

Welcoming New Residents

Presentation Manor welcomes our new residents:



Allen and Mary Jo MacLellan



Rose Greenan



Doug English



Jutta Gossen



Gordon Bean



Nora Del Bel Belluz

December Birthdays

- Christine Gebel, OLM – Dec. 3
- Aurora Labitan – Dec. 3
- Mary Laverty, IBVM – Dec. 4
- Noreen Kearns, OLM – Dec. 10
- Valerie Fiedler – Dec. 12
- Henny Bernards – Dec. 13
- John Carten, SFM – Dec. 16
- Nicholas Zimrose, FSC – Dec. 18
- Julianna Dusel, IBVM – Dec. 19
- Rosemary Hughes, OLM – Dec. 23
- Judith Mears – Dec. 24
- Wilfred Janisse, CSB – Dec. 24
- Jason Colaco – Dec. 26
- Marie Clarkson, OLM – Dec. 28
- Gwen Knowles – Dec. 30
- Sean Flood – Dec. 31

Staff Spotlight

Sian Osborne

Born in Jamaica on November 27, 1979. I am a mother of 3, who graduated from college from the Community and Justice program.

Helping others who are no longer able to help themselves and providing quality care is my passion. I look forward to working at Presentation Manor, each and every day. Coming here to Presentation Manor does not feel like coming to work, but it feels more like a home. Presentation Manor is a home away from home.

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The Importance of Advent

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life.

The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as Christians.

First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Celebrating December

Tribute to Elvis Christmas Show (Dining Area)

Monday, December 1 2:30 PM

Walking Poles Presentation Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, December 3 2:00 PM

Philosophy of Art by Dr. Chandross (Theatre Room)

Friday, December 6 2:00 PM

Christmas Concert by St. Maria Goretti Choir (Dining Area)

Saturday, December 7 2:00 PM

Christmas Bazaar (Games Room)

Saturday and Sunday 10AM-4PM

Senior Fraud Prevention by Sgt. Bob (Theatre Room)

Tuesday, December 10 2:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 24 7:30 PM

Christmas Lunch (Dining Area)

Wednesday, December 25

Night at the Opera: L'Elisir d'Amore

Donizetti's bubbly romantic comedy about a spunky landowner, a hapless peasant, and the dubious love potion that may or may not bring them together never fails to delight audiences. In this performance from the Met's Live in HD series, South African soprano Pretty Yende stars as Adina, imbuing her character with lovable warmth while tossing off effortless coloratura passages from beginning to end. Tenor Matthew Polenzani is Nemorino, Adina's love-struck admirer, who pours out his heart in the moving aria "Una furtive lagrima." The cast also includes baritone Davide Luciano as the swaggering Sergeant Belcore and Ildebrando D'Arcangelo as the wily Dr. Dulcamara, and Domingo Hindoyan conducts Bartlett's Sher's charming and colorful production.

December 4, 7:00 PM in Theatre Room

Aesthetics: The Philosophy of Art By Dr. David Chandross

What is beauty and why is art important to us? The earliest art work dates back to 30,000 years ago, long before there the great civilizations of Mesopotamia and ancient Israel were created. Explore many fascinating examples of art, from the great masters to the abstract expressionism of Jackson Pollack to the impressionism of Van Gogh. Is comedy art? Is dance art? Can our entire life be sign as a form of art?

December 6, 2:00 PM in Theatre Room

Presentation Manor visits: Art Gallery of Ontario – Early Rubens Exhibition

The AGO is thrilled to showcase Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) in a new exhibition featuring the North American debut of some of his most ambitious works. Rubens is one of the most revered painters in Western art – widely recognized for his riveting, dynamic and even cinematic style, known as the Baroque.

Early Rubens includes such masterpieces as *The Head of Medusa*, and *The Boar Hunt*, complementing treasures from the AGO Collection: *The Massacre of the Innocents* and his most finished oil sketch, *The Raising of the Cross*.

Date: Friday, December 6th at 1:00 PM

G.F. Handel: Messiah, an Oratorio by Joseph Sharon



Although by far the best known work by Handel, Messiah is his most untypical oratorio – rather than a drama with characters and plot, it is a narration of birth, passion, resurrection and second coming of Christ – a work with theological, philosophical and event political agenda.

December 20, 2:00 PM in Theatre Room

Resident Spotlight

John and Carole Fowles

We arrived in Canada with four children – the youngest just eight weeks old – in September of 1969. The previous three years had been spent as teachers in a boarding school – Munro College – mountainous south west of the island of Jamaica – Carole's homeland. We had met in England whilst volunteering in a home devoted to encouraging disabled individuals towards independent living, founded by a retired RAF Officer, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C. It was in England that we were married and where our two sons were born. Both our daughters were born in Jamaica. Carole, as a social science graduate of the London School of Economics, spent most of her working life in this country as a medical social worker in the Durham region. John, got a part-time job at the Ontario Science Centre, whilst pursuing graduate studies at U. of T. He subsequently became a full-time member of staff and eventually the Director of Education where he was involved not only with local schools but with an outreach program to the indigenous communities of the far north of the province. During this time, we managed, for a few years, to operate a small farm in the township of Uxbridge, producing our own meat and vegetables and later, after John had retired, a very successful bed- and breakfast in Port Perry. Presentation Manor was a few bricks above ground level when we visited the area. However, the fact that we would not be far from the homes of two of our children – and the fine dining was just across the road – played a significant role in our decision.

Health Services

Presentation Manor is proud to offer a variety of health and wellness services to our residents. All residents must book an appointment at reception prior to their visit. These services include:

Mobile Hearing Clinic

The Hearing Specialist comes in on the third Tuesday of every month

Tuesday, September 16th at 1:30 P. M.

Eyecare Express

Eyecare Express comes in every 4 months to do eye examinations for the residents.

Chiropodist Clinic

Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Golden Dental

Golden Dental comes in every 2 months but will make emergency visits as well.

Registered Massage Therapy

with Peter Daciuk

Tuesdays from 10:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.
Contact Peter directly at **416-894-2006**

Dining Community

Presentation Manor accomodates residents living independently or with assistance. To continue our aim of building a community within a community, each week residents of one floor from assisted living will be invited and brought to the dining area to enjoy a meal with the rest of the residents.