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The Banner and the BVA members are very grateful to everyone who contributed articles to this issue.

The next issue will be published in January 2020.

John Waldon will be the editor for future issues of the Bayshore Banner. I've enjoyed the challenge for more than 10 years now, and it's time to plan for future development. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this remarkable news-magazine, and especially to Glen Morehouse, who transformed it. I'm hoping to continue to support John as long as he'll let me.

Noel Cooper

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## President, Bayshore Village Association



Rick Matthews  
President, BVA

We have finished the busy Town Hall and Annual General Meetings that went smoothly. Minutes of the Annual General meeting are available on line.

I would like to introduce the new Board and, as at the AGM, take the time to reflect on the previous Board's accomplishments and the departing Directors.

I am entering my second year as President of Bayshore and will continue to manage redevelopment of the spray field. The following Board members were acclaimed to their positions as there were no competing candidates and therefore no election for those positions: Doug Davies is our new Vice President and will be focusing on Bayshore's internet issues; Jeff Zammit is our Director of Finance; Steve Goulter is the Director of Common Lands; Kevin Fox is our new Director of Harbours and Storage; and Deb Rautins, with membership approval, was acclaimed to the position of Social Director. The following individuals are in the second year of their terms: Kathi Kerr is our Corporate Secretary; Keith Meadows is our Director of Common Waters; and as per an earlier announcement, Dave Traviss was appointed by the Board to finish the late Craig Child's term as Director of Architecture.

I wish to thank our departing Directors for being part of the BVA management team in a period where significant improvement and change has been implemented. The collective wisdom of the Board has resulted in many organizational upgrades as well as managing difficult and complex projects and issues. Some of these have been contentious and polarizing, but the impact of the Board's decisions within their tenure have been positive on the amenities and programs of Bayshore. At first glance, some problems seemed insurmountable, but with their leadership and determination, plus our volunteer base, most, if not all of the major issues have been successfully addressed. The Directors over the last few years have shouldered the burden of developing, implementing and maintaining these many changes and improvements. The heavy lifting has been completed. I have enjoyed working with the Board, and I am continually amazed at the wide range of skills and capabilities they have brought to their roles.

I believe successive Boards will be more status quo on operations vs the change of the last few years, with a more reasonable work load moving forward. They can thank the most recent Board for securing a better foundation for Bayshore to grow and adjust to the future needs of the membership and the community.

I will place my complete AGM presentation regarding the individual accomplishments of the outgoing Directors online, rather than trying to condense their efforts within a Banner article.

Please join me in thanking Astrid Bruce, Dawn Kelly, Andy Rodrigues, and Ted Spain for all their efforts over the last few years. They have been very dedicated to our community and really have left their mark on many aspects of Bayshore.

*Rick Matthews, President  
Bayshore Village Association*



Astrid Bruce Andy Rodrigues



Dawn Kelly Ted Spain

## Director, Common Waters



Keith Meadows  
Common Waters

Because of very strict laws enforced by the Ministry of Natural Resources, beavers are protected and must be trapped by a licensed trapper. Because of those laws, beavers cannot be relocated as they are very territorial and would surely fall victim to resident beavers.

So the only choice would be lethal... not in my plan!!!

Also, if you remove one beaver, another will move in to take its place, and so we start all over again, and again and again.

Wildlife Management Group flew a drone over the forested area to the north of Deer Pond and located 60+ beaver lodges. In that area that covers many acres, the beavers have everything they need to proliferate: water, food and lack of predation.

So why do they come here? Again abundance of food, water and low predation. Beavers, as mentioned before, are very territorial so when the babies grow to adult status they have to leave and go elsewhere.

Now the migration starts. As shown in the drone pictures, there are beaver migration trails leading from the forested area to Deer pond. After a quick swim and minor land travel, they find our ponds.

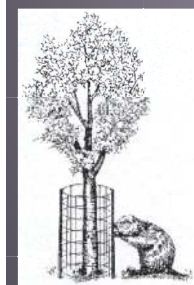
Beavers do provide many benefits to the environment.

They maintain wetlands which are vital to human existence, as are the rainforests. In doing so:

- \* Wetlands absorb flood waters from upstream.
- \* Wetlands prevent erosion and raise water tables.
- \* Wetlands create ecosystems that break down toxins and pesticides, thus naturally purifying water.

In saying that, the fact is that we have and will always have beavers in Bayshore and that "we" must find solutions to control beaver unbalance in our ponds.

Suggestions would be habitat modifications such as a) remove or protect the food source or b) exclusion methods to culvert and pond access.



Our main focus in Bayshore should be to remove the food source by protecting the trees. There are simple methods of doing this. The best way is to wrap either chicken or basket wire roughly 2-3 feet up from the base of the tree trunk. In some areas such as nurseries, plastic tubing such as 3 ft, 12 inch diameter PVC tubing is placed around the young tree and the tree grows into the tube. Another method is to use exterior paint mixed with sand or any other gritty substance the beavers do not like.

In conclusion, it is my recommendation that we protect our trees by using any of the above methods.

If need be, for those who cannot do this due to physical restrictions, we will find volunteers or neighbours to assist in the protection of our trees. Please contact me if you need such assistance.

*Yours in service,  
Keith Meadows  
Director, Common Waters.*



## Introducing Our New Directors

### Social Director

Hello! My name is Debbie Rautins and I am the new Director of Social Activities for the BVA.

For those not in attendance at the AGM on Sunday, September 29, I was appointed to this position, as there remained a vacancy after recruitments were attempted. BVA bylaws stipulate that only one member per household can be a board member (8.01a), and therefore a vote was required to allow me to become a board member. Please see the minutes of that AGM if interested.

Keith and I moved here from Oshawa in 2016 after retiring. We immediately became involved in the many activities and have attended nearly every social event available.

I had some physical limitations to overcome the first few years which limited my involvement but am happy to report that the miracle of two hip replacements resulted in the "I'm back" feeling of health and energy. So here I am, bicycling, golfing and prepared to head up the terrific group of people on the social committee. It will be a challenge to maintain high expectations after the wonderful work of all previous directors! I am also grateful that Dawn Kelly will remain on the committee to lend me her invaluable experience and advice.

Here's the me I want you to know about:

I must be a little bit crazy...taking on things no one else wants, adopting a very demanding but beautiful cat when "freedom to travel" became a reality (not anymore!), dancing solo on the golf course, finding reward in cleaning 30 cat litter pans and scooping the poop twice a week (I volunteer at the cat shelter).

I listen and am open to all suggestions for new or renewed social events. I am especially aware that Bayshore residents want more in the long winter period that is almost upon us. So please, talk to me or any committee member about your ideas. Send me an email: [dc0126825@hotmail.com](mailto:dc0126825@hotmail.com). I have many ideas but want to hear what you want!

I consider my most important qualities to be my caring and compassionate nature. I love helping others. I am fierce and passionate, respectfully, when the need for advocacy is required.

My focus, as has been the focus of all previous directors and committee members, is to provide opportunities for Bayshore residents to come together as a community to have fun. It is also to provide activities where people can meet new people and connect with others. This is what ultimately makes Bayshore great! Of course, your participation in the events is vital to maintaining all of this!

Now for the part that I have been asked to provide but hate doing...my qualifications. You can stop reading here if you want!

My career consisted of being a Registered Nurse. I then taught nursing at Durham college. I was involved in local 354 OPSEU Durham College, which has represented teachers, counsellors and librarians for over 20 years. My roles were secretary-treasurer, VP, and President. I was elected to provincial committees representing the colleges and was on both local and regional labour councils. I was the women's representative on the LTAB, the local training and adjustment board. I was appointed to the Lakeridge Health-Oshawa board of directors. I was President of the Catholic Women's League at St. Gregory's church in Oshawa. Going way way back, I was president of my high school glee club. (Somehow, Keith convinced me to put that in for relevance to this position!)

I am looking forward to working with the BVA Board of Directors in providing my assistance wherever and whenever needed. I am grateful to the social committee for their support in my new role. I especially look forward to meeting new people and seeing you enjoy the social events that we will be planning!



Debbie Rautins  
Social Director

Debbie Rautins

### Director of Harbours and Storage



Kevin Fox,  
Director of Harbours and Storage

Kevin Fox is a contractor who lives locally here in Bayshore Village.

Kevin started his company Foxcon Contracting Inc. with his son Dan and brother Doug a couple of years ago; the company specializes in rock and armour stone custom hardscape installations along with over 30 years experience in ceramic tile installation and renovations (see ad, p. 31).

In addition to Foxcon, Kevin also runs a heavy construction equipment business known as DeWitt Equipment Re-marketing that was formed in 2011, specializing in selling of good condition, low-hour equipment. Prior to starting DeWitt Equipment, Kevin was the branch manager of Toromont Cat in Orillia and Peterborough, overseeing the complete operations of two branches and 67 employees.

Kevin's work career in the equipment business started in 1982 when he joined Case Power and Equipment as a demonstrator/territory manager where he operated and demonstrated machines on various customer work sites. While in conjunction with Case Power, Kevin was also partner in a family business known as Superior Irrigation Ltd. which specialized in golf course and sport field irrigation systems.

Kevin most recently ended his second term as President on the board of the Independent Equipment Dealers Association (IEDA). Prior to becoming President, Kevin served as a director and also Vice President.

On a more personal level, Kevin and his wife Lisa have a passion for boating. They keep their main vessel named "Turn the Page" on Georgian Bay and can be found most weekends in boating season at one of the various anchorages on the bay.

Kevin is a big Bob Seger fan; hence our boat's name is taken from the famous Bob Seger song of the same name. We have two other boats that have also followed the Seger brand, our dinghy named "Night Moves," and our pontoon that we keep in Harbour 99 named "Ship of Fools."

Kevin has always had a passion for boats as he has owned several over the years, along with also performing restorations on a few of them, the biggest restoration being a 56' Shepherd known as Dolphin VII (all wood) that had spent several seasons locally at Star Port.

Kevin is looking forward to contributing in any way he can to support Bayshore Village and its members.

Kevin Fox

### Director of Architecture



Dave Travis  
Director, Architecture

My wife, Lia deRoeper, and I moved to Bayshore Village in 2010. I have been delivering new home building materials to our community since 2002. One day in the early spring of 2010, I took Lia for a ride through Bayshore on our motorcycle. That was it. By the end of that year we moved in to 14 Southview Dr., and couldn't be happier that we made the move. I have been in the retail side of the building industry all my career. I started out in Aurora while living in the rurals of Newmarket. Further along in my career, and after a few moves, I joined Beaver Lumber Newmarket in 1989 and then became part of Home Hardware team in 2000 when Home Hardware purchased the Beaver Lumber Co. Having joined the Orillia Home Hardware Building Centre team 14 years ago, I still enjoy helping customers design and build their dreams. I'm looking forward to joining the Architectural team and assisting them to keep Bayshore beautiful and to keep the high standards Craig Child set.

Dave Travis



## Corporate Secretary

Looking back over the past year, we can be proud of the many Bayshore initiatives that were accomplished. I am taking this opportunity to highlight the commitment and efforts of your Board of Directors over the past year. Here's a brief summary:

Thanks to our President, Rick Matthews, the BVA Board implemented registered letters that are circulated to all real estate agents to protect our interests in properties that are being purchased and sold within Bayshore. A Real Estate Agent Luncheon was held in April to welcome agents and provide information on how our Bayshore structure works.

Thanks to Astrid Bruce, our Vice President and the BVA Bylaw Review Committee, a thorough Bylaw review was conducted. This resulted in tidying up the existing Bylaws by simplifying and clarifying the language. These were ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 29, 2019.

As you are aware, we experienced challenges over the past year with residential homes being used as Short Term Rental (STR) commercial ventures. Fortunately, we had support and assistance from Ramara Township, which resulted in several positive steps being taken to control and regulate STR's.

In February of this year, the Short Term Rentals Interim Control Bylaw (2019.11) was voted on and passed by Ramara Council, thus preventing any new STR's taking hold, while more permanent solutions are being developed.

A new Noise Bylaw (2019.36) for Bayshore and Fireworks Bylaw (2019.40) have enabled the OPP to respond to noise complaints swiftly and effectively.

The OPP can be reached at 1-888-310-1122.

The next step in the STR challenge is to create licensing regulations with hefty penalties for non-compliance. Council urges residents to complete and submit a Bylaw Enforcement Complaint Form that can be accessed on the Ramara Township Website for Bylaw infractions. These forms are private and kept confidential to protect all parties.

The Hayloft office was overhauled from an organizational standpoint. New equipment and security measures were added to enhance operations and the Directors have all been orientated to the office by our administrative staff.

Each Director Role description and Committee Terms of Reference were reviewed or developed and changes were made as required.

The Board Meeting Minutes continue to be transcribed in real time and read back to the Board during the meeting for accuracy. There is always room for continued improvement and we will strive to accomplish this.

Jeff Zammit, our Director of Finance and Administration implemented Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to simplify member payments and other financial requirements. Together with Tara Gibson and Cathy Sheldon, the entire accounting practices have been upgraded with a comprehensive Quick Books program.

We are pleased to report that we have been organizing the office for maximum productivity. Tara's accounting experience and assistance from Cathy Sheldon have resulted in increased efficiency and accuracy.

The Hayloft received improvements over the past year, thanks to Director Ted Spain.

An economical furnace motor replacement, pool shower installation, repair and resurface of the Tennis and Pickle-Ball courts, and new pool



Kathi Kerr  
Corporate Secretary

signs and pool heater were some of the improvements accomplished under the planning, expertise and implementation by Ted and his committee.

An updated video surveillance was recently installed by Ted and extra cameras have been added to improve security. Thanks Ted for all of your efforts and dedication.

Our Social Director, Dawn Kelly, and her volunteer committee continued to entertain members throughout the year with numerous successful social events. One of the main attractions to these fun social events is the effort that the Social Committee puts into creating new and different themes and experiences for us. This year's theme for Spring Fling: Hawaiian Luau.

Each month, the Social Committee worked hard to provide Happy Hour social gatherings. This is such a wonderful way to visit with neighbours, while enjoying a leisurely drink and snack.

Dawn and the Canada Day Committee also coordinated many activities on Canada Day, making Canada's 152nd birthday one to remember. Again, the many volunteers helped to make sure that everyone had an opportunity to celebrate Canada's birthday.

Andy Rodrigues, Director of Harbours and Storage implemented a comprehensive Harbour Slip Lease Agreement and new Harbour computerized database to organize and track all boats in the Harbours. Together with the Harbour Masters and their committee, they seamlessly organized the Harbours and managed to find room for all of us. Together with Bill Pike and many dedicated volunteers, Harbour 33 was rebuilt. The new floating docks are an amazing improvement and demonstrated the power of vision and determination.

Under the skillful hands of Gunther Gratzner, the Storage Yard capacity was increased and unregistered items were identified and managed. Remember folks, unidentified, unregistered items may be impounded offsite at your own expense.

Steve Goulter, Director of Common Lands, has made deputations to Ramara Council regarding drainage, ditching and speeding issues within our village. Councillor Joe Gough is actively addressing many of our concerns at the Township level. We successfully negotiated a 3rd stop sign at Bayshore and Bayshore and the OPP are monitoring our Community Safety Zone more regularly to ticket speeders.

Thanks to Steve for joining the Policing Committee. This positive relationship has made a difference to our safety concerns and requests. Steve and Eugene Storozinski have worked together to inventory Ash Trees in Bayshore. Together, they held two Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) education sessions at the Hayloft to teach Members how to treat their own Ash trees at a fraction of what it would cost commercially. Steve and Eugene are providing ongoing guidance and support to Members. Again, with the help of volunteers, this challenge is being addressed.

Keith Meadows, Director of Common Waters has taken over the Goose Management program and the small numbers of geese in the village are much more manageable as we are now in our 3rd year of this tremendously successful program. Barrie and Orillia have begun contracts with the Wildlife Management Team (probably because they realize the value of this program).

Thanks to Keith and his Common Waters Committee who are gradually replacing aerators in the ponds with bubblers, as an effective economical alternative in pond management.

We were saddened to lose our beloved Director of Architecture and

## The Accomplishments of the Board of Directors in the years 2018-2019



## Director, Common Lands

**EAB:** The treatment of our ash trees was a top priority this Summer. In summary, all trees on Common Lands (golf course, all parks, road allowances, and harbours) were treated first. Then, of those on private properties, about half have been completed. There are about 1/3 of private properties with no ash trees and we have yet to conduct the tree inventory on another 1/3. The remainder of the year will be spent on completing the inventory. The time of year prevents any more trees being treated this year. The program will commence again in the Spring of 2020. Those properties that did not get treated will be top priority in the Spring.



Steve Goulter  
Common Lands

An approximate summary of revenue generated in 2019 from treatment of ash trees on private properties in Bayshore is as follows: about 80 properties treated, invoices went out mid Aug/19, largest invoice \$650, 5 over \$400, 18 under \$50, for a total of over \$11,000 (or about \$30 per tree average)! Everyone was delighted that the treatment was so inexpensive and easy to do.

*Note that this money will be kept separate in the financial statements and will be reserved for the purpose of planting trees in Bayshore under the Arbor Day Program (which will be launched this Fall).* This is over and above the \$4000 in my budget for EAB purposes (spent to date about \$3700). **A special thank you to Eugene Storozinski and the volunteers** who conducted this huge task.

Note that EAB is present in our Village. One infested tree has been removed and taken to the recycle depot. There are several others on Fernwood that are infested and need to be removed ASAP to prevent spreading to adjacent trees. It is therefore important that everyone who has not had their ash trees treated, should take action in the Spring of 2020, assuming that you would like to save your trees instead of paying to have them taken down later at a much greater expense. We are beginning to work with residents on the south side of Southview as several trees in this area are infested and are acting as host trees, making our task here in Bayshore harder.

## Corporate Secretary (cont'd)

friend, Craig Child. In the short time that Craig was Director of Architecture, he managed plans for new home builds and home renovations with his Committee. Craig's greatest contribution was his plan to standardize reflective address signs for all homes throughout Bayshore. At the General Meeting in May, Craig invited an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider, who stressed the importance of standardized placement of address signs that could be read at night. The Membership were keen to vote on this important safety initiative. Unfortunately Craig didn't see his dream realized. However, the great volunteers of Bayshore made certain that Craig's dream became a reality. Thanks to Bill Pike and his chosen volunteers (see article, p. 38).

We can all appreciate the vision, planning and effort that your Board of Directors have put into this year. Please consider how you can contribute your talents to our unique village. Become an active volunteer and make a difference or you may volunteer financially if time for your physical presence does not allow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathi Kerr  
Corporate Secretary

**Speeding/Stop Sign:** There has been a very noticeable OPP presence in Bayshore lately, with reports of several tickets being issued for speeding and running through stop signs. It seems the police finally realize that our village, with its "Community Zone" status, is a lucrative source of revenue, as all fines are *doubled*!

We encourage everyone to go onto the web and enter an "OPP.ca" report if you witness a vehicle speeding or running through a stop sign. We will continue to work this issue. Please help to do your part in calming traffic by slowing down. Also, please tell your visitors, friends and work parties/contractors

to respect our traffic laws.

**Hayloft Areas:** The potholes in the parking lot have been repaired. Estimates for painting of the lines are in work. A contractor has completed trimming the hedges.

**Golf Course:** Special sand has been delivered to a dedicated bunker behind the pump house for use on the greens. The aesthetics of this area is being worked on. Four cedar shrubs have been donated by Jim Shulz and planted along the West side, and the sand will be lowered to be enclosed by the bunker.

**Harbour 33 Parking Lot and Surrounding Areas:** We are awaiting our contractor to progress this area. The plan is to re-sod the green areas on each side, and place one picnic table on each side. We have patio stones in 33 to place under the picnic tables. The plan for the parking lot is to get rid of some of the grass and widen the parking lot by adding gravel. We are looking at how to add flower beds, shrubs, etc., along the northern edge of the parking lot. Extending the driveway culvert is the other area that will be addressed when the contractor becomes available.

**Drainage/Ditches:** A deputation to Township Council was made on June 24 which identified several critical areas that require attention. Council stated that they would look closely at the recommendations and will be getting back to us in the near future with a plan as to how they will address our issues. We believe that the new CAO will play a major part in seeing that the Township "does the right thing".

**Signage:** The Park Lane Park sign has been replaced as it was damaged over the past winter. Similar signs will be installed to indicate the names of our ponds. Signage will also be placed at strategic walkways to ensure these easements are known to our membership.

**Walkways:** In an effort to provide more places for pedestrians to walk, instead of on the roadways, several unknown easements will be worked on this Fall, to ensure that our residents know of their existence.

**Lamp Posts and Street Numbers:** This topic will be tackled by installing new large (4 inch) fluorescent signage on each lamp post. The method outlined in the Bylaws of using 3-inch adhesive backed numbers on the lamp has been frustrating because these numbers fall off faster than we can replace them! The new method is expected to be completed this Fall. This task has been transferred to the Architectural Director. Thanks to my 12 volunteers who participated in this initiative in the past.

**Eco Park:** Overgrowth of vegetation has been trimmed back along the pathways. Note that we have not had beavers lately, although they could return at any time. The ash trees in Eco Park will not be treated for protection from the EAB (there are just too many!). I am looking for volunteers to help maintain Eco Park. If you would like to get involved in some light duty activities, please contact me at 705 826 8826.

Steve Goulter  
Director, Common Lands



## Newcomers Reception September 8, 2019

The Bayshore Village Association members welcomed this year's Newcomers at our Annual reception held at the Hayloft, on Sunday, September 8th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. It was a wonderful event that gave our community members an opportunity to get to know our new members and welcome them to our Bayshore Community.

Thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers that helped to organize this annual event.

- Welcome Committee: Marilyn Goulter, Catherine Hermans, Sally McPherson and Kathi Kerr
- Jim Fielding, who created and printed the tickets and posters
- Bartenders: Herb Hermans and Dave Meharg, who kept the wine flowing and the guests happy.
- Rick Matthews, our President, who began by welcoming the Members and guests.
- And a very special thanks to Keith Meadows, our talented MC who introduced each Newcomer and entertained everyone.

Thank you to all participating volunteers, who go above and beyond helping with preparations and cleanup.

*Kathi Kerr, Corporate Secretary*



Marlene Heltcher



Heather and Dave Horbay



Janice and Joe LaTorre



Judy and Steve Flinn



Repeat newcomers Kathy and John Alden, with Marlene Heltcher



Steve Lee and Alice Au



Jeff and Mary Nolan



Robert Lamb and Janet Porter



Sarah and Claude Israel



Anne and Paul Graham



Frank and Jelica Simokovic



Ken Losell and Diane Sofarelli



## Happy Hour, September 27



Photos on both pages by John Waldon



## Newcomers continued



George and Marilyn Evelyn



Kathy and John Alden

Alice Au and  
Keith Meadows  
cut the  
ceremonial  
cake



## Swimming Pool Team and Stats



Front row from left to right: Debbie Rautins, Terri Papa, Artena Hutchison, Diane Stoner, Kate White, Randy Hutchison  
Back row left to right: Herb Hermans, Rhonda Wallace, Paul Stoner, Andy Rodrigues, Franchi Torchia, Joseph Torchia, Ted Spain

The big change for the pool this summer was the replacement of the pool heater. Thanks to Ted Spain for making this happen. Once installed, it worked flawlessly for the entire pool season.

Also new this year was the shower enclosure. Thanks, Andy, for hauling this back from Florida.

Thanks to the dedicated pool crew. They kept the pool water looking good even through the challenging hot weather period. In the Spring, volunteers helped with getting the pool ready by pulling weeds and sweeping the deck. Thanks to the group that helped with this big job. Marg and Murray Bisset power washed all the pool furniture prior to the pool opening.

The pool sign-in binder showed the amazing amount the pool was used. Here are a few of the statistics that I gleaned from it. In total, there were 3073 sign-ins over the 78 days that the pool was open. The most popular days of useage were the Canada Day weekend with 268 people using the pool over three days. The second most popular was the Civic Holiday weekend with 242 bathers over three days.

Other statistics of interest were the user sign-in times. The hours between 1 pm and 3 pm were the most popular with 36.2% of all bathers swimming during this time period. The period from 10 am to noon was the second most popular with 21.4% using this time slot. This shows the popularity of the AquaFit program. Third most popular time slot was 4 pm to 6 pm at 14.6%. The adults-only swim fits in here. The lunch and supper hours had the lowest percentage of use.

The average length of pool stay was 1.25 hours.

During the course of the summer, there were 124 cubic meters (124,000 liters) of water used. This was water used to replace water used in filter backwashes and water lost through evaporation.

Hope to see all you bathers in the 2020 season.

*Submitted by Randy Hutchison*

## Introducing John Pinsent, Ramara CAO

It has been a busy few months as I moved my family from New Brunswick to Ontario, and more specifically to Lake Country. In those few months I have been busy learning about Ramara Township and the somewhat unique surrounding where people can live in relative peace and tranquility on the waterfront yet be an easy commute into the 7th largest city in North America. That geographical positioning has benefits as well as its own challenges.

This Township has some great assets, one of which is the community of Bayshore Village. I have been out to visit a couple of times, both informally on a tour of the infrastructure, as well as on Canada Day. Residents display a great deal of pride in their community; it is very evident in how you speak about the community and the way you act at community events. Another of the assets we have in this community is the staff which I depend on to help me manage the affairs of this community. There is a good mix of old and new (I will let you determine where I fit in this range) and I can attest to the fact that they are all motivated to help. They help me help you.

I would take this opportunity (and any others afforded to me) to speak to how I manage. I allow (and actually encourage) staff to make decisions. I speak to them on a regular basis and I try to instill within them a sense of service, a sense of public service; that is why we are all here. I also encourage public participation. If there is an issue that needs my attention I will deal with it, I will speak to residents and I will make myself available when required to deal with issues as they arise. That doesn't mean that I can give people the answer they are looking for,



but I will always explain why a decision is being made, whether it is popular or not.

Now for the future. This Township has some long term issues to deal with. As an experienced strategic planner, I am always looking towards the future challenges... and of course the future opportunities; and there many, of both. We will start this process this year with Budget 2020 as we start lifting our view past 2020 into the next couple of years to see how we deal with everything from transportation issues, water and waste water infrastructure, Short Term Rentals and improved compliance mechanisms, to better communications platforms (including broadband internet services) to help residents provide input on issues that matter. There's lots to keep us busy.

I am committed, with my staff, to improving this community. In my role as the senior administrator (and not a policy maker), I will do my best to give quality advice to council to help make that happen.

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## Bayshore Village Yacht Club: Summer 2019



Photo by Bill Pike

The Bayshore Village Yacht Club kicked off the boating season on June 7th. We all gathered at the Hayloft, decked out in nautical attire. It was a chance to celebrate the completion of Harbour 33 and look forward to the planned outings for our community. We chowed down on appies, toasted our Captains, sang silly songs and had draws for boating books and maps.

It seemed like a short boating season but, when summer finally arrived the last week of June, the heat was on! A group of kayakers, one SUP, sailboats, pontoon and big power boats gathered off the beach at McCrae Point Provincial Park. A dip in the chilly waters reminded us that the ice just recently melted!

Our subsequent excursions took us for a cruise to Mara Point returning to Lagoon City for a swim and picnic. Carthew Bay is always a favourite destination as there is a little restaurant on the Bay with a new outdoor seating venue. AND, no outing is complete without a Happy Hour at Harbour 99. Grab a camp chair and enjoy the view. The Full Moon /Sunset Cruise did not disappoint. The wind gods were on our side and the sailboats cruised effortlessly across the water. The rain held off just long enough to see a spectacular sunset. We gathered for a campfire at Bob Bell's, toasting marshmallows and snacking. We were entertained by Jim Bruce and Bob Bell's rendition of San Francisco Bay! We finally caught a view of the Full Moon, nicknamed the Sturgeon Moon, upon our return.



Sailboat skippered by Lorne McCaig, rafted with the Black Pearl, skippered by Bob Bell; Irene Heinz kayaker. Top of page: pontoon raft on Barnstable Bay.



Photos by Patrick Murphy

Keith Bellamy & Kathi Kerr get pulled on rafts by brave Wendy Lucas. Brrr... it's cold! @ McCrae Point Provincial Park.

Our final pop-up excursion was a pontoon raft on beautiful Barnstable Bay. It topped off the season. Thanks to Rick Indewey for organizing five boats with invited neighbours and friends. As you know, where Bayshore gathers there will be food – and lots of it – to share. It was a brilliant day! If you missed out in participating in our boat excursions and gatherings, consider joining us for the 2020 season. The BVYC is not an exclusive club. We want our friends and neighbours to join in the fun on the water and enjoy beautiful Lake Simcoe. It's all about FUN and SAFETY on the water.

### Wrap-Up Party



Photos by John Waldon



The BVYC held its Wrap-up Party on the evening of October 4th at the Hayloft. It was Italian Nautical night. Over fifty BVYC members and guests joined in the fun! The Nautical attire put us in the party mode as we enjoyed a pre-dinner Happy Hour accompanied by a slideshow of fun in the summer!

Everyone brought an Italian-inspired appetizer and, as you could guess, it was actually dinner! There was a smorgasbord of delectable treats! We dined in the festive atmosphere to tunes such as “Volare” & “O Sole Mio.” *Buon Appetito!*

Following dinner, we enjoyed the BVYC 2019 Summer Movie produced by John Waldon & Kathi Kerr. Lots of fun as we looked back at our summer adventures. It was a “Bella” production!

The 50/50 draw was won by Jill Pignatell. Who says you never win?? Congrats Jill!

The evening dance was led by Keith & Pat Bellamy who were celebrating their 42nd Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations! Several partiers kept the evening going and enjoyed the fabulous playlist by Jim Fielding.

Thanks to all the BVYC committee members who helped make this party a great success.

Elaine Ney



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## Bayshore Pickleball 2019

Bayshore Pickleball this year started off slowly due to the cracks in the court that needed to be filled. Under the expertise of Ted Spain, Paul Stoner and a large group of tennis and pickleball players, they were able to make the repairs. Thank you to this group for bringing our courts back to life.

We hosted a *Welcome to Pickleball* class for ten eager Bayshore residents in June that wanted to learn the art of playing the game. Thanks to Randy & Artena Hutchison for assisting with the class.

On Friday, June 21 Rob Thompson, Mary Ellen and John Simerson travelled to Port Carling to represent Bayshore Village for the Muskoka Pickleball challenge with 70 other players during the day to play a record 280 games at the arena. We look forward on returning with a large group of players from Bayshore in 2020.

During the summer we hosted two Round Robin tournaments that were won by Rob Thomson, Artena Hutchison, MaryEllen Simerson and Glenn Lucas.



Artena Hutchison and Rob Thomson



Laurel Dewar, Mary Ellen Simerson and Glenn Lucas

### Bayshore residents strike Gold and Silver on Friday, August 16 at the Bala Sports Centre in Bala, Ontario.

Four of our members returned home with medals. Rob Thomson and John Simerson received silver in the Men's Intermediate division. In the hard-fought final men's game Rob and John narrowly lost to a team from Parry Sound.

Artena Hutchison and Rob Thomson received Gold in the Mixed Intermediate division. Mary Ellen and John Simerson advanced to the mixed intermediate semi-finals and came up one point short for a rematch with Artena and Rob. In the Mixed division final, Artena and Rob handily defeated a team from Port Carling.

Also, thanks to bleacher fans Kathy and John Alden and Coach Randy Hutchison for their vocal and moral support.



John Simerson and Rob Thomson won silver in Bala

On Saturday, Sept. 21, sixteen eager players ventured out on to the courts to play for the bragging rights of having their name placed on the famous Bayshore Pickleball Trophy. After two hours of round robin play and placing into the final



game slots, the winners were announced at the famous after party. For the first time we had two female winners (tied in points after a hard-fought final game) and a new male winner. Congratulations to Kathy Alden, Mary Ellen Simerson and John Simerson in adding their names to the Bayshore Trophy. Thank you to all the players, Deborah May for stats and the cheering section that attended.

*John Simerson, Commissioner Bayshore Pickleball*



Kathy Alden, John Simerson and Mary Ellen Simerson hoist the famous Bayshore Pickleball trophy

## Bayshore Golf Record Holders



Photo by Marc Bertrand

Our first official record holders on the Bayshore course have framed evidence of their achievements.

Jeff Drayton shot a 27 for the men's record and Irene Heinz posted a 34 to hold the ladies' record.



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## Bayshore Golf



### **“2019 was Bayshore Village’s Best Golf Season EVER.”**

That was Golf Committee president Marc Bertrand’s quotation regarding the success of the 2019 golf season. The course looks great, thanks to the many many volunteered hours of work throughout the season. This dedicated band of workers did their very best to provide everyone at Bayshore Village a great place to play and enjoy.

Our first Tournament started on July 13 with the playing of the Bayshore Village Golf Classic. The overall Champion for the Men’s Division was Simpson Cherry with a score of 48. The overall Champion in the Women’s Division was Lisa Tobin with a score of 57.

The second tournament was the annual Ryder Cup and it was played on September 7. It was a close back-and-forth tournament between the RED TEAM and the BLUE TEAM with the RED TEAM finally prevailing.

On both occasions the golfers and their partners enjoyed a great dinner that was catered by Robert Dale Catering. There was lots of fun and laughter before, during, and after dinner due to the new innovations provided by the Bayshore Village Golf Committee. We saw Irene Heinz introduce her now-famous Spinning Wheel Game of Chance that had the final competitors spin off in front of a capacity crowd.

We saw an abundance of prizes at the Bayshore Classic Tournament as well as 20 mysterious yellow bags that held unknown riches for the winners at the Ryder Cup tournament. Bob Bell and MC Bill Pasel did their best to provide humour and excitement to the audience when distributing the prizes at both tournaments.

All in attendance were encouraged to support the services of the sponsors of these tournaments and they are the following: Bill Merkley, Bob McCutcheon (Maplewood Consulting Services), Byers’ Equipment, Carson Funeral Homes, Cedarhurst Golf Club, Clintar Landscape Maintenance, Copper Creek Golf Group, Discover Wellness, Home Hardware, Hot Mama’s Foods, Kind Living, Lambert’s Motors, Lemon Grazz Viet & Thai Restaurant, Len Skok, Forest Hill Realty, Link Climate Care, PD Engine Service, Scottish Highlands Golf, Stephen Contracting & Excavation, Tee 2 Green, Warren’s Painting Service.

The course will be open until the end of October, weather permitting, and then Marc’s Merry Band of Volunteers will put the course to sleep until the Spring.

*Bill Pasel*

## Men’s Wednesday Golf



On left is Ron Joseph, Winner of Most Outstanding Performance in the group. In the middle is the back-to-back League Match Play Champion, Marc Bertrand. Right is the 2019 Low Net Winner, Norm Seaward

The Wednesday Morning Men's Golf League met on September 25 for their annual year-end celebration and also to present the Annual Awards to their deserving players.

Marc Bertrand was presented with the Ernie Smigelski memorial trophy as this year’s Match Play Champion. Marc is the first repeat winner of this trophy.

Norm Seaward, as Low Net Champion, was presented with the Guy Montemurro memorial trophy.

The George Woodruff memorial trophy is presented annually for the 'Most Outstanding Performance' over the entire golf season. This year’s trophy was awarded to Ron Joseph.

Finally, this year’s Scramble Champions were cheered for their unbelievable score of -6 and the score card was quickly sent to Ripleys for verification.



2019 Year-End Scramble Champions of the Entire Free World!!  
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## BVCC at Webers Car Cruise Finale



A Foggy Finale August 29, 2019 at Webers Burgers

A couple of our residents, Jim Schulz and Susan Knight, took it upon themselves to start an exotic car club last year. They gather information about automobile gatherings and cruises in the immediate area and some far-flung places such as Chicago.

One of the spots this year was the Hot August Nights cruise at Webers, just up highway 11.

Jim said about this last cruise of the season: "We really enjoyed our cruise to the Webers Grand Finale last night. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Some good eats at the tail gate party, cheese dips, crackers, nachos, salsa, Webers burgers 'n' fries and of course ice cream, free to boot!!

"A few stuck it out to check all our prize and 50/50 tickets, (for which we did not collect any prizes), while some of us bolted before the rain. At 350-plus cars, it was a big event (they stopped counting after 350!!!). Thanks to Jim (from Webers) for putting on a great show for four years now. He confirmed that Webers Hot August Nights cruise will be on again next year.

Regards, James and Susan"



Left to right: Bob Bell, Victor Relvas, Susan Knight, Patricia Bellamy, Keith Bellamy, Bill Ecklund, Lorne McCaig, and of course, Skipper



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## Dream Cruise – On to Nashville



After spending three delightful days enjoying the BVCC (car club) with fellow members James Schulz and Susan Knight, watching the thousands of automobiles as they paraded around Woodward Ave. in Detroit, Norm and I continued on I-75 to do our own road

trip giving our new Corvette a chance to take to the road.

Travelling south, we stopped in Bowling Green, the home of the Corvette. The factory is closed now to tours but we had a great time touring the National Corvette Museum where there is a Corvette on display for every year they were made. In addition, you can view the damage done when, in the 90's, a giant sinkhole opened up to a cave underneath. Eight priceless Corvettes were swallowed up in this cave-in. Only two of the eight were able to be restored. The damaged cars are there on display (brings a tear to your eye). Anyone interested in the history of the Corvette will surely enjoy a visit here.

Travelling on, we arrived in Nashville, now called Las Vegas south, known for years as Music City, home of country/western music. You can visit museums for artists past and present, see music studios and visit the Grand Ol' Opry. At night, the joint is a-jumpin' with all the honky tonks open with live music going until 3 am. Nashville is becoming famous for wild bachelorette parties. We saw some on a pedal bar – that's right, a bar on wheels, pedaled by eight lovelies, drinking and cycling.

We finished our week here with a steamboat trip on the river. Of course, we tried all the southern cooking, fried chicken and BBQ. Some very hot sauces are available to those who dare.

Returning home we stopped at the U.S. Air Force Air and Space Museum near Dayton, Ohio that was absolutely incredible. Five hangars featuring

all the aircraft from the different eras of aviation and a look into the future. You can see the original Memphis Belle and her history, see the Stealth bomber and even take a ride in a space simulator (at your own risk). If you enjoy the history of aircraft, this is worth a trip.

Now on to home: worst part – the 401.

Please join the Bayshore Village Car Club as we look forward to many new exciting rides. Thanks to James Schulz for his organization of this new club.

*Norman and Brenda James*

Above left: Norm and his Vette.  
Right: look carefully inside that space helmet!  
Below: The Stealth bomber  
Beneath: The Memphis Belle



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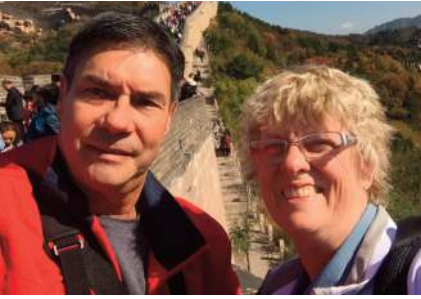
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## Introducing the Horbays



David and Heather at the Great Wall of China

Heather and I moved in to 11 Maple Gate in May of 2018 after looking at homes for about a year. We both fell in love with Bayshore Village and all it has to offer.

I'm originally from the Beaches in Toronto. I have two children, Natalie and Christopher (both are

married), and two grandchildren Adeline and Luke. Adeline was born to Christopher and Meghan on Oct 30th, 2018, and Luke to Natalie and Steve on Jan 5th, 2019, and yes I do plan on spoiling them... I'm currently still working as a Realtor for *Century 21 Leading Edge* and have been a Realtor for over 33 years. My hobbies are traveling, photography, boating, golf, working out and putting up Christmas lights.

Heather is from Oshawa and has retired from GM as their Media fleet coordinator. Heather has two very successful daughters who both work in Toronto. Sarah, the oldest, is married to Sam, and Becky is in a long term relationship with Frances. Heather's hobbies are reading, traveling, traveling and more traveling. She is also a great cook; be nice to her and she might make you some baked goods.

Since moving into the Village I have joined the men's golf league which I enjoy very much; I helped out with the golf course and spring clean up.



11 Maple Gate in a couple of months

Heather has joined WalkFit, through which she has made many good friends. Heather helps with set up for walk fit and both of us have helped as judges for the Canada Day parade.

Together we travel all over the world, go for walks, long boat rides, have enjoyed Bayshore Village's Happy Hours, dances and Canada Day celebrations. And yes we do put up our Christmas lights together...

We have both made good friends here and feel right at home. For both of us moving to Bayshore Village was like knocking it out of the park. Thank you all for making us feel welcome.

*David and Heather Horbay  
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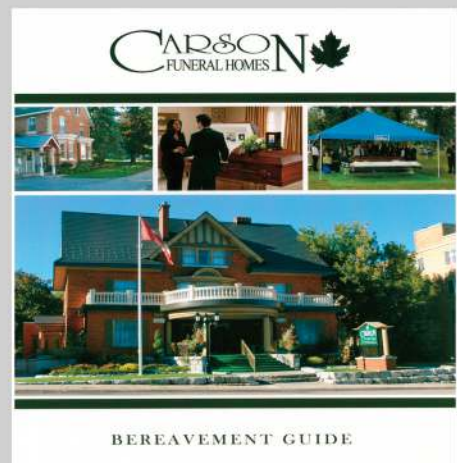


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## Gerry Meharg in Ramara Wall Of Fame



Gerry's son Brian, his wife Janice, their son Matthew, and Gerry's nephew and our neighbour Dave Meharg in front of the Ramara Wall of Fame.

Years ago, when Brian Meharg was clearing the bush at a farm property in Ramara Township, it was hard for him to imagine the land becoming anything more than what it was.

"You couldn't really picture what it would become," he said.

But, his dad could.

Gerald (Gerry) Meharg had purchased the land at the end of Concession Road 7 in 1973, and he had an ambitious plan.

"He saw the potential of a lakeside development. He had always been a cottager and he wanted to create something bigger and better," his son said. "The word 'community' is the main focus of the whole thing. He didn't want to create lots by themselves. He wanted to create a village." Gerry's vision and efforts led to creation of Bayshore Village, and the township recognized him Monday night by posthumously inducting him into the Ramara Wall of Fame at the administrative building in Brechin.

"My dad and (builder Larry Doble) worked their butts off," Brian told council and the Ramara Wall of Fame committee. "Dad was a solid guy. I can't tell you how honoured and humbled he would be for what you've done for him."

As he addressed the audience, Brian held a sign that belonged to his father. It read, "Make something happen!"

"So, that's what he did. He made Bayshore happen," Brian said.

His parents, Gerry and Eleanor, set out to realize their dream village. They sold the subdivision to developers in 1981 during a poor economic climate, but if Gerry had any fears about what it would become, they were brushed away when he returned to the area two decades later.

In 2003, he was visiting his nephew, Dave Meharg — who nominated him for the Wall of Fame — who had purchased a home in Bayshore Village. That's when Gerry said his vision for the village "turned out exactly as he had planned it."

The community now has 320 homes, a restored barn that serves as a community centre, and residents get to enjoy amenities such as a golf course, tennis courts, a pool and three boat harbours.

While it's only one part of the township, it has had a positive ripple effect across Ramara, said Margaret Mulvihill, chair of the Wall of Fame committee.

"He increased the tax base in Ramara so we could do more in the township," she said. "It's a very elite community within the township. It promotes Lake Simcoe and the beauty of our township."

When Mulvihill read the nomination form that had been submitted for Gerry, it was a no-brainer.

"It was for me because it's a beautiful community — one of the prettiest in our township," she said. "We're proud to honour him tonight."

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## Recipe Corner: Vegan Delights

### Quinoa Breakfast Cookies

These treats are "cinnamon," "cake bally," and just the right amount of sweet. Perfect on-the-go snack.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 medium carrot, peeled and chopped ~ ½ cup
- ½ cup of almond butter
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- 2 cups flaked, unsweetened coconut
- 2 cups old fashioned oats
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Dark chocolate chips (optional)



#### Instructions:

1. Add carrot chunks to the bowl of a food processor and pulse until finely chopped.
2. Remove carrots and set aside. Then add oats and coconut and pulse until coarsely ground.
3. Add remaining ingredients, including carrots, but not chocolate chips. Pulse until a smooth, sticky "dough" forms.
4. Add chocolate chips and pulse until chopped.
5. Roll into balls. Store in fridge or freezer. Yields ~30-40 bites.

*submitted by Diane Stoner*

Recipe Corner initiated by Jill Pignatelli

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## Recipe Corner: Vegan Delights

### Quinoa Breakfast Cookies

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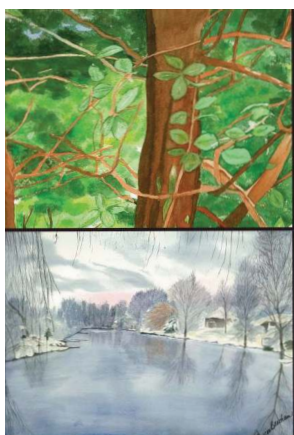
#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup oat flour (made from 1 ¼ cups whole rolled oats)\*
- 1 cup whole rolled oats \*
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp sea salt
- ½ cup cooked quinoa
- 1 cup finely shredded carrots
- 2 tbsp ground flaxseed + 5 tbsp warm water
- ½ cup almond butter
- ¼ cup coconut oil, melted
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ½ cup nuts &/or seeds
- ½ cup dried cranberries



#### Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350F and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
  2. Use a food processor or blender to process the 1 ¼ cup rolled oats into a fine flour and measure out 1 level cup.
  3. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, the remaining cup of whole oats, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and sea salt.
  4. Fold in the quinoa and then the shredded carrots, stirring until the carrots are completely coated with flour.
  5. In a small bowl, combine the flaxseed and warm water and set aside to thicken for about 5 mins.
  6. In a medium bowl, combine the almond butter, coconut oil, and maple syrup. Stir well to incorporate. Stir in the flaxseed mixture
  7. Add the wet ingredients to the bowl of dry ingredients and fold in just until combined.
  8. Stir in the nuts, seeds, and cranberries.
  9. Scoop about ¼ cup batter for each cookie onto the baking sheet. Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until lightly browned.
  10. Cool on the pan for about 5 mins. When completely cooled, store in an air-tight container or freeze.
- (makes about 12 large cookies)



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## Top Strategies for Optimizing Your Health

This article will be the first in a series that will outline important topics related to your physical health. Many of these will shock you. Most will be things your doctor does not talk about. Many are very inexpensive or free.

I have a weird belief – most of what we think we know is probably wrong! The way we think about health is “manufactured” by big Pharma with one thing in mind – how to maximize their profits – NOT how to benefit your health. The medical system, Health Canada and the media reflect this by trying to treat symptoms rather than focusing on addressing the foundational causes of disease. When Tommy Douglas proposed our current Health Care System, he cautioned that we must educate the population on how to be proactive and to do our part to ensure that we all do what we can to maintain a healthy life style, or, if we don’t, the costs will be so high that it will bankrupt our Country. Hello!

So, here’s my own list of the top lifestyle strategies I believe can make the biggest difference in our health, as they address most of the disruptions that are at the core of most health challenges.

Much of the information contained herein comes from various health related web sites, newsletters, etc., and in particular from [www.mercola.com](http://www.mercola.com). I invite everyone to do their own research and take control of your own health. Become your own Doctor – you know YOU best! We are all very different, and what works for one may not work for another.

I will elaborate on each of these topics in subsequent articles here in the Banner (in no particular order):

1. Add sprouts to your diet
2. Make fermented vegetables a daily staple
3. Optimize your vitamin D levels (preferably with appropriate sun exposure)
4. Intermittent fasting
5. Incorporate high intensity interval training into your exercise routine
6. Get high quality sleep
7. Get grounded
8. Drink pure water
9. Eliminate all processed foods and replace non-veggie carbs with healthy fats
10. Avoid toxins (this is a very large and important topic!)
11. Have great tools to address your stress (Meditation, Yoga, EFT, etc.)
12. Replace drugs with natural alternatives that address the cause
13. Purchase organic, non-GMO foods whenever possible
14. Eliminate exposure to EMF (Wi-Fi, cell phone, etc.) as much as possible
15. Consume the “Super Foods” – i.e., Hemp Hearts, Gogi Berries, Bee Products, etc.
16. Work at strengthening your immune system
17. Avoid all dairy products, PERIOD (creates mucus, feeds cancer cells)
18. Reduce consumption of red meats (small amounts of QUALITY meat at a time)
19. Reduce sugar consumption
20. Stop using a microwave oven – buy a toaster oven instead
21. Etc. (items will be added later, as they come to mind)

*Original article by Christine Ruggeri  
condensed by Steve Goulter for inclusion in the Banner*

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

## Bella's Rant



My people and I had a great trip up the Trent to Port Severn recently. It was especially great for me because I didn't go! I was with my good friend Geoff. Geoff is a retired postie, so we have some great walks while I'm up north at his place. He lives in a community like Bayshore, but with a little more room to roam. It was bittersweet when I had to return home. Oh, and I must point out that there were new dogs on the walk. They weren't part

of OUR walk, they just appeared randomly as we passed by.

Recently, Keith, my friend Skipper's master, had a total knee replacement. He's doing very well, but until he heals up a little more, the walkers are taking Skipper on the walks in the morning. It took awhile, but Skipper has gotten used to walking with a whole bunch of strangers instead of just me and our two “dads.” Keith is doing well and we'll be back to our old selves before you know it. I myself am in recovery mode. I had some surgery recently and I'm a little slower now for a while, also. Thank you to my Bayshore friends for their kind wishes and lots of encouragement.

As I dictate this final paragraph to my dad, I gaze longingly out the window, seeing the first signs of approaching autumn. Oh well, spring will be back after that. Wait a minute! My dad tells me that there is another season before Spring – THE DREADED WINTER. Seems to me, this is a good time for indoor recovery.

Yours truly,  
Bella, as told to John Waldon

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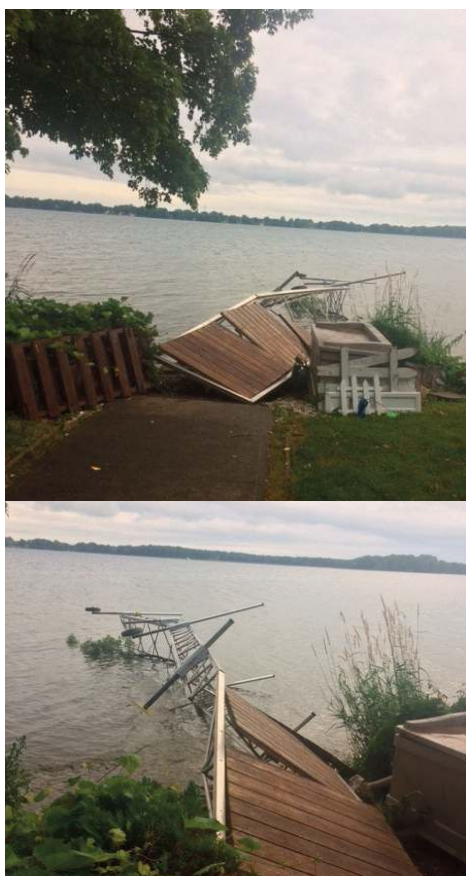
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The following day, Mary sent this note: "Unbelievable! Doug Davies and Lloyd Lockhart rescued my dock, and put it perfectly back together!!! I collected the wooden inserts from neighbouring shorelines, and these two miracle-workers worked their magic! I am so blessed and so lucky to have their assistance. Truly, truly grateful, and totally in awe! And so quickly!"

Repaired dock is shown below. Typical Bayshore neighbourliness!

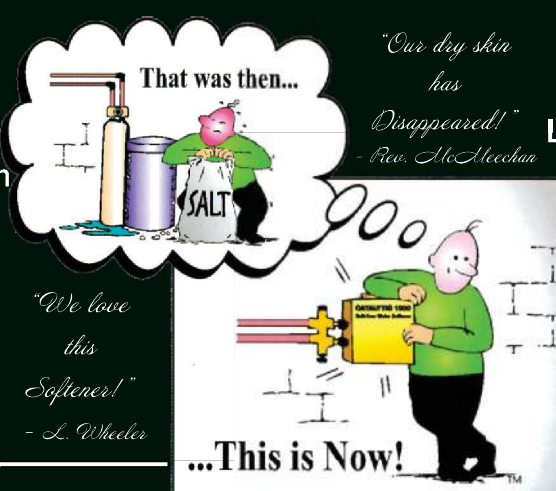


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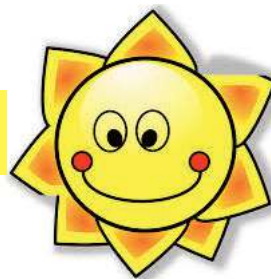
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## It's Always Sunny in Bayshore



Q: What did the fisherman say to the magician?

A: Pick a cod, any cod.



Lately, I've been walking on pins and needles. Literally. Franchi has taken up sewing. While Joseph kindly confines his mess to his room, my daughter is a snail that leaves a trail of glitter and glue wherever she goes. I am forever squatting down to pick up the flotsam and jetsam of a hundred abandoned crafts. The loose threads, jagged bits of cut-up paper, dried bits of clay and beads of every shape and size make my vacuum cleaner sound like it's polishing rocks. As for the sweatshop that is her bedroom: her carpet is like a box of chocolates: you never know what you're going to step on. She says she's going to live with me forever. I am so lucky.



I saw an ad for burial plots and I thought to myself, this is the last thing I need.



Knock-knock  
Who's there?  
Control Freak.  
Now you say, "Control Freak who?"



I don't like Russian Dolls. They're so full of themselves.



A grandpa and his grandson, Teddy, were playing a round of golf one afternoon. At the eighth hole, grandpa said, "When I was your age, I could hit the ball right over the top of that tree." Teddy, who was an excellent golfer, accepted the challenge and hit the ball. With a loud thwack, the ball hit the trunk of the tree and fell to the ground. Teddy was disappointed in his performance until his grandpa confessed, "Of course, when I was your age, that tree was only two feet tall."



Cleaning the house while there are kids living at home is like shoveling during a blizzard. While my son is fairly organized, he is a bit of a hoarder. He used to insist on keeping the little plastic tripods from pizza delivery boxes. He has drawers and boxes full of garbage bits and bobs that he "needs for his inventions." He has gotten slightly more discriminating over the years but I'll still open his closet and wonder why he is keeping a baggie filled with fennel seeds. I'm sure there is a logical explanation. Maybe he's planning to make sausages.



My boss yelled at me the other day, "You've got to be the worst train driver in history. How many trains did you derail last year?"  
I said, "Can't say for sure, it's so hard to keep track."



There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will get this joke.

A chicken walks into a library. It approaches the circulation desk and says: "book, bok, bok, boook". The librarian hands the chicken a book. It tucks it under his wing and runs out. A while later, the chicken runs back in, throws the first book into the return bin and goes back to the librarian saying: "book, bok, bok, boook". Again, the librarian gives it a book, and the chicken runs out. The librarian shakes her head. Within a few minutes, the chicken is back, returns the book and starts all over again: "book, bok, bok, boook". The librarian gives it a third book, but this time as the chicken is running out the door, she follows it.

The chicken runs down the street, through the park and down to the riverbank. There, sitting on a lily pad is a big, green frog. The chicken holds up the book and shows it to the frog, saying: "Book, bok, bok, boook". The frog blinks, and croaks: "read-it, read-it, read-it".



You can tell the gender of an ant by throwing it into the water.  
If it sinks: girl ant.  
If it floats: buoyant.



Whenever I complain to my mother about my messy kids, I get no sympathy. Instead, she joyfully cackles, "PAYBACK!" while whipping out photographic evidence of my teenage bedroom. Hilarious. She will say I

was a slob. I will say I was artistic. The look I was going for was "putrid mayhem." I will suggest this name to Joseph should he ever start a band.



I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.



A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns but I soon realized that toucan play at this game.



6:30 is the best time on a clock...hands down.



Until next time Bayshore, "Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you."

*Lauren Torchia*

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## Bridge News

Bayshore has an active and enthusiastic group of Bridge Players. If you are interested in joining any of these groups please contact the following people:

General Bridge (Mondays at 7 pm, until November) and Ladies Bridge (Wed. 1 pm; joined by General players in November): Pat Beecham-Cooper 705 484 0221, [beecoop@cottagecountry.net](mailto:beecoop@cottagecountry.net)

Men's Bridge (Thursdays 9 a.m.) Dave McVie 705 484-5412, [david.mcvie@bell.net](mailto:david.mcvie@bell.net)

If you are interested in learning to play bridge, or brushing up because it's a long time since you played, Pat Beecham-Cooper offers bridge lessons on most Friday mornings from 11:00 -1:00 in the Great Room. Please contact her at [beecoop@cottagecountry.net](mailto:beecoop@cottagecountry.net) or 705 484-0221 if you are interested.

We welcome new players!

Here are the results for General Bridge from July 8 to Sept. 30/2019

1. Maria Saringer 9080 This is the highest score we've ever had!
2. Lloyd Lockhart 7930
3. Anne Belanger (guest) 6920
4. Noel Cooper 6810

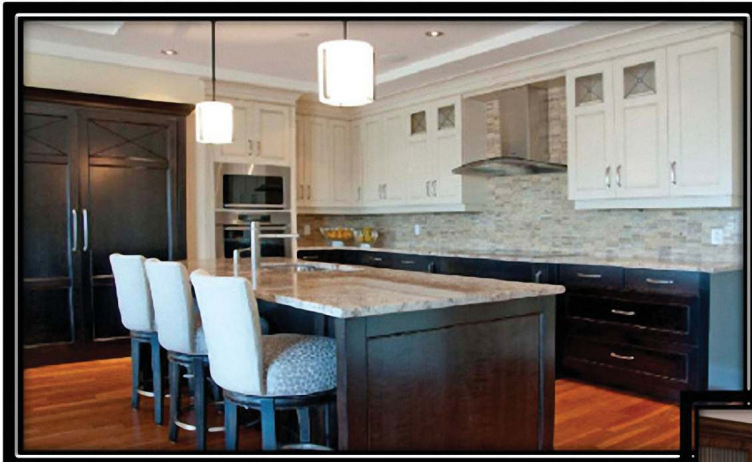
Here are the results of Ladies Bridge from July 3 to Oct. 2/19

1. Nancy Wallingford 5900
2. Nancy Wallingford 5270
3. Pat Beecham-Cooper 4730

Highest score in men's bridge was 7020 by Noel Cooper.

One of our longtime players, Lorna Pollard is leaving Bayshore for her new life in Georgetown. We will miss Lorna very much and wish her the best in her new home. Below are pictures of her farewell luncheon.

*Pat Beecham-Cooper*



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## Trip of a Lifetime Through The Northwest Passage

August 16th to September 2nd 2019

In 2017, Ria and I were watching a ten-episode “Sailing the Polar Sea” on TVO about three Swedes who left Sweden to sail the entire length of the Northwest Passage. Episode 3 saw them land on Baffin Island and meet up with some Inuit, then about 20 ‘older’



These bears look well fed.

folk all dressed in red waterproof outfits showed up and looked quite out of place. Cruise passengers for sure and a little later their Russian-built ice breaker, now a cruise boat, showed up, so it piqued my interest, and I Googled Arctic Cruises. It was an 8-day cruise along the coast of Baffin Island up to Resolute Bay. However, a 17-day trip also showed up, organized by Adventure Canada in Oakville. I sent for their travel brochure and saw that this 17-day trip flies out of Toronto on Adventure Canada, on a chartered 737 to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. The boat is called *Ocean Endeavour* but has “Adventure Canada” written on its hull.



The Ocean Endeavour (they even spell it correctly!)

It weighs 600 tons and carries 175 passengers and about 80 crew. Ria and I have travelled on the QM2 a few times, and the *Ocean Endeavour* is a mini version of the QM2, both in service and dining.

**Day 1:** We had all been issued blue waterproof jackets (ours to keep), trip instructions with a general overview, and cabin assignment, prior to boarding the two aircraft. Upon landing at the airport in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, we were met at the jetty by six 10-person Zodiacs to ferry us to the ship. Ria and I had booked 18 months ahead and were rewarded with a double upgrade from level 4 to 6 and found our cabin to be much bigger than the one we enjoyed on QM2. Our next surprise was the dining room and the quality of the meals, with buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch and a four-choice all course dinner. Coffee and cookies are available 24 hours per day and at 4.00 pm every afternoon, tea with sandwiches, scones with cream and cookies.

**Day 2:** A Visit to the Town of Sisimuit, Greenland, again using the zodiacs to get to shore. We were split into groups of 20 and

assigned a local Inuit as our guide. The town had a hospital/medical centre, and an all grades school plus many sled dogs just lounging around waiting for the snow to arrive again.

**Day 3:** A visit to Nassuttooq Greenland, an uninhabited island, for choices of a long 8K walk, intermediate 5K, or short walks with stops at 5 ‘stations’ manned by a Geologist, Naturalist, Archeologist, or Ornithologist to speak on what could be observed. The Geologist informed us that all of the rock formations had been around for 92 million years.

**Day 4:** We visited another larger town of Ilulissat which had a hospital, high school, museum and a trading post with Inuit-made articles for sale. Check out Ria’s coloured seal-skin hat in the fall! Tourism is important to these towns, so the town had installed a 2-km boardwalk so you could walk right up to the packed icebergs situated in front of a glacier. This area had been granted a charter from UNESCO as a World Heritage site.



Zodiacs get close to the face of a glacier

**Day 5:** Equip Sermia, Greenland. By this time we had seen many icebergs, both very large, as well as smaller ones; it was here that we got up close to a glacier in the zodiacs. The sun was out, with a temperature of 5C, so a pleasant day for a zodiac cruise, right up close to the glacier and we witnessed two calvings, then cruised in between all of the icebergs. All 10 of us on the zodiac tried to describe what each iceberg looked like, an easy chair, a whale, a ship, or whatever your mind came up with. Later we landed and took either a walk or again listened to one of 5 of the lecturers.

**Day 6:** A visit to Disko Island, known as the Grand Canyon of the Arctic or the Ice Berg capital. It certainly lived up to its reputation with tremendous scenery with huge mountains and icebergs, with two of our fellow female passengers even going into the 4C water for a swim!!

**Day 7:** After crossing the Davis Strait overnight, we were back in Canada to Baffin Island and a visit to the town of Quikigtarjuaq. We were again divided up into groups of 20 and assigned an Inuit local guide. Our group was fortunate, as our guide, when passing her house, went in to collect her ID which she needed since all





Describe this wind-carved iceberg

guides had been invited to the ship for lunch with other Inuit youths to demonstrate local sports. Our guide came out and asked us if we were interested in seeing the inside of an Inuit home. We split into groups of five and took advantage of her kind offer.

Then we were off to visit a grocery store. We will never complain of prices here, as there they pay four times what we pay, plus theirs is subsidized prior to the price on each item. Afterwards, we all went to the arena for an official welcome and demonstrations of their dances and throat singing.

Back to the ship for lunch, then afterwards, demonstrations of their sports, including kicking a can hung way over their heads.

**Day 8:** No landings today as the winds were very strong and the ice was blocking the fjord that we were to use, so instead, the Inuit spoke to us about how they have survived for thousands of years. The Government of Canada granted them the territory of a self-governed Nunavut; by doing this, the costs went way down, and the Inuit were able to budget far better than Ottawa.

**Day 9:** Buchan Gulf. Once again another zodiac landing, with fantastic scenery, more glaciers and one of the Inuit from the ship drying out caribou meat in the sun for us to try later.

**Day 10:** A visit to Beechy Island to see the gravestones for five of the Franklin sailors who died on the island. Their mummified bodies were finally interned in 1981. We followed this visit to see one of the last RCMP detachments, put there in 1850 to show Canada's sovereignty. Alas, as replacement food and other officers failed to materialize for over three years, due to weather conditions, some committed suicide. Other officers later buried them, and it was here that some of the tins and barrels washed up on shore from the Franklin ships.

**Day 11/12/13:** Strong winds and moving icebergs meant no landings, but a call went out to the Coast Guards for icebreaker assistance, and we were joined by a German cruise boat. Overnight the Terry Fox icebreaker arrived and broke up the ice flows ahead. Our ship could have gone ahead, but with icebreaker assistance we maintained 11 knots. We had seen Polar bears about 5 times up to this point, but a distance away. We were royally rewarded with a Polar bear family of three on the ice floe closely passing the ship, followed a half hour later by two walruses.

**Day 14:** The staff on-board the Ocean Endeavour had put out a call to the small community of Cambridge Bay for a visit, and at short notice, they were able to accommodate us. We were again guided around the town and visited first their Heritage Centre, then a newly opened G of C research centre into Arctic Sustainability. It cost a fortune to build as all of the wood had to be

shipped in from wooded areas of Canada.

**Day 16:** Not a highly anticipated day by many of us, as it was Polar Swim Day. After a 90-minute scenic zodiac cruise and a last walk around the Port Epworth landscape, we returned to the ship with both Ria and I agreeing to participate in the plunge. I had asked one of the two medical Doctors on board, and was given the all-clear to go for it. There were also ten non-medical "doctors" onboard. After changing into swimwear and donning our housecoats, we proceeded down to the gangway where we normally boarded the zodiacs. We lined up behind about six others in front and discovered that they attached a line and belt around our waist "just in case," with both doctors on call and five defibrillators close by. I decided that Ria and I would hold hands as we have been married for 51 years and if this was to be "it", I wanted



Ria and Robin "Take The Plunge"

to be with her at that moment.

Our turn came, and we squeezed our hands and jumped into the 3C sea. It took away our breaths immediately. I came up to the surface and headed for the steps with Ria doing likewise; we managed to climb out and a dry towel was draped around us, the belts removed and a double shot of vodka offered, which I accepted. We retrieved our housecoats and headed back to our cabin and were really surprised to find our bodies rapidly warming. Ria went into the shower first, and by the time it was my turn, I even debated with myself whether I needed one.

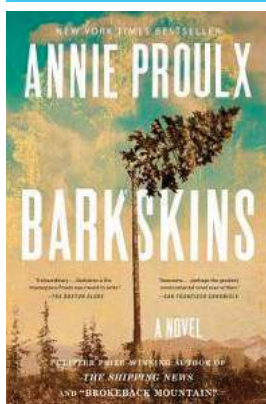
**Day 17:** Packing and our last zodiac ride to shore in Kugluktuk, NWT, a school bus waited to take us to their visitor centre to await our bus transfer to the airport. Then our two chartered planes flew us to Calgary. The total mileage of our cruise on the Northwest Passage itself was 3500 miles; so much was accomplished during that voyage.

All we can say is that, whilst expensive, it was really worth the outlay for the knowledge gained, and the sights of the animals, birds and tundra. As I said in the heading, a true "Trip of a Lifetime."

*Robin and Ria Searle.*



## Book Review: Barkskins



*Barkskins* is an epic tale about the lumber industry, covering more than 300 years. (A more familiar word for “barkskin” is “lumberjack.”) The book begins with two labourers arriving in New France. They had escaped the misery of the old world by contracting to work for a landowner for three years, being paid only food and shelter, before receiving land of their own. Imagine their feelings when they were confronted by the primeval forest coming right down to the water’s edge. Their job was to cut

down the forest, and use the wood to build a house for their boss. The mosquitoes were so numerous that they looked like fur on the workers’ skin; their only strategy was to coat their skin with mud. The rest of the book follows the descendants of those two labourers over three centuries.

René Sel was required to marry his boss’ Native partner, after the boss dumped her in favour of a traditional marriage to a French woman. The book tells of at least six generations of the Sel family, many of whom are drawn to connect with their Mi’kmaq roots in New Brunswick and New England. Though Native workers became expert axemen and at least one a university professor, they were always victims of oppression because of their First Nations heritage.

Charles Duquet, the other labourer who arrived in New France, ran away from his initial duties, survived alone in the bush, and eventually made his way to New England. He anglicized his name to Charles Duke, and began to seek his fortune by buying lumber rights to small tracts of land. Competition and skullduggery make this book into what one reviewer called “a grisly tale of chopping down people and trees.” In time, the Duke family became an economic powerhouse, cutting lumber and building sawmills in New England, Michigan, New Zealand, Oregon, and Brazil.

The cover of the book, shown above, depicts a method of bringing down huge redwood trees in Oregon: a barkskin, supported by a safety belt, works his way up a tall tree, chopping off lower branches as he climbs. As he nears the top, and the swaying of the trunk becomes unmanageable, he tops the tree, and then slides back down so that a team can fell the trunk. Like most other episodes in “Barkskins,” this one has a gruesome story attached to it.

Underlying the narrative is an awareness of the damaging effect of deforestation in North America and around the world. It is remarkably topical as we watched the B.C forests and the Amazon rainforest in flames this summer.

The author, Annie Proulx, is now 84 years old. Among her other works are *The Shipping News*, based in Newfoundland, and a short story, “Brokeback Mountain.” Both were made into feature films. *If this book review doesn’t inspire you to read a 749-page novel, perhaps it will motivate you to watch the TV series coming next year on National Geographic channel.*

*Barkskins* by Annie Proulx (Simon and Schuster, 2016). Available at Ramara Library and as an e-book in several formats.

Noel Cooper



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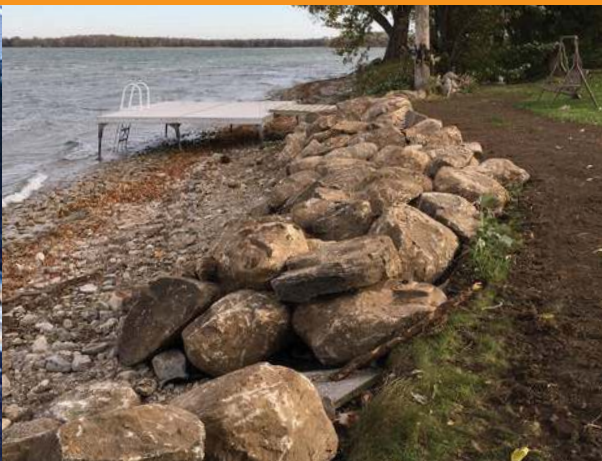
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## Unique Bayshore Wildlife: Dave's Turtles

Last Summer (July, to be exact) Dave Renaud was entering Harbour 33 in his boat and observed strange activity in the water. At first, he thought it was two turtles eating a large fish. Upon closer inspection, it turned out to be two snapping turtles locked in mortal combat. He says that it was difficult to tell whether the tussle was a territory dispute or... *l'amour*. They were actually tearing pieces of flesh off of each other. The fish were happy – lunch! Dave saw this on the first day of a two-day marathon. He said that others saw them going at it again the next day. We don't know if they killed each other, or left on a honeymoon.



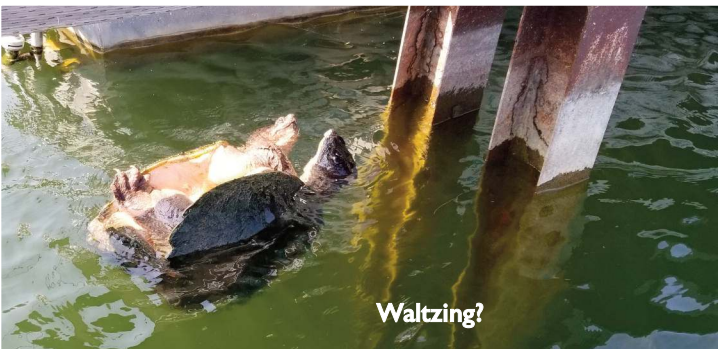
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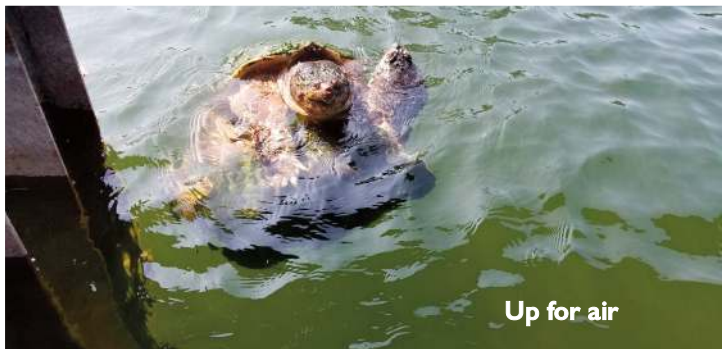
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## Year of the Monarch: Life Cycle and Migration

It has been a good year for monarch butterflies around Bayshore, as our cover photos confirm. Several households in the village have planted milkweed, the only food source for monarchs. I know two people in southern Ontario who happily nurture caterpillars through the pupa stage in various containers (to save them from hungry birds). One has released more than 150 butterflies this year, and watched them head for Mexico.

The annual story of the monarchs' migration is remarkable: they arrive in southern Ontario in late May/early June, and begin to lay their eggs on young milkweed plants. Eggs hatch in 3-5 days; caterpillars roam and munch for about 15 days before morphing into the pupa stage; butterflies emerge in about two weeks, and begin to lay eggs within a few days. Females can lay up to 300 eggs in their 2-6 weeks of life, but only about 2% of those eggs will survive to produce the next generation of butterflies. (Male butterflies can be identified by two black oval patches on their



Monarch on hydrangea by Kay Beacham

Monarchs on parade by Lynda Bertrand

hind wings – I can't see a male in any of the photos in this issue.) As many as five generations of monarchs may live and die in an Ontario summer.

In August-September, declining light is the signal for them to begin their migration to Mexico. Floating on air currents, the special "super-generation" of monarchs completes a 5000-km trip to Mexico and southern California, and can live as long as six months. When spring arrives, the same "super-generation" begins the voyage northwards; they mate and lay eggs on milkweed plants in Texas, and end their life cycle there.

Four or five generations may live and die during the migration northwards, arriving in Ontario in May or June.

Monarchs are worth fostering, not only because of their beauty, but also because they pollinate flowers in their search for nectar in the adult phase of their life cycle.

*Noel Cooper*



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## John Barlow #90: A Big Thank You



John Barlow recently celebrated his 90th birthday with a well-attended celebration at the Hayloft. John is a regular member of the Bayshore men's Wednesday golfing group at Cedarhurst GC, where he capitalizes on his status as a Super Senior.

John wrote the following note after his party:

**To all my wonderful friends and family who made my Birthday such a total surprise and a day I will never forget. Bayshore Village is much more than a community of lovely homes. It has a large, warm heart.**

**Thank you, Thank you. Thank you.**

**And God bless you all.**

**Sincerely,**

**John P. Barlow**

Below: Accepting best wishes from an admirer; son John Jr. staffs the barbecue.



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## Bayshore Arts Report



Maria Saringer with her display at the Bayshore Art Show. Maria's work is now featured in the Bayshore Art Gallery in the card room.

We have had a busy three months in Bayshore's Arts Community. The Bayshore Art Gallery is open in the card room. The show changes each month. We have a featured artist and a group wall. The featured artists were: in July: Lynda Bertram, in August: Lia de Roeper, in September: Judy Fontyn Sugg. The featured artist for October is Maria Saringer, and coming in November will be Marilyn Goulter. Artists taking part in the group wall include Rimma Barinshreyn, Romaine Dawkins, Susan Hazlitt, Victor Relvas, Jennifer Strang, Maria Saringer, Marilyn Goulter, Judy Fontin Sugg and Patricia Beecham. Be sure to stop by the card room and see this month's show.

In addition to our art gallery, we held our eleventh annual Creative Arts show on Sept. 27 and 28 in the great room and the card room. Creative artists and crafters taking part included Kathy Alden (pottery), Patricia Beecham, (watercolours), Diane Camack, (jewelry), Romaine Dawkins (pillows, painted glass etc), Judy Flinn (acrylics), Judy Fontyn-Sugg (acrylics, watercolours and painted glass), Susan Hazlitt (acrylics), Jacquie Ivory (handicrafts), Bob Newton (Animal pastels), Maria Saringer (watercolours and acrylics), Jeffifer Strang (acrylics) and Franchi Torchia (jewelry). It was a beautiful show and we were able to donate \$200.00 to the Mariposa House Hospice. Special thanks to Starr Oswald for her beautiful posters and rack cards, the Tea and Chat ladies for their baked goodies, John Alden and Donald Sugg for their help with signs and frames, and Kathy Hutchinson, Carol Rosa and Betty Gow for looking after refreshments.



Bob Newton and Kathy Alden display their works at the Bayshore Art Show. Photos and article by Patricia Beecham



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## Milestones: In Memoriam

### Craig Child 192 Bayshore Drive

#### Loss of a Bayshore Member, Director and Friend



Craig Child

After a short, but courageous battle with cancer, it is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Craig Steven Child. Craig passed in Orillia on August 3, 2019 surrounded by the love of his wife of 48 years, Sylvia Jean (nee MaGee), daughters Amanda Jean (Maknyik) and Jessica Leanne, and sons-in-law Ian Maknyik and Richard Nowell. Craig also leaves behind his brother, Murray Alfred Child, and grandchildren Autumn Emilie Maknyik (13) and Declan Joshua Maknyik (12).

Craig had a passion for golf and good food, with scuba diving and a pristine lawn running a close second. He was a fiercely loyal husband, father, grandfather, friend, and handyman extraordinaire. He and Sylvia shared a lifetime of amazing experiences from the time they were 15 years old. Craig loved and valued his Bayshore Village family and was always there for anyone who needed him, becoming involved in the Architectural Committee, helping with restoration of the marinas, setting the sprinkler system for the golf course, projects with friends-he was into everything. His final, and outstanding project, is the emergency numbers for all homes in the Bayshore community, which will be continued and implemented by others.



Photo by Rick Indewey



## The Craig Child Project: Readable House Numbers

After Bayshore resident Craig Child orchestrated, designed, and ordered the new house numbers that are now on everyone's lamp post, these residents installed them.

Unfortunately Craig passed away suddenly this summer, and his last email to me was, "Hey Bud, do you think you guys could have them installed by the AGM meeting?"

We did it, thanks to everyone's great effort. Craig would be proud.

*Bill Pike*



Volunteers: Ron Joseph, Jim Fielding, Randy Hutchison, Jack Pignatelli, Dave Meharg, Bill Pike, Simpson Cherry, Doug Payne, Bob Plue, Herb Hermans, Wayne Perzel. Missing from the photo is Scott Cherry.



Bill Pike shows that it wasn't always easy.





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