

YCC323 NEIGHBOUR Highlights

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FRANK DELLING



Frank was born in a small town in East Germany named Delitzsch and moved to (West) Germany in 1960. He studied at the University of Darmstadt in Germany where he earned his Engineering degree in Computer Science and Data Communication. Following university Frank decided to immigrate to Canada to work in the Biophysics Department at the University of Guelph. Some years later he joined a computer company in Mississauga as the production manager. Upon meeting his future wife he moved to Ottawa and spent the next 18 years in various management positions with first AIT Canada, Nortel and the Department of National Defence before returning back to Toronto in 1999 to work with the Government of Ontario's Information Technology Management Branch.

Frank is an avid skier, who also loves swimming and hopes to break his squash habits to improve his meager tennis skills. He enjoys music and is a devoted concert goer, likes photography and a good book. He describes himself as a "geek at heart", who never misses an opportunity to relax with his wife Elisabeth sipping a glass of wine while watching a beautiful sunset from their balcony.

Lifeguards – 2012 Swim Season

For the 2012 swimming season our pool was monitored by 4 young lifeguards as highlighted below:



CIARAN



Some of you may remember Ciaran from last summer, when he started supervising our pool, although he actually has three years' worth of experience as a lifeguard. With a National Lifeguards certificate, which includes first aid and CPR training, Ciaran keeps a watchful eye on beginners and experienced swimmers alike who enjoy the pool and camaraderie of the deck. While he has never had to rescue anyone here, he has saved swimmers in other pools. Perhaps that's one reason why he is mulling over initiating a "survival swimming" course, which is only in the let's-think-about-it stage but sounds like a great idea to us.

Ciaran hails from Toronto and attends Queens University in Kingston, where he carries a double major. He is enthusiastic about his film industry studies, and is Co-President of the Film Club at Queens. He recently won the "Viewer's Choice Award" in Kingston's Focus Film Festival for his short film

“Lazy Daze” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obEdKSdMozM>)! As part of a small department at Queens, Ciaran has experienced all aspects of film work from director through crew to actor, but considers himself primarily a writer.

His university studies, combined with his lifeguard career, leave Ciaran little time to engage in other activities. He swims for pleasure as well as work, and plays soccer and football. He reads a wide range of books, from *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* to non-fictional exposés of the financial world, and is quite impressed with the library at 50 Quebec. And then, of course, he does what every good university student does for relaxation – hangs out with his buddies.

MARKO



Marko is another returnee lifeguard, having supervised our pool last year as well. He has been a certified lifeguard, through the National Lifeguarding Society, for two and a half years. Although he has not had to perform any rescues yet, he has the requisite swimming, first aid and CPR training to help any swimmers who find themselves in trouble. Marko also helps take care of the pool, of course, and was busy filling out the Swimming Pool Operation Log when your intrepid reporters arrived.

Marko is about to enter his first year of studies at the University of Toronto, majoring in computer science with a minor in business. With computer science being such a broad area, he has decided to specialize in programming, including both writing programs and solving problems with someone else's programs. Marko says it's even possible to write a program to solve Sudoku – and here we've been doing it the hard way all this time!

Marko was born in Serbia and returns there for vacations as often as possible – in fact, he just came back to the pool early in July from his latest trip to Serbia. He is tri-lingual, with French as his third language. He obviously enjoys the water, citing water polo and fishing as his hobbies. When asked whom he would like to spend an evening with, he immediately responded Jessica Alba. However, with a little more prodding, he spoke of the Serbian inventor, Nikola Tesla, an apt choice for someone who obviously loves his homeland as well as his adopted country.

PERSE



This is Perse's first year as a lifeguard at our pool. She is on the first-string team with Ciaran and Marco, and like them has earned the Lifesaving Society certificate. She was certified one year ago, and will be re-certified in another year's time. Perse is also certified to teach up to the bronze cross level. While she has never had to save anyone from a swimming pool or use her first aid or CPR training on the job, she has performed first aid on the TTC! Perse should be well able to face any medical emergency that arises here.

Perse lives in the area, close enough to walk to work. She is going into her second year of biomed at the University of Guelph this fall, working toward a BSc degree. Once she graduates, Perse will be going to veterinary school, and will eventually use her medical training to work on the animals she loves. She already works part-time in a veterinary clinic. Perse's current menagerie consists of two cats, one bunny, and a horse that is stabled in Uxbridge (but only for lack of room in the backyard in Toronto).

In addition to riding, Perse played the violin for 13 years. Unfortunately a combination of work and higher education leaves her with little time for music now. But she always has time for her friends. And while her name refers back to the Greek goddess Persephone, wife of Hades and Queen of the Underworld, her smiling face and cheerful personality belong right here aboveground at the pool.

SUSANNAH



Susannah is that important part of any team – the back-up. You will see her at various times over the summer, as she fills in for the regular contingent of lifeguards. She has the Lifesaving Society certificate, is further certified to teach lifesaving, and has four years experience guarding pools – or rather, guarding swimmers. In addition, she and the other lifeguards take care of the pool itself, and have to start getting the pool ready an hour before it opens (they say the biggest irritant is the loud noise of the pumps). Susannah has carried out many DNS rescues (that is, distressed non-swimmers) over the years, most often involving kids who take off their life-jackets. In emergencies, her extensive training kicks in and she feels comfortable taking charge of any situation.

Susannah recently moved to the High Park area from Mississauga. However, she is still a student at Sheridan College in Oakville, which will make for a long daily commute by public transit come fall. Susannah is enrolled in visual and creative arts, studying sculpture and other forms of art, and is, appropriately, left-handed. She hopes to eventually pursue a career in an art-based environment.

In addition to her studies in art, Susannah paints (acrylics and water-based oils) as a hobby. She has also been playing the guitar for at least seven years, and singing. She comes by music naturally – her father sings in a rock & roll band. She's even on the internet; you can listen to a couple of Susannah's songs on <http://www.thesixtyone.com/zannosmith#/artist/Zanno3000/songs//>

BILL DAVIDSON



You've probably run into Bill at one time or another over the years; now you can put a name to the face. Bill and his wife Emily must have really wanted to live at 50 Quebec; they were on a waiting list for three years before the particular location they wanted went on the market. They have remodeled and redecorated several times, and currently reside in the same warm and welcoming apartment they first moved into in 1983.

Bill was born and raised in Winnipeg, and the wide-open prairie skies beckoned the young lad. After serving as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force for eight and a half years, Bill switched to commercial flying with CP Air (now Air Canada). Trained as both a pilot and a navigator, Bill flew most types of planes to just about everywhere in the world. He was flying 747s on the Pacific routes to Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo (just to name a few) prior to his retirement. Then came the birth of his first grandson, and after 31 years as a commercial pilot, he discovered something even more amazing ~ grandchildren.

Bill still keeps his hand in at flying. Last year he flew a Harvard (shown in the above picture) doing aerobatics in Langley, BC. He is very interested in military museums too, with the latest visits being to the US 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, GA, and the National Air Force Museum in Trenton, ON.

Bill is also an enthusiast when it comes to technology, and recognized early on the benefits of marrying computers and flying. He was one of the pioneers of the Apple Users Group in Toronto (1978), and even wrote programs, being one of the first to create a tax spreadsheet on computers. At that time he gave the program away for free to anyone who wanted to use it ~ only to watch a couple of years later as someone else patented a tax program and undoubtedly made a ton of money from it! He still follows the latest technology, and thinks computers are great as long as they don't try to take over the world.

Computers and the internet have made Bill's third enthusiastic pursuit easier as well. He is an avid genealogist and tries to spend some time every day tracing even more lines of relatives. He has 75,000

people documented in his family tree, and if you think that's a typing error, just ask Bill for his website address and count them for yourself!

In retirement, Bill's days are full, although he always has time to spend with his children and grandchildren via Skype. And at the end of the day, he is happy to relax at 50 Quebec Avenue.