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Resident of the Month: Trish & Olle Lemon ~ A True Love Story

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Trish Lemon used to wonder if she was silly to be so conscientious about sending thank-you notes. Not any more.

A few months after writing a note of thanks to the "polite" Canadian who'd been so nice to her and her girlfriend during a holiday to Puerto Rico, Trish was engaged to him.

She married Olof Jerome Lemon, better known as Olle, July 7, 1984.



"Because of the way we met, I never had a chance to tell Trish I wanted to get to know her better and I never got her address," recalls Olle, 51, who used to be known as Jerry Lemon until Trish's kids convinced him to go back to his original Swedish name.

"But once she sent that little thank-you note and included her return address, I seized my chance. I wrote her back, and we started corresponding. That's when we got to talk about all the important things."

Adds Trish, 48, a math teacher at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School in Kanata: "It was a little awkward when we finally met again, because we'd been communicating only through letters. But it didn't take long for him to become part of the family."

The seeds for the Kanata couple's romance were sown in 1983, when Trish was living in Omaha, Neb., with her two children from her first marriage. When a friend's fiancé backed out of a planned trip to Puerto Rico at the last minute, the friend invited Trish to join her.

The first night of the holiday, Trish's friend Gail, met Olle, a divorced father of two from Ottawa who was in Puerto Rico on business. When he invited her to dinner, she asked if Trish could be included.

Olle and Gail dated throughout the week, sometimes including Trish if she had no other plans. Olle soon realized he was more interested in Trish than in her friend, but there was no tactful way to change the situation.

Trish's thank-you note gave Olle the opportunity to get to know her better. After they'd been corresponding for a couple of months, he passed through Omaha on his way back to Ottawa, and the long-distance romance began in earnest.

"After that first October visit, I was invited for Christmas, but it seemed too far away," Olle says. "So I hopped in the car and drove down for American Thanksgiving in November - 24 hours each way."

Adds Trish: "It used to be a standing joke with his travel agent at Bytown Travel. Olle would say, 'Jill, I'm going to such-and-such a place. Can you route me through Omaha?'"

The Lemons were engaged the following April, and married in July. A few days after the wedding, they moved to Ottawa with Trish's children and her dog, Nike.

"When we crossed the border at Windsor, we noticed for the first time that the kids' visa said, 'Proof of mother's marriage required.' So, we had to unpack the whole truck in the blazing heat to find the marriage license," says Trish.

"I think we finally found it in the 22nd box. Some man came by and asked if we had to do this. I told him no, I just wanted to see if I'd packed the toaster."

Olle's two sons, 28 and 25, are in business together in Ingersoll. Trish's daughter Emily, 18 is in her final year at Earl of March. Son, Andy 20, is "majoring in soccer" at the University of New Brunswick.

Olle still can't get over how easy it was to adjust to his new family.

"I can't believe the instant bond that took place between me and the kids. We kept expecting to hear, 'You can't tell us this,' or 'You're not my real father,' but it never happened," he says.

"I just feel the gods have smiled on me."



Volunteers are always appreciated...

Do you enjoy giving back to the community? Do you want to feel invested in the lives of others? Do you enjoy making a difference in the lives of Seniors Become a volunteer at Orchard View by the Mississippi!

We are looking for volunteers for the weekday afternoons to help organize some table activities including; Bingo, reminiscing conversations, table top games, word games and more.

Volunteers will need to provide a clean Vulnerable Sector Police Check & Complete online ORCA training before they start. Looking to have volunteers in every afternoon from 2-3:00pm

Contact Michael at ovmrecreation@ovlc.com or 613-963-5000



Acknowledgment from January's Review

In last months Review our Resident of the Month, Nannette Green it mentioned in loving memory, this was an error on our behalf. Nan is alive and well, we are terribly sorry for this. Nan thankfully laughed it off.

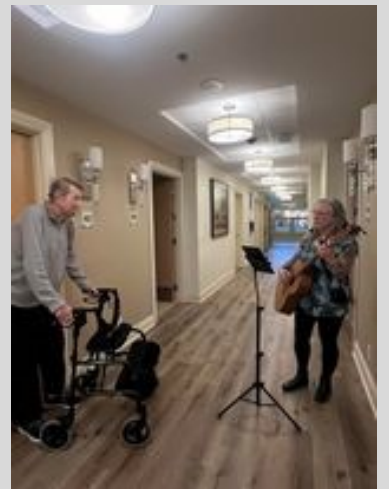
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We have it all! More than just Bingo, bike pedaling, Yahtzee, Curling, Baking, Door to Door Music, Canadian Trivia. That's just on Tuesdays!



Smiling



Employee of the Month : Annie

Congratulations to Annie on being employee of the month for February. Annie has been a rock in our Dining Room for years now, she will greet you with a smile in the morning and send you away with a laughing joke. Annie is a wonderful advocate, source of information, go getter and always team OVM! We are all very lucky to have Annie as part of our OVM family. Thank you Annie for everything you do and continue to do for us all.

Special Events in Month

February 10th Chinese New Year

February 14th Piano Recital

Feb 28th Ron Robertson's 95th Birthday and Euchre Tournament

Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

Even if there wasn't gravity on earth, I'd still fall for you.
We're not socks. But I think we'd make a great pair.
If I were a transplant surgeon, I'd give you my heart.
Love is not having to hold in your gas anymore.
Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk past again?
Is there an airport nearby, or is it my heart taking off?

Testimonial ~ Puppy Program

We at OVM feel that animals are so important to the building the comfort of home here. This is what our residents and staff say about having them be part of their environment and their day.

Monica ~ I just love dogs so much, and the response I get from them just brightens my day!

Clara ~ My heart melted when I heard a little sound outside my door and when I opened it, there was Bella standing looking up at me!

Staff ~ Brightens the grayest of days, joy, excitement, awesome, gives purpose, messy...



Ron Robertson's 95th Birthday

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