

Pumpkin Pie Fundraiser

Rethink Breast Cancer



Order now!

Joe's Italian Kitchen, Bakers, will be making pre-baked Pumpkin Pies ready to serve for your Thanksgiving dinner. To order call Reception and indicate your name and quantity of pies. Cash only \$10/Pie all proceeds going to Rethink Breast Cancer. For more information here is Sam Mitchell's (Price) Link:

<https://amplify.netdonor.net/921/raise-funds-4-rethink/94372/samantha-mitchell>

Pies will be available for pick up only at OVM Oct. 9-10th

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is October.

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Resident of the Month: Written by: Brent Connelly

Now we're back to the townhouses to meet another fun-loving couple who have been living among us since fall 2019. Gary and Carol Collins moved here from their Calabogie residence on Black Donald Lake, where they had lived since 1988, after purchasing an old farmhouse and later converting it into a permanent home. Both are from Ottawa, and Gary, a big guy who looks as if he may have been a former Roughrider linebacker, explained that his favourite sport was golf. When asked, he indicated quietly that, for a time, he had a respectable handicap of six, but he had to give up the game a few years ago because of a couple of gimpy knees.

One Sunday afternoon, my wife Heather and I visited this friendly couple at their OVM townhouse. We had both known Carol from an exercise class we had been taking in the main lodge before that nasty little COVID-19 gunslinger had brought his guns to town, but we didn't know Gary very well, although I had briefly met him once before. When I asked him if he was a "one-r" Gary or a "two-r" Garry, he chuckled over his parents naming him *William Gary*, while pointing out that all the first-born males in his family had *William* as their first given name (presumably, as far back as the old bearded lad riding the white horse). He told us that his own father and their eldest son were also named William, and that one of William's twin boys (Gary's and Carol's grandson) had been named William as well. Gary and Carol have three children: a boy, William, the eldest of the three; then a girl, Kathryn Shay; and the youngest, a boy, Peter. They are also blessed with seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren as of September 2020. William and Kathryn remained working with their parents, while Peter struck out on his own to become a successful self-employed contractor.

It was then that Carol jumped in with her usual quick wit, suggesting to her husband that he share the real scoop on the origin of the name *Gary*. After a little hesitancy and with some grinding of his teeth, he explained that he had been baptized with the name of *William Garfield Collins*—and that he had unofficially abbreviated *Garfield* to *Gary* shortly after his arrival home from the maternity ward.

"There were just too many 'Billies' and 'Willies' running around in the Collins family at the time, so I had to do something," Gary said. "Now folks," he asked, as he looked each of us in the eye, "do I look like a Garfield to you?"

Carol, a vivacious lady with a lively smile, was raised by her well-known parents, professional photographers William (Bill) Newton and his wife Jean, who worked as a team under contract with the *Ottawa Citizen* to provide photos for their publications—and who were oftentimes referred to as the "shootin' Newtons"!

Carol described growing up in the midst of deadlines, celebrity visits, and other special occasions as usually a whole bunch of fun with lots of reporters, photographers, and a host of government and entertainment personalities coming and going. She recalled one time when she was about six or seven years old that President Harry Truman, and his wife Bess were visiting Ottawa and staying at Laurier House, which was only about two blocks from Carol's home. Somehow, her father got access to the entourage as they walked along the sidewalk to Laurier House, and he was able to take a photo of Carol presenting a very impressed Mrs. Truman with a handful of Lilies of the Valley that somebody had picked for her.

Open Activities

- ~ Outdoor Patios - Gardens (should you have one)
- ~ Bistro ~ Puzzle Tables
- ~ Wellness Centre Bike and Walking Bars
- ~ Joe on the Piano
- ~ Massage Chairs (Wellness Centre)
- ~ Docking Station for phone calls or Video Calls on the computer
- ~ Library ~ Tuck Shop
- ~ Church Services / Rosary Prayer
- ~ OVM Chorus Practice

Musical Entertainment

With the recent COVID -19 we will not be having any outside entertainment at this time.

Joe will be playing twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays



Donations:

We are looking to the future of hunkering down and spending our winter being as productive as we can be. Our OVM knitters are looking for cotton yard/wool for winter projects. If you have any extras or wish to donate a few rolls we would be greatly appreciative. Any donations can be left at the front door with attention to Michael.

Artificial Christmas Trees: If you are upgrading or downsizing and have a tree that needs a new home, think of us before it goes in the garbage. If you could send Michael an email in advance: ovmrecreation@ovlc.com

COVID-19 UPDATE from OVM

WE ARE OKAY! (Touch wood)

Thank you to those who have been great about coming to visit the OVM home, with masks and understanding of the ongoing changes and rules.

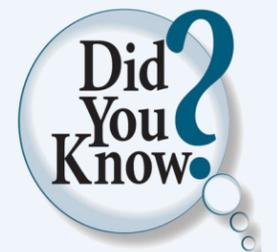
We would like to remind everyone that while visiting in residents rooms, you still MUST wear your masks. An entertainer said it very simply one day, If the staff can go through their 9 hour days with a mask on, I can tough it out for an hour...

Very well said and so simple to follow. We continue to welcome guest/family members, but please remember, our hard work is paying off, please WEAR YOUR MASKS INSIDE!

JoJo's Did You Know?

You can start a rose cutting in a potato. In fact they can help grow a variety of flowers very easily. Make a hole in a potato and place the plant stem into the potato.

Iron carries oxygen through the blood to our muscles and brain making it crucial to both mental and physical health. It is essential for maintaining a healthy immune system regulating body temperature, digestion and absorbing other material which is why iron deficiency can lead to the system problems.



Employee of the Month - Anson

Congratulations to, Anson, who is one of our chefs. Anson has been with us for three months. His strong work ethic and culinary skills have certainly not gone unnoticed. He has a good sense of humor and is great with the staff, and often tells the servers, to pay attention people!! He's always accommodating and willing to lend a helping hand. Congratulations, well deserved employee of the month.

Testimonial - Diane Uniac

It all began this past Christmas while visiting my son Mark . The subject came up about me transferring up to this area from Stratford Ontario, where I lived all my life. I was sold on Orchard Views reputation from the very start although it was a very difficult decision to make.

I just love living here. From the very first day I arrived I knew it was the right decision . Everyone was so friendly and helpful. I try to partake in a number of activities; bridge, euchre, exercises , walking. I haven't missed a movie yet, and my favourite pastime in the summer is colouring in the gazebo.

It is especially pleasant to go to the dining room and be waited on. I feel like a queen.

Now I am content and happy and have a dentist, doctor , eye Dr. So all is good. And my beautiful son now is 10 minutes from me as opposed to a 6 hour drive. I hope to have many years of happiness and contentment at Orchard View.

Laugh out Loud at Orchard View

One day my housework - challenged husband decided to was his sweat-shirt.

Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me "what setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied "What does its say on the sweater shirt?"

He yelled back, "DALLAS COWBOYS"

Golf: can be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Name 5 Game:

Name 5 items based on the following topics:

1. Appetizers
2. Boy Scout merit badges
3. NASCAR drivers
4. Exotic pets
5. Classic Novels
6. Healthy desserts
7. Thanksgiving Traditions
8. Things you can cook apples with/in
9. Football Teams

As a student, Gary had worked part time for his father, William Charles Collins, and joined his company, Parcoll Products Ltd., as a full-time employee upon his graduation from high school. William operated a small home-based business on Albion Road in Gloucester, which manufactured aluminium roll-up power canopies that he had secured a patent for, as well as various related products such as tent poles and survey towers. The company also developed a portable Quonset-like housing unit for use in remote locations in the far north. The structure was designed to be packaged and transported by an Otter aircraft in a knocked-down state inside its own crate, which was made up of the insulated wooden floor and hinged to secure the shipment.

The company eventually produced roughly four hundred of these units, but due to the "hit and miss" nature of the marketplace for manufactured products, Gary and his dad felt that they would do much better if they could gradually shift away from their dependency on manufacturing and focus more on the local markets for the service and retail industries. Thus in February 1962, the company made a move to more suitable quarters in Winchester, Ontario, a small community around fifty kilometres south of Ottawa, where the company's head office remains to this day, albeit in a different building. Winchester was also the location of the first marital home for Gary and Carol, who had been married in May of the same year.



One of the first things that Gary and his dad did after they had settled in Winchester was to look at the prospects of starting up a fabric store in their new hometown. Gary's mother, Evelyn, was an experienced seamstress who had picked up on the lack of yard good supplies for sale in the town's shops, and so Gary and William took off one day on a shopping trip to Montreal's clothing section where they filled up their station wagon with \$500 worth of remnants and bolts of this, that, and the other thing. The rest of the story was that the stuff just flew off the shelves, which meant that somebody had to go for another load the following week, this time with a much larger truck, and this led up to the opening of a fabric store in Winchester.

It was around this time that Gary quietly took over the management of the company, leaving his mother and father more time to enjoy visits to Florida. It was also a time when Gary and Carol stepped up their own travel plans to their beloved Barbados, which they have visited thirty times over the years. I'll leave it to Carol to explain: "We met a couple of Australians, Ian and Lin McDonald, in Barbados in 1977, and they became our lifelong friends. We have travelled to visit them twice in Australia, and they have come to Ontario to visit with us every summer until 2015, when poor health prevented them from travelling that far."

The next phase in the life of Parcoll Products Ltd. involved the establishment of four NAPA stores (National Auto Parts Association of America, formerly UAP) in a newly emerging concept of auto parts distribution in the following communities: Winchester (1969), Kemptville (1975), Morrisburg (1980), and Prescott (1981). We trust that the twenty-five employees involved plus the new management of William (Bill) Collins and Kathryn (Collins) Shay will enjoy the Happy Trails ahead while reflecting on the following: "One should never underestimate the visionary skills and business acumen of a handful of working men and women, especially those with the given names of Garfield and/or William, and of course, Carol or Evelyn."

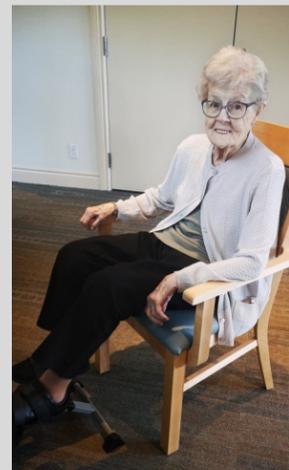
Keep on Smiling



Back to School for our OVM teachers as well! They got to reminisce about their teaching days as they were asked questions and got to pose for their “back to school” pictures



We like to work not only our bodies but our minds too... Look at those thinking faces!



Puppy LOVE!

