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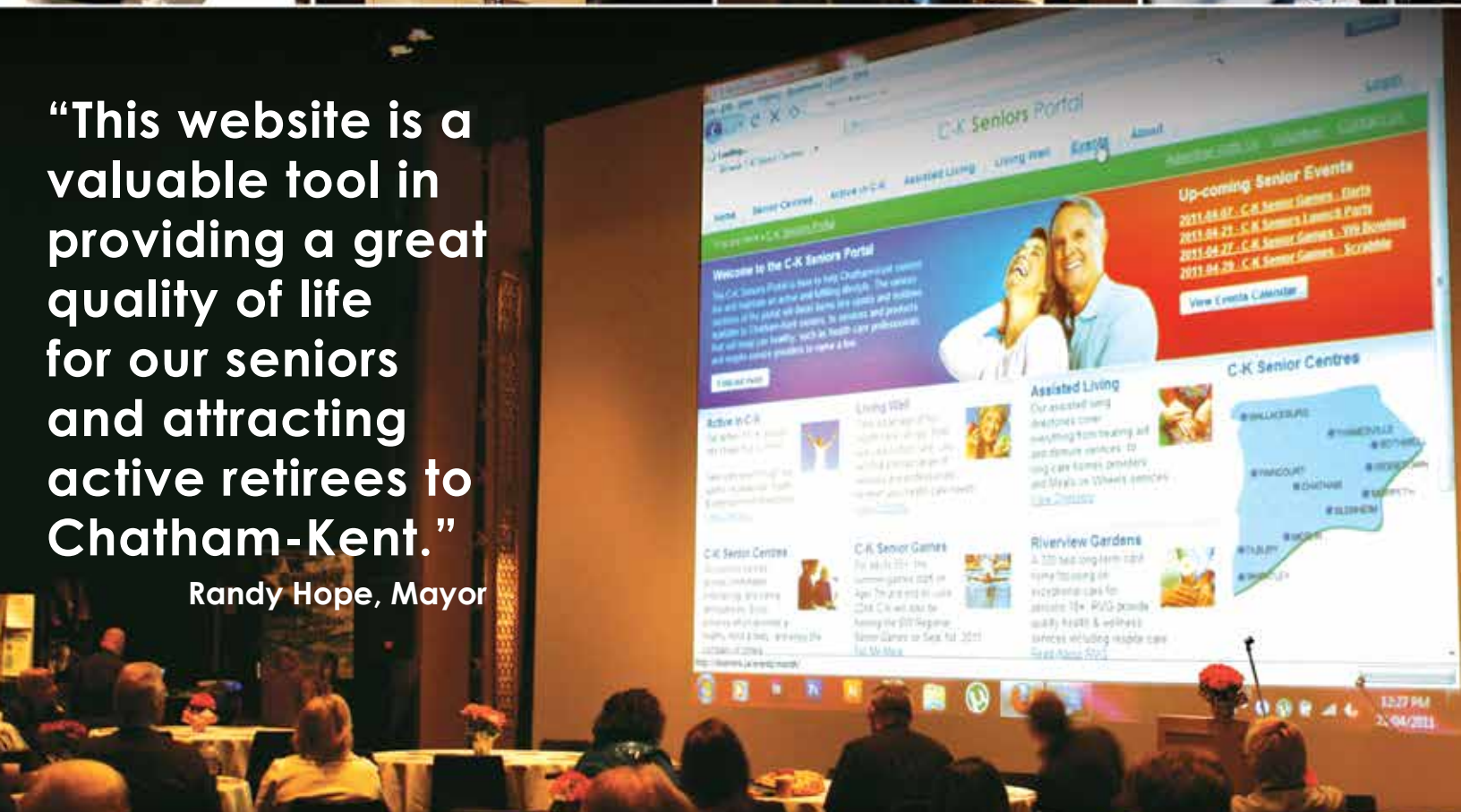
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As you flip through the pages of our seventh edition of CK Senior we hope you continue to find this publication to be helpful as you go about enhancing your current lifestyle and your surroundings. We continue to highlight some outstanding local services and products in a variety of areas that we hope will offer you assistance in making those key decisions to keep you looking, feeling and living your best.

We hope you enjoy this publication as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you and we wish all our readers a safe, pleasant, and healthy summer season!

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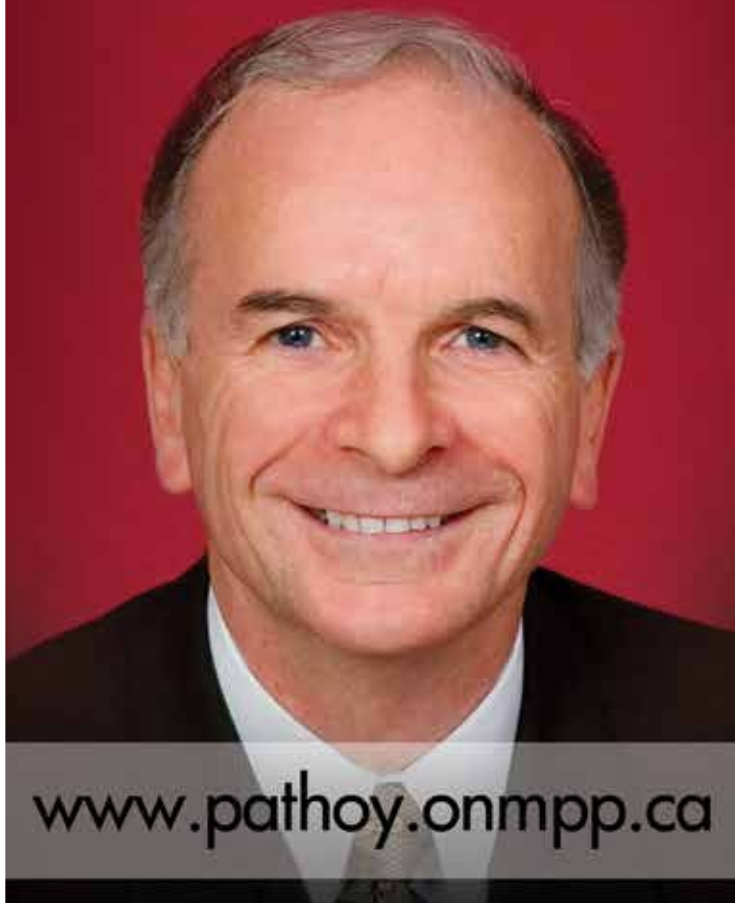
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Resident Helen Kiekens
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Together, Peter and Ruth have one son, Harold, who is married, with two children, and lives in Northern Ontario.

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On April 21, 2011 the Senior Advisory Committee of Chatham-Kent, in partnership with A.Thiel Marketing and Bowman's Funeral Home, launched a new community website for seniors. An opening ceremony was held at the Capitol Theatre in Chatham which showcased a number of our local services available to provide information and answer questions to our senior guests. While being served lunch we listened to comments from Chatham-Kent Essex MP Dave Van Kesteren and Chatham-Kent Mayor Randy Hope. "I would like to thank the federal government for its support of this Senior Advisory Committee initiative," said Mayor Hope. "This website is a valuable tool in providing a great quality of life for our seniors and attracting active retirees to Chatham-Kent." Guest speaker Sue Minns (www.sueminns.com) provided an enlightening view on life as a Junior Senior living with a disability. Her positive attitude is a true testament to the fact that one's attitude in life truly is everything!

The C-K Seniors Website Portal was developed to help Chatham-Kent seniors live and maintain an active and fulfilling lifestyle. The various sections of the portal detail items such as where all of the senior centres are located, how to volunteer, and how to keep active with sports and hobbies available. The portal also provides information on assisted living, as well as services and products that will keep you healthy, such as health care professionals, and respite service providers to name a few. Log on and use the monthly CK Seniors events calendar to plan your days ahead; you'll soon find that this site will become a favourite for you to obtain all the information you need for your social, healthy, and assisted living comforts within Chatham-Kent.

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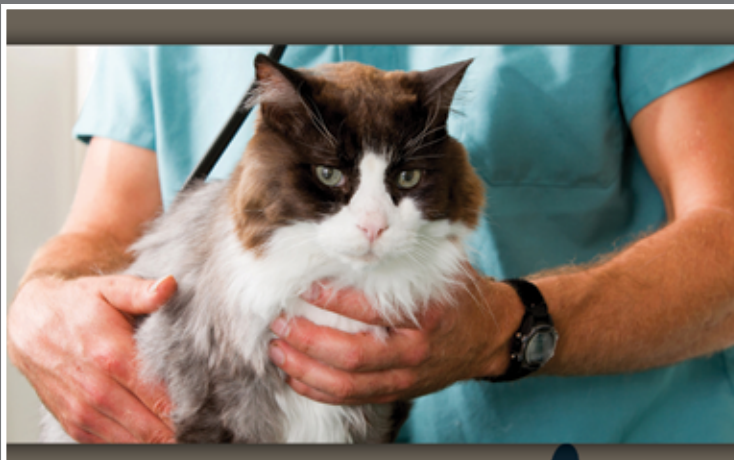
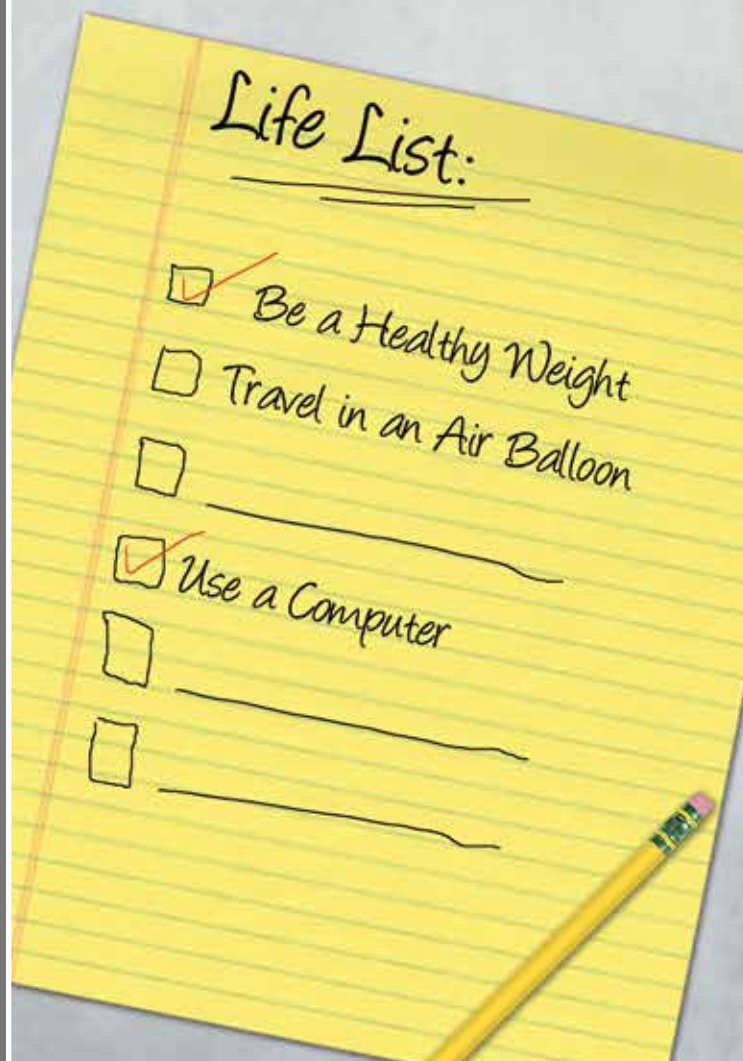
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❧ AGING GRACEFULLY ❧

Aging gracefully is not impossible. You don't have to look or feel like a stereotypical senior citizen. Here are some tips on how to keep your energy level up and youthful glow going! Aging gracefully takes a little bit of work, but you will not be sorry. Don't throw your hands up to life because you may be getting a little "long in the tooth". Continue to live your life to the fullest.

Here are some tips on aging with grace...

"Use it or Lose It" - This proves true both mentally and physically. You want to strengthen your mental game by continuing to use your mind on different things such as puzzles, reading, writing, math, or anything that will cause you to stretch your thinking muscles.

Physical Exercise - As discussed above, it is important to physically exercise regularly as well. Even if you have limited mobility, light exercises and stretches can help you strengthen your bones, muscles, and heart.

Stay In The "Social Game" - Spending too much time alone will eventually make you feel depressed. Having friends and a social schedule will help you stay happy and active.

Be Sure To "Eat Right" - Older individuals need proper nutrition. Make sure to eat at least three meals a day and follow the nutritional guidelines your health care provider has put in place for you. Eating right will give you the lots of energy to remain active and healthy.

Keep Appointments With Your Health care provider - It can be challenging to keep going to appointments with your health care provider; however, it is necessary. If you find that the appointments are becoming cumbersome, talk to your health care provider to see if there is a way to consolidate some of the appointments so you don't have to go back and forth.

A Positive Attitude Goes A Long Way - If you look at things in a negative light, you will most likely start to feel depressed, which could inhibit other things you should do to continue aging with grace. If your health care provider prescribes additional medication, don't look at it as more pills to take each day. Put a positive spin on it: the medication is a way for you to keep doing what you are doing. If you're not able to do things as you once did, try not to feel bad about it. Find new things you have never done before that you can do.

Ask For Help! - One aspect of aging gracefully is to acknowledge that everyone needs help sometimes. So, don't feel you are losing your independence if you need a ride somewhere, or need someone to grab groceries for you. You have probably helped others for years, it is your turn now.

Talk About Your Feelings - It's just as important now as it has ever been to talk about any thoughts or feelings you are having. Speak to friends or family, and if you don't feel comfortable confiding in them, consider talking to a counsellor.

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