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The next issue will be published in July 2017.

The Bayshore Banner

President's Article



Catherine Hermans
President, BVA

Hi Everyone and Happy Spring!

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
Robin Williams

Although the contented little critters in Ontario (Warton Willie) and Nova Scotia (Shubenacadie Sam) predicted an early Spring on Groundhog Day, Herb and some of our neighbours combed our snow-packed village thoroughly in search of our own forecasting rodent, but to no avail! The little beast must have packed it in and gone to Florida for the rest of the winter. That would appear to have been a successful prediction for sure! Well, now that the snow is almost gone from our peninsula of paradise, I think we're ready to watch the bulbs grow, smell the aromatic hyacinths, delight in the resurrection of our lush, verdant community, and anticipate raking the grass and executing our garden plans.

As your relatively new President, I continue to be astounded at the amount of work that your elected Directors and their committees and volunteers accomplish in short timelines. A huge thank you goes out to each of your Directors for their diligence in preparing our annual budget. Areas of concern have been clearly addressed in the budget and we will be seeking your approval at our General Meeting on May 28th. A Town Hall Meeting has been set for May 12th at 7 pm so that the budget can be explained in detail. Please mark these two important dates in your calendars.

As reported in our last issue of The Banner, I am committed to do my best at creating a transparent approach to the way we run our Board's affairs. Therefore, at our last Board meeting I gave a report of what happened at our Executive Session of the prior meeting. It is important to note, however, that the privacy of our community members was respected in this process. If you wish to know what happened in the Executive Session, please read the Board minutes for the March meeting. At the March meeting, we also successfully reviewed and revised the criteria we use to forward an item to our Executive Session (formerly called "in camera").

At our next Board meeting we will be reviewing our community research survey. This survey will help us gather information from each household in Bayshore. When the survey comes out, we hope you'll participate and share your information, opinions and ideas. Survey submissions will be anonymous, and once they're compiled we will share the collective results. These results will assist the Board in effective short-term planning. The survey will be another topic addressed at our Town Hall Meeting. I hope to see you there!

Catherine Hermans
President, Bayshore Village Association

Ex Officio

WE NEED YOU!!!!

Bayshore is an exceptional community in that we are able to do many things very economically because we have such a large and generous community of volunteers. These include your members of the Board.

In September, at our Annual General Meeting, there will be general elections for Board positions which will form the executive of BVA for the following year.

Every year, the terms of four of the eight positions on the board finish, and elections are held to fill those vacancies. People are elected to the Board, not to a specific position, so we need people with a wide range of skills.

To get started on the nomination process, **I am looking for people to sit on the nominating committee.** The nominating committee consists of the Ex Officio, plus a minimum of two non-Board members. These members should have a good knowledge of Bayshore and how it functions, and a good knowledge of the residents of Bayshore and any hidden talents they have. If you would be interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact me.

The eight elected Board Positions are:

- President
- Vice-President and Director of Architecture, Policy and Security
- Treasurer
- Social Director
- Director of Hayloft Amenities
- Director of Common Lands
- Director of Common Waters
- Director of Harbours and Storage Yard.

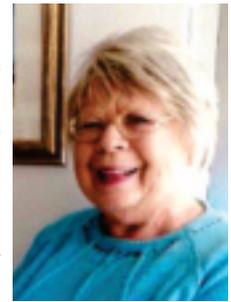
For job descriptions, please look on the website or contact me.

If you have talents in any of these areas, or if you know of someone you think would be a great Board member, please contact me at 705 484-0221 or email me at beecoop@cottagecountry.net

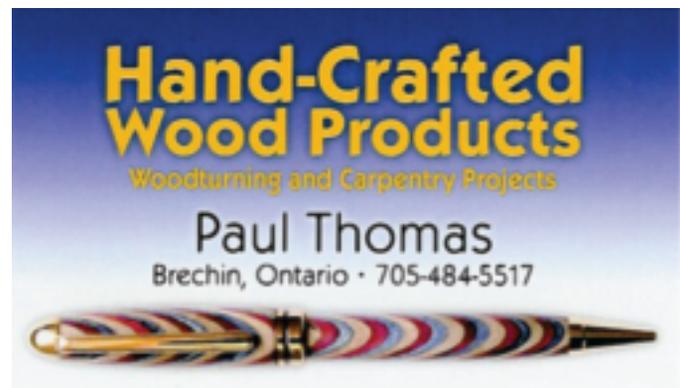
These positions will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting in late September, to take effect after that meeting.

Thanks,

Pat Beecham-Cooper,
Ex Officio



Pat Beecham Cooper
Ex Officio



Director, Common Waters: Canada Goose – Friend or Foe?



There was a time when the Canada Goose (*Branta Canadensis*) population almost became extinct. Now that they are protected under the Migratory Bird Convention Act, their population has exploded and they have become not only a nuisance but also a health and safety hazard.

So, what can we do to create a healthy balance between man and nature?

Last Summer, some Bayshore members approached the Bayshore Board of Directors with a request to take proactive measures in order to deal with the goose problem.

In response to this request, The Wildlife Management Group was invited to present and propose a goose management program for our community.

The first step in the process was to apply for a Damage and Danger Permit from Environment Canada, Wildlife Services. This conditional permit was granted in early March of this year.

The permit was restricted to the three harbours, Bayshore owned parkland, the golf course, and the ponds within Bayshore.

The permitted activities approved in this permit are to:

- Scare using an aircraft or firearms.
- Collect, destroy, and dispose of eggs in accordance with the guidance provided in the related Best Practice Guidelines, published by Environment Canada and
- Kill to support scaring in accordance with the guidance provided in the related Best Practice Guidelines (limited number as specified by Environment Canada).



Kathi Kerr

There are hefty penalties and fines for committing an offence under the Convention, so it is imperative that we act responsibly when creating and implementing a Goose Management plan.

In order to succeed in this Goose Management Program, it appears that contracting an experienced Professional Company would be the safest and most effective approach. These birds can become extremely aggressive when harassed.

The Board voted to hire the Wildlife Management Group to implement the time sensitive measure of adding the eggs this



Goose effects at Harbour 33.

Spring. Going forward, the general membership will vote on whether to proceed with a full goose management program or not.

We can all do our part in managing the geese in Bayshore by reducing fertilizer use, protecting the water's edge with vegetation and other barriers, and eliminating supplemental feeding of geese.

Conscientious Bayshore members have shown their leadership capabilities to initiate a comprehensive Goose Management Program, and they will require continued assistance from the Bayshore Board and members.

Kathi Kerr

Director of Common Waters

Director: Harbours, Storage Yard



Bill Pike

My wife Anne and I bought in Bayshore in November of 2011. We were like a lot of people we have talked to – as soon as we drove through the entrance, we knew this was going to be our next home. We have more friends in Bayshore than we have ever had. Days just fly by here with everything there is to do, and the involvement is there, as much as you want to be involved.

Being a member of the board I think is going to be a challenging task, and hopefully a rewarding one. One thing I have found out in a short time is, you can't please everyone. No matter what you do, some people just aren't happy. One thing I do have is a great bunch of guys, who will be helping out in the harbours and the storage yard, and with everyone's input, hopefully the right decisions will be made, to benefit everyone. This is my first position on a board; I'm more of a hands-on guy; I like to get more physically involved, so the adjustment could be interesting. When work is to be done I will be there. If the weather cooperates, very soon we will start to get the Harbours ready.

Bill Pike

Director of Harbours, Storage Yard

Director of Social Events



Catherine Downie
Social Director

The Happy Hour

This casual social function commenced in January with the intention of being a "Drop in & Meet Your Neighbour" event from 4 to 6 pm. It was a great opportunity for us to catch up with what's been happening after a very busy December and due to the positive feedback, monthly Happy Hours will be ongoing as long as they are popular. What a great way to welcome back our snowbirds. Be sure to stop by for some spring cheer.

Pub Night – Saturday, April 29th – Entertainment by Ian Roy

Be sure to get your tickets for our next pub night on April 29th at the Hayloft. We have lined up talented Ian Roy who has been in many shows all over southern Ontario.

Ian has performed with many local bands, and also with award winning tribute entertainers, including Elvis, John Denver and Glen Campbell.

Watch your email to find out when tickets will be on sale.

Canada Day

Spring is in the air and before you know it, July 1st will be here. In 2016 we were joined by our visiting dignitaries to start the day with refreshments and the raising of our flag at the Opening Ceremonies. The day progressed with the fishing derby at Harbour 33, the golf scramble, face painting, lunch, the dog/puppy contest, games for all ages and the parade as our finale.

2017 will again see last year's activities along with a new and exciting garden contest. I will be holding a meeting of all the event coordinators early in May. All Bayshore members are invited to attend and put forward any new ideas or suggestions. As we know, volunteers are counted on to contribute to our Canada Day success and this year we are again seeking your help. You may just have an hour to spare to assist with the face painting, be a judge or help serving lunch and dessert. Or you may be more adventurous and offer to Marshall the Parade. Thanking you in advance. *Catherine Downie*



Director of Social Events



Spring Fling

Saturday, June 3rd

Just a "heads up."
Mark your calendar!

Watch for more details.



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The three categories are:

- Overall Curb Appeal
- Best Container Garden
- Best Back Yard Garden

Judging to take place June 29th & 30th
Winners will be announced on Canada Day!!!

The entry form with all the details will be available online at the BVA website www.bayshorevillage.ca or in hard copy at the Hayloft after May 15.

If you have any questions, call Donna Wilson at 705-484-5368 after May 4, 2017.





Director of Social Events



Evidence from January Happy Hour

Top Photo: Lorne McCaig, Maura Hughson, Lynda Bertrand, Kay Beacham, Cathy Dickinson, Mark Bertrand, Debbie Rautin, Keith Meadows.

Middle right: Ron & Pat March

Below right, L to R: Bob Bell, John Hammond, Wayne Perzel, Dawn Kelly

Evidence from March 25 Happy Hour

Page 6: Andy & Donna Rodriguez

Left: Jack and Jill Pignatelli, who hosted a pizza party after Happy Hour.

Left below: Marg Bissett, Doris Muir

Photos by Catherine Downie



Moving On: Glen and Joanne Morehouse



Glen and Joanne Morehouse

As you may know by now, Joanne and I have sold our home in Bayshore Village and bought a new one in Kingsville, Ontario. This will put us about five hours closer to the Villages in Florida, our preferred winter location.

We will certainly miss the many friends we have made in Bayshore and in Orillia, where we play pickleball from October to May. One of the first things we checked in Kingsville was that pickleball courts were nearby.

Our departure will open up opportunities for volunteers. My involvement, with Noel Cooper, in the Banner preparation and production has been primarily as a graphic designer, creating the covers and some other technical tasks relating to publishing. Noel will continue in the editor's job, which he has done extremely well since long before my arrival on the scene. He will ask for what help he needs after the advertising issue is resolved.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

I created the position of **Advertising Manager** to fund the news-magazine format for the Banner. Michael O'Halloran is currently covering that function, but would like to pass the reins to someone else. The job entails calling current advertisers when their term expires, to ensure that they want to continue for another year. Occa-



sionally an advertiser will cancel and the Ad Manager will troll for a new advertiser. When I sold the ads, almost everyone asked said "yes." I believe Mike will confirm that that is still true.

The job of **billing**, most recently filled by Lorna Pollard, is now open. This person sends out bills for advertising from time to time. The amounts are published on our Rate Sheet and are for annual terms, four issues, only. The invoices are sent by email and copied to Dee at the Hayloft for administration.

I have also designed and administered the website for Bayshore Village during our five years in the community. **A new webmaster** is required. This job will require uploading BVA meeting information and bylaw documents to the secure section when necessary. The Newsletter, Classified and Events pages are updated as information becomes available. Infrequent administration of the domain



bayshorevillage.ca web site home page.

name, BayshoreVillage.ca, may also be needed. It's not a time consuming job unless major changes are required, as the website is mainly a brochure for the BVA.

Joanne has volunteered as a yoga instructor, along with Shirley Linton, Wendy Lucas, Lynda Bertrand, and Jane Davies. In addition, she has been the moving force behind the Bayshore Has Talent shows and many pub nights. She was a constant member of the Social Committee, which seems to have these functions well in hand.

When Richard Pearson moved, Joanne took over management of the Biking Group. This involved planning a different route every Thursday during good weather. The picture at left shows our trip to Lagoon City. This is a hugely popular club and will likely have an equally enthusiastic new leader.

Volunteering has been enjoyable for both Joanne and me, integrating us into the community quickly and giving us a sense of belonging. We will miss the jobs and the people we came to know as friends and BVA family. All the best to everyone!

Glen Morehouse

In wishing Glen and Joanne great happiness in their new location, I want to express my deep gratitude to Glen for what he has done for *The Bayshore Banner*. Everything you see that makes the Banner attractive is the product of his know-how, which he gladly shared with me, issue by issue.

I hope to be able to carry on as editor, but I can't do the job of Advertising Manager, which Glen initiated and which Mike O'Halloran is doing for the time being. If you have any skill or history in that field, I urge you to offer your services to the Banner. Without the revenue from the ads, we could not offer this remarkable publication to you at no cost.

Please consider volunteering for the important position of **Advertising Manager** of the Banner. Call Mike at **705 331 4945**.

Noel Cooper



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Ramara Ward 2 Councillor Marg Sharpe

Township of Ramara residents

Ramara Township Strategic Plan:

Adopted March 27th Council meeting

VISION:

To maintain Ramara's country setting while having regard for the natural heritage, cultural heritage, natural resources and rural lifestyle within the Township.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to ensure that the Township of Ramara is well positioned to address existing and emerging challenges and realize strategic opportunities.

Six Strategic Priority Areas are the new tools the Township Council and staff can reference to ensure all decisions enable the Township to be positioned to address challenges.

Plan for Growth and Development

- Deliver Efficient Municipal Services
- Support Economic and Tourism Development
- Protect Significant Natural Heritage Features
- Foster Community Connection and Engagement
- Support a Thriving Agricultural Sector

You may review the full report if you wish BP09-17, Approval of Finalized Strategic Plan, in the March 20th Committee of the whole Agenda



Marg Sharpe
Ramara Ward 2

Canada 150 Celebrations:

This is a special year for Canada as we are celebrating our country's 150th Birthday.

A Committee has been set up by residents in the Township to plan events over a 3 day period including July 1st. for all residents to come out and enjoy. The events will include adults and children events. A Flyer will be circulated with day and time once all events are finalized.

One event that is finalized is a concert in the Brechin Park with TAW Connors, son of Stompin Tom Connors. There is a brochure in our office on Dee's desk and another will be posted on the Notice Board at the Loft. The event will take place July 1st, 7 – 9 in the Brechin Park.

For full details, check out the flyer. Imagine, a concert in our own Brechin Park!

Lots of fun for everyone over the three-day event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Marg Sharpe

Councillor Ward 2, Township of Ramara

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Ramara Township Official Plan:

The Township's first and current Official Plan came into effect on July 31, 2003.

The Township's Official Plan has not undergone any major review, as required by the Planning Act, over the past 14 years because the County of Simcoe Official Plan has been under appeal since 2009. It has since been approved by the OMB on December 29, 2016.

Motion was approved that EcoVue Consulting Services Inc. be accepted as Consultant selection.

The Official Plan review, update and conformity study is intended to occur throughout 2017 and early 2018.

You may review the full report if you wish BP10-17, "Official Plan Request for Proposal," in the Agenda for the March 20th Committee of the Whole.

Moving On: Mary Lamantia



I am moving to Aurora after almost 15 years living in my beloved Bayshore Village. I will really miss all the wonderful friends, especially my sisters in Mu Eta Sorority. My cohorts on our morning walks (often referred to as the walkie-talkies," and all my incredible neighbours. And how could I forget the Cookbook Committee – so much fun. I will miss my view of Barnstable Bay – and my summers swimming and kayaking. However, I am excited to begin the next chapter in my life. Thanks. Mary Lamantia.

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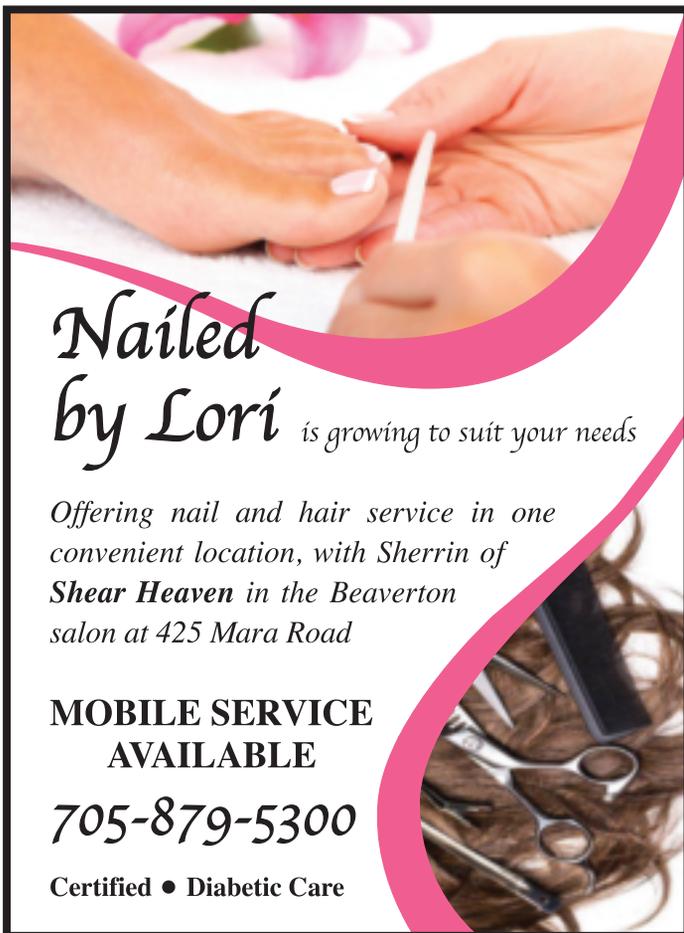

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Creative Arts at Bayshore, Sep 30-Oct. 1

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This year, Bayshore Village will be hosting it's 9th Annual Creative Arts Show and Sale on Sept. 30-Oct.1

Set up is on Friday, Sept. 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Again, this year we are aligned with Culture Days, Orillia, which will give us more exposure and promotion. We are asking participants if they would be able to give a demonstration or a short workshop on their specialty during the show. This is optional.

If you would like to take part in the show, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at 705 484-0221, or at beecoop@cottagecountry.net for further information.



Pottery by Kathy Alden

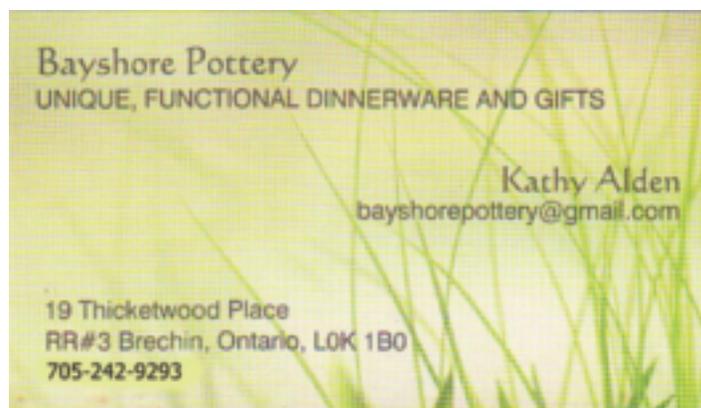
Spaces for exhibition can be whatever size you require, ranging from a card table to an 8' booth. Display boards are available to show your work. We especially welcome new residents. We'd love to see your work.

If you know of anyone residing in the Village who you think should be showing their work, please encourage them to take part.

The show is limited to residents of Bayshore to participate, but we hope to have lots of visitors from outside Bayshore to see the show and purchase some of the beautiful creations by our Villagers. It is a way of promoting a different side of life at Bayshore.

I'm waiting to hear from you!

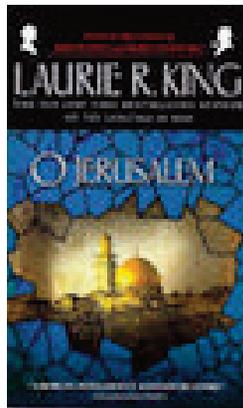
Pat Beecham-Cooper



Book Reviews

During our recent Caribbean holiday, I read a few books on my iPad, borrowed from the Ramara Public Library, whose column is found nearby in this issue of the Banner. [You can return books and borrow new ones online; after you download the books, you can read them off-line.] Here are a couple of authors you might find interesting.

Laurie R. King, O Jerusalem (Bantam Press, 1999)



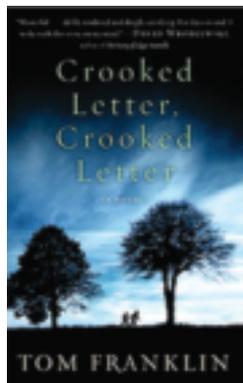
Laurie R. King is an American author of 25 books, many of them "historical novels" – stories set in a specific time, referring to historical events and characters. I've only read a couple of them but I plan to read several more.

The lead character in more than a dozen of King's novels is none other than Sherlock Homes himself. In these stories, Holmes' assistant is no longer Dr. Watson, but a young woman named Mary Russell who begins as his apprentice, and eventually becomes Holmes' wife and partner in adventure.

O Jerusalem, the fifth book in the Holmes-Russell series, is set in 1918-1919, shortly after World War I, as the British Empire under General Allenby is taking control of Palestine after the last days of the Ottoman Empire. [Lawrence of Arabia has a minor role in the story also.] In this suspense-filled tale, Holmes and Russell are trying to thwart a Turkish plot to blow up the British general and many of the leading citizens of Jerusalem. The heroes do their sleuthing in costume (Mary Russell as an Arab youth) and try to catch up with the extremists by slithering through tunnels under the ancient city.

Laurie R. King has other series of mystery/historical novels starring San Francisco police officer Kate Martinelli, and private investigator Harris Stuyvesant.

Tom Franklin Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter (Wm Morrow, 2010)



This strangely-titled mystery novel (explanation of the title comes early in the book) is a serious depiction of life in a small town in Mississippi in the 1970s and 1990s (probably not very different from 2017). The two leading characters are police constable Silas Jones, the son of a poor black single mother, and Larry Ott, a lower-class white weirdo who spends his days sitting alone at his late father's auto repair shop, waiting for business that never comes. Despite their different social status and the opposition of both their families, Silas and Larry were friends as school children. That changed when a high school girl vanished after going out with Larry for the only date he ever had. 25 years later, another young woman goes missing and Silas and Larry have to confront the realities of their past and present.

I found the story fascinating, and appreciated the exploration of the psyche of two small-town characters in the American south.

Noel Cooper

Tennis at Bayshore

With spring just around the corner it is time to plan for this year's tennis. Bayshore has an active tennis group that plays every Tuesday and Friday mornings throughout the spring, summer, and fall. We are ten to fifteen regular members, of all skill levels and we would love to have anyone and everyone at Bayshore join us. Play will begin as soon as the weather allows for putting the nets up. Watch the tennis courts for the start of the season.

If there is anyone, either adults or children, interested in beginner lessons, we would be glad to arrange sessions for you.

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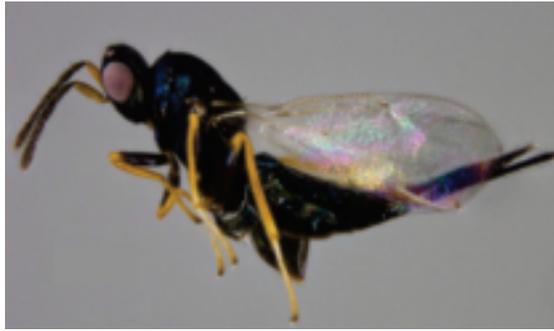
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Battling the Ash Borer

As Bayshore prepares to deal with an expected lethal invasion of the emerald ash borer, which would devastate our treasured ash trees, Natural Resources Canada researchers may have found a new weapon – a type of wasp that feeds on the larvae of the emerald ash borer beetle. The wasps, which are native to China, have no effect on humans or other organisms, according to American research.



According to the article, the female wasp will seek out trees infested with larvae of the emerald ash borer and lay her eggs on the larvae. The wasp's larvae then feast on the emerald ash borer larvae.

“The wasps will eat and kill the larvae and then you get more wasps coming out instead of the emerald ash borer,” Ryall said.

The following information is taken from a March 21 article in the Toronto Star, written by Liam Casey of Canadian Press:

The NRC researchers, based in Sault Ste. Marie, have been importing wasps since 2013 from the United States Forest Service, and have deployed as many as 60,000 wasps in 12 areas in Ontario and Quebec. This year, they are planning to grow their own wasps, and do five or six more sites in the two provinces.

The ash borer reached Montreal in 2011, and spread as far north as Thunder Bay last summer. Lead researcher Krista Ryall says, “We’re finding that 99 per cent of ash trees are killed within five to seven years of emerald ash borer getting into an area.”

The wasps then fly out, breed, lay more eggs and die within a month of taking flight. The cycle repeats a few times during the summer, Ryall said.

“Over time the wasp population builds up, and we hope that they will help kill a fair number of emerald ash borer out there.”

Bayshore has been very aware of this expected onslaught of ash borers. The article offers interesting information to be considered!

The Toronto Star article can be found, if you’re willing to type a lot of letters, at

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/03/21/canadian-researchers-successfully-raise-wasps-that-kill-the-emerald-ash-borer.html>

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This pic is dear to our hearts, and I like to brag a bit every time I look at it. It shows four generations, not exactly rare, but of interest.

It shows Ann McCartney, daughter Jan Everist, granddaughter Michelle MacDonald, and great-granddaughter Eleanor Ann, at 5 ½ months of age. (She had her second birthday on Feb. 20.)

Ken McCartney

Bridge Scores

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

Here are the results of the bridge scores from Dec. 28–Mar. 22:

Highest Score:	Claudette Smith	6300 points
Second Highest:	Lorna Pollard	6000 points
Third Highest:	Fran McVie	5700 points

Honourable mention to Noel Cooper, who had the highest score among the men playing with 5250 points. [*Editor's note:* He's no match for the women!]

If you would like to join us, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at 705 484-0221. The Monday evening group will likely resume in April. Both groups are very friendly and welcoming.

If you would like to learn to play bridge, or brush up on the 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 April. Contact her to make arrangements. Everyone is welcome, no matter how knowledgeable you are.

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Save These Dates!

Stanton-Brown Breakfast

This year's annual meet and greet with our elected representatives is set for April 29 in the Hayloft from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Keep this date aside.

More information will be forthcoming.

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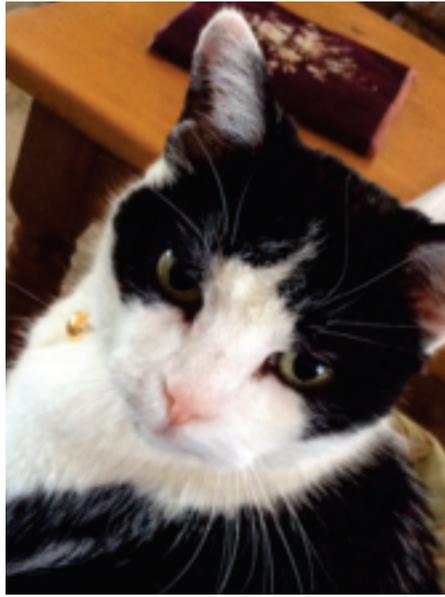
Ramara Speaks Her Mind

Gail has dulled her mind and her senses with computer games. Not much hope for her. Nope. This is exactly why I must pick up the pen, so to speak. I must say, however, when she climbs into the car and begins to drive, she rallies. She actually begins to revive. It enlivens her mind (whatever fraction remaining) to grasp the wheel and project herself down that beckoning trail. She has confided in me that she would like to head the car towards the horizon and continue forever. Thank heavens for Glen and me she heads dutifully toward the grocery store... and returns, laden with the good stuff.

I am obligated to wake her up every morning. I can tell she is thankful. She opens her eyes to the sight of my furry little face. I press my furry little whiskers against her mouth and direct my sweet little kibble breath into her nose.

I tap her nose and cheeks with my furry little paw. Often I reach into her hair, scraping my furry little claws on her scalp. She expects this each and every sunrise, in fact well before dawn. This has become my duty over the years we've been together. She loves this. I can tell. She opens one eye, sighs, then moans, then groans. I have determined these as signs of gratification. Of course after she gets up and feeds me I totally ignore her. I am a cat after all.

Gail's walking friends made a wonderful holiday of a week in New



Orleans. They rented a whole house and had a marvelous time. Thanks to these friends, Gail has a New Orleans parasol. And, I might add, New Orleans beads. They also surprised her with a dubious t-shirt which modesty will prevent her from wearing. What fun!

There have been a few funerals to attend over the last couple of weeks. Frightening. It makes me think of my own demise. It's a new concept to me. Normally we cats don't recognize an end. HmMMM. These ceremonies that Gail attended snapped her into tearing over to her Tottenham lawyer to collect copies of wills. I panicked. But then she assured me she and Glen won't die, at least not in my lifetime. Well. Thank heavens, because I noticed there is no provision in their wills for me. It hurt my feelings.

Honestly, Fellow Bayshorians, I do recognize that this written contribution to the Banner is quite disjointed. My excuse is that it reflects the state of my mind. I am so sick and tired of that white stuff. Next year it's Florida for me. I don't care what Glen and Gail are planning. But enough about winter misery. Let us march joyfully into Spring!

*Yours, Ramara
as told to Gail Carter*



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The Unbelievable Health Benefits of Bromelain

In this article, you are going to learn the many uses and benefits of bromelain, but first, let's talk about where this super enzyme comes from.

Pineapple is a South American native and a cherished part of Hawaiian folk medicine. Used widely as a natural remedy to treat everything from indigestion to allergies, it is brimming over with vitamin C, B1, potassium and manganese.

In addition to these phytonutrients, it appears that the secret to its almost supernatural healing power comes from a protein-digesting enzyme called bromelain. In fact, pineapple is one of the richest sources of bromelain in the world.

Bromelain Health Benefits

In the medical world, this fascinating compound has traditionally been used as a potent anti-inflammatory and anti-swelling agent. Additionally, recent studies have showed us that it stops lung metastasis in its tracks, which suggests that bromelain can be used to treat a wide variety of diseases.

Also, bromelain can also help soothe and relax tense, inflamed muscles and connective tissue. The widespread healing power of this enzyme is truly remarkable!

When you look at the scientific literature, you will find that bromelain has been used to treat a wide range of health problems including:

- ACL tears
- Allergies
- Arthritis and joint pain
- Asthma
- Autoimmune diseases
- Cancer
- Sinus infections
- Sprained ankles/joints
- Tendonitis
- Digestive disorders such as;
 - Inflammatory Bowel Disease
 - Ulcerative Colitis
 - Dyspepsia
 - Colon Cancer
 - Constipation
 - Crohn's Disease
- Faster Recovery from surgery or injury

Bromelain Supplements and Diet

There are 3 primary ways to incorporate bromelain in your natural health regimen:

1. Eating the fiber-rich CORE of a juicy, ripe pineapple is the best way to consume natural sources of bromelain. Keep in mind that the riper the fruit is, the softer the core will be. So, make sure



Steve Goulter

you keep it out on your counter an extra day or two to make sure that you're not gnawing on a tough stem! Note that the flesh of a pineapple is also good for you, but doesn't have the high bromelain content like the core does.

2. Juicing the core of the pineapple or throwing it into a smoothie along with other vegetables like cucumber. Drinking fresh pineapple juice has been shown to be a powerful remedy against inflammatory diseases. It is recommended to drink 4 ounces a day to help prevent digestive issues and up to 8 ounces to treat illnesses like ulcerative colitis, inflammatory bowel disease or constipation.

3. Taking a natural bromelain supplement or proteolytic enzyme supplement with bromelain can also be quite effective if you're targeting some specific inflammatory or chronic disease. If you are trying to improve digestion you will take it with meals but for all other health conditions you will take it on an empty stomach.

Bromelain Dosage and Uses

The most common prescribed dosage for Bromelain is 500 mg daily. However, for various conditions many physicians may recommend:

Arthritis – 400 mg 1-2x daily

Allergies – 1000 mg daily of Bromelain + Quercetin

Cancer – 2000mg+ daily of Bromelain with other proteolytic enzymes

Digestion – 500 mg with meals

Surgery Recovery – 1000 mg 3x daily between meals

Note: Bromelain should be taken on an empty stomach, unless you are taking it to improve digestion.

Bromelain Side Effects

Because it helps prevent blood clots, be especially careful when consuming pineapple or a bromelain supplement if you're taking blood thinners.

Note that this information is NOT intended as medical advice.

Ref: Dr. Josh Axe is on a mission to provide you and your family with the highest quality nutrition tips and healthy recipes in the world... go to this link for his list of "Healing Foods":

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And go to his webpage to sign up to get free access to his eBooks on other topics.

His condensed article was submitted by Steve Goulter for inclusion in the Bayshore "Banner."

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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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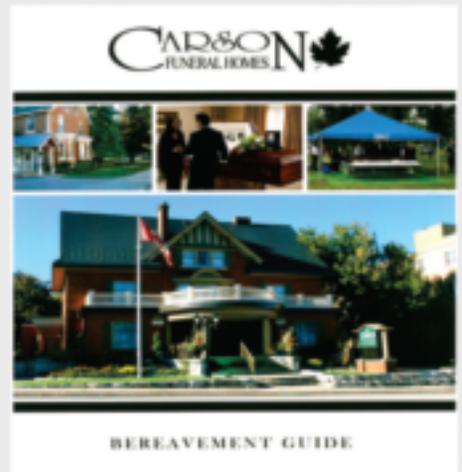


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Meet and Greet Jill Dunlop



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Several villagers came to meet Jill and an enthusiastic discussion occurred about issues facing Ontarians.

Listening to Jill in the photo are Paul Thomas, Laura Malarczuc and Kathy Hutchinson.



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Games 'n' Grub Night, October 15, 2016



The staff of the enjoyable Games 'n' Grub night last October: L to R front row: Wendy Hurst, Kristina Frise, Mary LaMantia, Shirley Linton, Katie Ecklund. L to R back row: Nancy Marzano, Wendy Lucas, Beth Smith, Jill Pignatelli, Cindy Cavers, Marilyn Richardson, Catherine Downie. Inset: Eva Stosch

The Mu Eta Sorority held their first Games n Grub Pub Night fundraiser on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at the Hayloft. By charging \$10.00 per person we were able to raise \$434.00 for our local Stamp out Hunger. We provided delicious pizza from Tops in Pizza, fresh salad and ice cream sandwiches covered with strawberries, whipping cream, drizzled with chocolate sauce. We also sold Share the Wealth tickets which greatly helped increase proceeds. Everyone enjoyed playing a variety of games such as Sequence, Catch Phrase, Rummoli, Left/Right/Centre, Chicken Feet, Bean Bag Toss and card games like Golf and Poker. At the end of the night the Sorority Sisters posed for a photo by our poster, holding the table place cards that described our great games night.

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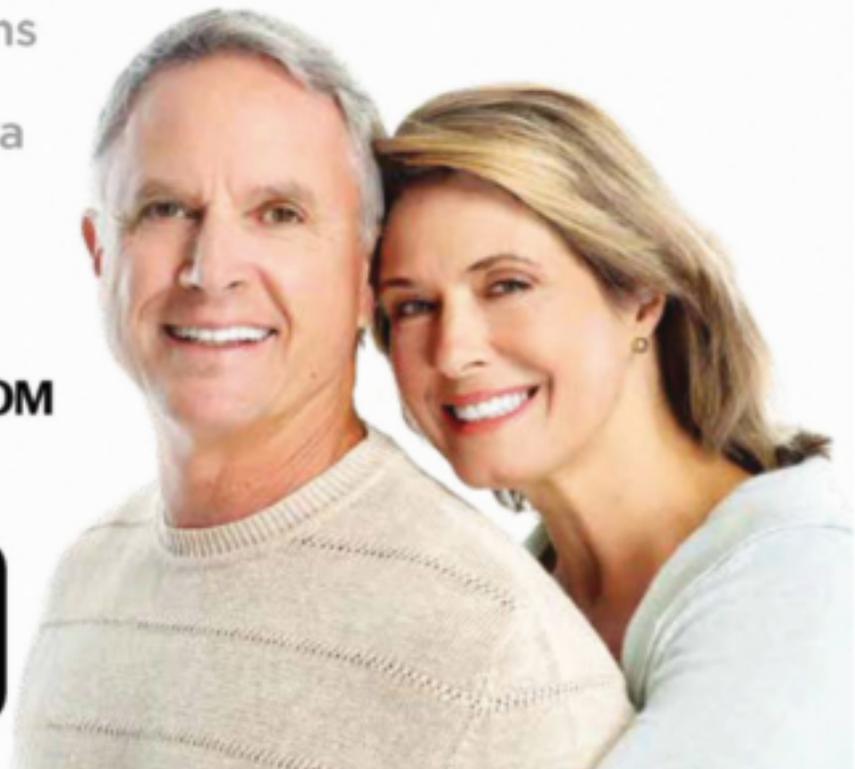


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Travel Tales: Carnival Season in New Orleans



In front of the Bead House in N'Orleans: Bob Bell, Irene Heinz, Lorne McCaig, Kay Beacham, Kathi Kerr, Lynda Bertrand, Marc Bertrand, John Waldon.
Right: a street band plies its trade.



New Orleans' recorded history dates back to the 1600s when the French first claimed it. After the famous Seven Years War, France turned it over to Spain and in 1803, American purchased Louisiana for 80 million francs or a mere \$0.03 an acre. What a deal!

New Orleans is a melting pot for many cultures, including French Canadians from Acadia in the Maritimes. These folks were referred to as 'Cajuns.' The natives of New Orleans are known as 'Creoles,' and their food reflects both of these wonderful cultures.

According to New Orleans folks, Jazz was born here and you don't have to look far to experience fabulous jazz music. Many of the great jazz musicians, such as Fats Domino, Louis Armstrong, Al Hirt, and Harry Connick Jr. are a few of the natives.

We were invited to a post NOLA party when we got home, hosted by Lia deRoeper and Dave Traviss, along with neighbours Cathy Dickinson and Tess Flynn, who had recently visited New Orleans, and relived our trips all over again.

If you like fine food, great music and have a 'joie de vivre,' you may wish to visit New Orleans.

Kathi Kerr

Everyone loves a good story and a trip to New Orleans with great friends is sure to be filled with good stories – some true and some embellished.

It's certainly a trip worth taking, and you may find yourself falling in love with this fabulous city.

Carnival Season in New Orleans begins on January 6th each year and Mardi Gras preparations begin to gear up from then until Fat Tuesday.

In anticipation of Mardi Gras, Bob Bell, Marc and Lynda Bertrand, Kay Beacham, Lorne McCaig, Irene Heinz, John Waldon and Kathi Kerr planned a group trip to the Crescent City.

To get into the spirit, we had a Mardi Gras party at The Lakehouse, here in Bayshore. We dined on New Orleans Creole cuisine including Jambalaya, Seafood Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Cornbread, Hurricanes, and an original delightful dessert that Bob conjured up.

The day we arrived in New Orleans, seven tornadoes touched down. What an introduction! The worst one was rated as an EF2 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, meaning its winds were between 111 mph and 135 mph. It was in the Ninth Ward, the area that was hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Fortunately for us, the French Quarter and Uptown were left unscathed.

Marc had arranged for a Limo to pick us up and our wonderful driver, Desi kindly took us shopping for some necessities – food and drink!

Our accommodations were booked through VRBO and we rented 'The Penny Farthing' home, a lovely home just outside the Garden District.

After booking, we learned that Shirley MacLaine had stayed there while filming the 2014 movie called 'Elsa and Fred'. We discovered that a spirit lives in the house and although I didn't personally meet it, I wondered if perhaps Shirley MacLaine, known for her involvement in spirituality had met the Penny Farthing spirit.

Other Travellers



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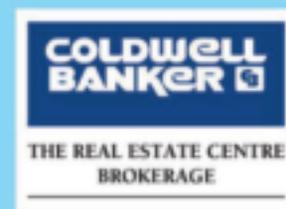
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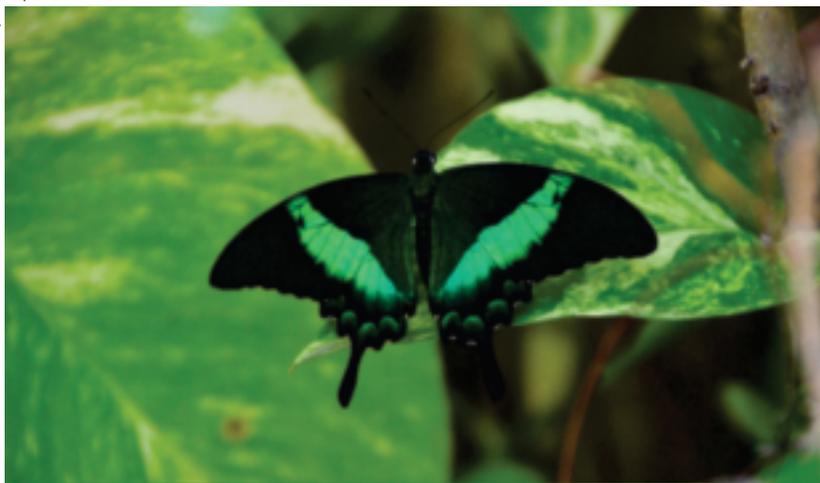
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Travel Tales: Aruba 2017

We spent February 2017 in Aruba, which could be a pleasant destination for adventurous Bayshore snowbirds. Home was a basic, but fairly reasonable condo unit (about US\$90/day) in a small compound in a residential area, about a kilometre east of the major hotel strip; the manager rented us a fully-insured car for US\$850 for the month.

The main industry in Aruba is tourism. Big cruise ships stop for a day there (sometimes 2 or 3 ships at a time), and each one turns 5000 people out into the streets of the capital city, Oranjestad, so the "package tour" business hums on those days. Expensive shops (Armani, Gucci etc., etc.) have built glitzy stores near the pier.

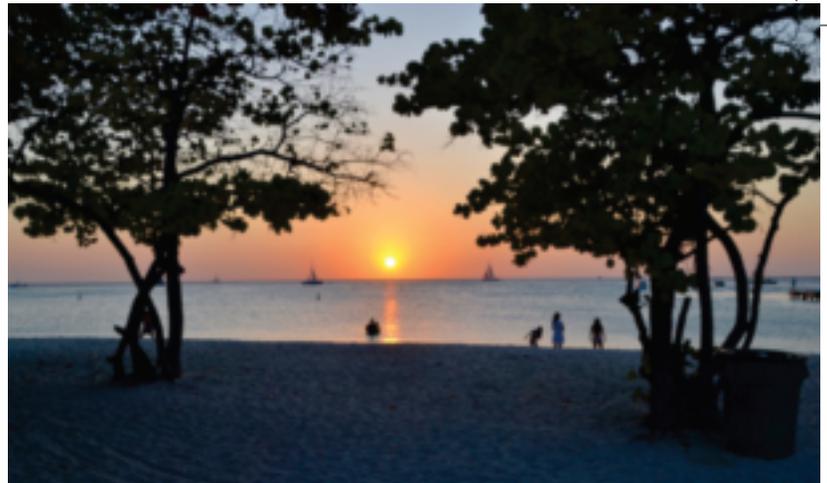
About ten minutes north of the capital are the resort hotels, and they're in a world of their own. They don't know or care if the cruise ships are in town. It's a self-contained fancy American resort area (Marriott, Ritz Carlton, Holiday Inn, Riu Palace). We were in a middle-class residential area with paved streets, nice homes and guest houses (but three times we saw a herd of goats strolling through the area!).

The vast majority of tourists are Americans (and many of them have been coming regularly for 10-14-17 years!). At our little hacienda (only six units), we met people from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago, as well as Argentina and Colombia – and even one Ontario couple, from Morrisburg. Most of them stayed only a week or two.

We took two guided tours while we were there. One was a tourist submarine (46 passengers) that went to a depth of 130 feet, showing us marine life among the coral and the shipwrecks off the coast. The other was an all-day trip in the open back end of a Land Rover (9 passengers), bouncing through the desert on the eastern side of the island, and visiting an ostrich farm (I know, we have one here!), a donkey sanctuary, a cave with 4000-year-old drawings by indigenous Arawak people, and a beach. Both tours were worthwhile.

Our biggest grief was that we didn't find inexpensive local restaurants in Aruba. Even ones away from "the strip" were quite expensive. We should have dined out at lunch to reduce costs, but we didn't. Dinner is more fun!

There were two big, well-stocked grocery stores in our suburb. Gro-



ceries were not terribly expensive – raspberries, for instance, were the same brand that we buy in Orillia. They're shipped from California to both Canada and Aruba, so how much more expensive can it be to ship to Aruba? To our amazement, bags of carrots in the supermarket were imported from Holland Marsh, Ontario, Canada! (Likely that has to do with the Dutch heritage of Aruba and of the farmers near Bradford.) As you know, in the winter, grocery products in Canada and indeed everywhere in the northern hemisphere are primarily imported from warmer climates.

I found the traffic easy in Aruba. Roundabouts (many of them two lanes wide) are much better for keeping traffic moving than six-phase traffic lights (of which they had a few). We rarely saw a police officer, except directing traffic at the Carnaval parade.

Politically Aruba is an "independent country" that's part of The Netherlands. (It might be compared to the British Commonwealth of independent nations; The Netherlands still contributes to the economy of Aruba, but it's a self-governing nation.)

Dutch (and other European) products are on all grocery shelves, and they're cheaper than most American products. One mess-up: we wanted hot-dog relish, and bought a jar with a label in Dutch, only to find later that we owned a jar of chopped spinach. (No laughing, Lia.) There are a number of Dutch stores, and a number of blonde citizens who spoke to each other in Dutch.

The black population is poorer, but it seems that most of them do have jobs, and they all speak excellent English (they learn English, Spanish, and the local language "Papiamentu" in school). I heard no sense of resentment from anyone, but rather a feeling of "I'm working hard and doing better every year."

Aruba is more economically advanced than Costa Rica, which we visited last year. Most roads are paved, and highways are wide. In CR, we had to share the narrow highways with bicycles, pedestrians, and even chickens. Poor people's homes in Aruba (which we saw mostly on the back streets of Oranjestad) look better than the ones in CR. I felt perfectly safe at all times in Aruba, whereas in CR I have

to admit I wondered whether I should walk down some of the dirt roads.

Perhaps this report – and others in recent Banners about villagers' trips to Dubai, Scotland and China – will inspire some Bayshore residents to expand their horizons for winter vacations.

Noel Cooper



Photos: an inmate of the Butterfly Farm; sunset at MoomBa Beach; the courtyard of our condo; year-old ostriches fight for food pellets in pan held by tourists.

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Learn to create your own cards for that special occasion! During the Saturday, April 22nd session at 10:00 am, you will make four cards, covering a range of techniques such as stamping, embossing, peel offs, etc. Materials are provided. Cost for this program is \$15.00

Do you want to travel? You need not look any further! Join us April 25th, May 16th, and June 13th at 6:30 pm to hear travel tales by local residents who have visited the sands in the Middle East to the snow in the Arctic, Thailand, Scotland and so many other beautiful places of the world!

Local author Sara Mody is visiting our branch on May 6th at 10 am to discuss her novel "Wide Awake", describing her inspirational journey fighting through a terrible divorce and battle with breast cancer.

Join us May 20th at 10 am as author Pegi Evers discusses how our connection to our family tree has been lost, genealogy and tracing your roots. Please bring your family tree or any records you may have.

Do you travel with children or grandchildren? Save the date for our car seat clinic on Friday June 2nd at 10:30 am. Carolyn from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will be leading our session.

We have lots of other children's programming available. Drop in or check it out online!

There are lots of opportunities to socialize this season at your library! The Quilting Club meets Tuesdays from 10-12 pm, Fibre Friends (bring your craft projects or learn something new) meets Wednesdays from 10-12 pm, and the Ramara Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm.

To register for any of these programs, please call us at the above numbers or register on our website. Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter (including new fiction and movies)! Memberships are free and allow access to materials and computers in both branches, as well as eBooks! As always, your library card is available for use at BOTH our Brechin and Atherley branches and is your passport to FREE education, information and recreation!

Rebecca Taylor

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The Banner was asked by a member to include information about the Brechin Legion in our Newsletter. Currently, the Legion sends a weekly roundup of events in a very wide radius, including Orillia, Beaverton and Cannington as well as Brechin.

If you wish to receive the Legion's newsletter, please contact brechinlegion@live.com Here are a few Legion events for your consideration:

Legion Lunches - Thursdays & Fridays

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11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Guest speakers are being planned for Friday afternoons following the lunch at 1:30 p.m.

A schedule will be available, once speakers have been arranged.

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Milestones: In Memoriam

Ottile Elizabeth Oswald

1929-2017

136 Bayshore Drive



Ottile [Hoffman] was born on March 10, 1929 in northern Germany. Her parents owned a farm and she spent many happy hours helping her father, Otto, with the chores – she was a real tomboy!

After the war, Otti moved to Canada where she met her future husband, Alfred, at the local German Club in Toronto. The two were soon married and had two sons, Harold and Roy. With a partner, they started their own tool and die business in 1973, “Armada Tool Works.” For 15 years, Fred ran the shop, and Otti ran the office. They worked hard to grow the business, and on weekends looked forward to getting away to their cottage on Glenrest Drive. It was on one of their many trips paddling their canoe along the lake, that they passed by a beautiful old farmhouse up for sale. Otti immediately told Fred that this was the house she wanted, and they bought it that very week. So, in 1981, they moved down the road to picturesque Bayshore Village.

Otti enjoyed many happy years in Bayshore, playing cards and golf, rarely missing “Tea & Chat.” Although they spent each winter in Florida, she couldn’t wait for the snow to start to melt up north so she could get back to all her friends and the Bayshore lifestyle.

She was struck down with a stroke in May of 2014, but was able to come back home with Fred’s loving care. She was unable to rally after a recent bout of pneumonia, and we lost Otti on March 5, 2017, just days before her 88th birthday.

She will be sorely missed.

Starr Oswald

Anna Lois Arnold (née Myland)

April 24, 1924 - January 20, 2017

Mother of Sandra Cherry



Mom and Dad were both born in Tehkummah township, on Manitoulin Island and spent the first years of their lives there. They set out to start a new life together, travelling by train to Toronto in 1942 with \$100 in their pockets, a suitcase and a lunch pail. They were married there with only a few friends in

attendance. Over the next 20 years, they had six children, five girls and one boy. After a few moves, they settled in the Beaches, where we were all raised.

We often laughed when she told the story of “feeding half the young people from Manitoulin” when many visitors found their way to their dinner table while travelling to Toronto in the early 40s to find work. They were poor but always managed to make someone welcome for a Sunday meal. This type of welcome and hospitality extended into all our lives. When we were growing up, our friends were always welcome to join us for meals. Mom would say “what’s one more mouth to feed with a gang like ours?” They subsidized their income by providing room and board in their own home to help feed the growing family.

They did very well considering their humble beginnings. Mom and Dad moved back to their beloved Manitoulin Island after retirement. They managed to do a lot of travelling during their retirement years and owned a place in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they spent many happy winters.

There are many words that come to mind when I think of my mother. She was a strong, courageous woman who met life’s challenges with determination and wisdom. She had a sharp wit with a caring and socially outgoing personality. A true historian of family history she would keep you entertained with many a story about family and friends on the Island. She was a world traveller, expert camper, tour guide, financial manager, baker extraordinaire, avid baseball fan, a wonderful dance partner for our father, lover of games, generous, welcoming, hardworking, a savvy decision maker and intuitive when it came to helping her family.

Mom welcomed 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren over the years. She and Dad would have been married 74 years in April. She was sharp as a tack right up to the end. She will be missed by all her family and many friends, forever.

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Milestones: In Memoriam

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1927-2017

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Passed away at Spencer House Orillia on Sunday January 15th, 2017 in her 90th year. Much loved wife of Pat Keefe of 67 years. Loving mother of David of Richmond Hill, and Michael and his wife Jean of Bayshore Village.

Memorial: Corinne Bell

It has now been five years, and for those of you who never had the opportunity to meet Corinne, I believe the following best describes her:

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Corinne Bell

Loved and missed by friends, family, and husband Bob.

Perfect truth, perfect honesty, perfect candour, were qualities of her character which were born with her. Her judgments of people and things were sure and accurate. Her intuitions almost never deceived her. In her judgments of the characters and acts of both friends and strangers, there was always room for charity, and charity never failed.

I have compared and contrasted her with hundreds of persons, and my conviction remains that hers was the most perfect character I have ever met. And I may add that she was the most winningly dignified person I have ever known. Her character and disposition were of the sort that not only invite worship but command it. She was always cheerful, and she was always able to communicate her cheerfulness to others. She was always able to reason me out of my despairs and find a bright side to the clouds and make me see it.

She had taught her children, and they drew their fortitude from her. The love which she bestowed upon those whom she loved took the form of worship, and in that form it was returned -- returned by family, relatives and friends. She poured out her prodigal affection in kisses and caresses, and in a vocabulary of endearments whose profusion was always an astonishment to me. I was born reserved as to endearments of speech and caresses, and hers broke upon me as the summer waves break upon the water.”

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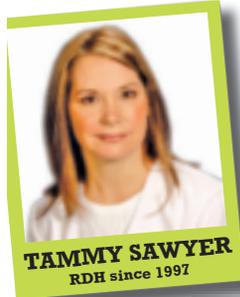
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