

September Birthdays



Lucy G.	Sept 3	Michael U.	Sept 19
Linda R.	Sept 3	Clinton E.	Sept 21
Thelma T.	Sept 5	Angelo C.	Sept 22
Frances E.	Sept 14	Gerald B.	Sept 29
Shirley E.	Sept 16	Khan H.	Sept 30



Birthday Teas

Tues. Sept 8 in Magnolia
Wed. Sept. 16 in Camelia
Both at 3 pm

Courtyard Music

with Alistair

Magnolia - Sept. 8, 14, 21, 28
Rose Garden - Sept. 5
Willow - Sept. 12 & 26
with Dave O'Malley
Camelia - Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
All at 3pm



**IRISH
DINNER
PARTY**

Sept. 10 - Willow
Sept. 24 - Rose

MENU

Irish Fish and Chips
Coleslaw
Mint chocolate chip ice cream

**Irish Music and Dancing
Trivia and Limericks**
with Trish and Shadi

Cost: \$20 for those
able to eat fish and chips.
All others will enjoy their
regular Buchanan dinner.

BUS OUTINGS

Covid dependant.
Residents will remain on the
bus the entire trip. The bus
will be sanitized after each
outing.
Sept 17 **Afternoon Drive**
Willow creek only
1:30 - 4:30 pm
Sept 24 **Afternoon Drive**
Camelia house only
1:30 - 4:30 pm



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RESPECT

Find out what it means to us

*Anticipate and address needs for comfort
(e.g. providing a sweater or a blanket for
warmth, moving them near the fireplace,
offering beverages, etc.)*

FAMILY UPDATES

from Blake Armstrong - Executive Director

Between organizing close to 100 visits each
week, Chaplains and Recreation Staff have
offered our residents a variety of spiritual and
recreation programs throughout the summer.
In addition to our regular programming,
highlights include the following:

- **Summer Lovin'** features famous singers &
their songs (like Bing, Frank, Dean, Elvis) with
trivia questions and prizes!
- **Armchair Travel** has taken residents on
virtual vacations to all parts of the world.
Some enjoy traveling back to familiar places
while for others it's the experience of
discovery - going somewhere new.
- **Outdoor patio campfires** are new this year
and have been a great success. Residents really
enjoy being outdoors, by a fire, roasting
marshmallows and eating smores!
- A shipment of famous **Chilliwick Corn**
generated a lot of excitement and enthusiasm
for a few corn roasts of this freshly picked
annual treat.
- The **great weather** has cooperated enabling
outdoor musical sing-along concerts led by
professional musicians - Alistair and Dave.
- Thank you families for following visitation
protocols & for helping us stay Covid-free!

BUCHANAN LODGE



WELCOME NEW STAFF

RECREATION

Judy Burgon

SUPPORT SERVICES

Gabriel Lacerda
Nuan Mangmee-
Dahinten
Leticia Santiago

Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Precious Memories



Dublin made sure no "hot dogs" were roasted!



Reg "chillin" on a warm summer day!



Summer days inspire Cindy & Sandra to dance!



Chris - "Can I have s'more please?"



Eileen tickles our gnome to keep him smiling!



Ed is in touch with his crafty, creative side!



Tasha makes sure we can have fun indoors too!

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Thought for September

O Yes, He Cares!

I have this song stuck in my head, and I don't mind. As I write this we had just listened to the hymn, "Does Jesus Care?" as part of our Spiritual Reflections.

The composer, Frank Graeff, a Methodist pastor in Philadelphia, was normally so cheerful he was known as the Sunshine Minister. But like a solar eclipse, sometimes the sunlight in our life is overshadowed by difficult challenges, like we all are experiencing now! For Rev. Graeff it was a painful prolonged illness which led to deep despondency and doubt. He really wondered for the first time if Jesus did care.

But after turning to God's Word, He experienced an inexplicable peace when he read the words "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you!" (1 Peter 5:7 NLT). That's when the inspiration hit him for the chorus:

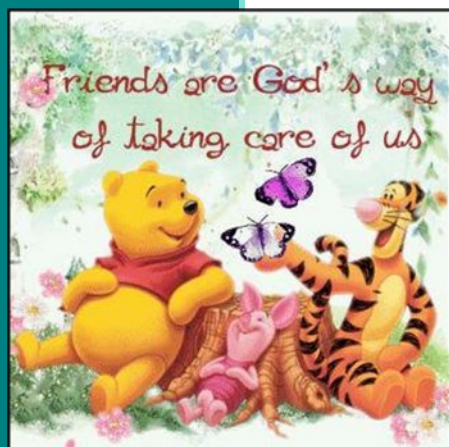
*O yes, He cares - I know He cares!
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary,
the long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares.*

According to this picture, featuring Tigger, Piglet and the Pooh: "Friends are God's way of taking care of us!" The Chaplains of Buchanan like to think of themselves in that way - your friends offering God's care whenever you need Him.

Well, our circle of friends has just grown again. Added to our 3 current caring part-time chaplains, we welcome back Darlene Mollard for the rest of this year, helping out in both the Spiritual Health and Recreation departments. She set the standard for care here at Buchanan long before I came to work with her in 2014. Each of our chaplains have decades of pastoral experience but what qualifies them the most for what we all do here is how much they genuinely care!

Let's all get these words stuck in our heads, and hearts:
"Oh yes, He cares - I know He cares!"

Chaplain Rob Buzza



Give all your
worries and
cares to God,
for He cares
about you!"
(1 Peter 5:7 NLT).



Prevent the Spread

Wearing a mask is a way to demonstrate love.

August 7, 2020 by Darryn Oldford
An article in The Salvationist Magazine

When it comes to being a Salvationist, there's a lot to be proud of. One shining example is our emergency disaster services. Floods, fires, earthquakes and other tragedies are met with compassion and care by Salvationists from coast to coast. How we choose to help in times of crisis both glorifies God and shows the goodness of humanity.

We are living through unprecedented days, with more than one pandemic. The first, of course, is COVID-19, which has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. But the second is misinformation regarding the virus. Although we live in a golden age of information with easy access to facts, some are using communication platforms to share blatant lies. Please check your sources and see if the information you wish to share is verified by experts. The public health officials in charge of our national, provincial and municipal responses want to see you healthy and well. We should trust them. Masks work, not only to help prevent you from getting sick, but also to keep you from making others sick.

The third is selfishness. Some people are not taking the coronavirus seriously and seem to believe that if you simply don't want to wear a mask in public, the world around you should respect that. A small but vocal group thinks the government is encroaching on personal freedom by making masks mandatory in public areas, rather than the result of needing to legislate common sense. Sadly, there are people in the church who are fighting against this common sense.

The story of the Good Samaritan is, in essence, an indictment of faith without love. Before the Samaritan came along and helped the stranger who had been robbed, beaten and left for dead, both a priest and a Levite had stepped around his body rather than stopping to offer assistance. These may have been holy men in the sense that they knew Scripture, but they are not the heroes of the story because they refused to go out of their way to help.

Similarly, we may have faith in God as the great physician to heal us and our family, but do we have love in our hearts if we put others at risk by not wearing a mask? Do you really want to be the person who spreads this disease to someone (who may in turn give it to someone else) and cause them to become severely ill, or even to die? The Bible teaches in 1 John 4:8 that "anyone that does not love does not know God, because God is love." Are we acting out of love or our own self-interest?

I am using biblical examples and spiritual teaching because this is a Salvation Army platform, but this goes beyond faith to human decency. If non-believers are out in the community wearing masks to protect the medically vulnerable and be good neighbours, why wouldn't those of us who profess faith in God - a faith that calls us to love our fellow man? To say you love God and humanity but refuse to wear a mask in public areas is the equivalent of not only walking around the beaten stranger, but giving him a kick as you pass. It is not loving, kind or just.

For the few who have respiratory issues that prevent them from wearing a mask, it's safer to self-isolate at home. For the rest of us, there is no excuse for not having some type of face covering while out in public. Even if a surgical mask is out of the question (for instance, if you're missing an ear), a scarf or other type of fabric wrap is better than nothing.

It isn't comfortable. It isn't fun. But it's necessary. We are living in the middle of a plague, and we all need to act like it. Let's ensure that The Salvation Army doesn't only show up after earthquakes or floods to minister to people. Let's also demonstrate our love by keeping our distance and wearing a mask. Stay safe.