



St. Joseph's Villa
Celebrating 130 Years



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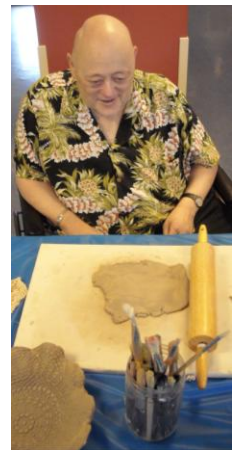
For the Love of the Game

Most folks would believe that David's (Herbert) favourite colour is red for when he dresses up for a special event – pre-Christmas dinner, Service Awards, Thanksgiving – he will be looking dapper with his ties that are cause for conversation and sporting his red jacket. However, I learned that his favourite combination may be gold and black. Being an avid sports fan, he supports the Pittsburgh Steelers (NFL), the Hamilton Tiger Cats (CFL), and Boston Bruins (NHL) – all teams associated with gold and black. He has more sports memorabilia to demonstrate the true fan he is no matter the sport. Many of David's journeys took him to watch a major league baseball game in New York, an NBA challenge in Detroit, or the Pro-Bowl in Hawaii. Nine times to Hawaii for the Pro-Bowl – he enjoyed every minute of those ventures most of them were with his Dad.



Living life to the fullest, in his younger years, he worked at Amity earning 20 cents an hour hefting five gallon drums. At the end of the week, David would stop by the meat market on his way home from work, and took his \$7.60, purchased steaks to celebrate the weekend with his parents.

David came to the Villa permanently in June 2008. He had many respite stays before that time, so knew a lot about the Villa. The main reason he came was he could continue to practice his Catholic faith in the Chapel. Pottery is one of his favourite recreational activities. He almost always gives his works of art to those who are close to him. Recently he made a gift in rainbow colours for one of the nurses who had a baby. He has participated in the Men's Club, takes pleasure in the BBQs and delights tripping to the casino on periodic outings. His biggest cash-in was \$162 on the nickel machines.



David made a wonderful friendship with Ruth Rainford, who was a long time resident at the Villa. He would help her at BINGO, enjoyed music and singing together. One evening while dining on Chinese food, staff had selected a pink candle for her and blue candle for him. They had a special friendship indeed. There is a Panabaker print that belonged to Ruth that now hangs outside his room to remind him of all the special reminiscences he has of Ruth.

No matter what challenge David faces, he is always able to find something to smile about. He makes everyone's day as he sits in the corner of the main entrance every evening to say "good night"...and after hearing those words, it is indeed a "good night".

Smokers' News

Now that the warmer weather is here, everyone is anxious to get outside and enjoy it. Over the winter, it was noticed that cigarette butts have been thrown carelessly on the sidewalk and in the gardens. Most of the smokers are very considerate and use the containers provided to put their cigarette butts. A few inconsiderate people will throw their butts anywhere leaving other people to clean up after them. This creates a very poor image for the Villa and particularly for people who smoke. If you are a smoker, please make sure you place your cigarette butts in the containers provided.



Also, a reminder to smokers that **The Smoke Free Ontario Act** stipulates that smoking is not permitted within 9 metres (approximately 30 feet) from any Villa doorway. We are required to enforce this law and anyone who is found to be smoking within the legislated boundaries puts themselves as well as St. Joseph's Villa at risk of very large fines. The boundaries are marked by a yellow line at the Juravinski and McArthur entrances and by the flower boxes at the main entrance.

The Villa administration respectfully asks that smokers adhere to the above requests.



May Day Yard Sale

The St. Joseph's Villa Spirit Committee is hosting a

MAY DAY Bake & Yard Sale

on Friday, May 28th in the Villa Auditorium. Lots of treasures for your pleasures! Mark the day in your calendar.

Celebrate with the Ambassadors of Christ

At St. Joseph's Villa we have been very fortunate to have the Ambassadors of Christ from St. Bernadette's and St. Augustine's Schools come to the Villa for a morning of visiting and gardening with the residents. For the past 3 years the students have visited with the residents on every home area, planted flowers at both the Juravinski and McArthur front entrances as well as both patios on Pine Grove and Birch Trail. This year the students have done their own fundraising, where they raised approximately \$3000 for planting material in a new garden area on the North side, Juravinski Wing. All residents are welcome to come outside on the North Side of the building on **Thursday, May 27th from 10:15am-11:15am** and visit with the students and/or assist in the planting of this new garden. A dedication service of this area will also be implemented at this time. Without the hard work and dedication of these grade 7 & 8 students these beautiful gardens around the Villa would not be possible. We are truly grateful and extremely appreciative of all their hard work! Residents thoroughly enjoy the visits they provide each Spring- bringing many smiles and warm thoughts to be shared all year long.

