

Wigwam to Wigwam

Your "House to House" News

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"Wigwam to Wigwam" ...One year Anniversary!

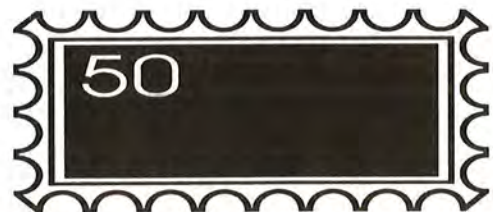
This month's edition of "Wigwam to Wigwam" marks the one year anniversary of its publication. Much effort and many hours of work go into the newsletter every month, although it's fair to say that it is a labour of love.

Over the past year, both its content and format have evolved, as we strive to provide you with interesting stories and important tenant information. Beginning with the next edition, we will commence a bi-monthly production of "Wigwam to Wigwam". We would now like to take the opportunity to collect some feedback on the newsletter. And so we ask that you, the reader, provide us with your opinions and ideas

about "Wigwam to Wigwam".

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire enclosed with this edition of "Wigwam to Wigwam" and return it to Wigwamen in the postage-paid envelope provided.

The names of all those who return the questionnaire will be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift certificate!



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

It's easy to be tied up in the day-to-day administration of a housing corporation like Wigwamen, but sometimes events conspire to move you away from the every-day, and into matters both tragic and exhilarating. In the space of one week, we've seen both...

Tuesday January 4th, 7:00 a.m., the first day back to work after New Years. I'm driving to work, listening to the CBC, and learn of the fire at Anishnawbe Health. Beyond damage to their building itself, most, if not all, of their supplies for programs such as Street Patrol are lost.

As a housing provider, the threat of fire is an ever-present concern for Wigwamen, and as I drive downtown I think of how we might best respond.

Much of that day is spent in mapping out how Wigwamen can help—speaking with Joe Hester at Anishnawbe Health to find out how we might assist and what supplies they most need; consulting with Wigwamen's Directors; and beginning to track down suppliers.

In the end, as the week proceeds, and the temperatures drop, Wigwamen's able to deliver 18 sleeping bags, 24 men's thermal touques; 24 polar fleece flip gloves, 24 pairs of men's thermal drawers, and 2 dozen thermal socks.

It wasn't a solution, simply a gesture of support, and solidarity, for the organization, it's staff, and the people they serve. And it felt right...

Monday January 10th, less than a week after the fire, some good news—Wigwamen receives funding to open up an Aboriginal Housing Support Centre.

The Centre, to be centrally located at Wigwamen Terrace, will have two main purposes. First, it will reach out into the Aboriginal community to let people know about the non-profit housing options which are available to them in Toronto, and to encourage them to apply for social housing through Toronto Social Housing Connections.

Second, Wigwamen's Aboriginal Housing Support Centre will work with Aboriginal individuals and families in the private rental market who are at risk of becoming homeless, helping them to maintain their accommodations while they work their way up through the Toronto Social Housing Connections waiting list.

It's an exciting venture which will move Wigwamen beyond simply providing housing and into helping to address broader housing issues.

And that's how it is, day-to-day, from routine administration to crisis, from tragedy to triumph. Life at Wigwamen...it's never dull.

Wigwamen Terrace
“Christmas Gathering”
Acknowledgments

Wigwamen Incorporated would like to thank the companies listed below who made a financial contribution to the celebration:

Tom Common Contractor

Olympic Painting

GoldCrest Flooring

and to the Christmas Committee consisting of:

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Beverly Fanjoy

Barbara Gajic

Janet Esquimaux

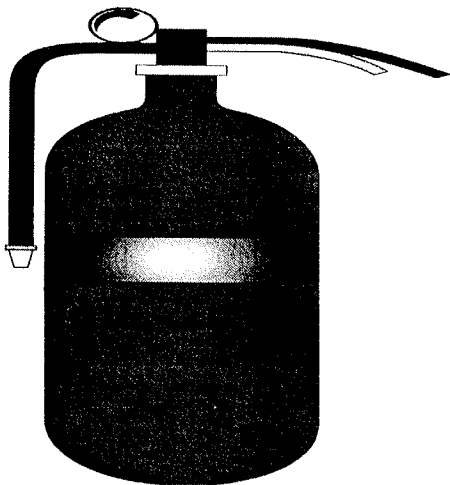
Wigwamen wishes to recognize the following people who also gave a helping hand: Suzanne Sutherland, Phyllis Jones, Stanley Kagige, Helen Payne, Margaret Baptiste, Mary Jane Trudeau, Rick Fanjoy, Howard MacPherson, John Inglese, Yvonne Beaucage and finally the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto.

“Your support was truly appreciated!”

Household Hints

An Important Note about Fire Safety

Due to the rash of house fires during the holiday season in the Greater Toronto Area, we remind tenants about the importance of fire safety. Your unit should be supplied with smoke detectors on every floor and a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and one in the hallway (only one in duplex/triplex/sixplex units). If you do not have these items, please contact Wigwamen. It is your responsibility to change the batteries in your smoke alarms regularly (a good reminder is to change batteries twice a year at the same time as the clocks change).



Anishnawbe Health - Waasagamik Fire

Many of you have probably heard about the fire which took place on January 1, 2000 at Anishnawbe Health's second site Waasagamik at 179 Gerrard Street East. Thankfully no one was there at the time, but due to the fire and smoke damage, Street Patrol and other programs have been relocated to their Queen Street location. Because of the extreme nature of the situation we are requesting that, if you are in a position to help, you make donations to Anishnawbe Health of the following:

- Canned Goods (Soups)
- Sleeping Bags

**Donations can be dropped off at
the following address:**

Anishnawbe Health Toronto
225 Queen Street East
Toronto, Ontario

Thank you for your support!

Terrace Happenings

The Seniors' club is hosting its lunches on Saturdays instead of Thursdays, starting **January 8, 2000**. For further information, contact **Marianne Shigwadja**.

On Wednesday, **Jan. 19, 2000** there will be a Hearing Clinic at 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Turner Room, presented by **Cathy O'Connor**.

Traditional Healer, **Jake Agounie** will be in the Turner Room from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. on **January 26, 2000**.

In closing, I would like to extend condolences from the Terrace staff to resident Jacqueline Voutt for the sad passing of her brother Mr. Edward Suter.

Terrace Birthday Club

Rosylyn Stines - January 1

Mike Elek - January 3

Margaret Baptiste - January 6

Carolyn Souliere - January 9

Rose Ladouceur - January 20

Bill McCullough - January 22

Josephine Millette - January 27

Terrace Community Kitchen

Hearty One-Pot Chicken Stew

(for Diabetics)

12 boneless, skinless chicken tenderloins, cut into 1-inch pieces; 1 box Uncle Ben's Red Beans & Rice; 2 1/4 cups water, 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained; 3 red potatoes, unpeeled, cut into 1-inch pieces; 2 carrots; sliced 1/2 inch thick; 1 onion, cut into 1-inch pieces.

In large saucepan, combine chicken, beans & rice, contents of seasoning packet, water, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots and onion. Bring to a boil. Cover; reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Makes 4 servings.

Dietary Exchanges : 1 Vegetable, 3 Starch, 3 very lean meat. Nutrients Per Serving: Calories: 387, Calories from Fat: 4%, Total Fat: 2 g, Saturated Fat: < 1 g, Protein: 28 g, Carbohydrate: 65 g, Cholesterol: 41 mg, Sodium: 1069 mg, Fiber: 6 g

Lease Excerpts

Wigwamen Inc. would like to emphasize the importance of this next excerpt of the lease titled **Occupation of Premises 5.3** as follows:

The tenant agrees with the landlord: ***To use and occupy the leased premises only as a private residence for occupation by the Tenant and the following persons outlined in the tenancy agreement and not allow any other person to occupy the leased premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord. No persons shall be permitted to remain in the leased premises overnight as a guest without the prior notice of the Landlord and failure to give such notice shall deem such guest an unauthorized occupant of the premises contrary to this section.***

Basically, tenants are to inform Wigwamen of any changes to their family composition and/or family members/guests staying with them on a prolonged basis to alleviate any future problems with the subsidy they are currently receiving.

Who's Who at Wigwamen Inc.

We take this opportunity to acquaint you with, ***Mrs. Lynne Vallis, Inc Maintenance, Payables & RNH Receivable/Payable.***

Lynne was formerly employed as a secretary for the chartered accountant firm Fenn, Beattie, Masterson for eight years before she was recruited by Wigwamen Incorporated.

Lynne is highly organized in her ability to perform multi-faceted tasks and is heavily relied upon by different personnel within the company.

While her career continues to flourish at Wigwamen Inc. with endless responsibilities, she still manages to rise to every challenge and continues her camaraderie with fellow colleagues.

With respect to her personal life, she has recently re-married, has two teenaged daughters and loves to travel and read.

FUN PAGE

Some trivia to test your "nish-tellect". Enjoy!

King Philip was:

- a) The King of England
- b) The King of France
- c) A Wampanoag Chief

What are the 3 sisters?

- a) the rabbit, the turtle and the deer
- b) corns, beans and squash
- c) what the Huron called the Great Lakes

What is a Wigwam?

- a) a woman's ceremonial headpiece
- b) another name for a teepee
- c) a northeast dwelling

The original meaning of a Powwow is:

- a) a medicine person
- b) a gathering
- c) the sound of a gun being shot

Little known facts from Indian Country:

"Squash" comes from the Native American word, "isquoutersquash," which means "green thing eaten green."

Did you know that the names of over half of the states in the USA came from Native American languages? For example "Utah" is the Ute tribe's name for themselves in their language - "Oklahoma" means "red people" or "home of the red people" in the Choctaw language - "Kentucky" means "planted field" in the Iroquois language.

"What you got for collateral ?"

An old native man walked into a bank asking for a \$500 loan.

The banker pulled out the loan application, "What are you going to do with the money?"

"Take jewelry to city and sell it," was the response.

"What have you got for collateral?"

"Don't know collateral."

"Well that's something of value that would cover the cost of the loan. Have you got any vehicles?"

"Yes, 1949 Chevy pickup."

The banker shook his head, "How about live stock?"

"Yes I have a horse"

"How old is it?"

"Don't know doesn't have any teeth."

Finally the banker decided to make the loan.

Several weeks later the old man was back in the bank. He pulled out a roll of bills, "Here to pay."

He then handed the banker the money to pay off his loan.

"What are you going to do with the rest of that money?"

"Put in teepee."

" Why don't you deposit it in my bank."

"Don't Know deposit ."

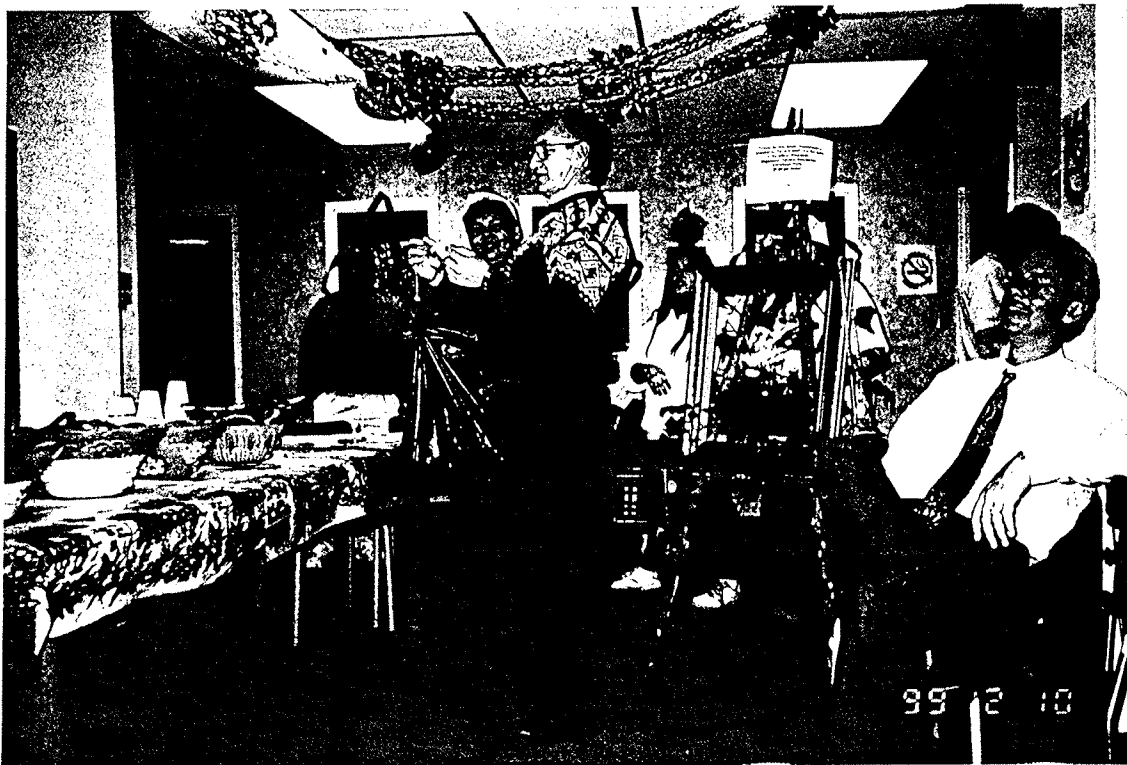
"You put money in the bank and we take care of it for you. When you want you can withdraw it."

The old native leaned across the desk and asked, "What you got for collateral?"

The "Living Easel" Draw

The draw took place at the "Christmas Gathering" on Friday, December 10, 1999 at Wigwamen Terrace!

**Our lucky winner was Mr. Gary Hartuck
Congratulations!**



Pictured above is the winner being selected, from left to right are Janet Esquimaux, Terrace Manager, Arnold May, Director, and Angus Palmer, General Manager.

*From all of us at
Wigwamen Inc.*



*Wishing you a very Prosperous and
Happy New Year!*

From all of us at
W. P. M. M. Co.



Thank you a very
Happy Christmas