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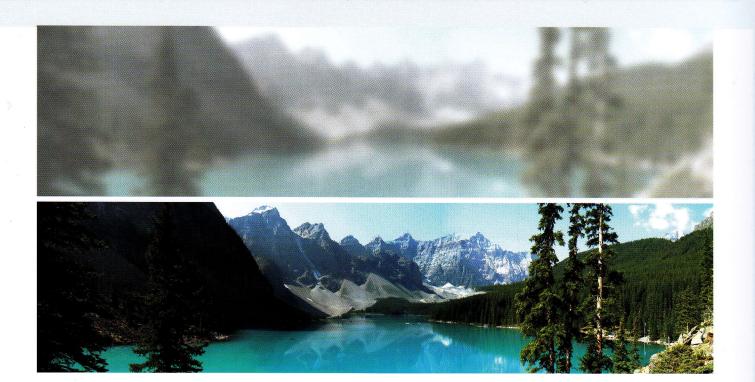
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Many of the articles in past issues of the CK Senjor, featuring Riverview Gardens, highlighted the volunteers and residents of this beautiful home. One of the key factors that make this home unforgettable and unique is the dedicated and friendly staff.

Pat Beaton has worked at the current Riverview Gardens location since the home opened in 2006. Beaton, a registered nurse, worked at the Victoria residence for 14 years before the new property opened. "I remember that we could not get over how

much more room there was on the first day we came here. Since then all the staff and residents have really "gelled" at our new location."

Pat is the charge nurse on the 4th floor. "Well, someone has to be the leader," she says laughingly. "I work with an outstanding team that genuinly cares for the residents and each other, it is a great working atmosphere."

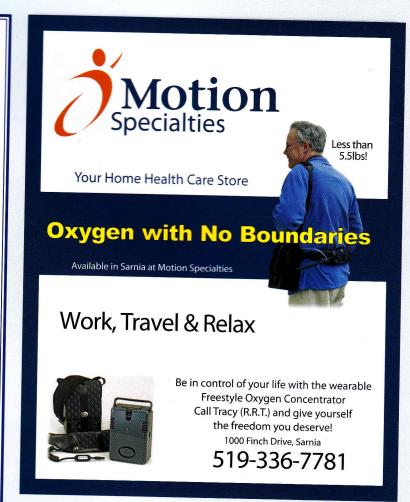


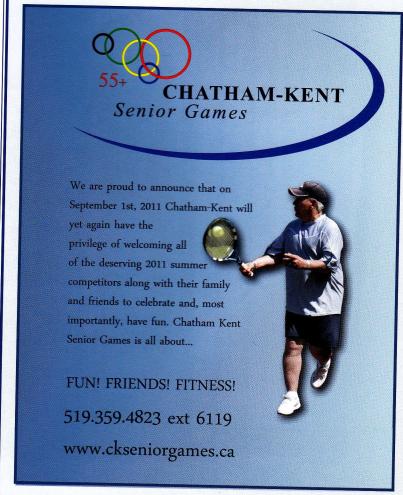
Pat Beaton Registered Nurse

When asked about the topic of retirement Pat laughed and said "I know it is coming but I enjoy my work too much right now... besides there are too many things I want to buy!"

"Pat is a member of a team of compassionate and caring staff – all of our staff work together to make our home run so smoothly. Pat really is the manifestation of many of the policies and goals we have strived to implement and meet, since the new home opened 4 years ago," says Colleen Wilson, director of senior services. "We really try to hold ourselves to higher standards and with staff like Pat leading the way, we have found ourselves in a really good place today."

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Mayor Hope joins in a Brain Gym exercise to help seniors and the volunteer of the year, June Simmonds, at Maple City Retirement Resident.

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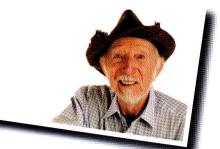
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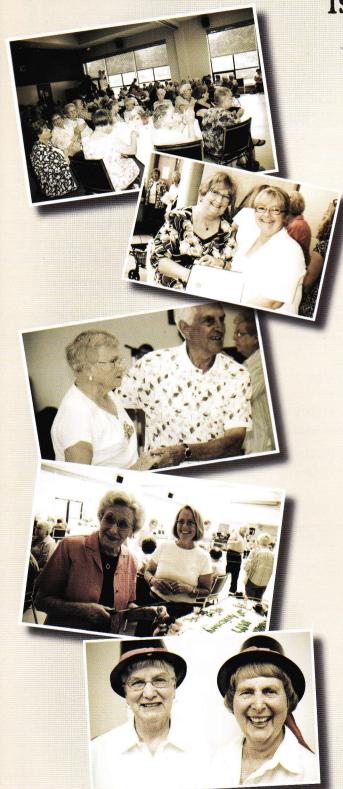
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A major component of our Centre is the volunteer structure where we recognize and value the contributions made by our members every day, both at the Centre and in our community. Whether it is volunteering in our kitchen, at the front desk, or in the programs, our seniors help us out in so many ways in order to keep our fees low at \$35.00 for an entire year.

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On July 24th, the Sandys Street Landmark, Meadow Park Long-Term Care Home, honoured three well -liked retirees. Pat Spears, Beth Crisp, and Ruth Gadd were on hand to receive special recognition from local MP, Dave Van Kesteren during their recent staff recognition barbeque.

Pat Spears started at Meadow Park on May 1, 1986 and worked as a dedicated HCA for 23 years. Since being retired she has been sharing her expertise with the Alzheimer's Society.

Beth Crisp worked for Meadow Park for 21 years. Beth's peers appreciated the great deal of hard work and dedication that she demonstrated over her term with the home.

Ruth Gadd came to work at Meadow Park on December 17th, 1982 as a HCA after working for Barnwell's. Ruth was well known for her dedication and always taking pride in her work.

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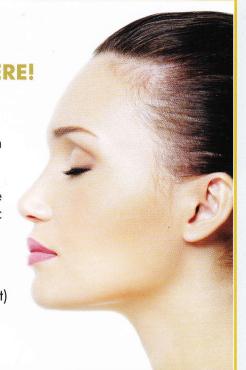
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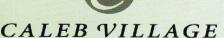
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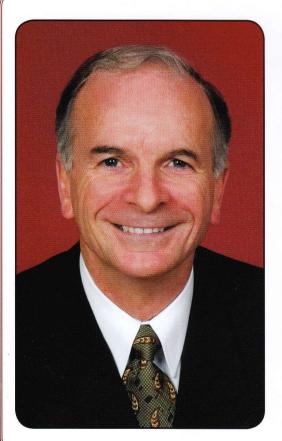
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Islaine, a Wallaceburg/Dover Centre native, enjoys knitting and crocheting. This avid reader is a retired nurse who thoroughly enjoys the staff at Fairfield Park. "The staff here are wonderful, they absolutely bend over backwards to keep residents happy," says Montgomery.

The motto at Fairfield Park is to take "Pride in Caring". This is very evident by the fact that all staff promote and encourage residents to participate in a variety of programs that keep them active and maintain or improve their strength and mobility. As well, participation in the programs provides residents with an excellent opportunity for socialization.





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Caregiver Counselling: Our Caregiver Program is dedicated to providing emotional support and counselling to those who are caring for others. This is a confidential, professional service that is available free of charge.

Crisis Intervention & Assistance: This program assists seniors and persons with disabilities resolve problems or address issues in pursuit of their needs, rights, and interests. A wide variety of services are offered free of charge.

Home Helper: This program is dedicated to allowing older adults to stay at home for as long as possible. We hope to improve their quality of life by assisting with household chores, yard maintenance, and much more.

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Muscle mass decreases as we age. Beginning in the fourth decade of life, adults lose 3%-5% of muscle mass per decade, and the decline increases to 1%-2% per year after age 50. Muscle keeps us strong, it burns calories and helps us maintain our weight, and it contributes to balance and bone strength. Without it, we can lose our independence and our mobility.

Is it ever too late to build muscle?

The good news is that muscle mass can increase at any age in response to exercise. In an important study of weight lifting and older adults conducted with 100 male and female residents of a nursing home in Boston (age range: 72 to 98 years of age; average age 87), subjects lifted weights with their legs three times a week for 10 weeks. At the end of the study, there was an increase in thigh mass of 27%, walking speed increased 12%, and leg strength increased a whopping 113%! In a similar study of adults 65-79 years old, subjects who lifted weights three times a week for three months increased their walking endurance by 38% (from 25 minutes to 34 minutes) without appreciable increases in mass.

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