"AS A SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL"

HEBREWS 6:19



President's Report



By the time you read this newsletter the warm summer months will have arrived, after a long winter. May we all enjoy the beauty of the outdoors for some enjoyment and relaxation. I know that many of our residents can't wait for the warm weather to come so they can enjoy the outdoors, and some of the homes have the privilege of gathering around for an evening fire.

Various fundraising events such as Toonies for Anchor and the Walk-a-thon will have taken place. We thank all those who came out in support of Anchor. The next highlight of the year for our residents will be Summer Camp, and everyone looks forward to this event. We hope to see many of you out for the Open House, which will be on July 2.

The Board is also happy to announce that we have been accepted by the Harvest Foundation to partner with them. Estate planning can now be done through the Foundation, which is also a member of the Christian Stewardship Services. The Foundation has an excellent track record of its investments and before donating or investing you will receive a visit from a representative to explain and answer any questions you may have. As board we highly recommend the use of the Harvest Foundation for those of you who are willing to place Anchor in your will or for those who are able to contribute in any other way. More information will be available in the near future.

As Future Growth Committee and board we have been investigating the possibility of starting a new home in the Upper Hamilton area. This seems to be the most favourable BY ROB SCHARRINGA

location. We will have to overcome some clearances for the operation of a group home. In order to do this we need the approval from the membership to go ahead and purchase a home. At the next membership meeting we will have a proposal for the membership to approve. Our homes are full and we need to do something in order to provide housing for our future residents. We all know these things take time to do; they do not happen on the spur of the moment. So as committee and board we are actively pursuing the feasibility of presenting to you the purchasing of a new home.

As churches and individuals we pray that you will continually uphold us in your prayers and support. At times our managers and staff have to deal with difficult circumstances. It is not always easy to deal with one's feelings or personality. We are all created in God's image and our residents are no different. They at times become frustrated and uptight just like any one of us. May the Lord grant to them a special measure of His Grace so that they too may feel at peace in the home where our Lord is honoured and glorified.

We encourage you all to visit the home in your area. Also, when it is your month as a church to visit a home, please use this as an opportunity to reach out to our residents, they love to see visitors come and take an interest in them. Seeing that one takes the time to come out and visit, shows that there is a community out there that cares.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer.



ANCHOR CAMP 2013 OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to ANCHOR CAMP 2013 OPEN HOUSE to be held, D.V., on Tuesday, July 2nd from 7-9 pm. An official program will begin at 7:30pm. Please bring your Psalm Book. Join us at Campfire's beautiful property, 75310 Grey Road 12, Markdale, Ontario, N0C 1H0. Hope to see you there.

Executive Director's Report



BY BERT VANGOOLEN

Summer greetings to all of you! Once again some of us attended the Disability Concerns Conference. Following Psalm 21, 'I am the Lord your God, who

brought you out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it, we were reminded to allow God to feed us in childlike dependence on Him. Dr. B. Mook spoke about disability and well-being, reminding us that disability makes the world a better place. We assume there is only one world, but there are many worlds, one example is the world of the blind or the aged. We need to embrace another world, it is an enriching experience.

Health is not the absence of illness and disability, but the strength to live with them, to live in a harmonious relationship with God. Healing then, is the acceptance and integration of the disability. Many individuals with a disability transcend their disability and enrich our world. The church can break down the walls as we remember we are all created in His image. Therefore we are an inviting and an inclusive church, where all members can take part according to their abilities. Engaging with others will enrich us.

Behind the scenes we have been busy with numerous pieces of legislation which come our way. Staff has been updated about the requirements under the Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The latter has five standards which are being reviewed by staff.

Many of our staff have been attending workshops and college courses as we continue to stress the need for ongoing education as we support individuals with diverse needs. Working in our group homes is rewarding, but not always easy and we are encouraged by the positive outlook of the community and the Board of Directors. We wish all staff God's guidance in their day to day tasks.

We also wish the residents strength from above. Most of you love the social interaction, the church community and your friends, but at times you wish you could change things, your job, your housemates or the rules. Remember you too have a task among God's people and you are surrounded by those who love and respect you.

The Board has also started to visit parents to see what lives among them. This too is an effort to serve you better. It also offers an opportunity to talk about your support for Anchor and to express your appreciation.

Again the issue of who will decide for my children came up. Naturally aging parents are thinking about these issues. I highly recommend parents to take the role of Power of Attorney or appoint their children. This field is quite complicated and may need involvement of a lawyer. The following website will give you a start. http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/ pgt/poa.pdf Feel free to drop us an email or if you are in my age group, pick up the telephone.

I hope you have taken a look at our renewed website which was set up for us by Jo-Anne VanIperen. Definitely a helpful tool! We can still do much more, so if you have any thoughts, let us know. We truly appreciate all those who have promoted Anchor through fundraisers, from Karen's Bootcamp, to computer services from ISservice.ca, Arborwood Tree Service, Women's' League Day, Snow Mobile Rally, Young People's breakfasts..... and not to forget Toonies for Anchor by many of our schools, choir performances and more. The last concert we enjoyed was the Hosannah Choir with Herman DenHollander, accompanied by Andre Knevel and Joyce Postmus joined by the Anchor Band with Riese Heemskerk.

All these events keep Anchor in our minds and hearts and help finance special projects in and around our homes. Naturally, there is also a lot of 'behind the scenes support' as in our regular members, a number of businesses who support us steadily, collections and other forms of support.

We wish you a blessed summer.

	2013	ANCHOR	BEACON	TWIN OAKS	LIGHTHOUSE
siting Schedule	JUNE	Lincoln	Tintern	Hamilton URC	Fergus Maranatha
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TWIN OAKS REPORT

BY GRACE TOWE

A lot has happened here since the last newsletter! We will start in January. We had Cheryl's parents in for dinner one night and we all had a great visit. We also went to Lisa's sister and brother-in-law's house for a great dinner and Ron got to play the Settler's game with them. Ron loves that game, thanks to Lisa's parents who taught him how to play. As you can see we love having visitors over. We also would like to thank a certain family from Ancaster for taking us out for dinner at the Red Maple. We will have to have you over for dinner sometime.

In February, we celebrated Ron's 40th birthday with an Open House at our church. We had around 100 family and friends come. He had the biggest surprise guest when his brother Doane came from Manitoba. At the end of February, Cheryl and I went to Orangeville church to witness the baptism of a friend's baby.

In March we had Ron and Lisa's parents over for dinner and had a great visit. We also participated in the annual Dine-and-Dash for Burlington Ebenezer Church. Everyone had a good time as usual. We celebrated Lisa's 32nd birthday with some of her family. We also went to Anchor's Open House and had Dave V. over for a weekend; we had a great time catching up.

On April 1st, we had our windows replaced. We are very pleased with the new windows. Our thanks go out to Ben and Shaun Poort from VanEgmond Windows, for all the excellent work that they did. We really love the new bay window in the living room. Even our cat Tisha loves it. She can sit for hours on the ledge looking out the window. Please check out the pictures in this newsletter. In April we also had dinner at Ron and Lisa's parent's houses. Thank you all for having us over. Cheryl, Lisa, Cheryl's mom Jill and I went to see the play "A Winter's Tale" at Guido and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Lisa's uncle and all the students did a great job!

We are all looking forward to our vacations and Lisa is looking forward to Anchor Camp. We are also looking forward to the kitchen and laundry room renos which should be happening in July.

Well that is all for now. As you can see we've had a few busy months. God's Blessings in the summer months.

Until next time, Grace

BEACON REPORT





Ron's brothers all together again at Ron's 40th bithday

BY MARLENE VAN ROOTSELAAR

Spring has arrived! What a testament to the awesome power of God to watch the earth break out of its winter sleep. Lawnmowers have been overhauled and the guys have started the lawn mowing season!

Staffing has been a bit of a challenge with 3 staff on maternity leave and one more going off at the end of July! Sara-lyn Low joined us in Feb. and Rachel deHaan has also joined us as a part-timer – welcome ladies! If you feel the Lord nudging you to look for employment in this field please don't hesitate to give us a call.

The residents have been busy with work – recently Paul Dieleman was hired by Rosa Flora and works 5 days a week! Way to go Paul. Rosa Flora is a great employer with 5 of our residents working there throughout the week. In this economic climate employment is always a challenge. Nancy, Derek and James have been informed that the store they work at through supported employment will be closing at the end of May and thus they will be unemployed. We have had a busy birthday season and thus have had many celebrations which have been enjoyed by all! The YPS from Dunnville Can. Ref. Church have been coming for monthly games nights, the Study Weekend brought some young people out to do some yard maintenance – and the Dunnville URC YPS will be coming out soon for their spring visit! Thank you youth for remembering us!

Our Beacon Men's Society has finished for the season and I think everyone involved will agree that it was a great format for studying and fellowship – Thank you Bert V and John VV for your volunteering and support!

Looking forward to Anchor Camp in a month! Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

LIGHTHOUSE REPORT

LIGHTHOUSE Come join us on August 17, 2013, from 1-4 pm OPEN HOUSE to celebrate our first 5 years!



BY JEANETTE BOUWMAN

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below"

What rich blessings God has given us at Lighthouse in being able to interact with many young people recently. Residents have had various enjoyable Sunday evenings lately with different groups filling the home with fun and laughter as we shared our home, sang songs, played games, chatted, and enjoyed snacks (even a supper). Thank you Guelph Living Word Young Peoples, Grand Valley Young Adults, Orangeville Youth Group, Fergus North Young Peoples and Fergus Maranatha Young Peoples! Twice we were invited to go skating with schools. Thank you, Owen Sound (also for lunch and letting us visit your classrooms), and DACS (Orangeville). We had fun skating, or sliding, or being pushed around on chairs. We thought we would have to speak French when the ECHS French class came to visit, but we didn't. Instead they gave us a nice monetary gift! Thank you! Today the grade ones from DACS also visited us. They had so much fun in our snoezelen room and playing pool with Dave and foosball with Terence. For many of these visitors it was the first time at the Lighthouse, but we hope not the last! Come again!



Terence is "on the ball" as Cameron and Marsha bike at Lighthouse.



Frank and Dave have fun "skating" with Owen Sound school.

Snowmobile Rally and Fundraiser Dinner

Lighthouse residents have also attended several fundraisers for Anchor lately. It's wonderful that they are involved in these events, socializing with various people. Thank you for inviting us and raising awareness and funds in many creative ways -- a snowmobile rally, a concert, a pancake breakfast, a barbecue, and even a French class. We benefit from your support, and appreciate the love shown. We will try to do our part by collecting sponsors and participating in the upcoming walkathon, on June 1.

What else is there to report? Let me summarize month by month:

January – Jack could come home again. Though he still receives nursing care, we are thankful to our heavenly Father for improved health. Thankfully other residents have been very healthy all winter.

February – Lindsay moved into Lighthouse. She's liking it and bringing joy into our home.

March – Katherine spent time packing her boxes as her temporary stay at Lighthouse came to an end. She has now moved to the Niagara Peninsula and is enjoying her new surroundings. May God bless you!

April – Lighthouse received a new furnace, an air conditioner and new duct work for much needed increased air circulation. Thank you to all the men who worked so hard. Now we can be cool! During that time, we fled to the Butterfly Conservatory, the Kitchener Market and even to a Mennonite farm.

May – Lighthouse in Fergus has been open for five years! We started with four residents, (only Terence still resides here), and now we have seven rooms filled. We realize with gratitude all that God has done for us! Therefore we also like to celebrate with you by having an Open House, D.V., on August 17 from 1-4 PM. Come join us! We will greet you all with a smile, and we will make time for YOU!

On February 23rd we were very happy that we could hold the annual snowmobile rally for Anchor out of the Avertex yard in Orangeville. After having to cancel it last year due to the lack of snow it was great that we could run it this year! The word was out...snow conditions were good, the trails were marked, maps were printed, the food was ready, and the weather looked promising....now we just needed people to show up! And show up they did.....60 sleds with 65 riders! After registering and having a quick coffee and a little snack the sledders were off...for a day of beautiful trails, scenery, fellowship and food! What a way to enjoy God's wonderful creation! After enjoying a BBQ lunch in Dundalk everyone safely returned back to Avertex. In the meantime, more guests



showed up for dinner, including some of the residents and staff of Lighthouse. The residents were able to enjoy snowmobile rides before dinner was served at 4:00. The guest total for dinner was 115! It was amazing to see such a turnout and to be able to witness the communion of saints in the greater church community! Due to everyone's generosity we were able to raise \$ 5655 for Anchor. A big thank you to all who came out to participate in this day and to all those who helped make it a success! Above all we thank our Heavenly Father for granting us a safe and blessed day while enjoying the communion of saints!

On behalf of the organizing committee, Anne Bouwers

ANCHOR HOME REPORT

BY MARION OVERBEEK

We have settled in since the renovations, and our daily routines continue with the residents working during the day at their various jobs, as well as spending time outside cutting grass. The residents remain healthy and with the exception of one of our residents spending a few days in hospital to fight off an infection, we thankfully report that the Lord has greatly blessed us.

As the summer approaches, our evening activities slowly fade also, and we take this time to thank the volunteers that faithfully come in weekly or bi-weekly to assist in these events. The warmer weather is here and we will spend time outside, as well as plan outings for the summer.



Grace & André Knevel

We have had a wonderful concert with the Hosanna Choir and the Anchor Band! It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Some of the residents have gone to watch the ACRES Students play, Pirates of Penzance, as well as attend some choir concerts.

We have had the privilege of celebrating birthdays and look forward to others yet to come. We have a big birthday coming up! Tom hopes to celebrate his 60th birthday on July 29, D.V. We pray that the Lord will bless all those celebrating and pray that He will continue to bless us all.



Jerry doing the honors.... with pleasure!

Some fund raising events have been taking place, like the Toonies for Anchor, and we have had the privilege to visit some of the local schools. In Timothy Christian School in Hamilton, the students were challenged to raise a certain amount of money and if that challenge was met or exceeded, Miss M. DeJonge would have a pie thrown in her face. Well, what excitement when the announcement came that they had indeed collected the amount specified in excess! We were invited to participate in this great event. Indeed, Jerry had the honours of throwing the pie! Well done students and thank you for including us in your fun. We also participated in Red and White day with the ACRES students and joined them for pizza lunch. Thank you to all the schools who participated.

We have had the privilege of having a co-op student from Guido De Bres High School; this has proven to be beneficial for the student as well as us here, because we have hired her as part time staff! Welcome aboard Miranda Feenstra, may the Lord bless you as you take up your task here at Anchor but also as you continue your studies. Speaking of studies, some of our staff are continuing their education with evening or on-line courses in the DSW program; we wish you all success. We come to a time where we also have to bid farewell to Angela Jongsma. Angela has been working part time for some time now but with a full time job in landscaping and trying to fit a few shifts in at Anchor, she felt herself too busy. We will miss you and your energy, but wish you the Lord's blessing.

As we prepare to enjoy some summer holidays, we wish you all safe travels, much rest and relaxation, but above all the Lord's blessing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BY JOANNE DIELEMAN

As you may have noticed, our posters are out. We have requested the churches in Ontario to place a poster in their foyers. We have also requested the schools in Ontario to place a poster in their halls. Please contact your local representative if you did not receive one and as yet would like one.

Also by now, the seventh annual walk-a-thon is in the past and we hope to report to you in the future about the outcome.

Thirteen schools participated in the Toonies for Anchor in Feb. and \$3871.48 was collected. Thank you so much!

After serving as chair of the P.R. committee for 8 years, I will be signing off. I thank you all for your cooperation.





TREASURER'S REPORT

BY HENRY NIENHUIS

Life is not always a bed of roses. The apostle Paul himself relates some of the difficulties he went through during his ministry. He writes to the Corinthians

"we were harassed at every turn – conflicts on the outside, fears within". He pleads for the Corinthians to "make room for us in your hearts". It is these words of chapter seven in 2 Corinthians that made me think of the 29 residents of the Anchor homes. It is quite evident in the amazing support that Anchor receives from so many different sources that people, businesses, and congregations have made room in their hearts for the cause of Anchor. We thank and praise the Lord for moving their hearts and for the ongoing encouragement received.

Although at the end of the first four months of this year the financial records of the Anchor Association again show a shortfall of almost \$53,000, there was sufficient funds in the General Account to pay the bills. The "surplus" from previous years allowed for a healthy bank account; we could even set aside monies for a Future Growth Fund – a fund set up for the purchase of a fifth home. Of course, this endeavour (the purchase of a home) would require membership approval. Nevertheless, we are already saving for its eventuality as the necessity is there. Although so far we have never turned anyone away, the four homes are full to capacity. Recent requests for future placement as well as for respite care caused a bit of scrambling and re-evaluation. Currently a room is being constructed in the basement of the Anchor home in Beamsville to accommodate respite care for those who need to stay at the home for a day or a week.

Tentative calculations for a fifth home with four residents indicate that Anchor would need an additional income of \$178,000. [The figure does not include the initial cost of the home, nor does it consider a number of unknown factors related to the home; e.g., taxes, maintenance, specialized staffing.] Would Anchor association be able to afford such an increase? I am convinced that it can. It is a matter of "making room". The Lord Jesus has prepared a room for us (John 14:2), how can we do less for those who go through life with various difficulties? It is our corporate responsibility to help – the Corinthians saw this in early New Testament times. We are so much farther in time, place and circumstance. It comes down to a mere matter of making room in our hearts. When the call comes for support, will you be there to do your part?

	BUDGET 2013	4 MONTH BUDGET	ACTUAL JAN-APR 2013	JAN -APR COMPARED TO BUDGET 2013 %	NOTES 1
INCOME					
Membership Fees	320,000	106,667	93,414	29.19	
Corporations	155,000	51,667	123,20	7.95	2
Individuals	190,000	63,333	369,26	19.43	
Church Collections	310,000	103,333	102,401	33.03	3
Disability Cheques	270,000	90,000	95,051	35.20	
Other Income	63,050	21,017	36,780	58.33	4
TOTAL INCOME	1,372,201	1,274,061	1,342,065	105.34	
EXPENSES					
Administration	40,000	133,333	12435	31.09	
Building	101,550	33,850	30,425	29.96	
Transportation	46,000	15,333	10,248	22.28	5
Support Services	94,000	31,333	25,093	26.69	
Wages and Benefits	985,500	328,500	338,175	34.32	6
Other Expenses	41,000	13,667	13,480	32.877	7
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,308,050	436,017	429,856	32.86	8
Net			-52964		

NOTES:

- 2. Corporations donations are about \$10,000 higher than last year for the same time period
- 3. Church Collections (Deaconry) are \$12,760 higher than last year for the same time period
- 4. Other income is from bequests/memorial, fund raisers, promotional, supportive housing, residents, Anchor Camp fees, and "other"
- 5. Transportation costs are very close to that incurred in 2012 during the first four months of the year
- 6. Increase in number of staff and upward movement on salary grid resulted in higher than anticipated costs
- 7. This line represents amortization of capital expenses, aka: depreciation
- 8. Based on actual expenses incurred in the first four months, on average it costs \$3,700 per resident, per month

^{1. 4/12 = 33.33%}

FUTURE GROWTH COMMITTEE REPORT

BY JACOB DEJONG

The future need of the Anchor Association has been a topic of discussion that has circulated around the table for quite some time. As a board we recognize the need that is before our association and we are thankful that our association has been able to provide care for 29 of our brothers and sisters. As an association, God has continually blessed us with the community and financial support since Anchor was formed. Praise Him!

It is one thing to discuss the need but it is another thing to act on the need that is before us. Our waiting list has increased and the flexibility for emergent situations has tightened up so we recognize that the time has come to look into options of another home. As a committee we have sought out the best area that would suit the needs of the waiting list but also the needs of the association as a whole. We have entered into discussions with the City of Hamilton to discuss the necessary requirements to establish a group home within this area. By-laws and politics can be a long process but one that we are energetic to engage in as our homes are close to full capacity.

These are all necessary steps, but very preliminary, as we have many variables that need to be ironed out. It is the goal of this committee to present a proposal to purchase a new home within the Hamilton and surrounding area at the next Annual General Meeting. This is an exciting topic to be discussed - one that creates joyful and cautious steps as we strive to fulfill the needs of the Anchor Association. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as there is a lot of planning that is being done for another home. We also encourage you to come to the Annual General Meeting when this item will be presented. We pray for the Lord's blessing in the Anchor Association and we recognize that all things are in the hands of our Heavenly Father.

Psalm 68:19 - "Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation."

TIME TO CLEAN UP AROUND THE HOUSE?

Please remember the car donation program at: www.fergusauto.com Click on 'vehicle donation' and 'donation form' The process is self-explanatory but if you need help, please call 519-843-2948. Heartily recommended and thank you!

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Birthday Wishes

JULY

- 04 James Buikema (Beacon)
- 29 Tom Vander Zwaag (Anchor Home)

MARCH

- 04 Terence Berends (Lighthouse)
- 23 Jack Dieleman (Lighthouse)

APRIL

- 08 Marsha Moesker (Lighthouse)
- 14 Jerry Bontekoe (Anchor Home)
- 22 Nick Prinzen (Beacon)
- 25 Dave VanVeen (Lighthouse)
- 29 Paul Dieleman (Beacon)

MAY

- 06 Henry VanderVliet (Anchor Home)
- 13 Nancy Schipper (Beacon)
- 22 Cameron Dantuma (Lighthouse)



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To order please contact Ann DeBoer at 905-957-7482 or e-mail kadeboer2000@gmail.com

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