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Resident of the Month: Adrian Richmond

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Adrian was born in 1944 in a small town called Horley, Surrey, England, 16 days after Hitler began his sea line raids. His grandmother was the ambulance driver for the town and the ambulance was his grandfather's car with the back seats taken out. He has many interesting stories of being in England during the war and even has a piece of scrap metal from a bomb that exploded nearby. Adrian's father, Robin Richmond left them when Adrian was only 3 weeks old. He was a famous organist who played for radio and TV shows for years and was the last theatre organist in England. Although Adrian didn't have much of a relationship with his father, he has multiple of his records, showed me videos of his father playing and went to one of his performances.

Adrian's grandfather was interested in family histories and did all the ancestry tracing for their family. They discovered that his mother's side of the family goes back to King Brutus, the first king of Britain and he is also distantly related to King Henry VIII.

Adrian was brought up by his mother and grandmother. His mother was sadly very traumatized from the war and turned to alcohol. His grandmother also drank so Adrian grew up much by himself. He was put in what he called the "dumb" class at school because he had trouble spelling and couldn't remember his time tables but was very good at working with his hands. It wasn't until he was an adult that Adrian learned he had dyslexia. He taught himself all about machines and had a knack for building and fixing things.

He started working in a motorcycle parts department in 1967, worked as a motorcycle mechanic and then went on to manage the parts department in the same company. While there, he met his wife, Susan, who owned a motorcycle and would come in to get it fixed or to find parts for it. They got married in 1974 and lived in a little fisherman's cottage that Adrian's boss owned in Shoreham by the Sea. They lived there rent free under the condition that Adrian helped customers on off hours. In 1975 Adrian and Susan emigrated to Canada on a Russian cruise ship. Susan had been born in Canada and had friends in Ottawa. They stayed with Susan's friends for a while until they found a place to rent in Constance Bay. Adrian began working at Ottawa Cycle as parts manager for \$4 per hour. He got laid off in the winter as sales slowed down significantly. Money was tight for a while but Adrian found a full time job at Harry's Cycle and Sports as parts manager and worked there until 1979. Adrian and Susan had a daughter named Elena, who was born in 1978. Around this time, Susan became ill and had to be put on a respirator after having trouble breathing. She recovered from the initial attack but had multiple more attacks and during one of them her heart stopped. She had to be resuscitated and they were going to try a new blood oxygenating machine but it was too late. Elena was not yet 2 years old when Susan tragically passed away.

They moved to Cedar Hill Road and Adrian began working as a mechanic at Bradley Air Service which later became First Air. He worked there until 1990. He met his second wife, Elsie, on a blind date and they got married shortly after. She was a wonderful step-mother to Elena.

Adrian knew a gentleman who worked at a special machine shop called Atomic Energy, later named Nordion. They needed a machinist but Adrian wasn't licensed so he had to complete a test of making something in less than two hours. Adrian completed it with two minutes to spare and was hired as a model shop technician, making equipment out of plexi glass for laboratory instruments. He worked there for 5 and a half years until he moved on to working at Lee Valley Tools as a manual prototype machinist for 13 years until he retired in 2009. There, he got to complete some of Leonard Lee's special homework projects and modified a design for a low angle block plane which is still used now.

Elsie had a massive heart attack after a small surgery and sadly died in 2009, less than a month after Elena had her first daughter. Adrian lived on the Dunrobin road in a large 4 bedroom house with 13 acres until it became too much for him to maintain and he moved to a bungalow at Orchard View in 2020 with his cat Manx. He mentioned how helpful it is to have snow cleared, driveway and walk salted and grass cut for him. He enjoys having services accessible to him such as fitness classes, coffee in the bistro and helpful staff.

It is important to mention in Adrian's story his love and passion for racing motorbikes. He obviously had worked around motorbikes for years and when he first went to watch a race at Brands Hatch in 1960, he fell in love with it. He raced for 12 seasons and won his second ever road race in Cadwell in the Vintage Motorcycle Club in 1967. He mostly raced in the Senior Manx Grand Pre in the Isle of



Man with National License Holders. In the senior race, all the motorbikes were required to be between 351 cc's and 500 cc's. The track there was 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and there were 6 laps in the race, totaling 226.5 miles. He also raced in the 150 mile race in Northern Ireland. He has great pride in his achievements in racing motorbikes especially winning a road race and finishing 4 consecutive Manx Grand Pre races.

Adrian has stories like these and many more to tell. His interest in motorbikes, machines and history is evident. He spoke with pride of his daughter Elena and his three grandchildren who live in Gillies Corners. Thank you to Adrian for allowing me to tell his story.



Keep on Smiling



Summer is here in full swing. From Canada Day celebrations, getting out for mystery drives, picnics and shopping trips, gardening, mini putt, entertainment and refreshments on the patio, to cooing down inside and playing cards, colouring and so much more.





Employee of the Month - Jeff Jones

A big congratulations to Jeff for being selected as August's employee of the month! Jeff works in the maintenance department but helps out the other departments greatly. He is a hard worker and a team player, willing to help out wherever needed, even serving in the dining room! He goes above and beyond what is asked of him and gets things done in a very timely manner. His jokes and good nature make him a enjoyable to be around. Jeff is loved by residents and staff. We sincerely appreciate his dedication and loyalty.

Testimonial - Lena Glasbergen

Being close to one of my daughters, is why I moved to Orchard View. She can come and have fun with me at all the special events. We are able to continued to knit together, which we love. My daughter laughs at me when I ask her for twoonies for Bingo on Thursday nights. I love it! I also love to work at my garden with my friends. I also appreciate that all the staff, especially in the dining room, are so nice and accommodating. If I want something different I just have to ask. They are so helpful. I am glad I moved to Orchard View for all these reasons.

Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

Golf Jokes

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

If you find you do not mind playing in the rain, snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip..... You' life is in trouble!

The only sport where the most feared opponent is you!

Golf is like marriage, if you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bag is the pencil.

Open Activities

- ~ Bistro ~ Puzzle Tables
- ~ Wellness Centre Bike and Walking Bars
- ~ Joe on the Piano ~ Adult Colouring
- ~ Social Distanced Bingo with Joanna and Friends
- ~ Massage Chairs (Wellness Centre/3rd Floor Lounge)
- ~ Library
- ~ Tuck Shop
- ~ Church Services / Rosary Prayers
- ~ Fitness classes on Main, 3rd and 4th Floor with Almonte Physio
- ~ Door to Door Mind Work Games
- ~ Bistro Activities



**Showcasing some
of our resident's
beautiful gardens**



JoJo's Did You Know

Put your old sponges to use by cutting them into squares and fitting into the bottom of your flower pots . These little sponges will lessen the chance of overwatering and also hold moisture until you need to water again.

If you keep the tap running while brushing your teeth you use 10 to 15 gallons of water. If you shave with the water running, you use 10 to 20 gallons of water. If you fill the basin when you shave, you use only 1 gallon of water.

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*Celebrating 6 years
on August 1st, 2022*

*Thank you to each & every one of you for
making OVM such a wonderful home for all of us!*



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time here? Please
and photos to

favourite memory
Orchard View? Or
picture from your
share your thoughts
Sophia. A collage

will be created for everyone to enjoy.

You can email it to ovmrecreation@ovlc.com

The Residents will be having a special dinner with entertainment on August 1st to
celebrate.