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President's Report

Christmas greetings to all Shalem Society members and especially to the residents of Shalem Manor and Court. What a great joy we have as Christians to remember Jesus birth in a manger in Bethlehem. Jesus came into this world bringing us peace and joy especially as he offers us salvation. We trust that you might experience that peace and joy as you celebrate Christmas with family and friends.

Operations

The two buildings have been well maintained. In the Manor this past year we have upgraded the hot water system by installing a new water boiler as well as two new boilers that were 29 years old. Over the past year we have begun replacing new toilets for the residents in the Manor and this will be completed in the spring of 2011. We continue to make minor repairs on an ongoing basis to keep both buildings in good repair. On behalf of the board I want to express our thanks to George and Margaret Visser for their dedicated work, their work with the residents, and for keeping the buildings and grounds looking so good.

New Facility

If you are aware of the activities that are going on at Shalem you might know that there is a new view of the landscape at Shalem. First of all, after many years of work, we have been granted our Development Permit for our supportive living facility. Site plans and building design were changed dramatically to meet the concerns of the City and Appellants. Although another appeal was launched against the new design we were granted our development permit on July 2 with some conditions having to be met. The Lord has blessed our efforts and these conditions have now been met and we have the development permit in hand. We are now applying for our Building Permit. Second on the new landscape, there are construction managers, engineers, supervisors on site doing the preparatory work that needs to be accomplished before construction can begin. We will be using a contracting arrangement similar to the one used ten years ago to build Shalem Court. Shalem will act as its own contractor with Norm Ross (Estartit Holdings Limited) as project manager and Ed Messer (Twin Pines Contracting Ltd) as construction Superintendent both reporting





In Appreciation

The Board of Directors would like to say a very big thank you to Bill and his wife Maria for Bill's involvement on the Shalem Board for the past six years. In particular we would like to thank Bill for his steadfast contributions towards the building project. Without Bill's perseverance and dedication we would not be where we are today, looking forward to our new supportive living facility.

to the Shalem Construction Committee. This arrangement worked well in the past giving us full control over the construction activities. When the plans and preparatory work is ready the first work will be to excavate and install the "deep utilities". During this initial phase we will maintain full access to the Court and part of the level ground parking. And third, there is a new landscape. Some 20 trees were taken down and the view from Shalem Dining room is wide-ranging and somewhat bare, but certainly looks different. That view and landscape will continue to change over the winter months and into the summer as each phase of construction begins.

I would especially like to thank Bill Oostenbrink for his commitment and dedication to this cause. Bill has not only worked hard but Bill is an exceptional leader and I thank the Lord for using him in this way. Bill is still involved at the committee level. Thank you to both Bill and Maria Oostenbrink.

Edwin Kamphuis
President



Introducing:

SHALEM HAVEN

Our hope is that this new facility will be a place where residents can come to a protected environment, where they can live safely and securely while being well looked after.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011
1:30- 2:00PM

We will dedicate this building to the Glory of the Lord
Refreshments to follow in the Shalem Dining Room



For Membership Applications for Shalem Society for Senior Citizens Care contact George Visser at 403-246-5519.