thank you to Janice Ford Spencer, the founder of the Stockings of Love charity. An initiative she started four years ago to bring happiness to seniors living in long-term care at Christmas. We were gifted with stockings for all our residents to open at Christmas. Everyone was pleasantly surprised and overjoyed to gather and open their stockings together. With the help of recreation staff, the residents have written a letter of thanks to Janice for making this happen.

WE REMEMBER...

Helene Peters

WE WELCOME...

Leonard Shalanko
Aline Veilleux

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAYS OF...

Betty Unruh
Katharina "Kae" Froese
William Leger
Violet Moore
John Brown
Eileen Taylor
Mary Stepien
Hilda Martens
Stanley Bench
Catherine Gibbs



Recreation Note— Norma Restivo

The therapeutic recreation department recently had an increase in funding hours, allowing 2 new full-time positions to be added. This has allowed the department to have 1 full-time staff on each home area and 4 part-time staff that support all the home areas.

We would like to introduce our new team members Falycia Culver and Irene Carter.



My name is Falycia, I am a mom of two children and living in the Dunnville area. I have always had a passion for helping people and working in my community, but it was not until recently that I decided to turn my passion into my career. I went back to school after a 13 year career in the insurance industry and received my Recreational Therapy diploma. I am ecstatic to be apart of the Tabor Manor community!!!



My name is Irene and I'm really excited to be working with you as a recreationist at Tabor Manor. I have an educational background in therapeutic recreation and enjoy planning meaningful leisure experiences for older adults. When I'm not working with seniors, I love spending time with my family and friends. I love reading, being outside, travelling, cooking, gardening, and chauffeuring my children to all their after school activities and sports.

Our baking teams hard at work, making sugar cookies for everyone to decorate and eat during the holidays!



Beginning A New Year

I know many of you, our Tabor Manor Friends, fled war-torn Europe after World War II with your families. Some of you went to South America before arriving in Canada, and others of you came directly here. When you came to Canada, you had very little idea what would await you here. All of you experienced the difficulties and challenges of immigrating to a new country and having to adjust to new societies and cultures. It also meant a new adventure filled with opportunities, hopes and dreams.

Many of you have shared how thankful you are for having come to Canada and the new beginnings you and your family have had here. God has been good to you, hasn't He!

Beginning a new adventure is both challenging and exciting. Starting something new can have both risks and rewards. The risks can include the dangers of the unknowns, the perceived difficulties we may face, and the uncertainties of the outcomes. The rewards can be new opportunities, experiences, and fulfilment beyond our present dreams.

As The People of Israel entered the Promised Land, they faced tremendous challenges and opposition. Yet, despite all that could have caused them fear, and discouragement, God's promise to them was clear. **"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous"**! (Joshua 1: 5,6). Even when facing the 'giants in the Land', they could have confidence and hope because God was with them!

As we begin a New Year, we have no idea what may lay before us. There could be many challenges, crises and struggles just ahead. Yet our source of confidence, peace and assurance will not come from knowing what's ahead. It will only come from trusting in our faithful God, who promises His constant Presence and protection every day to come.

Yes, we too can be 'strong and courageous' this New Year, just like The People of Israel on their way into the Promised Land, and just like your families were on their way to Canada!

Remember these words from The Lord this coming New Year;

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' (Isaiah 41:10)

Let's pray that we are 'strong and courageous' as we trust in the Lord to lead us forward in whatever new challenges and adventures we face.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pastor Jim