### **MetCap Living TidBits**

#### Leasing and Marketing Tag Team

With Roxane Swain, our Manager of Leasing on maternity leave, her post has been filled by Esme Juniad and Randa Khbeis. Esme is the Marketing Coordinator with responsibility for initiatives in the area of advertising, marketing and promotions. Randa is the Leasing Coordinator with responsibility for unit availability reporting, in-suite inspections and all leasing matters. Congratulations to all three!

#### Look - We're on TV!

Earlier this year the 125 Bamburgh Circle community presented a few challenges. Bamburgh was in the midst of a full-on renovation, which had the potential to inconvenience residents. Since 2002 when MetCap took over the community, the front of the building has been refaced, hallways have been painted and a full lobby renovation completed. With suite turnover, it was not the sort of environment that made for good tours with new prospects. At the same time, the community is in a good location, close to TTC bus routes and nearby employment areas and had a following with the Mandarin and Cantonese community. With renovations nearing completion it was decided that MetCap Living would partner with Omni Television to produce Mandarin and Cantonese tv commercials to make these communities aware of the advantages of living at Bamburgh. Filming of the commercials took place at Northboro Heights. Omni's crew spent a day of filming, capturing images of suites and people. Thanks to all who helped made this initiative a great success, including:

Connie Wong (Superindent) and David Leung (Building Manager) Shirley Li (Building Manager), Leo Li (Shirley's son) and Tony Li (Superintendent) Anna Zhang (Leasing Agent) Sabrina Khbeis (Parkway Forest Management)



Shah Alam (Parkway Forest Management) Jason Lau (MetCap Living head office) Sandra Burrafato (MetCap Living head office) Julia Lam (MetCap Living head office) Esme Junaid (MetCap Living head office)

#### Summertime at Olympic Village

At Easter time the Olympic Village raised \$250 to la Fondation Marie Reine (a shelter for battered women and children). On June 4 the Village hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese that was attended by 75 volunteers who help with picnics and Christmas events. On June 7 the Olympique Village Poetry and Literacy Club hosted an evening where poems were read by authors and copies of the newly published "Pour le plaisir des mots" (for the pleasure of words) were presented to guests. The book is available locally for \$12. This summer the Village has planted 39,000 more plants at the community and they are planning to enter the City of Montreal Beautification Contest for the most beautiful flowers and green spaces.

Later this summer the Village will host their annual resident Pik-Nik on August 18 with proceeds going to the local Alzheimer Society. The annual commercial Pik-Nik is being planned for September.



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# MetCaptions

## Second Annual MetCaptivating Event is a Hit!

n May 20, 2004, the Walkers Court at the Art Gallery of Ontario was home to MetCap Living's second annual MetCaptivating Event. It was an evening to celebrate and recognize the outstanding achievement the MetCap Living team has made. Afterwards, a survey was sent out to learn how staff felt about the event and the overall response was excellent.

The evening began with special MetCap Living green cocktails in the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Sculpture Atrium that overlooks the century old Grange Building. A magician wandered through the crowd where a lot of "how did he do that?" could be heard. As dinner approached everyone moved into the Walkers Court which was set up in MetCap Living colours. The awards ceremony began with an introduction byBrent Merrill, President. Mr. Merrill's comments included the renaming of the Employee of the Year Award to the Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year Award, in recognition of the founder and first President of the company, and introducing Multi-Family, Senior Living and Head Office categories. Mr. Merrill's comments also included the introduction of the Rick Winchell Home of the Year which is open to MetCap Living managed retirement residences and longterm care facilities.

In the spring a call for nominations went out asking

employees to put forward names of people who maintain a positive attitude, exceed job expectations and make a positive difference to the company. A total of 18 nominations were received for the Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year – Multi-Family, with the award being presented to Rhanda Khbeis. For the Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year – Senior Living, a total of 10 nominations were received and the award was presented to Brian Kimberley who is the Lifestyles Manager at Rideau Place-onthe-River in Ottawa. Brian has been responsible for activities at Rideau Place

since 1999 and considers the residents of the home his family and is dedicated to making each resident enjoy their retirement years. In the Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year - Head Office category, 11 nominations were received. To yelps and cheers of joy, the award was presented to Dorothy Parsons who has been a vital part of the expansion of the MetCap Living customer service helpline, which now reaches all 6,838 suites in Greater Toronto.



Walkers Court at the Art Gallery of Ontario Home of this year's MetCapitivating Event held on May 20, 2004

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### 2003 Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year – Multi-Family Presentation

From left to right: Roxane Swain, Manager of Leasing (presenter), John Tsangaris, Director of Physical Plant (presenter), Randa Khbeis, 2003 Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year recipient and Inga Pienkowska, 2002 Employee of the Year

### 2003 Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year – Senior Living Presentation

From left to right: Bruce Stewart, Director of Information
Technology (presenter), Brian Kimberley from Rideau Place-onthe-River, 2003 Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year –
Senior Living recipient and Jennifer Ku, Manager of Human
Resources (presenter)



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Next up was the Downright Neighbourly Awards where employees were asked to nominate people who exhibit an extraordinary level of customer service. In all an impressive 47 nominations were received. It was a difficult choice for the selection committee to bring this list down to 5 names. The 5 individuals who were presented with Downright Neighbourly Awards were Bill Melvin from Parkway Forest, Anne Brudea from Parkway Forest, Marcel Oltean from IT Systems at Head Office, Maria Guerra from Villa Marconi in Ottawa and, Duska Zivkovic from Pacific Way in Mississauga.



Brent Merrill, President, telling it like it is.

Nominations for the Rick Winchell Home of the Year included Rideau Place-on-the-River in Ottawa, Picton Manor in Prince Edward County and Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home in Etobicoke. Rideau Place is an elegant retirement residence located on the bank of the Rideau River. Picton Manor is a 78 resident long-term care facility that is well known as the 'home with heart' for the staff's passion for resident care. Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home is a 90 resident long-term care facility that caters to the Lithuanian community. In the end it was Labdara who received this year's award.

The Building of the Year has a long standing history and competitive spirit. This year's nominees were Winoak Apartments (450 Winona Drive), Victoria Terrace (1150 Kingston Road), The Pine Grove (110 Parkway Forest Drive), Wellesley Square (155 Wellesley Street East), The Princeton (40 Fountainhead Road) and Olympic Village in Montreal. After much debate and deliberation by the awards committee, the award was presented to Olympic Village.

Also as part of the ceremonies, Alanne O'Gallagher and Kevork Meterissian presented five year Service Awards to Doina Hordila, Property Accountant, Jeff King, Property Accountant, Kim Reid, Manager of Customer Service and Training and Michelle Forrester, Legal and Collections Assistant.



### 2003 Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year – Head Office Presentation

From left to right: Guy Alberga, Senior Vice-President (presenter), Dorothy Parsons, 2003 Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year – Head Office recipient and Eva Pardalis, Senior Corporate Accountant (presenter)

#### 2003 Downright Neighbourly Award Presentation

From left to right: Bill Melvin from Parkway Forest (recipient), Lucy Tao, VP-Finance (presenter), Anne Brudea from Parkway Forest (recipient), Brent Merrill, President (presenter), Marcel Oltean from IT Systems/Head Office (recipient) and Maria Guerra from Villa Marconi (recipient). Missing in action was Duska Zivkovic from Pacific Way who was also a recipient.

#### The 2003 Rick Winchell Home of the Year Award

Presented to Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home. Accepting the award on behalf of the home was (from left to right) Joan Ciupak, Administrator, Beata Brun, Director of Care and Ljiliana Gavrilovic, Life Enrichment Manager. In the background is Christian Fisker, Director of Marketing and Claire Annis, VP-Resident Services, who presented the award.

#### The 2003 Building of the Year Award

Presented to Olympic Village. In this photo there is (from left to right) Linda Perreault, Compcontroller, Angela Vani, Residential Property Manager, Kim Reid, Manager of Customer Service and Training (presenter), Cosimo Marini, VP-Operations (presenter), Kevork Meterissian, Administrative Director, Richard Plouffe, Technical and Security Dept. Supervisor and Danielle Tremblay, Leasing Agent.

#### 2003 MetCap Living Service Awards

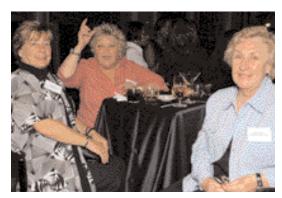
From left to right: Alanne O'Gallagher (presenter), Michelle Forrester, Legal and Collections Assistant, Jeff King, Property Accountant, Kim Reid, Manager of Customer Service and Training, and Kevork Meterissian, Administrative Director-OV (presenter).























































## The Complete Run-Down

#### MetCap Living congratulates all who were nominated for awards!

#### Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year -**Multi-Family Nominees**

Ahmed Hossein from 125 Parkway Forest Drive Angela Vani from Olympic Village Danielle Tremblay from Olympic Village

Duska Zivkovic from 3315 Fieldgate in Mississauga Ed Keats from 120 George Henry Boulevard

from 65 Forest Manor Road

John Caron from 75 Broadway

George Zajkowski

from 321/392 Sherbourne Street Kristijan Dimov

Linda Perrault from Olympic Village Randa Khbeis Senior Leasing Agent Richard Plouffe from Olympic Village Rose Haslam from 75 Broadway

Sabrina Khbeis Property Manager at Parkway Forest

Sergey Bolshakov from 155 Wellesley Street Shaw Alam from Parkway Forest Stanislaw Stasiak from 80 Forest Manor Road from 6030 Bathurst Street, and, Tamara Bilcentko

Tracy Haslam from 75 Broadway

#### Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year Senior Living Nominees

Brian Kimberley Lifestyles Manager, Rideau Place-on-the-River

Christian Fisker Director of Marketing and Communications Claire Annis VP of Resident Services Debbie March Cook, West Shore Village

and Administrator

Dorothy Parsons

Linda Hussey Recreation Manager, Parkview Nursing Centre

Customer Service Representative

Administrator, Picton Manor Norma Bongard Patricia Courtney Assistant General Manager,

Rideau Place-on-the-River

Phil Rossy General Manager, Rideau Place-on-the-Rover

Robert Berg, VP of Finance

#### Michael O'Gallagher Employee of the Year -**Head Office Nominees**

Alex Kuzmanovic IT Systems Administrator

Bill Kavouris Property Manager, Downtown and Mississauga Bill Melvin Property Manager, Parkway Forest Community

Dorothy Parsons Customer Service Representative

and Administrator

John Tsangaris Director, Physical Plant

Kim Reid, Manager Training and Customer Service

IT Systems Administrator Property Manager – North/Central/West Regions Michael Capone

Roxane Swain Manager, Leasing

Marcel Oltean

Executive Assistant and Office Manager Suzanne de Breyne

Yvette Robertson Accounts Pavable Administrator

#### **Downright Neighbourly Award Nominees**

Ahmed Hossein Building Manager, 125 Parkway Forest

Alice Paskos Leasing Agent, Maple Grove

Anna Forieri Villa Marconi

Anne Brudea Leasing Agent, 80 Forest Manor Bill Melvin Property Manager, Parkway Forest Carol Baptiste Nursing Service, Villa Marconi

Christine Clare Office Manager, Rideau Place-on-the-River

Claire Annis VP of Resident Services

Danielle Tremblay Leasing Agent, Olympic Village

Duska Zivkovic Building Manager, 3315 Fieldgate Drive Elzbieta Kocan Building Manager, 130 George Henry Blvd.

Francine Rivest Assistant to Property Accountant, Olympic Village

George Zajkowski Building Manager, 65 Forest Manor Grace Zajkowski Building Manager, 65 Forest Manor Irina Gontcharova Building Manager, 4190 Bathurst

James O'Gallagher Property Manager, East Jeff King Property Accountant

Jennifer McNeely Villa Marconi

Building Manager, 75 Broadway John Caron Linda Bright Health Care Aide, West Shore Village

Marcel Oltean IT Systems Administrator

Marg Jarvis Director of Care, Picton Manor Margaret Stasiak Building Manager, 80 Forest Manor

Maria Guerra Housekeeping, Villa Marconi

Mario Rosso Villa Marconi

Mary Eccles Receptionist, Parkview Nursing Centre

Michael Capone Property Manager, North, Central, West Regions

Monica Kecskemeti Property Administrator, Parkway Forest

Nadine Brown Villa Marconi Villa Marconi Nancy Langiauo Palmira Dellavalle Villa Marconi

Pina Dimichele Laundry, Dietary and Housekeeping Assistant,

Villa Marconi

Rose Haslam Building Manager, 75 Broadway Complex Care, Villa Marconi Roxanne Gilherrst

Villa Marconi Ryan Hagan

Sabrina Khbeis Property Administrator, Parkway Forest

Sandra Burrafato Junior Administrative Assistant Sean Cassidy Building Manager, 15 Dundonald

Shah Alam Maintenance Technician

Stan Stasiak Building Manager, 80 Forest Manor Tania Paolini Registered Practical Nurse, Villa Marconi

Theresa Giminska Health Care Aide, Labdara Lithuanian

Nursing Home

Tracey Haslam Superintendent, 75 Broadway Victor Pascual Revenue Accountant, Head Office

Villa Marconi Yolanda Baffone

Family Council Parkview Nursing Centre

#### Rick Winchell Home of the Year Nominees

Rideau Place-on-the-River in Ottawa

Picton Manor in Picton

Victoria Cain

Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home in Etobicoke (this year's recipient)

Director of Resident Services



**Building of the Year Nominees** 

Winoak Apartments 450 Winona Drive Victoria Terrace 1150 Kingston Road The Pine Grove 110 Parkway Forest Drive 155 Wellesley Street East Welleslev Square The Princeton 40 Fountainhead Road

Olympic Village Montreal (this year's recipient)

Winoak Apartments

Victoria Terrace

