



St. Joseph's Villa
Celebrating 130 Years



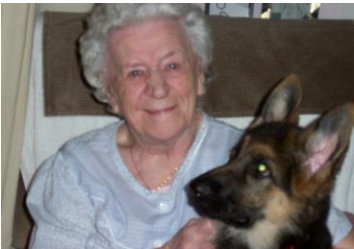
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Harley and Me!

St. Joseph's Villa has been Marjorie O'Neill's home for fourteen years. It is a big number but that seems to be a theme in her life. She will be celebrating her 99th birthday on December 8 and remains active. Marjorie comes from a family of longevity. Two of her aunts lived to be 100 years old and an uncle lived to be 102 years old. She and her six siblings were joined by seven more children when her father remarried, following her mother's death. She had three children of her own who gave her 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grand children and 5 great-great grandchildren



Marjorie has spent her time creating a large number of afghans, that always won first prize at the Rockton Fair. She stays busy with sewing projects and baking her famous butter tarts. Ask the CEO, Paul O'Krafka about Marjorie's butter tarts. She always had to save him one or two. The tarts were too yummy to stay around long enough to be counted. They are still in demand for the Villa bazaars.



Family is huge in Marjorie's life which is evident by the photographs that abound in her room. The pictures show the five generations in her family and the most recent grandson, a five year old charmer who smiles all the time. One of the most striking photographs shows Marjorie sitting on a powerful motorcycle looking in complete control of the machine. She giggles when asked if it belongs to her.



Marjorie was born and raised in Hamilton but has also lived in Orillia and in Rockton, near the African Lion Safari. She did not visit the animal park but could hear the lions and other animals from her apartment. She has had a busy and productive life and during her time living at the Villa, has helped in the dining room, assisted an older resident with her daily activities, sewn many projects and baked many goodies.

It is difficult to believe she will soon be 99 years old. Marjorie's sense of humour and the twinkle in her eye seem very similar to that smiley great-great grandson. Despite being so close to that big age number, she is clearly young at heart.



The next meeting of the Family Council will be Monday, January 18, 2009 from 1- 3 pm. All family members are welcome to attend.

Let the Activities Begin!

Residents are more than welcome to join in the following Recreational activities provided through the month of December. Please contact your Therapeutic Recreationist for more details.

December 5 (Auditorium)	10:15	Christmas Duet by Janet Thorpe
December 10	5:00	Pre-Christmas Dinner (Auditorium)
December 11	10:30	Parkside Highschool Band (Auditorium)
December 15	6:30	Christmas Recital (McArthur Lobby)
December 16	2:30	Entertainment
December 17	6:30	Children's Christmas Play (Auditorium)
December 23	10:30	Carol Sing by St. Gregorious Youth Band (Auditorium)
December 24	10:00	Christmas Manicure's & Tea (Conservatory Lounge)
December 31	10:00	End of the Year Celebration with Peter Shaw (Auditorium)



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Celebrate With Us!

The season of Advent is upon us as we joyfully anticipate Christ's birth, and each candle we light brings us closer to Christmas. The Spiritual Care Department will continue with its regular worship services for the most part, as well as hosting some special events this month. Here are the highlights:

- **Wednesday, December 23:** 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass officiated by His Grace Bishop Gerard Bergie and concelebrated by Father Kennedy and Father Biju. Christmas music by St. Gregorious Band and the Villa's annual presentation to the Salvation Army to follow at 10:00 in the auditorium.
- **Christmas Eve/ Thurs., Dec. 24:** Christmas music with Johnny Picone at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 9:30
- **Christmas Day/ Fri., Dec. 25:** Christmas music with Johnny at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 9:30. *There will be no 10:30 a.m. worship on Christmas Day.*
- **New Year's Eve/ Thurs., Dec. 31:** Music with Johnny at 9:00 a.m.; Mass at 9:30
- **New Year's Day/ Fri., Jan. 1:** Music at 9:30 a.m.; Mass at 10:00. *There will be no 10:30 a.m. worship service on New Year's Day.*

Mark Your Calendar

St. Joseph's Villa Foundation "Some Kind of Wonderful" gala event will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010 at Liuna Station Hamilton. Our guests will experience an extraordinary evening of fine dining, unique auction items, and quality entertainment by singer/songwriter John Ellison and his accompaniment band. Tickets \$175.00 each by calling (905) 627-9011 ext. 2293.

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, join us in honouring the Legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton at Carmen's Banquet Centre. Tickets are \$95.00 per person. For more information contact 905-522-1155 ext. 35981 or visit stjoesfoundation.ca or sjv.on.ca/foundation.ca.

12 Day Countdown to the Holidays!!!

The 12 day countdown to the holidays will keep you motivated, inspired and challenged! Come in the week of November 30th– December 4th to get a holiday workout card that you will get marked by us every time you complete a class or cardio and weights. Once you have reached 12 marks on your holiday workout card you will receive a S.I.M GYM T-shirt (while supplies last) and be entered into a draw for a free month in January!! To help you get your “bells on” for the holiday season we will be hosting our first annual Pre-Turkey Burner on Tuesday, December 22nd, from 9-11am in the Auditorium. Lori and Lisa will take you through a cardio and strength class followed by a relaxing yoga class! Brenda will hold a sit and fit class in the S.I.M Gym from 9:30-10:30am. Come and join us in the gym at 10:30am for coffee and holiday treats!



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!!!

Good-Bye Bookmobile

The Bookmobile will be making its last visit to the Villa on Monday, December 14th. If you have any books that need to be returned, please return them at this time. They will be distributing applications for the “Visiting Library” the same day. Volunteers bring materials directly to the room of those residents with limited mobility. Deliveries are once per month.



Season's Greetings

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

Hamilton Wright Mabie

Christmas is a time to come together and rejoice. So mark your calendars and celebrate with us this glorious season of hope!

As the holiday season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped shape us. St. Joseph's Villa and Foundation wish to thank the Sisters of St. Joseph, our volunteers, donors and staff for their support. Our family is privileged to serve the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton in caring for your family. For 130 years, St. Joseph's Villa has provided love and care to the elderly and disadvantaged in our community. May the magical spirit of the season ring out to you and yours and may the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and always.

Paul O'Krafka

CEO, St. Joseph's Villa

Maureen Ellis

CEO, St. Joseph's Villa Foundation

Assess and Restore Unit

The Assess and Restore Unit on the Villa's 5th Floor has been a successful partnership with the LHIN, St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton Health Sciences and the CCAC. On Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. you are invited to an Open House. Please stop by for a tour of this unit and learn more about the care that is provided.

*May Peace be your gift at Christmas
and your blessing all year through!*

