

SENIOR SCAPE

By Christina Doyle

November, she quietly comes upon us, and then quick as a wink, the flowers are no more, the butterflies, birds, leaves, and the welcoming shade from the hot sun are now but a sweet memory.

While outside is gray and a sudden chill of the November winds has arrived, it is still a very beautiful month, you might even be a November baby. Well, Happy Birthday to you!

This month, we are gently reminded of those who have served our country and thousands more who are serving Canada today.

We are so proud of them, as we stand in awe of their tremendous courage to do what most of us can't. We love our country Canada, the most beautiful country in the world, a place we call our home.

Many of you may have come and landed in Halifax, as my parents once did, so excited to be here in Canada; proud Macedonians, who embraced the Canadian culture, the food, the holidays and every other aspect of Canadian living. When my parents got married here, my mom opened dad's suitcase and instead of clothes, he had three books. Of what, I don't know. But I do remember my mom saying she went to Woolworths and bought two spoons, two plates and two forks and knives.

They literally had nothing but they had each other to carry them through life's storms. The first time my dad bought his very first car was a sign of success in his eyes. He had made it! An aqua-colored Chevrolet Bel-Air parked in front of our home in which we rented the upstairs in order for my parents to even have a home.

There would be countless pictures taken with dad's car and oh how sweet and simple life was.

This November and on every November we all take a moment to hopefully attend the many Remembrance Day ceremonies available in every town and village and to pay our humble respects to those who must Never be Forgotten.

My grandfather was a proud veteran and he often could be seen selling poppies in Fairview Mall amongst his veteran friends. This November, we wear a poppy to show even those younger than us, that we must be grateful for this beautiful country we call Canada. They too must carry the torch, to remind us of what we have today and the sacrifices that has been paid on our behalf.

As Canada is nearing her 150th birthday next year, we have been so fortunate to live in a country where every religion, every faith, is respected and embraced with acceptance and love.

Every family shares joy with their children, every family wishes to be healthy, prosperous and live in peace. How different are we, after all, not a whole lot? Thank you, a thousand thank-yous to the men and women who have served and serve our Canada.

We, and future generations, thank you for your courage and dedication in helping make this country what it is today - a peaceful country where we can all be free! Today and every day ? THANK A VETERAN!

SENIOR CENTRE NEWS

Carpet Bowling is held every Monday afternoon at 1.30. If you haven't tried it, why not come out one day and give it a try?

Table Tennis is another fun game. It is held every Wednesday afternoon at 3.15.

The Evergreen Choir will be holding their Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 10. Tickets will be on sale sometime in November and cost \$5.

Christmas dinner will be held this year on Wednesday, December 14. Tickets are \$30 for members of the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) and \$40 for non-members and they go on sale on November 1.

For more information on the Aurora Seniors' Centre and all it has to offer, drop by 90 John West Way, visit the web site www.auroraseniors.ca, e-mail asa@auroraseniors.ca, or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.