



Shalem Society Update, May 2020

Dear Society Member,

During these uncertain times, in lieu of our regular society newsletter, we the Board want to send you a short Shalem Society update. At the top of our list is the good news that none of the Shalem residents nor staff has contracted Covid-19. We ask you to continue to pray for Shalem and the well being of all our residents and staff. God bless you and your family and our membership.

With warm regards,

The Board of Directors of Shalem Society



Shalem residents waving from their balconies

2020 AGM Postponed

This is the time of year you would normally be receiving your invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Shalem Society, but these are not normal times. We are postponing our 2020 AGM as advised by the Alberta Board of Health and all three levels of government. We always look forward to the annual meeting so we can gather face to face with our members, present our agenda and to hear your views and answer your questions. That's why, once the government approves, we will move forward and re-schedule the AGM, and send out invitations well in advance of the meeting. The Audited Financial reports for the 2019 year-end will be sent out with the 2020 AGM invitation, however if you would like to access them sooner, they will be available on request by May 30th, 2020. Please email your request to: shalemaccounting@shalem.ca.

If you have any questions please contact Tony Vandekraats, our Board President at: tony@cwlpark.com.

From Shalem's Resident and Community Liaison

In these unprecedented times in which we are all being called to live life differently than what we consider the norm, Shalem too is impacted by COVID-19 and all that has come with it. Many AHS protocols have been set which includes senior and Supportive Living centres. Shalem

management initiates and monitors any new or updated protocols.

With the changes in ability to socialize, and with programs and recreation on hold, Shalem seems a very different place at this time. The common areas are empty, the Dining Room is closed, Shalem's hard working Kitchen and Dining Room staff are diligently delivering 3 meals a day to all the Haven residents. There is a quiet calm in the hallways, yet behind the scenes Management and staff are being called to unprecedented demands. This has been a time of uncertainty for residents, their families, and staff. We pray for God's continued watch over Shalem.

Shalem's Executive Director Retiring



Please join us in wishing Jerry Borst a happy and fulfilling retirement. Jerry, who has held the position of Executive Director since the summer of 2016, has decided to take this giant step later on in the summer. He says the greatest reward of his job has been, "How we continue to make this a great place for Christian Seniors and strive to make Shalem a God-honoring place." Just a few examples of how Shalem celebrates God's goodness as a community says Jerry, are that Shalem now has a weekly chapel program, an active volunteer program and all residents celebrate Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving together enjoying a communal meal. Jerry, together with his wife Audrey, look forward to focusing on their own well being including planning a trip to visit family in Africa. Thank you

Jerry for your dedication to Shalem. We pray the Lord will guide you and Audrey with His love as you embark on the path of retirement.

The Shalem Board is in the process of recruiting a new Executive Director. The job is posted on our website at: www.shalem.ca. (Employment Opportunities). Interested candidates should apply online or email their resume and cover letter to Board President Tony Vandekraats: tony@cwlpark.com

Must-do Projects Completed

Shalem faced two significant capital expenditure projects in 2019. The Court Exterior Restoration Project became a bigger job than anticipated but was finally completed in March 2020. The Manor Elevator was replaced in April 2020. Fund raising events for these projects had to be put on hold due to the pandemic. We very much welcome any donations at this time to help defray costs of these two big jobs. Donations can be made online or by cheque. For more details, please visit our website: www.shalem.ca and click on the 'Support Us' box.

Looking for New Board Members

Every year the Board of Directors of the Shalem Society recruits new members to replace those who have completed their three years in office. Are you or any society member you know, interested in working to make Shalem an outstanding place for Christian seniors? If you have a heart for Shalem, would you consider joining our Board? We would love to hear from you. Please contact our Vice President Jean Weening at: kcweening@shaw.ca

Don't Forget!

It's time to renew your Annual Society Membership, or become a Society Member. We value your support. It's \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple and can be done online at: www.shalem.ca, click on the 'Support Us' box. Here you will also find details on how to pay by cheque. If you know somebody who wants to become a member but cannot access our online service, please phone Brenda, the business administrator at: 403-240-2800, and she will mail out a membership application.