

The Patchwork

The quilt featured here is the Sheila Hanna Memorial Quilt

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ELMIRA DISTRICT
COMMUNITY LIVING

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Welcome Kyle
- **John's Retirement**
- **2013 New Year's Gala**
- Quilt Auction Raffle Winners
- Quilt Auction Photo Gallery
- News from around town

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**2013 New Year's
Gala**

Welcome to Kyle Halsband

We, the individuals and staff at Crane drive would like to officially welcome Kyle to our home. Kyle moved into the house **November 2012 from his parent's** home in Kitchener. He is a lively addition and has fit in with both the other individuals and staff. Although he does go to Kitchener Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons to jobs he has worked at for quite a while he happily spends his other days at Arc industries. He is very proud to be a part of the team at Crane and does his house chores along with the rest of the gentlemen.

He will be starting cookery class soon and we look forward to coming in to supper already made for everyone on a Mondays. A keen sportsman he has joined the Tuesday bowlers and the floor hockey team, he still supports Kitchener Rangers and gets to all the games he can, but also likes to attend the Elmira Sugar Kings games too. I am sure you will get to meet Kyle as he is out and about in Elmira, take the time to say hi and get to know this young man. We look forward to sharing lots of adventures with him.



Kyle with Ray meeting Santa at the Hungry Man's Breakfast

John decided to hang up his lawn trimmer after being President of Six Star for 17 years.



Six Star Team from left to right Peter, Chris, Andrew, David, Margaret
Front row: Trevor, John

John's retirement party was held on January 23, 2013 to celebrate his **working career.** John's wife Fern and a number of friends came out to wish John well in his new life of leisure. John worked for Elmira Wood Products for 12 years and when that business closed a few of his co-workers started up Six Star Maintenance in which John was the founding President for 17 years. John even named Six Star Maintenance after its six workers.

John is well known for his creative command of the English language and has **graced us with his many JOHNism's.**

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Dance, Dance, Dance...



2012 Oktoberfest event at Bingemans



Frank and Ann Dancing at the Jamboree!



2012 Oktoberfest event at Bingemans

Sweet Cupcake Creations

EDCL staff and ARC participants had so much fun baking cupcakes for the auction. This is a new fundraiser with beautifully decorated and packaged cupcakes in teacups. What a sweet gift for someone special !!



Michelle and Heather



Michelle helps out with the dishes



Karen, Laurie and Anne

- Choice -
- Opportunity -
- Participation -



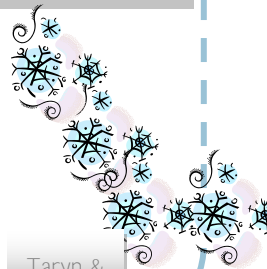
Anne, Heather and Dawn



Taryn and Karen making cupcakes



Taryn & Diane



Giving Back

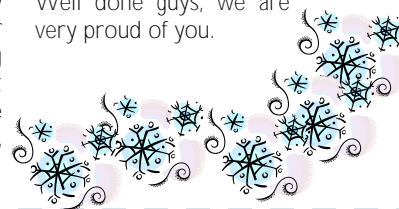
Submitted by Cheryl Smith



Most of us have filled a shoe box for the Christmas Child Shoe Box, and the guys at Crane Dr. decided that they wanted to do that and more, so on November 29th all seven of us headed to Waterloo with our 2 shoeboxes to help in the packing process. It is amazing to see the thousands of shoeboxes which have been packed by people of all ages and in different financial circumstances, but what is evident is the amount of love and thought that is put into every package. Letters and photos were packed as

well ours included, and we watched a movie showing some of the children who receive these gifts all over the world, it was wonderful to see their smiling faces as they opened what would more than likely be the only Christmas gift they receive. Ray, Donnie, Jim, Lee, Kyle and David before he moved, all contributed to the shoeboxes which we filled, Ray wrote a letter and we put in a Photograph to show who had sent it. Choices of gender, age then gifts were carefully discussed, bought and packed. But for Joan and I it was watching and working alongside the five individuals who went to the warehouse which made us the most proud. They diligently checked,

repacked and taped what felt like hundreds of boxes. They never complained despite having to stand on a cold concrete floor for an hour, and shared stories and jokes with the two ladies who helped us. It is quite the operation, and one that we all agree we would like to do again. We are always so thankful when the community raises money to help EDCL, but this time we were the ones to be doing the helping, and it feels even better. Well done guys, we are very proud of you.



Oct. 31, 2012, RBC Charitable Foundation presented a \$5,000 cheque to EDCL Executive Director Greg Bechard and Board President Stephen Menich towards their annual quilt auction fundraiser. Photograph taken by Gail Martin, from the Elmira Independent



Paul and Bill from Reid Woods attended Christkindl, the traditional German Christmas market, at Kitchener City Hall on Dec 5th. Bill particularly enjoyed the huge toy train display and a soft German pretzel.

The Auction Results

Once again we had an-other extremely prosperous auction with a net profit of approx-imately \$68,000. Hundreds of supporters came to bid on various items that were donat-

ed by our generous community. The funds that are generated during our auction allows us to purchase supports and services that are not covered by government funding such as the maintenance of our properties and

buildings as well as vans that transport the people we support to work and outings within our community.

We must thank the business Riverdale Country Poultry Processing for allowing us to take over their place of business for a number of days for the past few years. I would like to thank the auction sale committee members for all of the long hours of canvassing, organizing, and preparing for our auction day.

We cannot thank you enough for

your support and dedication to our largest fundraiser.

In addition to our committee members we have close to 100 volunteers that make sure the day runs smoothly. Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to the following Quilt Auction Raffle Winners
 1st Prize- QUILT, Ohmer Jantzi, New Hamburg, Ontario
 2nd Prize- WALL HANGING, Carol Barnes, Cambridge, Ontario
 3rd Prize- MAT, Arlene Graham, Oakville, Ontario
 Our 50-50 draw had proceeds of \$158.90 which was shared with ticket holder.
 Thank you for supporting Elmira District Community Living

Elmira Charity Quilt Auction, October 2012



Margaret & Elizabeth drawing the winning raffle ticket



Murray Gerber, auctioneer



Lunch counter - Sausages on a bun, anyone?



Gary Jantzi and William Brubacher (auction chair) auction one of the "special" (very large!!) pies. This one was blueberry—Yummy!



The Benefactor's Quilt was auctioned and raised an amazing \$2,400 for EDCL



How about pie and ice cream?



All eyes on the quilt auction



Taking the quilts to the stage. The quilts

Elmira Charity Quilt Auction, October 2012



Quilts and more quilts. They tell the story of our community



The excitement of a live auction



Paying the bill at the end of the day.....

..... and walking away with a beautiful work of art



EDCL Board President Stephen Menich (left) and Past President Donna Haid (second left) were present at the Lunor Subdivision groundbreaking ceremony on Nov 22, 2012. Photo taken by Gail Martin, Elmira Independent



Parkway Ford donated \$4,880 to the Woolwich Community Lions Club, the results of the club's Drive a Ford event. Steve Menich, Elmira District Community Living Board President and Cheryl Peterson, Service Director accepts the proceeds to go towards a new van. Photograph taken by Gail Martin, Elmira Independent

John's Retirement

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John loves a variety of music and would share his music in the Six Star lunchroom. John has been the disc jockey for all of the special events of the recreation committee such as Valentines, Halloween, and Christmas dances for many years. John was the person in charge of keeping our administration offices clean by sweeping and mopping as well as the Woolwich Pharmacy. John would make a point of caring for our safety and asked everyone to be careful and not slip on his wet floors. John was a Six Star van driver during their jobs in the community. He shoveled snow in the winter and did the lawn trimming in the summer. John felt that coffee breaks were important and he started his work day organizing the **crew's coffee breaks early every morning**. Every year John asked for assistance from his co-workers in preparation of his annual camping trip at the Elora Conservation area. Six



Above: past and present members of Six Star.
Right: John and Fern



Star would be organized to deliver the firewood to the camp site and help set him up for his holiday with Fern. His best memories were driving the van 5 days a week and coffee breaks at the local **Tim Horton's**.

We would like to thank John for all of his hard work over the years. We wish John the very best in the future from all of his many friends at EDCL.

Special Hockey Benefit Game

Taryn Mikjaniec # 21 for the Cambridge Ice Hounds played against the Kitchener Rangers on Tuesday February 12, 2013. Her team won the hockey game 7-4. Congrats to Taryn and the Cambridge Ice Hounds. Taryn is looking forward to playing in the Special Hockey International Tournament at the Kitchener AUD March 14-16th, 2013.



Andrew at Rangers Open Door event



Alex enjoying his outing



Calling all Maple Syrup Festival Volunteers!
Join us on Saturday April 6, 2013
We have several positions open for the pancake booth
on the 11:00-1pm shift and 1:00-3pm shift.
Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time.
Contact Diane at 519-669-3205 Ext 221

Thank you EDCL Recreation Committee

Once again in November to December the EDCL Recreation Committee offered a Cheese fundraiser. Kitchen Cuttings, here in Elmira was more than happy to meet all our cheese needs, and rolled out their famous Cheeseball in abundance! We ran the fundraiser for 2 weeks, and had some fun

when it came time to do the packaging. (Thanks Ron!!) Fudge, cheese, Red Pepper Jelly and of course the cheeseball were a huge hit! Many these yummy cheeseballs made it to Christmas dinner, or who knows, even to New Years celebrations. Big thanks to all who supported the fundraiser, and special mention

should go to Joyce Weber, Karen Weber and Ron Martin for selling the most cheese. Together we raised \$225 for the EDCL Recreation Committee! Cheers!



Six Star stuck in the snow



Getting unstuck...Randy is helping



Six Star stuck, isn't it ironic

Bring on the Sunshine

On a cold and wintery Family day in February, the gentlemen from Crane Drive forgot the snow for a while and warmed up by dancing to the music, joining in with the arts and crafts and of course partaking of the good food at the "Bring on the Sunshine" African Festival in celebration of family and Black History month. They enjoyed the cultural experience and being a part of an event full of sunshine and smiles. And as can be seen from all the smiling faces Kristina and Francis enjoyed it as well.





2013 New Year's Gala

Submitted by Bill Rogers,
Recreation Committee

First off I would like to say thank you to all who attended the 2013 New Year's Gala. The entire evening was a huge success; from the great photography, fabulous meal, wonderful décor, lovely favors, pristine dance moves, and lastly how amazing everyone looked. The Gala took a lot of hard work and dedication, but in the end it paid off as all of the smiles and laughs were enough to prove that the Gala was indeed a huge success. The evening was such a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all, and because of that we are hoping to have the Gala become an annual event. Once again thank you to all who attended and for everyone's generosity and support. Here is to 2013 and another amazing year with all our friends. Hope to see you all there again next year!



An Evening with the Kitchener Rangers



Andy, Kyle, and Larry went on a tour to see the new facility of the Kitchener Auditorium, where they met with the Kitchener Rangers team. Proudly Andy also describes how he received autographs from the Rangers team members. Above is Andy and Kyle with two members of the Rangers. Before the event Andy joined the Crane group home for supper.