

The Patchwork

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Cheryl Martin Retires After 23 Years

After 23 years with Elmira District Community Living Cheryl Martin has decided to enter the next phase of her life and retire.

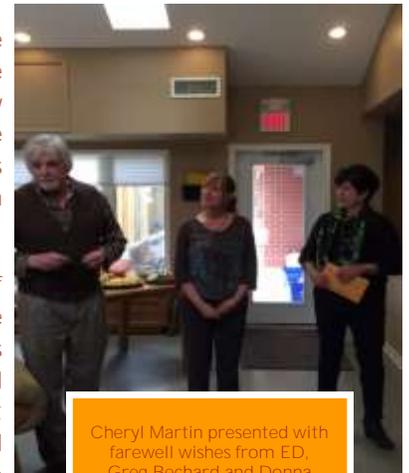
Cheryl has had many roles within the organization such as Support Services at Home (SSAH), Personal Case Manger, Personal Support Worker, and ended her career as a Domestic Support staff.

Cheryl was a key support person with the Ireland Exchange Program. For 4 years, Cheryl and Laurie Thomson took 5 individuals to Ireland to participate in a work and social travel experience for a month each year. Her unwavering energy, ability to see the humour in challenging situations and calming manner to help home sick participants get through their anxiety, played a

huge part in making the exchange program so successful. She made connections with people they met in the community where they stayed that endure to this day. Cheryl still keeps in touch with many of those Irish friends!

Cheryl will be missed by many of the individuals whose lives she touched over the years as well as staff, management and board members. At her retirement presentation she was presented with a retirement gift from the **Board of Director's President, Donna Haid and EDCL's Executive Director, Greg Bechard.**

Even though we will miss Cheryl, she will be creating a new journey spending her happy retirement hours with her 4 grandchildren. This will not be the last we



Cheryl Martin presented with farewell wishes from ED, Greg Bechard and Donna Haid Board President

will see of Cheryl as she volunteers with the friendship club at Woodside Bible Fellowship where most of her friends from EDCL are involved. We wish Cheryl all the very best in this next phase of her life. *(more photos on page 8)*

Field Of Dreams - Phase 2

Phase 2 of Elmira's Field of Dreams Co-Housing Project breaks ground. Scheduled occupancy for the 7 unit apartment complex is November of 2016. Phase 1 has been in operation for over a year. Follow the development of Phase 2 of this undertaking on our Facebook page and witness as we work through the construction phase and the creation of the co-housing community in this building and its next door

neighbours. We have also posted a video on the project entitled the Field of Dreams for those of you who have 15 minutes to spare I hope you enjoy.

The video is accessible to view through:

1. [Elmira District Community Living](http://www.elmiradcl.com/) Website at (<http://www.elmiradcl.com/>)



The foundation started

2. The [Field of Dreams Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Elmira-Ontario-Field-Of-Dreams/331975966927585) Page at (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Elmira-Ontario-Field-Of-Dreams/331975966927585>)

3. On [YouTube](https://youtu.be/Ay5uTdE8TZU) at (<https://youtu.be/Ay5uTdE8TZU>) *(more photos on page 4)*



Frankie really enjoys a visit from Nash



The Sunrays Team Photo



Art Workshop held by Planned Lifetime Networks with EDCL



Cooking Time



A visit with mom

Friday, Feb. 26th was Craft & Karaoke day at Life Skills. Not everyone who did the Shaving Cream Painting got their pictures taken as there was some confusion about the difference between Shaving Cream and Whipped Cream. Luckily the staff have cat-like reflexes to prevent problems.



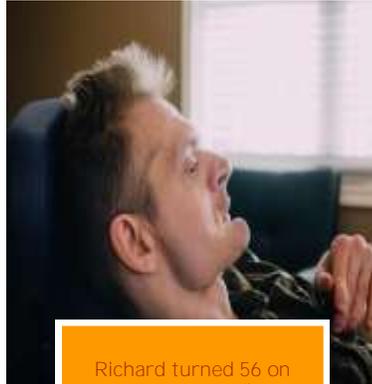
Muriel visits the Butterfly Conservatory

The Red Hat Society Annual Lunch





Karen turns 37 on March 12



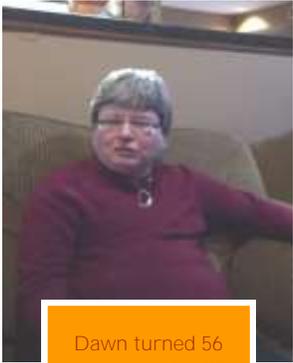
Richard turned 56 on February 28th



Myrtle turned 79 on January 24

Happy Birthday

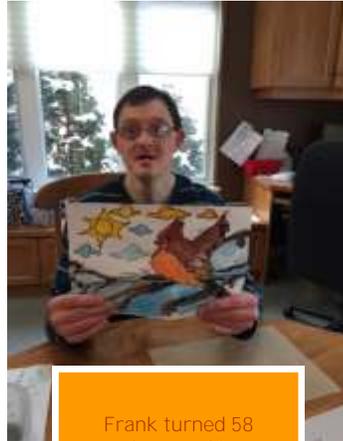
*Birthday Celebrations
December 2015
to March 2016*



Dawn turned 56 on December 30

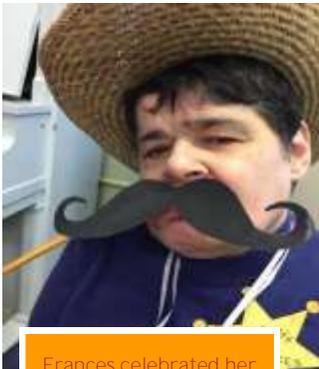


Wilma celebrated her 91st birthday March 20



Frank turned 58 January 30

*David turned 54, 28th April
Barb turns 60 26th May*



Frances celebrated her 60th birthday on 6th February



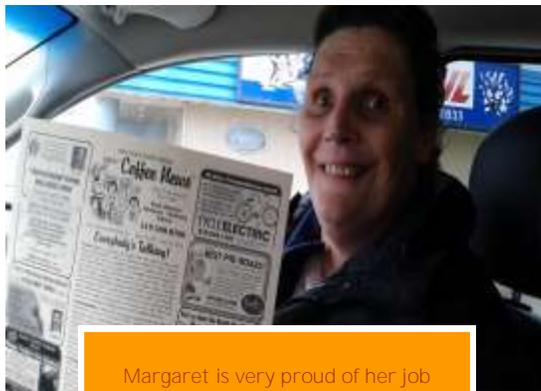
Katie turned 80 February 15



Mary turned 85 February 14



Lee turned 67 February 18



Margaret is very proud of her job delivering the Coffee News



Bill, Muriel and Richard recently enjoyed a noon hour hockey game at the Cambridge mall.



Janet enjoyed the swings at the Inclusion Playground on First Street

With the arrival of warmer weather Reid Woods residents enjoyed the first bon fire and outdoor lunch of 2016!



Trevor standing in front of a Six Star Photo and reminisces about the good days he had working for Six Star. Trevor worked for Six Star for five years.



Reid Woods residents were able to enjoy attending the opening of a new barn at the farm of Terry and Sheryl Martin. Sheryl has worked at Reid Woods for many years. There were over one thousand people at the open house for the new state of the art facility.



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Field of Dreams Phase 2





Dance
Dance
Dance



Rocking around the clock
at the annual Valentine
Day Dance hosted by the
Recreation Committee



Elvis
Presley



Happy
Valentine's
Day

Hungryman Breakfast



Sunday March 20th, marked the **Recreation Committee's first** ever attempt at hosting, in partnership with the Elmira **Legion, a Hungry Man's Breakfast**. The smell of fresh coffee-served with a smile, fluffy pancakes, eggs your way (either scrambled or fried), endless toast with homemade jam, wafted down the ramp of the Legion. People coming in to share in this fabulous breakfast were met and welcomed by the friendly, jovial Jim Plein and Legion member Kirk Gene-reux.

This community fundraiser appeared to be a success with more than 550 people coming to enjoy the meal. Several of our group homes were in attendance; Crane, RMG, RwdS, Eagle, ILS and Wilma Myers celebrated her 91 birthday with us and her housemates of the ALC. As well, local church members, family members of people we support and staff dropped by with their families to share breakfast. One family brought in their mom with balloons and flowers to celebrate her birthday with her, while supporting a local fundraiser.

As a lifelong resident of Elmira, I was thrilled to overhear a **"town-person" state, "this is as big as the Sugar Kings!"** THAT is a statement in this town. Many people were thrilled to be served by us and the people we support. I have heard only positive feedback from people who attended and from our volunteers too, that thought it **was great "fun"!**

Huge appreciation and thank you go to our numerous volunteers doing various jobs that

included: tea and coffee prep and serving, dishes, clearing and setting tables, toast making, bean stirring, orange juice mixing, and egg mastering. We could NOT have done this without you all!!(And some of you did double shifts too--- amazing!!)

- Wendy Vandenberg
- Cherylanne Weber
- Julie Martin-Jansen
- Michele Ingram-Smith
- Greg Bechard
- Michelle Pamplin
- Cheryl Smith
- Rodger Hanna
- Haylee Talbot
- Cindy O'Connell**
- Lee Wright
- Ray Moser
- Laurie Thomson
- Tom Oberle
- Kristina Weirsma
- Nitin Thomas
- Don Vandenhooogen
- Ann Tomadini
- Marilyn Vandenhooogen
- Randy Martin
- Bill Rogers
- Kim Detweiler
- Paul Quennville
- Andrew Martin
- Joanna Brubacher
- Jeff Bechard
- Susan Bechard
- Sandra Stephens
- Ruth Wedman
- Sandra Isailovic
- Sandra's friend**
- Shawn Beaupre
- Chad Beaupre
- Sheri Bender
- Vaughn Bender
- Kyle Halsband
- Heather Halsband
- Emily Halsband

for staying to the absolute bitter end, scrubbing massive pots and pans!! If not for their help, Rodger Hanna and I may still be there!!!!

Cheers -Louise Ellis; Recreation Committee Chairperson



Special mention and HUGE thanks to Randy Martin, Laurie Thomson and Greg Bechard

27 th March 2016

Tenants of Snow Goose and their families gathered to wish Alex good luck as she moves on to the next stage of her life. Alex has just completed the Social Development Studies program at Rennison University College and is now moving to Markham to seek her fame and fortune in the Social Service Field. Alex was "a good friend and neighbour" for two years at Snow Goose and the friendships she has made while there have created a broader sense of community in and out of the home. We wish Alex and her Fiance all the the best in the future.



Harold Albrecht @AlbrechtHOCam · 5m
So good to have guests from #Hutcon #ElmiraDistrictCommunityLiving visit me Ottawa today! Enjoy your time here!



Residents and staff of Crane drive, visiting Ottawa

It hardly seems like a year ago that Laura moved in to McGuire Lane as a good friend and neighbour. Laura was enrolled in the Masters of Social Work Program at Laurier and is graduating and is moving on to pursue her fortune in the world of Social Work. Rumour has it though that she will be returning just as a neighbour when the next building opens. We will keep our fingers crossed it is more than a rumour.



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*More
photographs
from
Cheryl Martin's
retirement
farewell
presentation*



*Life Skills Events
Drum Circle -
Arts & Crafts -
St. Patrick's Day -*

