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SUMMERFEST: THE CFDI WAY

By Peter Whalen

The annual picnic did not include a ride on a sailboat but it was set along the shore of Humber Bay East Park giving you the feeling that you could sail over the top of the water and leisurely drift out into the lake. Early risers arrived between 10 and 11 a.m. greeted by the sun and the loons waiting patiently on the rocks. It was hard not to be in the picnic spirit.

Organized by Claudia Kartick and major help from husband Chris, things were well underway with a collection of picnic tables loaded with food, games and the largest BBQ fired up and ready to go.



Claudia Kartick



From left to right: Margaret Davis, Peter Whalen, Tuula Mustonen

Chris Kartick conducted the erection of two large tents to serve as shade giving a festive air. As people strolled in throughout the morning we recognized 30 to 35 in our midst. It quickly developed into a large family affair with everyone pitching in, eating, and playing games. Jeff Tinglin (Camille's Place) became the head chef and had baked and decorated two cakes to tempt the palate. As platters of vegetables, fresh fruit, barbequed chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, portabello mushrooms, asparagus and zucchini sticks (such a feast!) came on display, they were quickly consumed or maybe a better description 'quickly devoured.'

The children scampering here and there were entertained with games and an unexpected ride from Darrell



(friend of Charles Ng) hauling them on a cart behind his bicycle. Watching the look on their faces, it was a huge success. A special treat was



Othello and his guitar

the music and singing provided by Othello Inniss. A strong, clear voice and sitting under the tent with his guitar, we were entertained with songs by Charley Pride, Elvis and even one taught to Othello by his father. I think

Tommy Tsiu, Linda Young and Jeff Tinglin would have joined me as back up singers if I had the gift of persistence.

The adults were not to be left out of the fun as later in the day we struggled competitively over who could get the most paper clips from a bowl of rice. There was word scramble, guessing the number of jelly beans in a bottle and my favourite of just getting a ticket in hopes of winning the draw.



I believe everyone ended up a winner with some (no names mentioned) more than others. Prizes were purchased by Eddie and Cristina (during an overnight shopping spree, of course...) with funds donated by contractors and suppliers (Thanks to Chris de Poppe who took on the task of contacting our contractors and suppliers to contribute to our Annual Picnic).. As I see it everything added up to a great time – the place, the weather, the food and of course the people.



Chris de Poppe

Thanks to Claudia and Chris who put so much work into organizing, getting the stuff, and overseeing it to the finish. They set the spirit which carried over to everyone. Special thanks to Jeff on the BBQ, to Othello for the entertainment (do you need an agent, Othello), to Aleks and Vanyia for disappearing to get the coffee and putting up with



Cathy Archibald

the hassle of waiting over an hour to be able to bring it back, and to all those who helped set up and clean up. A special thanks to Tommy as the official photographer, to Betty Omoria and Chris de Poppe for helping with the games, to Darrell for the children's rides and all the other help given so graciously and generously and not unnoticed.



It was a day to remember provided by George, Cristina and Eddie – Thanks to You!



Update on Community First

New Sites

1. *Niagara Neighbourhood – September 1, 2004.*
2. *St. Brigid's Multifaith Housing Society – Downtown Toronto*

New Staff

1. *Romanita & Calin Ciobanu – Superintendent Couple (ILGWU)*
2. *Rosamund Dorrington – Assistant Manager (Ellen McGreal Co-op)*
3. *Jerry Lamberk – Maintenance (Atkinson Co-op)*
4. *Christina (Chrissy) Lourenco – Administrative Assistant (Vila Gaspar)*
5. *Alver Li – Maintenance (Various)*

In addition, Bob Macdonald is working in association with CFDI to co-ordinate the development of an affordable housing project for

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youth in transition. Our client is a very well respected agency in York Region: Pathways for Children, Youth and Families.

ComField

New Company

You may or may not be aware that Community First Developments Inc. has formed a company in partnership with Donny Ng called ComField Management Services. ComField will handle the condominium business which will include residential, commercial and industrial.

New Office

Community First has a new home. The head office has moved from the 1st floor to the 3rd floor. The new address is:

2171 Avenue Road, **Suite 303**
Toronto, ON M5M 4B4

Telephone numbers to reach head office staff remain unchanged.

Managers will have the opportunity to view the new space at the managers' meeting on September 9th. Parking is limited on site but some street parking is available on Wilson on the south side.

Reminder

Fall is almost upon us and a change of mindset is required. As site managers and maintenance personnel we realize that season changes greatly affect what we do. With this in mind, be prepared:



Maintenance

- *Fall cleanup of property.*
- *Snow Removal Contract in place.*
- *Generators tested and filled with oil.*

- Heating System maintained.

Office

- Annual Rent Reviews.
- Operating Budget.
- RGI Training Seminar Update with the City of Toronto.

Staff Profile



Tuula Mustonen – Over the past year you've probably come across this name and thought, if you could say it you were speaking a foreign language. Tuula, quiet, assured with a reserved sense of humour brings her name from Finland, joining CFDI in

the latter part of 2003. She grew up in Sudbury and has been living in Toronto since 1973. Tuula presents a unique combination of skills having received a diploma in Business Administration from Cambrian College in Sudbury and a diploma in Nursing from Seneca College in Toronto. She began her experience with CFDI by volunteering at Atkinson Co-op and graduated to full employment with pay. She is property manager at Campden Green Co-op and assists with the bookkeeping at head office, both a tribute to her ability and quick learning. Ever ready with an answer and a chuckle, Tuula can be found drooling over the arts and crafts of the world. She is this year's reigning champion of having won the most prizes at the company picnic having dethroned Lana Sapon from last year. Tuula has a 14 year old daughter, named Tiffany and lives in Scarbrough. CFDI is pleased to have Tuula as part of the team.

Managers

Part of management's responsibility to a board of directors is to provide a management report at each board meeting. If you have a standard format for reporting to the board, please forward a copy to the head office by email to



tommyt@cfdi.ca. This will be helpful in standardizing this report for all sites. Items that should be covered but not limited to are:

- Financial Report
- Arrears Report
- Vacancy Report
- Applicant Approval
- Maintenance Projects
- Member/Tenant Concerns
- City Guideline Updates



Words to Remember...

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

Housing Provider Events

Managers and all staff – if you would like to submit an article to the newsletter regarding your site, such as an anniversary or other special occasion let us know. We would also like articles of interest concerning the non-profit management sector or anything that would make our lives easier.



Want to view more photos from the Picnic?

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