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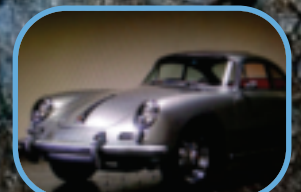
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Background Photo p. 3: "Snowshoeing at Bayshore"  
by Marc Bertrand  
Pictured L-R are Carol Parrott, Lynda Bertrand  
and Kay Beacham.

The next issue will be published in April 2017.



## President's Article



Catherine Hermans  
President, BVA

Hi Everyone, and Happy New Year!

I hope this issue of "The Bayshore Banner" finds you healthy and resting from the festivities of the holiday season. Herb and I had the pleasure of entertaining both of our sons with their families over Christmas. We enjoyed every moment of it!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on your Board of Directors; I am honoured to accept the role of President this year. It's been a steep learning curve for me. A huge thank you goes to those who have helped me assume my responsibilities. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation and gratitude.

The Board of Directors has had two meetings since the elections were held in September. I'm happy to tell you that there is a lot of enthusiasm and dedication that has been demonstrated by our Board. We have agreed that one of the complaints often heard is the concern about those topics that are deemed "in-camera" (called "executive session" in the revised Robert's Rules of Order protocol which govern our meetings). At our Board meetings, I will give a report of what happened at those sessions of the prior meeting, while respecting the privacy of our community members. I am committed to do my very best at creating a transparent approach to the way we run our Board's affairs. As such, we will be reviewing the criteria we use to forward an item to in-camera/executive session so that we're all on the same page.

In an effort to clarify the current characteristics of Bayshore, the Board is in the early stages of developing a survey to help us gather information from each household. When the survey comes out, we hope you'll participate and share your information, opinions and ideas. Survey submissions will be anonymous. Once they're compiled, we will share the collective results. These results will assist the Board in effective short-term planning. We look forward to hearing from everyone.

### Hope in Winter...

**"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that  
there was in me an invincible summer."**

Albert Camus

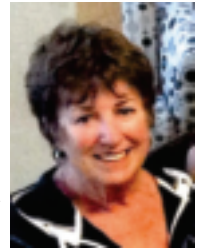
*Catherine Hermans  
President, Bayshore Village Association*



## Director of Social Events

### Hallowe'en

The Great Room was decorated for a spooky Hallowe'en and our trick or treaters were welcomed by Wendy Lucas, Doris Muir and Astrid Bruce. Thank you to the community for your generosity in providing treats; all our little goblins went home with a sack full of goodies.



Catherine Downie  
Social Director

### Chili Night – Friday, November 19th

Mid-November the Social Committee held a fabulous Chili Night. Seventeen delicious, tasty and superb pots of chili were served. The Chili was made by volunteers in the community and as I've said before, "Where would we be without our volunteers?" We were also entertained with Bayshore's version of the old Newly Wed Game .... our "Oldies Wed Game". Some answers were hilarious and the audience was amazed at how well our participants knew their partner.

### New Year's Eve

The Party Room at the Hayloft was looking very festive as we danced to John Dewar's "Broken Sticks." The band has performed at previous private functions at the Hayloft but this was their first community event and it didn't take long to have a very full dance floor. A superb cold cut and salad buffet catered by Susan Potalivo of Catering Cuisine was served at 10 pm. Dessert was a choice of cheesecakes. After the meal, the band resumed playing and the party continued until we brought in the New Year with many noise-makers and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

As we start a New Year, I would like to thank the Social Committee, their spouses and friends for their help and contribution at planning meetings, set up days, event days and clean up days.

I would also like to remind you that any member or group of members are welcome to host a community event. If you are interested in hosting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Catherine Downie  
Director of Social Events*





## New Year's Eve



Photos:

p. 4 Hallowe'en at the Hayloft

p. 5 bottom left: Trevor and Angie Bedford are the Oldie Weds trying to figure out answers at Chili Night.

p. 5 left: members of the impromptu Quartet are Kathi Kerr, Debbie Martin, Laurel Dewar and Terri McLeod.

*Photos of the Quartet and the buffet table by Ted Gryzick. Other photos on page 5 by Gunther Gratzner*





## Christmas Pub Night: Dec. 2, 2016

The Christmas Pub Night was a great success thanks to members of the Bayshore Walkers who hosted the sold-out event for the third year in a row. This year the theme was a Tacky Sweater and Wacky Hat event. As usual, Bayshore members outdid themselves with their great imagination and enthusiasm.

Our delicious dinner of lasagne, Caesar salad and cheese pizza bread was provided by Tops Pizza on Memorial Ave. in Orillia. For dessert, each table had their own tray of squares, cookies and chocolates put together by our dessert elves, Nancy Marzano, Mary LaMantia and Sally McPherson.

After dinner we sang Christmas Carols, expertly led by walkers Angie Bedford and Irene Heinz, and guest singer Noel Cooper. The Twelve Days of Christmas was a great hit with interesting interpretations of the song from the crowd. Jack Pignatell provided the music and set up the lights and sound system for us.

There were many creative and outrageous sweaters and hats to be seen. The judges had a difficult time picking three winners from each category. The winners of the Tacky Sweater contest were Linda Bridges, Jim Law and Mark McLean. The winners of the Wacky Hat contest were Astrid Bruce, Marc Bertrand and Sharon Seaward.

Bayshore Village members opened up their wallets to Share the Wealth and together with the proceeds from the Pub Night tickets sales, we raised a whopping \$700.00 in support of Hospice Orillia. Congratulations to the three winners of the Share the Wealth draw: Gail Carter, Dave McVie and Mary LaMantia.

Hospice Orillia provides support to individuals who are coping with terminal illness, death and bereavement, at no cost to the individual or their family. Trained volunteers offer both emotional and practical support to those in need by providing home visits, caregiver relief and comfort. Support services are made possible by some government funding and generous public donations.

The evening was guided by our very entertaining MC, Bob Bell. We ended the evening with dancing to great tunes provided by Jack Pignatell. Thank you to all the Walkers for their hard work in making the evening a great success.

The walking group is open to any member who would like to join us for an early morning walk. We walk and talk for about an hour beginning around 7:30 a.m., Monday to Friday. We start from Bayshore Dr., close to Harbour 99. We continue on Bayshore along the lake side to Park Lane and Thicketwood, then up to the entrance along the bay side and down Southview. You will probably hear us before you see us. Please join us for the exercise and friendly conversation.

*Nori Drysdale*



Photos top to bottom:

Winners of the Tacky Sweater contest: Linda Bridges, Jim Law and Mark McLean.

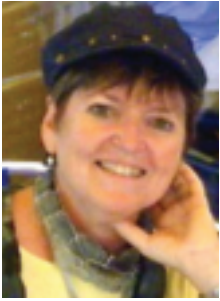
Winners of the Wacky Hat contest: Marc Bertrand, Astrid Bruce, Sharon Seaward.

A full house enjoyed the festive evening.

*Photos: Gunther Gratzner*



## Director: Common Waters



Kathi Kerr

As a result of being elected onto the Bayshore Board, it was my pleasure and privilege to accept the role as Director of Common Waters.

After many dedicated years in this position, Paul Thomas is starting a new chapter in his life.

Maintaining a healthy balance between animal habitats and aesthetically pleasing ponds requires patience and vigilance.

I've had the opportunity to meet with the Pond Masters and their expertise in managing the ponds is exceptional. I'm learning more about the rewards and challenges of reaching and maintaining an appropriate balance between prevention, preservation, and conservation in this unique ecosystem.

### Prevention:

Each Pond Master works diligently by taking preventive measures to monitor and minimize weed growth in the ponds. This is partly accomplished by monthly application of enzymes and blue dye in the spring and summer and by measures taken by each Bayshore member to avoid fertilizer application near all common waterways. Utilizing common waters whenever possible for lawn care provides sufficient nourishment and helps protect the water quality by reducing excess phosphorus from commercial fertilizers.

From time to time as the need arises, an overabundance of weeds must be manually cut and removed. Each property owner can help by raking weeds.

### Preservation:

Living in harmony with nature presents both rewards and challenges, and residing in the wetlands of Simcoe County means that we must share nature with the wildlife. Most of us are thrilled to see the many varieties of birds, waterfowl, deer, fox, mink, and numerous others.

Bayshore is also home to some eager beavers who enjoy life near the ponds, lakes, and other wetlands.

Property owners aren't always as thrilled to share space with these herbivores, who have been known to level up to five trees in a day. However, beavers help to prevent erosion, raise the water table and help to purify water.

According to the Canadian Association for Humane Trapping, the only long-term solution for tree preservation is to prevent access to trees. Homeowners can protect their trees by wrapping them with 16 gauge galvanized wire, 90 cm high.

Trapping is not a lasting solution since new beavers will move into vacated territory.



What an eager beaver can do.

forts are appreciated by all of us, as they keep the ponds oxygenated.

These hard working volunteers are: Brian Hutchinson, Kathy Hutchinson and the Pond Masters:

Deer Pond: Glenn Lucas

Duck Pond: Guy Montemurro and Jim Fielding

Beaver Pond: Wayne Perzel

Vicars Pond: Randy Sinotte

Mallard Pond: George Miller

Golf Pond: Keith Meadows

In the Spring, Brian Hutchinson and the Pond Masters prepare and place the aerators in the ponds. These are kept running from May until October.

In the Fall, these same volunteers remove the aerators, clean them and prepare them for the winter.

From time to time throughout the Spring and Summer, you may notice the Pond Masters accessing the ponds for maintenance activity.

We would like to welcome our two new Pond Masters who will begin in 2017. Jim Fielding and Keith Meadows have graciously offered to join the Common Waters Committee.

Kathi Kerr

Director of Common Waters

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### Conservation:

Water levels are monitored by the Pond Masters and their ef-



# Of Significant Interest to Bayshore Residents

## 1. Short-term Rentals

With the invention of Airbnb, one of several online short-term rental utilities, finding accommodation while traveling has become much easier. The flip side of this convenience is an invasion of partying strangers in previously quiet communities.

The Airbnb (short-term rentals) Committee made its presentation to Ramara Council on Monday, November 14. Mainly made up of residents of Lagoon City where the problem is most acute, the committee includes myself as the Bayshore Village representative.

Corrine Ingall of Lagoon City made the presentation, detailing the issues Airbnb rentals are creating in her community. These include drunken all-night parties, overcrowding of homes, traffic and parking, noise and litter. Many boating and fishing infractions have also been observed. While we have seen a bit of this in Bayshore, Lagoon City has eleven homes currently listed for daily rental, so their problem is much more serious.

As we discovered in our research, short-term rentals are business use of residential homes, usually specifically disallowed by zoning. Many of the advertised homes do not meet fire code regulations for the number of guests they accommodate, and the people attracted to these rentals tend to overuse local facilities, which are paid for by the community..

The presentation was well received by Council, with promises to research what other constituencies are doing to control the issue of short-term rental in residential areas. I reported on this presentation to our Board of Directors at the November 16th meeting. Our Board is also taking the issue seriously and will consider what might be done locally to address it.

The committee will keep tabs and will report again in a few months.

## 2. The Cost of Flushing

We were all shocked by the water/sewage bill that arrived from Ramara in September. After a hot, dry summer and an extra ten days in the billing period (to avoid a possible postal strike in June) these were among the highest invoices we have seen from the utility.

Along with the bill, Ramara sent an advice notice about dripping taps and leaking toilets. It's impressive to see how much water can be wasted by



Glen Morehouse

a small, continuous leak. Good to check for such things.

The tip was included on a sheet titled "Municipal Water News." Unfortunately, there was no news on the page, just an announcement and the tip about leaks. There is much news to report, such as a large increase in water/sewage bills coming in April, 2017 and the planned upgrades to our sewage disposal system, but perhaps the environmental department thought we wouldn't be interested.

Well, I think we are. A future major cost for the municipality, which of course will be reflected in future bills, is a necessary upgrade to the Bayshore Village Sewage Disposal System. This was presented in detail at a Public Information Open House at the township office on November 15, 2016.

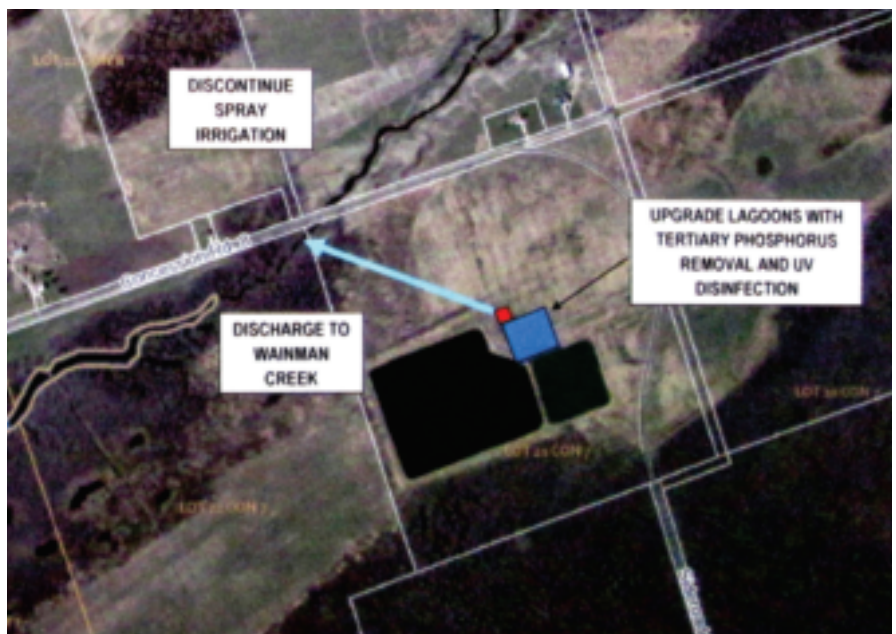
We all became sensitized to sewage disposal with the extended power failure in the spring, when a few unfortunate residents experienced backup into their basements. A new emergency generator at the second holding tank should prevent a recurrence, but it's good for us to know how the whole system works and what upgrades are required.

C.C Tatham, the township's consulting engineers, presented various illustrations of the existing system, which consists of two consecutive storage lagoons and spray fields. Effluent is pumped from Bayshore Village to the first lagoon, then after a settling period it passes to the second lagoon.. Microbes decompose and disinfect the heavier material, while the water rises to the top. For six months of the year, the water is diverted to the spray fields. The lagoons are sufficiently sized to hold all effluent through the winter months with no spraying.

Unfortunately, with aging equipment and ground compaction, this system has almost reached the end of its useful life. Tatham's



Bayshore Village has only one property advertised on Airbnb.



Solution 6 would require discharge to Lake Simcoe.



engineer, Suzanne Troxler, presented six possible solutions for needed remediation and expansion of the system. All of the proposals had rough cost figures attached. The proposals are:

- 1) Do Nothing – Status quo
- 2) Alter spray irrigation practices (reduced spray frequency and application rates); add effluent UV disinfection.
- 3) Establish new spray irrigation field(s); add tree buffers; add effluent UV disinfection.
- 4) Build an effluent disposal bed and maintain spray irrigation on one field.
- 5) Build a larger effluent disposal bed and discontinue spray irrigation.
- 6) Upgrade the lagoons to tertiary treatment, and discharge effluent to Wainman Creek/Lake Simcoe; discontinue spray irrigation.

The 6th proposal, a modern disposal plant, such as the one at Lagoon City, would require revision of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act by the provincial government to become a reality. It offers the best control of pollution and long-term reliability.

Much more information was available at the Open House than can be reviewed here, but Suzanne sent PDFs of the displays to residents on November 17, so everyone should have copies. This topic is so important to us, both the cost of sewage treatment and our duty to protect Lake Simcoe, that a thorough reading of the material is suggested.

Here is the link to access the information presented at the Open House: <http://tinyurl.com/zobmkza>

### 3. The price of civilization

The Ten Commandments demonstrate that from earliest times humans have created rules to allow us to live together in reasonable harmony. A chaotic society where the strongest and most vicious psychopaths prevailed over the rest of us wouldn't be a great place to live, nor could civilization develop in such circumstances.

We have many rules in our community groupings. Some rules keep us safe from those among our fellow citizens who would do us harm or steal from us. Generally, we support those rules wholeheartedly, since they make our lives more comfortable and are not rules we would ever break.

Rules we don't take seriously, don't like, or break consistently, are those we deem inconsequential, such as minor speeding, avoiding sales tax when we can get a better deal for cash, or coming to a complete stop at intersections. The more power individuals or entities have, the more freedom they take to interpret rules to their own advantage or to ignore them altogether as various leaked documents have illustrated in the past year, exposing tax cheats who deny governments billions in revenue every year.

The consequences of successful law breaking by a few scoundrels exceeds the loss of a substantial amount of money owed to governments. Those of us who quietly consent to the rule of law feel like fools and respect for society begins to erode. Any governing body has a responsibility to its citizens to rigorously enforce every law, or get rid of it.



Rules keep Bayshore beautiful.

Within the Bayshore Village Association (BVA) we have our own Bylaws, rules and regulations that we, members of the BVA, have agreed to follow to ensure that our community looks and feels the way we want and that we live together in peace. From time-to-time individual members will want a deviance or exemption from a specific rule. The Board, working on our behalf, may allow or deny the request. We may hear from neighbours of the member that if it doesn't bother them, why should it not be allowed. Unfortunately, if the Board agreed, a precedent would

be set, making it harder to deny a similar request, or any request for deviance, in the future.

If a member believes any rule is wrong or poorly written, it can be changed, if most people agree. That member should speak at the General Meeting in May, or at the Annual General Meeting in September and get a majority of members in attendance to vote to have the regulation modified or erased. If the Board is notified in advance of the meeting, the topic will be put on the agenda and will be sure to come up for discussion. This is a much better solution than merely grouching about something we believe is unfair.

No one is going to agree with every regulation all the time. However, most of us moved to Bayshore Village because of controls that keep it great. Let's modify our rules when and if necessary, but also celebrate the fact that we have them. They keep the BVA strong and Bayshore Village a beautiful place in which to live.

*Glen Morehouse*



## Ramara Ward 2 Councillor Marg Sharpe

### Ramara Township 2017 Budget

Our Budget was ratified at Council for 2017. The full and more detailed budget is posted on the Township website [www.ramara.ca](http://www.ramara.ca) for your perusal.

#### What Is Affecting The 2017 Budget

- Policing costs up \$296,726.00 from 2016, which is an increase of 20.92%
- Provincial Funding down by \$38,500.00 or 3.46% over 2016
- Strategic Plan and Community Improvement Plan and Township Branding work
- Official Plan and Zoning Update
- Fire Department Tanker purchase
- Many Roads projects

2016 Municipal Levy	\$9,491,554.00
2017 Municipal Levy	\$9,926,293.00
2017 Municipal Levy Increase	4.38%

#### 2017 Overall Revenue

- Total 2017 Revenue \$3,809,714.00
- Total Taxation Revenue \$9,926,293.00

#### Total per 100,000 of Residential Assessment

2016	2017	Increase
\$441.75	\$459.14	\$17.40

The actual tax rate increase will go down to perhaps 2% once we receive County and School Board rates. The web will be updated once these are submitted to our Treasurer.

### Speed Tube Results:

The following are the results of the speed tubes:

Bayshore Village, Glenrest, Amelia, John, Peter and Louis Lane have had the speed reduced to 40 km/h and designated a Community Safety Zone. There have been many complaints with safety concerns of excessive speeding in all of these areas. I asked Council to place Speed Tubes in Bayshore and on Glenrest Dr. Below are the results, quite concerning; some on Council don't really believe they are true, but residents who walk and live here I'm sure will "believe." I have asked Council to have the Policing Committee to give more details as to times and dates so we can present to the OPP for more policing ensuring they are there at the peak times.

#### Glenrest

a. Counter was placed near #3852 Glenrest Drive, Sept. 27 - Oct. 5, 2016. A total of 626 vehicles used the road during this period.

- 4.2% travelled at 10-20 km/h
- 14.7% travelled 20-30 km/h
- 35.1% travelled 30-40 km/h
- 33.7% travelled 40-50 km/h



Marg Sharpe  
Ramara Ward 2

- 10.5% travelled 50-60km/h
- 1.6% travelled 60-70km/h
- 0.2% travelled 70-80km/h

Therefore 77 vehicles or 12.3% were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 11 vehicles or 1.8% were traveling above 60 km/hr.

b. Counter was placed near #3716 Glenrest Drive, Oct. 7-18, 2016. A total of 1009 vehicles used the road during this period.

- 3.4% travelled at 10-20 km/h
- 4.3% travelled 20-30 km/h
- 12.9% travelled 30-40 km/h
- 23.0% travelled 40-50 km/h
- 24.2% travelled 50-60km/h
- 15.8% travelled 60-70km/h
- 10.5% travelled 70-80km/h
- 4.3% travelled 80-90km/h
- 1.4% travelled 90-100km/h
- 0.4% travelled 100-110km/h

Therefore 569 vehicles or 56.4% were operating in excess of 50 km/h and 325 vehicles or 32.2% were traveling above 60 km/h. (Note: due to rounding total is 100.2%)

#### 2. Bayshore

a. Counter was placed near entrance on Sideroad 20 to capture west-bound traffic September 27 – October 5, 2016. A total of 6,569 vehicles used the road during this period

- 1.1% travelled 50-60 km/h
- 0.2% travelled 60-70 km/h
- 0.3% travelled 70-80 km/h
- 41.0% travelled 80-90 km/h
- 20.3% travelled 90-100 km/h
- 4.2% travelled 100-110 km/h
- 16.8% travelled 110-120 km/h
- 5.1% travelled 120-130 km/h
- 5.0% travelled 130-140 km/h
- 0.7% travelled 140-150 km/h
- 5.3% travelled 150-160 km/h

Therefore all of the vehicles were operating in excess of 50 km/h and 6497 vehicles or 98.9% were traveling above 60 km/h.

b. Counter was placed at the island west of the entrance on Sideroad 20 to capture westbound traffic October 5 - 18 2016. A total of 12,374 vehicles used the road during this period

- 0.2% travelled 20-30 km/h
- 0.0% travelled 30-40km/h
- 12.4% travelled 40-50km/h
- 35.7% travelled 50-60km/h
- 3.0% travelled 60-70km/h
- 0.0% travelled 70-80km/h
- 1.4% travelled 80-90km/h
- 0.7% travelled 90-100km/h
- 0.8% travelled 100-110km/h
- 0.0% travelled 110-120km/h
- 0.0% travelled 120-130km/h
- 45.8% travelled 130-140km/h



Therefore 10815 vehicles or 87.4 % were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 6397 vehicles or 51.7% were traveling above 60 km/hr.

c. Counter was placed at the island west of the entrance on Sideroad 20 to capture eastbound traffic October 20 - 31 2016. A total of 7,086 vehicles used the road during this period

- i. 2.1% travelled 20-30 km/hr
- ii. 0.0% travelled 30-40km/hr
- iii. 0.0% travelled 40-50km/hr
- iv. 48.6% travelled 50-60km/hr
- v. 45.4% travelled 60-70km/hr
- vi. 0.0% travelled 70-80km/hr
- vii. 3.8% travelled 80-90km/hr
- viii. 0.0% travelled 90-100km/hr
- ix. 0.1% travelled 100-110km/hr

Therefore 6937 vehicles or 97.9% were operating in excess of 50 km/h and 3493 vehicles or 49.3% were traveling above 60 km/h.

With permission, I wanted to share with you an article that was published a few years ago, written by Marc Bertrand, a Bayshore member. Since this was first published, our speed limit has dropped to 40 km/h and Bayshore Village is designated as a Community Safety Zone.

#### Travel Time in Bayshore

The distance from the entrance of Bayshore Village to the far end of Park Lane is 2.8 km.

Leadfoot Lucy enters what she believes is a racetrack and recklessly speeds her way through the streets of the community at the incredibly dangerous speed of 60 km/h. With no care for her fellow Bayshorites, their animals or wildlife, she arrives at her destination in a world record-setting time of 2 minutes and 48 seconds. Leadfoot Lucy feels no shame because she has shaved precious time off her daily commute.

Law-Abiding Larry finishes his hard day at the office and is eager to get home to his loving wife who has prepared the most delicious of meals for him. He can't wait to get home, enters the gateway of Bayshore village. Law-Abiding Larry respectfully travels through Bayshore observing the posted speed limited of 40 km/h (Community Safety Zone). He passes fellow walkers with their dogs and is able to make eye contact, smile and "Wave." Suddenly, one of our unique White Squirrels runs onto the road in front of his car, but Larry is able to slow down in plenty of time, allowing this precious creature to continue on its way. He arrives safely at his home at the end of Park Lane in a very satisfying time of 4 minutes and 12 seconds.

Leadfoot Lucy has now been home for 1 minute and 24 seconds. Larry says "hi" to her as she is unlocking her door.

Incredibly, the lives of these two neighbours intersect regardless of the speed they chose to navigate the streets of Bayshore. The moral of this story? Seems fairly obvious.

#### Bayshore Village Spray Fields

C.C. Tatum held an open house on their study of future plans for our Affluent Spray Fields on Concession Rd 20, it was attended by many Bayshore residents.

Our Spray fields are not recognized by the Ministry to be a waste management affluent facility and under the Lake Simcoe Protection Act there are to be no more waste facilities built around Lake Simcoe. Council has and is working to get our Spray fields recognized so that we can proceed in the future to build a waste facility such as the one in Lagoon City and

close the Spray Fields. The Township Environment Manager has been trying for a number of years working with the Ministry of Environment and Council is taking an active role in getting our Fields recognized so we can move forward in the future. Please be assured that the Spray fields are still working properly.

When a new facility is built or new field added there have been questions and concerns from the public outside of Bayshore if this will be paid for by all ratepayers. No, if you are not on sewers you do not pay.

#### Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Council took a vote and ratified that Ramara Township would not be a member of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority as of January 1, 2017. They will be advised by letter. Rising costs of permits/Fees, delays in getting permits, duplicate regulations that our own Planning Department must adhere to, it was felt that this would be more efficient and cost effective for the Township planning and Development and residents.

Of course we are still under the Provincial Government regulations of The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc.

Note that Orillia is not a member of the LSCRA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you cannot find what you are looking for on the Ramara Website [www.ramara.ca](http://www.ramara.ca) please let me know and I will follow up.

Councillor Marg Sharpe

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## Pickleball Champions

What a great tournament! Sixteen determined players entered our third Bayshore Village Annual Pickleball Championship Open Tournament and what a great day it was. The competition was tough, the players were tough and the weather was kind. Our congratulations go out to champion Joanne Morehouse with 108 points, just one point ahead of Rob Thomson in second place, and to Glenn Lucas, a very close third with 104 points.

Now that the players have discovered that there's a magnificent trophy (pictured) up for grabs, I expect the competition to be even tougher next year if that's possible.

You may notice that the trophy does not yet have a name, so how about giving some thought to a name that would reflect the fun and comradeship that is prevalent at all our games. Or maybe just "Bayshore Village Annual Pickleball Championship"? Let's have your thoughts. Also I would like to replace the Olympic Statuette (no offence, Brian) with something more appropriate. I was thinking about a pickle so if anyone has a plastic pickle (or gherkin) lying around that they're not using I would appreciate the donation. No dilly-dallying please.

Equally great was our year end "banquet." The trophy was presented to Joanne who, along with the runners-up, received various prizes (sponsored by Mike O'Halloran) and gift certificates sponsored by Home Hardware. A special thank you to Home Hardware who in addition to the gift certificates presented an assortment of gifts to all the banquet attendees.

Thank you all for lots of fun and a great season of Pickleball.

*John Alden  
The Commish*



Current (Joanne x 2) & Past (Dave) Years' Pickleball Champions



Modelling fashionable scarves at the 2016 Pickleball banquet are Kathy Alden, Wendy Lucas, Anne Locke, scarfless John Locke, Joanne Morehouse, and Julie Murray



Some fortunate pickleballers brandish prize sausages and hats at the 2016 Banquet.  
L to R: Mike O'Halloran, Glen Morehouse, Glenn Lucas, John Locke, John Alden (The Commish), Dave Meharg, Brian Murray



## History: How Bayshore Village Evolved

Liz and I moved into Bayshore 14 years ago, which probably makes us old-timers. During this period and prior to 2003, many dedicated board members and volunteers from our village accomplished many significant improvements, making Bayshore Village a special place to live.

For the benefit of our newer members, I will try and cover some of these.

In 1999 the board negotiated and acquired the two-acre storage yard from a developer in lieu of overdue dues on lots. This has allowed our members to conveniently store our trailers, boats etc. in the village rather than at inconvenient and expensive outside storage.

Over these years there have been significant improvements to our Hayloft, listed not necessarily in order: installation of a lift to allow access for all, new kitchen upstairs, new kitchen downstairs, removal of an obsolete fireplace allowing higher occupancy at functions, fire suppression installed, second story deck installed to overlook golf course, new floors throughout both levels, new furniture in great room. Eco Park was built with viewing platforms over the pond and a path through the forest.

Bayshore Village is unique in having three harbours for members' use. Since the original harbours were built, many improvements have been made. In Harbour 66, deteriorating floating docks were removed and replaced with the current fixed

docks; armour stone was installed as a safety measure as the parking lot was collapsing. Harbour 99 had reached a stage of deterioration due to erosion. Under the direction of the Director of Harbours and his volunteers, the harbour was redesigned and rebuilt, and we were awarded the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) environmental award. We now have slips for future growth.

We completed the transition to a private members' association when the covenants and restrictions expired in 2015.

This is how Bayshore got to where we are today. This didn't just happen. It was all accomplished with member support and a dedicated group of board of directors and volunteers over many years.

Bayshore is fortunate to have member volunteers in many areas to make Bayshore a truly special place to live.

To all new members, welcome! Come on out and volunteer; meet your neighbors and have fun.

*Dave Meharg*

*For recent arrivals to Bayshore, a more extensive account of the history of Bayshore Village, "How It All Began," can be found on pages 18-19 in the Bayshore Banner for October 2014. Available online at [www.bayshorevillage.ca](http://www.bayshorevillage.ca) after January 20.*



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## Creative Arts at Bayshore, October 1 and 2, 2016

Bayshore's eighth annual Creative Arts show took place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday October 2, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Hayloft.

15 artists took part, including fine arts, pottery, jewelry, knitted and crocheted crafts, woodworking, woodturning, encaustic and tole and glass works.

This year the show took place downstairs in the Card Room, the Great Room and the main hall. Comments from the artists and visitors were generally favourable to the change of venue.

This year we had a guest artist in Doug Cooper, who instructs the Bayshore Acrylic artists on Wednesday mornings in the Card Room. For anyone interested in taking acrylic lessons, contact Lia de Roeper at [liaderoeper@yahoo.ca](mailto:liaderoeper@yahoo.ca) or 705 484-1146,

We also featured one of our artists, Judy Fontin Sugg, who with her husband Donald operates the Coach House Gallery just off Mississauga St. in Orillia.

We could not have put together such a successful show without the help from our Sponsors: Experience Nissan and Krista Kemp who provided refreshments during the show; Tom and Suzanne Morton; Len Skok; Brandon Hume (RBC Dominion Securities; Dave Traviss, Home Hardware Building Centre; Paper Kapers. We thank them very much for their support.

We also are indebted to Kathy Hutchinson and Lorna Pollard for their help during the run of the show.

As is the custom, the artists donated 10% of Sales to a local charity. This year the artists chose the Sharing Place Food Bank in Orillia, and were able to donate almost \$400.00 to the charity.

Creative Arts displays in the Card Room and the Great Room at the Hayloft.

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## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Our Ladies Christmas luncheon was a huge success. We were able to donate a pickup truck full of food to the Salvation Army, and to give a generous donation to a local charity, CIM.

Thank you to residents, family and friends for all the donations to auction off.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

*The Bayshore Ladies  
Christmas Luncheon  
Committee*

We received a letter of thanks from Jen Hanson, Executive Director, Connected in Motion (CIM):

“On behalf of the Connected in Motion community, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Bayshore Village Ladies Christmas Luncheon Committee and the community of Bayshore Village for their generous support of Connected in Motion (CIM).

“With outdoor adventure and physical activity at our core, CIM fosters a community of people living with diabetes that comes together to support, educate and inspire one another to live life without limits. By inspiring individuals to take charge of their health today, we improve the quality of life for people with diabetes now and for tomorrow.

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*Lia deRoeper*



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## Bridge Scores

Here are the results of the bridge scores from Oct. 3 to Dec. 21:

### GENERAL BRIDGE:

The highest score was achieved by Pat Beecham-Cooper with a score of 6590

Second highest was 6400 by Barbara Bauckham, and third highest was Lloyd Lockhart with 4690.

### LADIES BRIDGE:

The highest score was achieved by Barbara Bauckham with a score of 5490. Second highest was Lorna Pollard with 4920 and Maria Saringer came in third with 4340.

For December - March, with many players away enjoying warmer climes, we have combined both groups and play on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Great Room.

Results for December of the COMBINED BRIDGE group are: First, Patti Norris-Rigby with 5070 points. In second place, Pat Beecham-Cooper with 4750, and in third place, Pat Beecham-Cooper with 3920 points.

If you would like to join us, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at 705 484-0221. Both groups are very friendly and welcoming. All are welcome.

If you would like to learn to play bridge, or brush up on latest conventions, Pat Beecham-Cooper will be giving bridge lessons in the Great Room on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. resuming in January, and then again in March. Contact her to make arrangements.

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## Save These Dates for Bayshore Golf



The Bayshore

Ryder Cup

Saturday September 9, 2017

The Bayshore Village Ryder Cup is an annual event which takes place on the weekend following Labour Day. It borrows its name from the famous Ryder Cup challenge of American golfers vs European golfers. In a similar fashion, our format divides participants into the Red Team vs the Blue Team. All levels of experience are welcome as we attempt to place you with similar skill levels. Generally, spouses are paired together, however singles are most welcome as we match you up with other singles. Once the pairings have been established, golfers show up proudly wearing their team colours. You and your partner will compete against a pairing from the other team in two different 9-Hole Games.

The first is a Scramble (or Best-Ball) format. Each person hits from the tee. The team then chooses the best of the two drives, and picks up the other ball. The players move to the position of the better drive, from which both take the next shot for their team. This is repeated until the ball is holed. You then compare your score on that hole to your opponents. The lower score wins the hole. The hole is "halved" if the Teams tie. The object of the Round is to win more holes than your opponent. If you have done so, your team will contribute one point to your overall Team Colour's score.

The second format is Alternate Shot. As its name implies, you and your partner take turns hitting the ball until it is holed. As with the Scramble, your objective is to complete the hole in fewer strokes than your opponent, and should you win more holes than they do, you will contribute a point to your overall Team Colour's score.

When all rounds have been completed, the Team Colour that has accumulated the most points will be declared the winner and have bragging rights for an entire year.

A delicious catered meal follows in the Hayloft and all bad shots are forgiven and forgotten.

Marc Bertrand



The Bayshore Village Classic

Saturday July 15, 2017

The Bayshore Village Classic follows a somewhat more traditional format in that individual scores are calculated in a women's and men's division. There are two different courses played on this fun-filled day. You will play nine holes on our own Bayshore golf course. The total score for nine holes is combined with the total amount of strokes it will take you to navigate the treacherous nine-hole layout of our putting green. Many golfers with delusions of grandeur have had their dreams come crashing down in an attempt to master the putting challenge laid out by the cantankerous greenskeeper.

The Classic is open to all levels of golfers as we have mercifully established a maximum of 6 strokes/hole allowed on the scorecard for the regular golf course. Not so, for the putting portion. You will own your true accumulation with the "Flat-Stick."

Lunch is included and following the completion of the competition, we gather for a catered meal. Trophies and prizes complete the memorable day you will have created at the Bayshore Classic.



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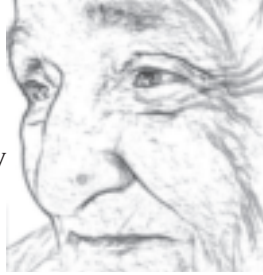
## Poets' Corner

### *Brave Are The Old*

You were walking in a halted way  
White cane ticking stopped travel astray  
Plastic cover on bluish tresses restricted their space  
My wife said you came from a hairdressing place  
Bouquet of groceries on your arm  
Revealed self-sufficiency grace and charm  
Litany of lines upon your brow  
Gave testimony of love once given and now  
We wanted to help but your courage bid us stay  
And read a lesson as you passed our way

The world can see you did your best  
Bearing a badge of courage upon your breast  
Grant us your dignity, matron of life,  
That we might be as you  
When time rests its hands on our shoulders too.

*By Glen Newis*



### *We All Go On*

Our parents loved all,  
Unfailing, no questions, no doubt,  
Always simple pure love,  
We try to follow their example,  
We learned from them,  
We are reflections of them,  
As they were of us,  
They are us and we are them,  
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*by Lawrence Norrena*



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## Health Concerns From Wireless Devices

Wireless devices such as smart phones and tablets have certainly made staying in touch and plugging into the digital world easier and more convenient. But the increasingly ubiquitous nature of the technology is also raising concerns about possible adverse health effects from exposure to the electromagnetic radio-frequency waves that these devices emit.

Epidemiologist Dr. Anthony Miller, a professor emeritus at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, has spent his decades-long career investigating the impact of nutrition, radiation and occupation on the development of various types of cancer. In late 2011, the IARC asked Miller to review the evidence assessed by its working group that led members to conclude that exposure to electromagnetic radio-frequency fields was a possible cause of cancer.

After reviewing the literature, he believes emissions are not only possibly cancer-causing, but "probably" cancer-causing. He said the federal government should adopt the precautionary principle and put stronger warnings on cell phones and other wireless devices to protect consumers.

One expert calling for more rigorous research is Dr. Riina Bray, who is seeing a rise in patients with what's been dubbed electromagnetic hypersensitivity, or EHS – a cluster of symptoms that includes headache, fatigue, poor concentration, heart palpitations and digestive disturbances.

Bray, medical director of the Environmental Health Clinic at Women's College Hospital in Toronto, believes exposure to EM-RF fields is a likely cause of EHS, but proper research to prove a connection hasn't been done.

Children are of particular concern because their smaller size and developing bodies and brains could make them more vulnerable to adverse health outcomes, said Bray, recommending that schools, homes and workplaces be hard-wired to the digital world rather than connected by wave-emitting WiFi.



Steve Goulter

"We can't wait years from now to see if what we did was wrong," she said.

### How to limit wireless exposure

Here are some tips for reducing exposure to electromagnetic radio-frequency waves, based on the precautionary principle:

- Turn off cell phones or tablets when not needed, or turn on "airplane" mode (no emitted RF energy).
- Keep cell phones away from your head as much as possible (even a few inches will reduce the effect considerably).
- Use speaker phone mode or ear buds for phone calls.
- Don't carry your phone in your pocket, on your belt, or in bra.
- Do not sleep near wireless phones, modems emitting WIFI or cell phones.
- Keep cell phones and tablets away from small children.
- Use a wired baby monitor instead of a wireless unit.
- Use hardwired Internet connections for computers in your home instead of using WiFi.
- Pregnant women should keep wireless devices away from the abdomen.
- Avoid cordless phones, or use in speaker mode.
- Buy a newer phone – many now have built-in shielding.

Sources: *Canadians For Safe Technology; Health Canada*

*Steve Goulter*

*This article expresses the point of view of the author. Readers are encouraged to consult their health professional for a further opinion.*

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## Fashion Forecast Winter 2017

Winter has arrived with the beauty of new fallen snow, icicles and the glow of the fireplace as you relax and perhaps read a new book or catch up with friends.

This year we look at comfort, from cozy fleece pajamas and jackets to pretty holiday sweaters worn with leggings.

There are many choices this year from soft fleece or velour to elegant wool coats and capes.

If you are staying here for the winter, consider an outfit of jacket and pant in soft velour or patterned fleece, in jewel tones of navy, red or black. Your look will be one of casual elegance perfect for entertaining or just to cozy up on the sofa. When meeting friends for lunch or office party, knit separates are a nice option. Instead of the holiday “red” try muted tones of red as well as ginger, merlot and cinnamon shades. For evening, opulent fabrics like velvet, panne velvet and satins are the look this year especially in the jewel tones, emerald, sapphire, amethyst and of course black. If you feel that black is not a good colour for you, try navy. Navy is as sophisticated as black and can add a subtle glow to your skin colouring.

For other holiday looks, try a gold or silver sweater with or without extra sparkles; paired with a straight leg pant, it’s dressy and comfortable. Team up with chunky jewellery and your look is complete.

Capes trimmed in faux fur or fringe are both warm and elegant as is a chic wool coat with fur trim in basic black – or be



Brenda James preparing for a show in 1986, and more recently.



daring and go for pastel. Soft pink, blue or cream stands out on a dull day. For everyday errands be sure to keep warm outside. There are many choices for outerwear with good thermal linings, with zip-in or -out parkas with real or faux fur trim. Scarves and gloves are essential on those cold days outside.

Also, be sure to have a good waterproof boot; you do not want your feet getting wet.

If you have any fashion questions, I will be happy to assist you.

To all my friends in Bayshore, have a safe and happy New Year, enjoy the winter. I will be in Florida.

*Brenda James*

*VP Fashion Marketing (ret.)*

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Jacquie can be reached by email at [angelcrafts@live.com](mailto:angelcrafts@live.com) or by telephone 705-484-0751. Call one of us to be put on the list. Payment is due by January 13th.

Everyone is welcome; no experience is necessary. If you're a newcomer, it's a great way to meet your neighbors.

Our topic this session is a winter scene with white birches, a crumbling boat house and open water. The size of canvas is 24 x 20. You don't have to use this size but I find it much easier to paint on a larger canvas.

Happy New Year to everyone.

*Lia deRoeper*



Farm Meadow (acrylic on canvas)

*Jacquie Ivory*

## WalkFit

WalkFit is back in action at the Hayloft on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. under the leadership of Catherine Plue with the help of a video program.

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## Travel Tales: A Scottish Adventure

It all began on a snowy evening in Bayshore Village while celebrating at the infamous 'Robbie Burns' dinner party, January 25th, 2016. Our various guests arrived in Scottish Regalia; even the wee sporran appeared.

Soon the festivities got underway. The 'Haggis' was piped in by Glenn Downie; the traditional accompanying foods were served, mushy peas, 'chappit tatties,' 'mashed neeps' (mashed potatoes and turnips). Delicious fare!

As time progressed, we discussed various travel ideas to Scotland; eagerly a few hearty Scotties signed up for the adventure: Bob Bell, Kay Beacham, Lorne McCaig, Marc and Lynda Bertrand.

Planning the adventure became a full time winter activity. Flights were booked, September being an amazing month in Scotland. We all had Heritage links to follow. Where to begin? Flying into Glasgow gave us the opportunity to secure an air and car deal through Air Transat, car rental with Enterprise.



Our Scottish adventurers: Bob Bell, Kay Beacham, Lorne McCaig, Lynda Bertrand, Marc Bertrand.



Eilean Donan Castle

We had booked a beautiful home in St. Andrew's, overlooking the Duke's Golf course, all through VRBO, a trusted company we had used frequently. Driving across Scotland, we passed through historic towns such as Stirling (home of William Wallace,

Scotland's first national hero – Stirling Castle dating back 500 years), and we can't forget Robert the Bruce statues representing his epic victory over the English in 1314. Museums, ruins, medieval churches such as The Holy Rude – all were breathtaking. We had only been in Scotland a few hours and we were enthralled. An hour later we were in St. Andrew's, the most famous place on the Fife coast.

Our home away is called 'The Doocot,' managed by the Old Course Hotel. We were minutes away from the famous home of golf, which has been played there for 500 years – amazing, breathtaking, we had to pinch ourselves to come back to reality.

The Doocot became our home base for a week, beautiful, comfortable and very spacious. Many enjoyable hours were spent there.

Each day we began a new adventure. Bob Bell's ancestral destinations were close by in the seaside village of Anstruther, Loch Ghelli. We walked the streets his father and grandfather had walked, eating in the famous fish and chip place. What a thrill, viewing the harbours filled with fishing boats and trawlers. Little wonder Bob loves to sail and spend hours on his boats – it runs in his blood. Many day trips were made to various famous sites near our home base. Edinburgh was delightful – shopping the Royal Mile is a must; visiting castles and the pubs, all delightful, serving traditional foods and Guinness by the gallon.

We visited the Old Course, walked the links, played their famous Himalaya putting course – what a thrill! We lunched at the Bar and Grill in the Old Course Hotel, where Bob became a bartender, while Marc's face was pressed to the window, wistfully admiring the grand course.

Day seven we packed up and ventured to Inveraray, driving through beautiful Loch Lomond, winding roads along coastal waters.

St. Malieu Hall in Inveraray was our new home away. Again it was a very scenic place, on the beautiful Loch Fyne, a real treasure. Most of our sightseeing was within walking distance – Argyll Castle, home of the Duke of Argyll, head of the Clan Campbell (who is in residence) – truly magnificent. Kay was investigating her roots here; we had so much fun. Shopping, restaurants, pubs were all close by.

A day trip to Oban, the famous Distillery district, sampling the local fare in sipping glasses, was absolutely amazing. Lorne had an opportunity to visit a relative's magnificent structural masterpiece, McCaig's Folly, built in 1897, and Lorne's Pub, named after his ancestors. How awesome is that!?!

The Isle of Skye was our next destination. What magnificent scenery on our travels, following the historic trail of the MacDonalds, viewing the battle grounds of the Campbells and MacDonalds at Glencoe, walking through the museum and 20-acre grounds of the Clan Donald estate. Breathtaking! Myself being of Clan MacDonald and



Golfer's Dream: Bob, Lorne and Marc on the Swilken Bridge at Old St. Andrews

Kay of Clan Campbell we had some fun teasing each other: as we all know, those Campbells were victorious. We stayed in a magnificent B&B called Edinbane Inn – luxurious rooms and delicious food. We enjoyed the Isle of Skye very much – a must see in the Isles.

Nearing the end of our journey, we travelled back to St. Malieu in Inveraray, stopping on the way to visit the world famous Eilean Donan Castle – there can be only one, a Jacobite stronghold rebuilt in the 19th century. So very impressive. We left this beautiful place knowing one last night awaited, with dinner in a beautiful restaurant, many cheers and memories shared. This wee taste of Scotland will always be treasured.

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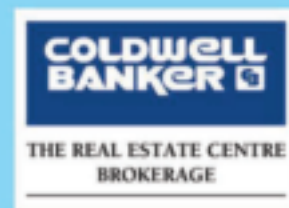
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## Travel Tales: A Trip to China, Fall 2016



We commenced our trip September 25, 2016 arriving after our fourteen-hour flight to Beijing. While there, we visited the ancient Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs (burial place of thirteen emperors of the Ming Dynasty), as well as Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. That same evening we attended the Beijing Opera.

Xi'an was amazing, offering tourists a view of the Terra Cotta Army – sculptures of more than 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots and 800 horses, all to accompany the burial site of one emperor.

While visiting Jingzhou, we embarked on our cruise ship on the Yangtze River. While travelling on the ship, we visited the world's largest hydroelectricity project, the Three Gorges Dam, and then embarked on smaller boats to enjoy a closer encounter of the beautiful three gorges themselves. One night, we viewed the five-stage ship lock, which took over five hours to complete.

Shanghai had museums, an amazing acrobatic show and the excellent light show on the River called "Impression Liu San Jie."

We transferred to Guangzhou (formerly known as Canton) by high-speed train travelling at speeds of 300 km or more.

In Macau we toured the elaborate MGM Casino and then took a ferry across to Hong Kong, where we were given a full day on our own to shop and enjoy any other tours or activities.

Lastly, we flew from Hong Kong International Airport to Toronto Pearson International Airport. Home Sweet Home!

All in all, it was a very educational and enjoyable trip, which we highly recommend to all.

*Marielle Montemurro*

In these pictures, readers are invited to Find Waldo ...

No, instead, try to find several of our Bayshore neighbours: Steve and Marilyn Goulter, Catherine and Herb Hermans, Brenda James, and Guy and Marielle Montemurro.

In the top photo, the intrepid travellers are outside the Emperor's Palace at Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

Bottom picture was taken at a Tea Farm and Tea Garden in the countryside at Yangzhou.



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## Confessions of a Porsche-holic

It all began in the summer of 1960. I was just turning 14 and my father had secured me a summer-and-Saturdays job as a "grease monkey" at the local Volkswagen dealership, where he also worked part-time, in St. Catharines, Ontario. I worked at Valley Motors in that capacity until I started university in the Fall of 1965.

Professor Dr. Ferdinand Porsche (pronounced *Porsh-uh*, please) had developed the Volkswagen prior to WWII and after the war his son, "Ferry," designed the Porsche 356, based on a "souped up" Volkswagen.

As a result, the VW dealership, in addition to the VW Beetles and other VW models, serviced the small number of Porsche 356s (pre-A, A, B and C models) in the Niagara area.

I was mesmerized by the appearance of the 356. I loved its lines, even though it was affectionately referred to as a "tub" due to its passing resemblance to an upside down bathtub. It didn't hurt the romance surrounding it that my Grade 11 History teacher drove a beautiful ivory-coloured cabriolet (convertible) and was rumoured to have driven for the Porsche racing team in Europe.

Porsche phased out the 356 line in 1965 and replaced it with the now iconic 911. I came to love that design as well and the proof of its lasting beauty is the fact that although there have been numerous alterations to the model since its introduction, its basic roofline has remained the same and its silhouette has been utilized in numerous generic car-related advertisements and promotional materials over the years. (Some would even accuse the Nissan 350Z of shamelessly copying it!)

I harboured a desire to own some sort of 356 or 911 for years but was never in a position to do so until the mid-1990s. After a long search I located a 356 advertised by a farmer in Ridgeway, Ontario. (It's amazing how many farmers have classic vehicles in various stages of dis/repair stored in their barns!) The farmer and his son were Porsche-philosophers who had purchased and maintained the 1963 356B in pretty well its original state, although it was showing its years.

The farmer also owned a number of Porsche tractors (!), a couple of which were operational. In fact, the summer before the Fall when I bought the car, they'd had one of the tractors as well as the 356 at a concours in the Michigan area. I now have the medallion commemorating the car's participation in that event.

The farmer himself had originally located the car in Michigan. While I was ultimately unable to determine the complete provenance for it, I did learn that a U.S. serviceman had purchased the car from the original owner when he was stationed in Germany and brought it back with him when he returned to the States. The car then passed through several hands until the farmer finally purchased it.

The car is a 1963 356B 1600 S(uper) T6 coupe and was slate grey in colour with red vinyl seats. It had some 178,000 plus miles on the odometer which was and remains non-functional. The engine is, of course, rear-mounted and the car has rear wheel drive. The engine is essentially a reworked and highly tuned, air-cooled Beetle engine with dual carburetors. These models have OHV, flat-4, boxer engines (i.e., 8 overhead valves and 4 horizontally opposed cylinders that move back and forth in opposite directions). They produce 75 DIN (German metric) or 85-86 SAE (imperial) horsepower. While that is certainly

paltry by today's standards the car is fairly speedy due to its relatively light weight (about 2000 lb.) and low drag coefficient. It has a manual 4-speed gearbox and the original 6 volt electrical system

In 1962 a new 1963 356B cost approximately \$4,300 which would be about \$34,000 in 2015 dollars (U.S. figures). Today they range in value from \$ 20,000- \$125,000, depending on condition and model type: cabriolets are worth more than coupes; higher horsepower engines more than lesser ones; and there are premiums for special models, e.g., GT and Carrera 2. More 356Bs were produced in the period from 1959-1963 than any of the other iterations, accounting for 30,963 vehicles of

all 76,313 356s (pre-A through C) manufactured and sold from 1948-1965/66.

I drove the car "as is" for a couple of years and when it became feasible I had a frame off restoration completed. This entails the complete disassembling of the car, assessing all the parts and replacing any questionable ones. The body parts are stripped and painted and everything is reassembled. When I had this done I had the colour changed to the official Porsche silver paint since silver is Porsche's racing colour and the one I associate with the brand most strongly. I later also had the interior re-

placed: headliner, carpets, mats and seats --with red leather rather than vinyl to add an element of style and contribute to longer wear. I have numerous photographs of the various stages of both these restorations.

One problematic matter was continuing mechanical service. Neither Volkswagen nor Porsche dealers seem equipped to handle these models and independent mechanics are reluctant to take them on. Finally, one of the co-owners of the Volvo dealership where we had our S80 and S60 serviced, and who is a master mechanic, took pity on me and agreed to take the 356B under his wing. The dealership did have somewhat of a vested interest in helping, at least psychologically, since the service manager had assisted me in locating people to do both the frame off and interior restorations and in arranging to have them done. Unfortunately I'm back to square one in this regard since we moved from Windsor to Bayshore.

While I had been searching for a car to purchase, my fascination with Porsches manifested itself in other guises. I began to collect die cast models of Porsches: any model, any year, any scale. I eventually had several dozen of them. When we moved from our house on Lake St. Clair in Tecumseh, Ontario to a condo on the Detroit River closer to downtown Windsor, we had a special glass shelving unit built to display them. The collection expanded to exceed the capacity of the shelves requiring that the models be rotated.

My interest also motivated me to seek out publications about Porsches. I secured books about a variety of facets ranging from histories to coffee table books to technical manuals, including a reprint of the two volume shop manual for the 356—in case someone I found to work on it required some such information. I also subscribed to "excellence: The Magazine About Porsche" and took out a membership in the Porsche 356 Registry which included a bi-monthly magazine. There were also general automotive magazines with specific Porsche-oriented articles and I clipped and filed newspaper articles on the subject. Boy, was I hooked! As a result I have amassed a mini-library on Porsches. (And don't get me started about the wardrobe of Porsche-related clothing I secured.)



1963 Porsche 356B

The 356B was essentially a summertime, pleasure driving vehicle. A few years later in 2001, I was considering getting a later model Porsche 911 to drive on a regular basis. I scoured the Auto Trader and newspaper want ads and with the assistance of the friend who had also helped me in assessing the 356, we checked out some possibilities I had identified.

One had been described in an ad by the Pfaff Porsche dealership in Woodbridge, Ontario as “eye candy.” It was a 2001 996 (the then latest iteration of the 911) Carrera 4 coupe. Its first and only owner had traded it in for a very fast and very expensive GT2 model. This 996 had only a little more than 14,000 km. on it. The exterior is Meridian Metallic in colour (kind of a champagne hue) and the seats are Metropolis Blue.

The car has all-wheel drive and the usual rear-mounted engine which, unlike earlier air-cooled versions of the 911 is water-cooled. (This started with the first 996s in 1997). The switch had been necessitated by progressively stringent emissions and noise regulations, environmental concerns, a higher expectation for refinement and a high-performance 4 valve per cylinder engine. The engine is a DOHC (double overhead camshaft), flat-6 cylinder, boxer 3.4 liter naturally



2001 Porsche 996 Carrera 4

aspirated, dry-sumped one, generating 300 horsepower. The gearbox is a manual 6-speed. The 2001 996 accounted for 27,275 units of the 175,262 996s that were produced between 1997 and 2005.

The “eye candy” aspects came from the modifications that had been made. They had given the car ground effects to create downforce and grip, amplifying the aerodynamics of the vehicle. This included lowering the suspension and adding a complete GT3 Cup Aerokit. (The GT3 is a lighter weight and high powered Porsche primarily intended for racing.) The Cup Aerokit consists of a front lip spoiler, side skirts and tails, and a curved, fixed rear spoiler.

A test drive with the salesman (who turned out to be a former Canadian Olympic ski jumper) in the passenger seat and Shirley in the rear jump seat was impressive. Finally, Shirley’s whispered assessment (“I love it!”) sealed the deal. The car became a daily driver on a year round basis. All-wheel drive and winter tires made it a serviceable vehicle in winter weather although it would never be mistaken for a snow plough. Since our retirement and move to Bayshore with the winter season spent in Florida, however, driving the 996 has been reduced dramatically. It currently has only about 73,000 km. or so on the odometer, which unlike the 356’s is functional.

These two cars roughly bookend the changes that have been made to Porsche sports cars over the years. The differences between them are stark and a testament to Porsche’s continuing attempts to improve and refine their vehicles. They’re also a testament to the sway that a teenager’s passion can hold over an aging adult.

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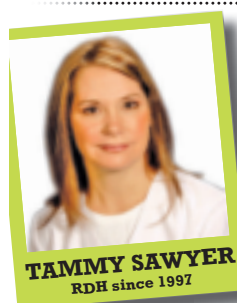
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## Ramara Speaks Her Mind

Oh oh. Deadline December 16. And me with one big blank brain in my fuzzy little head. Thank heavens my polydactyl extremities will facilitate the fulfillment of my submission before zero hour. There is a proven ratio between the number of digits and speed. This fact has been corroborated by many a fellow polydactylous cat.

Sadly I must report to you that I have not been in the best of health. Suddenly (well, to me it seemed sudden) I'm on a pill-taking regime. Twice a day. I have hyperthyroidism. I panicked when I first heard the diagnosis. I thought there must be some mistake. Some mixup in the lab. Now I'm dependent on my dear mistress' generosity for not only food, water, kitty litter facilities, but now for drugs! Dr. Dawn Adare and Gail have conspired to 'trick' me by putting my pills into little 'pill pockets' which I am supposed to gobble up obliviously. They think I was born yesterday. I pretend to like them just to make Gail happy.

Speaking of Gail, she's had a number of adventures lately. She left me all alone with Glen when she traipsed off to Costa Rica with her son. She came home after almost two long weeks, suntanned and relaxed, with many finely detailed stories which Glen and I heard repeated many times over with great fascination. I found these tales quite sleep inducing as did Glen, I noticed. I was happy she returned because my kitty litter facilities, as I call them, were put to the test. I couldn't hold out much longer.

Glen and Gail are staying in Bayshore for the winter. Gail was concerned about the potential dreariness of the Ontario winter. She



thought she would overcome this by auditioning for a play. The call was put out for roles to be played by younger actors, certainly much younger than she. However, she noticed a role for 'cleaning lady (any age)'. Well. How hard would it be to play a cleaning lady? Especially having practiced that role for the last half a century? So she dressed herself as a rather dashing looking cleaning lady, bandanna, broom and all, and headed over to the reading of the play. She was the only one dressed for the part and thought it was a cinch. Unfortunately she did not get a call-back. She was disappointed and a tiny bit embarrassed. She decided to exercise a little humor by walking up to the director after everything was over, of course discreetly, broom in hand, looking up into his face, saying "Well, I didn't get a call-back for the part but, I wonder, do you need a cleaning lady?" His response was serious. "Oh I live miles away."

Glen has been quietly hoping Gail might play that role right here at home.

I, myself, am looking forward to a cosy winter here on my favorite blanket and pillow on my favorite couch right here in my favorite living room. I'll leave the shoveling of the walk to Glen. I'll leave the walking routine in the mornings to Gail. And, folks, I'm wishing the best of health, the best of all that can be to all my Bayshore pet friends and their loving care givers. Ciao,

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## Bike Trails



With the trail in the background, pictured L to R are Larry Barton, chair of Trails Committee; Mayor Basil Clarke; Harry Kaak, Municipal Works; Deputy Mayor John O'Donnell; Artena Hutchison; Bruce Booth; Toomaj Haghshenas, Environmental Regulations Analyst, Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority; Pam Fulford. Photo by Annalynn Faulkner.

As everyone knows, Bayshore Village has a very active bicycling group who go out most Thursdays throughout the late spring, all summer and early fall seasons.

Since last September, I have been attending the Trails Committee meetings of Ramara Township. This committee, chaired by Larry Barton, has been working diligently on obtaining funding in order to enhance the trail system in our township.

Currently, this committee is trying to obtain funding to complete

a multi-use trail from Lagoon City to the 7th Concession (at the 15th Sideroad). This would be a wonderful improvement as it would eliminate the need to cycle on Highway 12 which, with its high traffic volume, is quite dangerous.

The plan for this trail is to use the existing old rail bed which requires the permission of the various landowners on whose land the rail bed crosses. To date, only one landowner has refused access and, thus, the committee has gone to "Plan B". This necessitates using a section of property to the west of the rail bed which the committee has had surveyed. This would involve slightly higher cost as the trees need to be cleared and some areas filled.

The attached picture is of the Committee at the rail bed with the Environmental Regulations Analyst from the Conservation Authority. He was carrying out an environmental assessment of the waterway/wetlands. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were both in attendance and expressed strong support of the project. Bruce Booth of the Snowmobile Club has been a huge help as he knows the existing trails and has established relationships with the landowners. Pam Fulford, with her experience in writing proposals, has taken the lead to write the funding submission.

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*Artena Hutchison*

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## Milestones: In Memoriam

### Allen Dwight Disheau 1951-2016

146 Bayshore Drive



Allen Dwight Disheau was born on June 15, 1951, in Brockville ON. He grew up near the St. Lawrence River with his parents Dee and Bert, brother Dave, sister Tanya and extended family and close friends. He was proud of his French and Scottish heritage.

After moving to Markham ON, Allen finished high school and married Holly; they had a daughter Alison and son Darren. He then attended George Brown college and graduated as an appliance service Technician, and fathered daughter Ashley and son Travis.

He practiced his trade for 37 years alongside classmate and friend Brad Gibson.

Allen coached his sons in hockey, and supported his daughters in dance and music, but is best known for planning fun adventures that had no admission fees... They were just creative and spontaneous.

Allen loved being a Papa. He made every visit with his grandchildren fun and memorable. Vanessa, Alex, Shane, Avery, Eddie, Duncan and Arya have so many fun times to hold in their hearts about their Papa.

Allen met partner and friend Dianne Snowball in his fifties, and they spent many fun years together.

Allen loved life, his family, the Leafs, his Corvettes, hosting Canada Day at his beautiful home in Bayshore Village, and was a big time foodie.

After Allen discovered the internet, he travelled the world on a daily basis, spending hours reading and dreaming of places he wanted to visit. He soaked up information like no one else.

Allen boasted about treasures he would find during 'his travels.' We hope he realized that he is the greatest treasure of all to us.

*Dianne Snowball*

### Patrizia (Pat) Johnston-Indewey 1955-2016

196 Bayshore Drive



Pat passed peacefully at home in Bayshore Village, surrounded by her family on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Rick Indewey. Loving mother of Christopher and step-daughter Katryna, both of Burlington. She leaves her cherished family in Pordenone, Italy; mother Franca Casasola, siblings Luigina, Rita, and Francesco Perosa and nephews Michele and Mattia. She is sadly missed and fondly remembered by Rick's family and her many wonderful friends and neighbours.

Pat came to Canada from Italy in 1977 looking for a new opportunity. The Italian community in Toronto took her in and before long she became a Canadian citizen. From her first marriage she had her greatest love, her son Christopher. He was the light of her life. Pat and Rick met in Burlington in 1998 and married in 2001, Pat gaining a beautiful step daughter Katy. Pat worked as a production scheduler for a window company but eventually left to begin a career doing what she liked most, interior redesign and home staging. Pat loved traveling, and together they visited many locations in the US, Caribbean and Europe. Of course their favourite destination was Italy. The visits home were every other year and when arriving at Mama's house, she truly felt at home. Pat had no regrets coming to Canada, but always said nothing beats the Italian way of living and loving life.

In 2011 Rick made a career change and they moved to Midhurst, Pat agreeing to the move under one condition: she gets a pontoon boat. Done deal, and there they stayed for almost 4 years. Contemplating retirement, they looked for and found their beautiful home here in Bayshore Village, moving in the end of July 2015. They were taken by this wonderful community; the people, the views, the activities, a perfect place to spend many years in retirement. This was their paradise! The bay in the backyard, the boat tied up there and beckoning for a ride, and the most gorgeous sunsets were the icing on the cake.

Pat was strong in her faith with God, finding peace and comfort in the church. Pat was strong of body and mind, battling cancer more than once and determined to win again. Pat was immediately enveloped by the Bayshore community, all offering help, support, care; anything one could imagine for a person fighting cancer. But all who knew Pat well will say that she never asked for any of that support. Pat would put aside her issues and would rather spend time talking about or helping others and just get on with life. She would not let her illness hold her back from enjoying all her activities like kayaking, golfing, snowshoeing, boating, bicycling and walking. Many of you saw her in action and she was awe inspiring, seeing her smile and never complain. She was a truly amazing woman in this regard.

Rick, the kids and family want to thank everybody, especially our fantastic friends in Bayshore, for their support, condolences, kind words and charitable donations made on her behalf.

And finally, the Italian in Pat stood out when it came to family, friends, and food. She so enjoyed organizing outings for lunch or dinner, was always thankful for the many invites to meals and gatherings, and most of all loved hosting at her home. As we all remember Pat, please take a page from her book. Be strong, be kind, be good to one another, have a good time and always make sure there is enough food and wine.

*Rick Indewey*

### Lloyd Fielder Fair 1950 - 2016

former Bayshore Village resident



A former neighbour and a friend of many, Lloyd Fair passed away in Soldiers Memorial Hospital on Wednesday November 23, 2016, at the age of 66. Lovingly remembered by his wife Annie, his two children Adam and Ashleigh, and his grandson Tristan.

Lloyd was a long-time resident of Ramara Township, long-time employee of Hydro, and owner-operator of Dad'n'Lad, servicing many residences of Bayshore Village by spraying for spiders, caring for lawns, spraying our harbours, and removing snow. He was the man who spread the wood chips on the trails at Eco Park, and some years ago he dismantled our cable TV system. Every summer, until she was at least 95 years old, Lloyd Fair would pick up Ida Herbert at her home, and give her a ride on his motorcycle. "Lloydie" will be sorely missed.

*Laura Malarczuk and Lloyd Lockhart*

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Welcome winter! Although I'm writing on a warm November evening, I suspect that we aren't too far away from the white stuff hitting the ground and having to pull out our winter gear. We have lots of fun ways to socialize and keep warm at the library until we see warmer temperatures again!

Learn about investing your money, what risks there are and how to reach financial goals while creating a personalized plan! This course costs \$20, requires registration and pre-payment. Running for 4 weeks, the dates include Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 6:30 pm.

Want to make a mass batch of meals in one prep time? Rebecca will show you how to make family meals for your freezer and prepare them at a later time in the Crockpot! Save time AND money. This course requires registration and runs Feb. 21st at 6:30 pm.

Join Catherine Tobin as she shows you the solution to sleep and insomnia challenges brought on by stress. This two-hour workshop runs on March 11th at 1:00 pm.

Enjoyed the *Intro to Essential Oils* in the fall? Now you can 'make and take' with our fun hands-on essential oil product program. Make items such as bath bombs, lip balm, foot scrubs, and all-purpose window cleaners. Register for this program to run on March 22nd at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$20 to make three products of your choice.

Create a pair of baby moccasins at the library on March 24th & 31st from 3-5:30 pm! Pre-payment of \$45 and registration is required for the two day workshop. All materials will be provided; you just need to bring a sharp pair of scissors and ruler!

Want to learn what is out there? Join us as we discuss outer space, solar systems, galaxies and more! Learn how dates for holidays are calculated and how societies operated 10,000 years ago! Registration is required for this program running on April 7th at 3:30 pm.

Looking to save money with those coupons like the people on TV? Learn the basics with Carolee and Rebecca on how to price match, where to find coupons and apps that are available to you! Registration is required for this program running on April 11th at 6:30 pm.

Rebecca Taylor

## Orillia Is Born



In celebration of Orillia's and Canada's 150th St. Paul's Centre and Mariposa Arts Theatre present ORILLIA IS BORN, an original musical play by Jim Lewis.

Bayshore Village's Laurel Dewar will be playing a small part (and singing) in this show and promised to bring half of Bayshore Village, saying "maybe that's why I landed a role!"

Below are the details, so I hope a few folks come out to have a laugh and join the fun. There is a group discount for a group of 15 or more!

Set in the months leading up to, and just after, its incorporation on January 1, 1867, ORILLIA IS BORN is an original play with music which reflects the frustrations of life at the time before Orillia enjoyed municipal water and sanitation, a proper high school building, any railroad service and many other conveniences now taken for granted.

With the unexpected help of John A. Macdonald, who was working on confederation at the same time, local barber James Quinn rallies enough support to achieve incorporation as The Village of Orillia, and is elected as its first Reeve. Along the way, he encounters some expected, and some unexpected opposition, but his wife, his precocious daughter and others offer support and advice which is sometimes humorous and sometimes serious.

ORILLIA IS BORN is sprinkled with musical numbers providing encouragement, romance and humour. All in all, it's a delightful look, loosely based on history, of life in Orillia circa 1866.

An official event for the City of Orillia 150th Anniversary Celebrations!

### Performances:

WHEN: Jan 18, 19, 20, 21, 2017 (Thursday to Saturday); 7:30 pm

WHERE: St. Paul's Centre, 62 Peter Street South, Orillia

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