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PAQUETTE STEPS INTO FINANCE AND AUDIT, MEZHER WILL ASSIST

As agreed by the Board after last June's AGM, Nic Mezher has passed on the Chair position of the Finance and Audit committee to Rene Paquette effective Jan. 1, 2013. Nic has worked hard (with Rene by his side) since the AGM to review previous financial records, maintain a direct oversight of every cheque transaction, and develop a careful draft budget for 2013.



We thank him for his hard work and effort on our behalf. He will continue as a member of the Board. Rene Paquette will become the Board Treasurer as of Jan. 1, 2013

OH, WASN'T THAT A PARTY??!!!

Over a hundred FP residents came out for the Holiday Party organized by Julie MacArthur and her Social committee (aka Coffee & Chat) on Dec.12. We sang songs in the lobby, searched for answers to the quizzes, and best of all, enjoyed the company of our neighbours. We also ate everything in sight and looked for more!!!

Thanks are due to so many people for their hard work to make this party a success. To the egg-devilling brigade, who cooked, split, and filled six dozen eggs. To the bakers, who produced an array of sweets anyone would love and people on restricted diets could eat. To the singers who practiced and then put a joyful sound into the lobby. And to the foodistas who shopped, cooked, and arranged for some fifteen platters of goodies to appeal to everyone. As one person remarked, "The only thing missing was a pitcher of ice water." And how about Father Paul drawing those door prizes and delivering a laugh a minute?

And by the way, thanks are due to the donors of those door prizes: Lynn Wall of ReMax (who also gave us our great big outdoor wreath) and Mike Caza of Mike Caza Renovations.

Here, in no particular order, are the names of people who worked so hard: Julie, Maisha, Bruce, Jo, Pat, Cora, Bubbles, Faye, Louise M., Heather, Leslie, Amalia, Merle, Lindy, Jose, Katherine, Allison, Rene, Adrianna, and Joe.

BUILDING AND OFFICE INFORMATION

Please direct your concerns, requests and questions about the operation of our building to **Monica Murad**, our new Property Manager:

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Cheryl Brulé will handle office duties. You can reach her at 613-521-5759, or see her in the office:

Tuesday - 10:00 to noon Thursday - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday - 10:00 to noon

The supers' pager number is 613-239-4194

TEX MEX DINNER



Mark your datebook for our FP winter warm-up dinner: Wed, Feb 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Party Room.

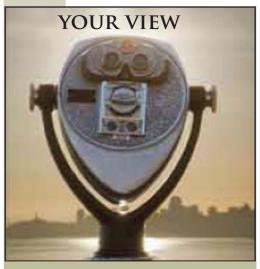
For \$7.00 you'll get your choice of three kinds of hearty homemade chili, plus salad, dinner roll, dessert, and a soft drink. Watch for notices about how you can buy your ticket!

FP LENDING LIBRARY

A reader asks: Why have so many books disappeared permanently from our library recently?

The library operates on the honour system – please return books after you have read them.





YOUR SAY

TELL IT TO THE BOARD

Communication is a two-way street. Your ideas, questions and suggestions are important. Please respect Board members' right to a private life, however. Contact them as shown below or through the office, not by knocking on their doors or telephoning private or work numbers without invitation.

The elected Board members who represent you are:

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Building

Windows: We are still working on remedial measures and testing for Phase We will decide on a plan and timetable for Phase 2 only afterwards. If you are expecting new windows in Phase 2, we will give you plenty of notice before installation begins.

Cleaning of the kitchen and toilet stacks has been done. Cleaning of the kitchen stacks is taking longer than anticipated, since the stacks above the seventh floor had never been cleaned in the last 20 years. Windows inspection by Matt Michaluk of KEA (Keller) is scheduled. KEA will discuss the repairs required with the Contractor and let us know what needs to be done.

Air Balancing could not be performed as planned due to lack of mechanical drawings. Rene Torres knows which ducts feed which floors, and we'll commence the air balancing soon.

Inspection of the elevators chains (specially the freight elevator) to eliminate the noise will be carried out.

Building Manager is trying to obtain Fire Marshal's letter, to be forwarded to KEA, in order to finalize the Reserve Fund Study.

– Mostafa El-Defrawy

Governance

No updates at this time. The committee will re-convene in the near future to discuss next steps.

- Nadia Giancaspro

Communication

Our committee plans to produce a Handbook for residents. There will be a printed copy and a web version. The Handbook will contain info and tips on such topics as moving, pets, the office, energy conservation and amenities. Some trial pages of the web version are already posted at frobisherplace.ca. Watch for a new notice board, accessible to residents; we propose to locate it facing the rear door of Elevator #1.

Doug Brandy

Gardening

Nothing to report at this time.

- Annie Katona

Social

The Christmas party was a success (see page 1). The committee is now planning a Tex Mex dinner, scheduled for Feb. 27.

– Julie MacArthur

CONDO GIRL Answers you questions

Dear Condo Girl,

I got this raw chicken from the grocery store, and just like that Jamie-person said on TV, I stuck in a lemon along with some parsley, threw the bird into a pan and baked it for an hour and a half at 350 degrees in the oven. The chicken was delicious. But the pan had a lot of this, like, horrible greasy liquid left in it. What am I supposed to do with that?

Chuck the grease down the kitchen drain, or flush it down the toilet instead?

-Cluck Cooker

Dear Clucker.

Oh, here's an idea. I suggest you pour all that fatty stuff into a cup and drink it all yourself. Down the hatch. Mmmm. Cheers! You wouldn't even consider doing that, cause you'd clog your nice pink arteries up with all that grease, right? Yet you propose to throw it down your building's arteries? Bad idea. Here's what you do. Get a can out of the recycling or even a take-out coffee cup. Pour all that fatty stuff into the cup or can, and stick it in a corner of your freezer. Keep filling up your fat stash and re-freezing it every time you cook something fatty. When the frozen vessel is eventually full, put it into your garbage bag and send it on its way.

Dear Condo Girl,

The washing machine says to put in one ounce (30 ml) of detergent. If I put in twice as much, my clothes will be twice as clean, yes?

-Sudsy

Dear Suds for Brains,

No. The washing machine will probably give up the ghost in a cloud of bubbles. Then all your neighbours will hate you because you broke it. Plus your clothes will probably have a soap residue that gives you a rash in bad places (are you paying attention?) Really...you don't even want to follow the instructions for doing laundry. Condo Girl hopes she is never on the road with you when you are driving your car. Follow the instructions, Sudsy. If you don't know how much 30 ml is, get a set of measuring spoons at the dollar store – 30 ml is equal to two of the big tablespoons.

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