

The Queens Pioneer

A Message from Tom ...

February 2019

Well Hello February! Time continues to march on, and the weather continues to remind us that it is Winter - but every day that passes we get closer to Spring. Did you know that:

- *There are 48 more days until Spring arrives?*
- *There are 23 days until Spring Training for the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball team? Their first game is on February 23, 2019.*
- *The days are starting to get longer by about 2 ½ minutes of more daylight each day?*
- *Finally, Valentines Day is just around the corner on February 14th!*

Do You know the history of Valentines Day? The origins of Valentine's Day are not clear. It is thought that there were a number of local festivals in Europe in pre-Christian times. These were often in the middle of February. Many people also thought that birds chose their mates at this time of year. Around the year 1380, the English poet Chaucer wrote a poem for the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II to Anne of Bohemia. This is thought to be the first association between celebrations of romantic love and St Valentine's Day on February 14. The connection remained important throughout the middle ages.

In the mid-19th century, there was an increase in interest in Valentine's Day, first in the United States, then in Canada. Gradually, this date was seen as an occasion for a man to present gifts to a woman with whom he had or would like to have had a romantic relationship. It has evolved into an occasion in which people expressed love, friendship and kindness for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards - known as "Valentines".

So welcome February! Another busy month. Please make sure you stop by and say hello to Spencer, and check out the Activities Calendar, including our Valentines Day brunch! On behalf of the Queens Avenue team – Happy Valentines day, keep active and stay healthy!

Tom



Your Management Team

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A Message from Activities...

Hello All!

The Activities Team has been working hard to make more changes to how things are run in Activities.

February is here and it is filled with holidays. We have Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Family Day this month.

This month we will be having two happy hours. John and Sheila Ludgate on February 15 and Jan Denke on February 22.

Our Swiss Chalet outing this month for February will be changed to a different restaurant. The restaurant we will be going to is Sunset Grill. We have made a change to how this outing is now paid for. Starting this month, the only thing Activities will be collecting is money for transportation. You will be now required to pay for your meal at the restaurant. This change is to allow everyone to have whatever they want without being constrained to one choice.

There will also be a Full Evacuation to the dining room on Tuesday, Feb. 12 between 9:30 and 11:30 am

On behalf of the Queens Avenue Activities team, let's continue to make the changes necessary to make the Activities Department successful.

Spencer



February Birthdays

Saroja G. Feb 4

Norma I. Feb 8

Daisy N. Feb 10

Margaret H. Feb 16

Sudesh D. Feb 20

Mae H. Feb 21

Inez D. Feb 24

Featured Events:

Feb. 1 Cathy's Scarves, Gifts, Jewelry LR

Feb. 1 Music Wellness Clinic AR

Feb. 8 Mass CR

Feb. 10 Suite Melody Care

Feb. 12 Evacuation Drill

Feb. 12 Painting w/Karlene

Feb. 13 Dancing w/Derek AR

Feb. 13 Valentine's Tea

Feb. 15 Happy Hour w/John and Sheila Ludgate

Feb 18 Family Day

Feb. 19 Community Meeting CR

Feb. 20 Outing to Sunset Grill

Feb. 21 Brunch TR

Feb. 22 Happy Hour w/Jan Denke

Feb. 25 Liturgy of Word (Church)

Feb. 27 Hymn Sing

