

**PRESS RELEASE**

# Stony Plain Alberta resident receives \$200,000

Edmonton, Alta. - Hani J. Zayadi, President and CEO of National Real Estate Service is pleased to announce that it will be presenting Bessie Gingrich, a retired citizen of Stony Plain, Alberta, with a cheque for \$200,000.

Gingrich was the lucky

winner in the real estate company's Win a Home Contest, which ran from May to October 1993 in Canada and the U.S. The draw took place on November 22, 1993 at the offices of Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants in Vancouver, B.C.

Jack Gancher, Director of Marketing and Services for National, will be making the cheque presentation at the Weber Motors showroom (Edmonton) where he will also be presenting two other prizes: a 1994 Mazda Miata MX-5 automobile to Marian Rogers, a sales associate with National West-Alta

Realty in Spruce Grove, Alberta (as it was her entry form which Gingrich filled out); and two tickets to Paris, France to Morgan Lindmark, the broker/owner of National West-Alta Realty.

"I was flabbergasted. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect this," commented Gingrich upon being notified of her win. Gingrich says she will use the \$200,000 to build a new home on a plot of land she currently owns in Stony Plain, and rent out her current home. Born in Heatherdown, Alberta, Gingrich has lived in Stony Plain most of her life. She has six children, 16 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

"For many retirees, singles and families alike, owning your own home is still the biggest investment of a lifetime. We're proud to be able to provide Mrs. Gingrich with the opportunity to build her new dream home," said Zayadi, who noted that the \$200,000 prize may be one of the biggest giveaways ever by a real estate company.

Rogers, who will be driving away in a new Mazda Miata, said, "I couldn't believe it was her ticket! This is the most exciting thing that has ever happened to me. I can't imagine how excited Bessie must have been. To be a part of her good fortune is awesome."

"I felt proud to be a part of Bessie's and Marian's good luck," added Lindmark, who will be packing his bags for Paris soon. "It's been 15 years since I've been to Paris and this time, I will take my wife for our 13th anniversary."

To enter the contest, contestants simply filled out free entry forms at participating National open houses and offices. Zayadi and Jay Gardiner, a partner with Price Waterhouse, drew the winning ticket from the hundreds of thousands of entries received from across Canada and the U.S.

"National would like to thank all those people who

participated in the Win a Home Contest," added Zayadi. "The contest was a lot of fun for all of our brokers and sales associates, too, who had the chance to meet thousands of residents in their communities over the past six months."

Established in 1955, Vancouver-based National Real Estate Service is an all-

Canadian, employee-owned company and one of Canada's largest real estate organizations with thousands of sales associates working out of hundreds of offices in Canada, the United States and the British West Indies.

Locally, National Real Estate Service is located at 45 Mountainview Rd. N., Georgetown. 873-0300.



Pro Shooters, located at 222 Guelph St. in Georgetown, with the help of customer Stu Eckert, raised over \$400 for the Georgetown Love in Christ Food Bank at a Pre-Christmas pool tournament. Rud Whiting, (centre) a food bank director, accepts the cheque from Gino Fusco (left) and Jorge Jorje of Pro Shooters. HHTW photo

## Out at the Ranch

with Bill Ellis

### THE WISH

This is the week that the media does a review of all the good and bad things of the fading old year. It's a time when we all pause; some to look back and some to look forward. Most likely, we all do some of each. It was the famous baseball pitcher, Satchel Paige, who said "Don't look back - somebody may be catching up!"

Looking back is a double edged sword. The good things that happened to us glow like pure gold and the bad things that happened to us may still burn like fire. The human mind and time manage to turn most memories into gold. The bad times are gradually obliterated from the mind - or at least, most of the fire is extinguished. I guess that is the reason people refer to "the good old days." The bad has been worn away by the passage of time.

People really do have to look back and review the mistakes that they made - lest they make them again in the future. Guess what? Many people look back, review the mistakes - then go right on and make the same mistakes again!

We are mostly born optimists - thank God! We want to look forward to good things and good times. Looking ahead helps people get through the bad times. You know - "the light at the end of the tunnel." But watch out for the cynic who says that the light at the end of the tunnel is the light on the engine of the fast approaching train! People look forward to good things in any time span. A forty year old

looking forward to retirement in twenty years.

People finish one vacation then immediately start to look forward to the next vacation. People look forward to the end of the work week. T.G.I.F.! You hear it every week! And some people, due to their circumstances, live their life "one day at a time."

So - what about New Year's resolutions? People will resolve to do or not to do almost anything in the New Year. Some resolutions sound wild enough to have been formulated while the bubbly was flowing too freely on New Year's Eve! An ancestor's saying comes to mind - "He smelled of strong drink and the truth was not in him!"

I am told, by people who keep track of this type of thing, that the highest proportion of New Year's resolutions have to do with losing weight. And after a quick check of the waist line, a weight loss resolution sounds like a good idea for your faithful reporter.

So as the days and the hours run down to zero in 1993, it is only right that I express some New Year's wishes. May you look back with fond memories with little room for remorse or hate. May your tragedies quickly fade in scope. May you look forward to better times, laced with love and friendship. May there be only be pleasant surprises on your horizons.

Thank you for reading this weekly epistle. Happy New Year and God Bless!

Bill Ellis is an Associate Broker with Coldwell Banker/Canada Trust Realty in Georgetown.

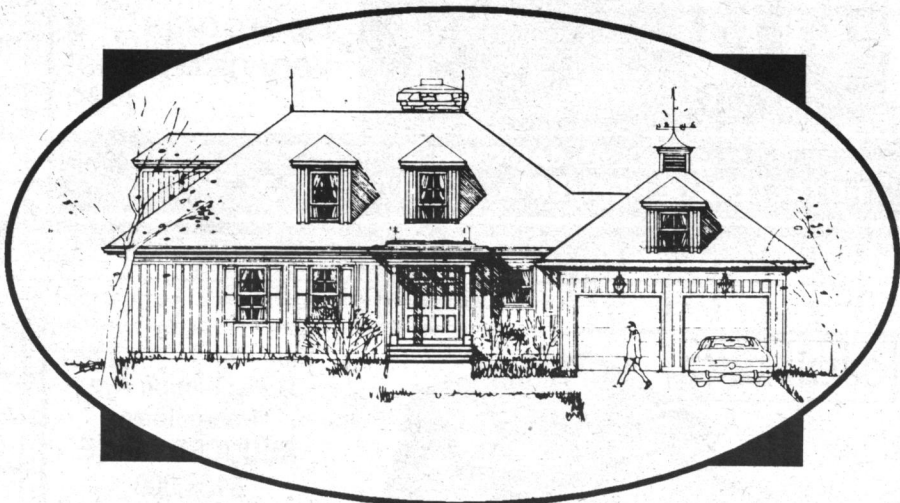


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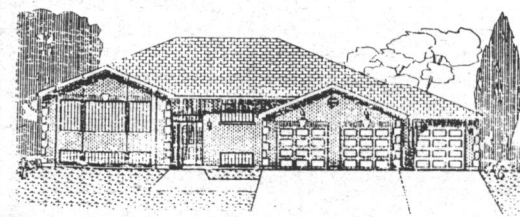
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