

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## WHAT A YEAR!

2020 started with good wishes and cheer, but soon we discovered it wasn't just any year.

Warm vacations cut short or suspended, a March break that just never ended.

Stores and businesses were being closed, many 'stay safe' plans proposed.

The toilet paper dilemma and sanitizer demands, follow the arrows and wash your hands!

Essential workers doing their part, medical professionals showing great heart.

Social distancing - keep 6 feet away. Making and donating masks is the order of the day.

CERB is employed for those in a tight spot, everyone is trying to make the best of their lot.

No kid's birthday parties with friends can be enjoyed but parades of vehicles and fire trucks were being employed.

Italians singing from balconies to raise their hope. Cheering doctors and nurses at shift change to help them cope.

Travel the world and see sights on a virtual tour and then be glad to live in Canada once more.

Acts of kindness abound with signs of appreciation for essential workers and shut-ins with much food creation.

Graduations from schools came and went with most graduates being only virtually present.

Window walks to see cheerful pictures painted is fun for kids and their families while socially regulated.

Working from home and schoolwork with kids is no easy task, but Skype and Zoom meetings mean no need for pants or a mask.

Numbers coming down, we're flattening the curve, Keep up your spirits, don't lose your nerve!

Online learning for students is not child's play, Chromebooks, Google Meet and projects fill the day.

Loneliness, boredom and anxiety cause nerves to fray, but binge watching Netflix will pass time away.

Lots of family time with board games and craft making. No flour or yeast to be found with all the bread baking.

Getting warmer with patio dining and bike riding. Lots of new gardeners, where had they been hiding?

Go on a rock hunt, painted treasures abound, carrying messages of courage just waiting to be found.

Canning jars and lids are in short supply for all those new gardeners giving preserving a try.

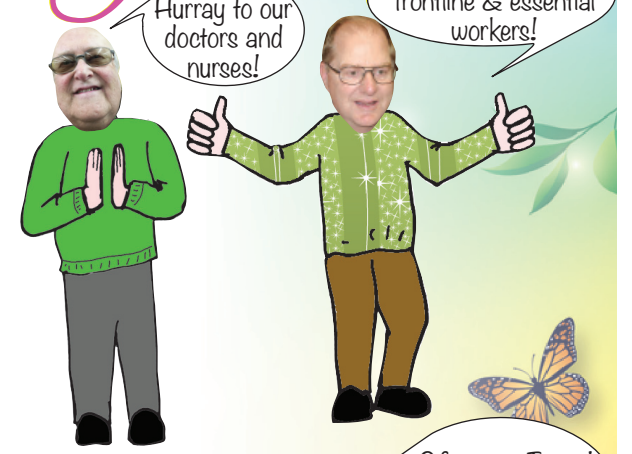
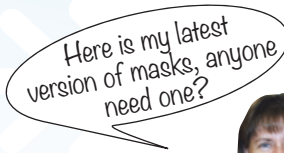
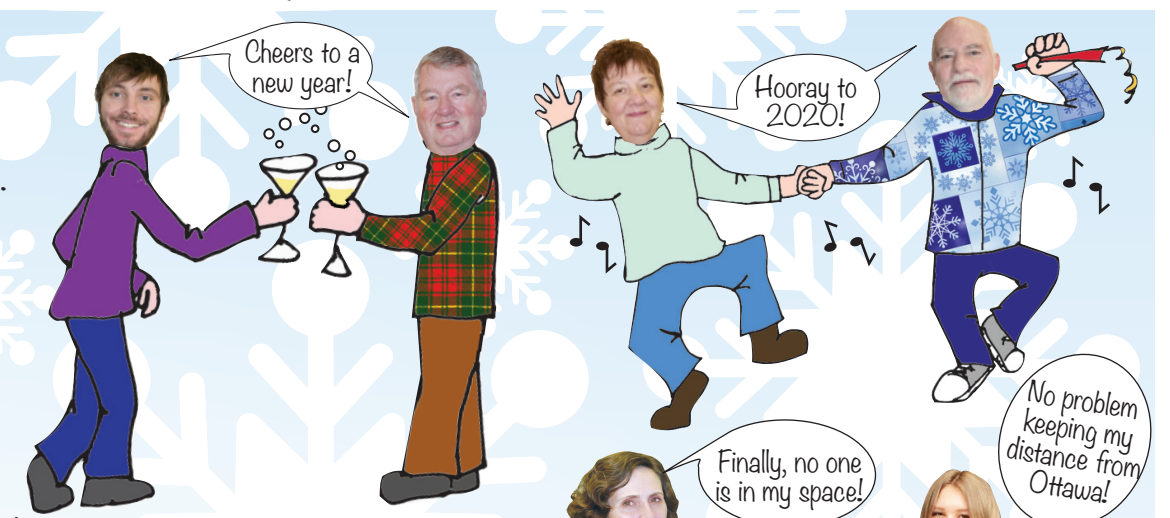
Back to school will be hard for the kids and their teachers facing many challenges with cleaning and masks being features.

Second wave is upon us, more restrictions in place we've done this before, so keep a brave face.

Easter and now Thanksgiving have passed with limited gathering sizes, how long will it last?

'Be Kind' is a saying that holds much feeling in this time of fear acts of kindness have real meaning.

As we adjust to the 'new normal' and accept this will go on longer, we know that by caring and thinking of others we will only be stronger.



WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE, HEALTHY

# Merry CHRISTMAS

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