



The Bayshore Banner

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Lantern Lights

The Lantern Lights of Bay Shore,
Are flickering in the night
No one thought these Lantern Lights
Would ever see this sight

The Lights were there to guide us,
As we travelled far and wide
Back to our Village Home in Bayshore
Where friends stand side by side

No one knew these times would change
And our actions be suppressed
That our comings and our goings
Would soon be laid to rest

Our fears of this virus
Are on every face we see
The masks that our neighbours wear,
Show no complacency

The heart and soul of Bay Shore
Is bravely on display
For every day that we fight on,
Is shown in such a way

'Cause the Lantern Lights in Bayshore,
Will burn without a pause
The Lantern lights of Bayshore,
Now our Beacon to the cause

When all is done and we go back to
The way we used to know
The Lantern Lights of Bayshore
Show us comfort with their glow.

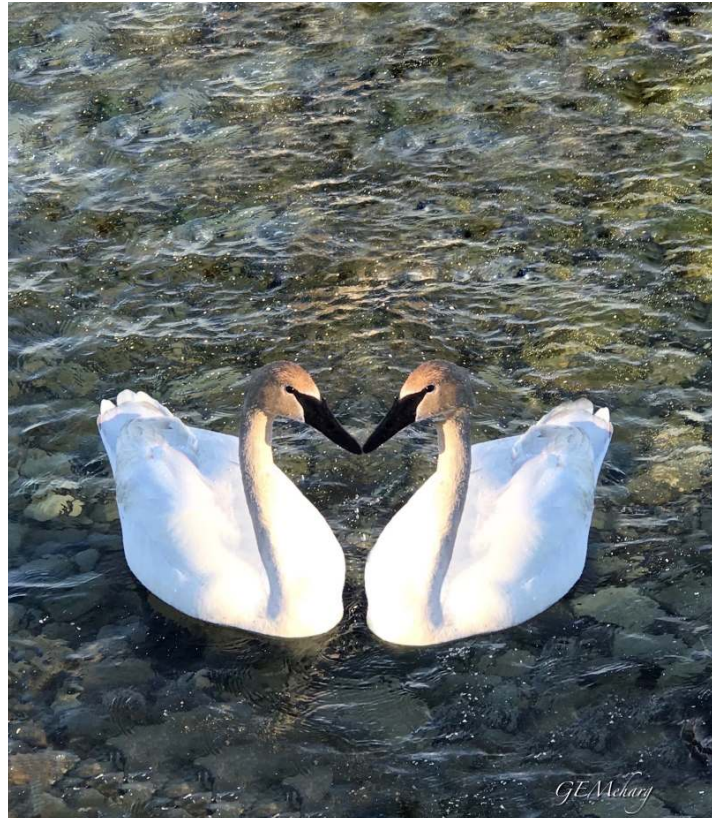
For the fight was fought and the war was won
By every person here
And the last thing that remains to do
Is to lift our dreadful fear

As we go on and live our lives
We shall not forget this day
'Cause the Lantern Lights of Bayshore
Will be always on display



"Lantern Lights" by Bill Pasel
photo by J. Waldon

Birds of Bayshore



Two Swans

photo by Liz Meharg



Owl

photo by Sharon Seaward

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The next issue will be published in July 2020.



"The Last Fishing Hut"
photo by John Waldon

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The President's Article

Proposed Bayshore Village Membership Research 2020



Rick Matthews

The Board of Directors has commissioned Jon Wagner for another round of Membership Research.

Previous Bayshore Village Membership Market Research was established to determine the demographics, qualitative, quantitative needs analysis and trends of the BVA membership. Research is an organized effort to gather information about proposed plans and programs. It is a very important component of any business or organization strategy, especially with a volunteer base with limited resources. The most important by-product of the past research was the quality of the committee members and subject matter experts we attracted to work the issues supported by the membership as priorities.

We have included the same demographic questions in this year's research to mirror past research in an attempt to secure any noticeable change in the base segmentation of our members. That is where the similarity ends with past research.

In 2020, we will return to the guiding principles of our bylaws to form the strategic umbrella of the research. The objective of the 2020 research is to prioritize, foster and promote the interests of the Bayshore Village Association members and to maintain, improve and protect Bayshore Village Association common lands and other assets as a desirable residential waterfront community.

The Research will allow us to advance proposals or plans for the advantage of Bayshore Village Association members, secure a mandate to inform the members of the services and objectives of the Bayshore Village Association and to stimulate widespread support for Bayshore Village.

We will conduct the research digitally, utilizing software that can instantly populate reports and any segmentation the BVA Board requires. Since our previous

research, we have significantly increased the digital penetration rate of email addresses with our membership which should help us solicit feedback and improve response rates.

Results and findings will be used to support budget initiatives and more complicated and costly programs, involving the use of reserve funds. To be clear, this research is directional in nature only and any significant investments or programs would continue to be subjected to all the approval processes required within our bylaws. This research will provide a more nimble vehicle for the Board, rather than waiting for bi-annual meetings to solicit BVA membership input.

The Research will be launched in May 2020 of this year, and the results and findings will be presented to the membership at the AGM in September 2020. At that time, we will solicit volunteers, as required, to enable and implement the plans and programs supported by the members.

I urge you to take the time to invest yourself in our great community by providing your valued input to help us manage Bayshore. Help us to continue to support and improve Bayshore and to build on all the past volunteers' and members' efforts as we move Bayshore into the next decade.

Thank you

Rick Matthews,

President, Bayshore Village Association



Mary Andrews and daughter Michele demonstrating The Elbow Wave (safer than the bump)

Corporate Secretary



Kathi Kerr for 14 days in order to reduce the risk to our community and themselves. Uncertain times call for extraordinary measures and some of the measures appeared to be extreme in the beginning. We quickly learned that community spread was a very real risk and had to be taken seriously.

We have learned from previous pandemic outbreaks, that we must continue to be vigilant. Local businesses are going above and beyond to assist our community. Food stores and pharmacies have made it possible to order basic necessities on-line and pick them up in an organized and safe manner.

As a Board, we support the efforts that everyone is making, as we made decisions to help protect our community. Having nursed during the 2003 SARS epidemic, it is my belief that we will get through this and be a stronger, healthier community as a result.

From Ramara Township

We share the sad news that Deputy Mayor, John O'Donnell passed away on Wednesday March 25, 2020. We were privileged to have John on Council for many years, and he will be missed.

Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) News

To repeat some valuable information regarding Short Term Rental Accommodations:

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 2, 2020, Jon Popple, Bylaw and Licensing Supervisor, provided an update on the implementation of the Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Bylaw, passed on January 27, 2020 for Council, staff and guests.

The hiring of Jon Popple and administration costs associated with the STRA management were factored into the decisions made by Council and their legal department, including licensing fees and penalties. This will

be cost-neutral, they say.

A company, called Host Compliance, has been contracted by the Township to monitor and collect weekly data on the top 50 Short Term Rental (STR) listing websites.

A monthly report is populated with screen shots and addresses of advertised rentals.

We are advised that licensed STRA's will be available to the public.

Host Compliance will also monitor STRA compliance and send out enforcement letters.

By-law complaints related to STR's can be made directly to the Township by telephone during regular business hours, at 705-484-5374 ext 242, or emailed to: bylaw@ramara.ca and will be investigated by Township Bylaw Enforcement Officers.

GuardaWorld has also been contracted to provide evening, overnight and week-end Bylaw enforcement. The GuardaWorld staff are authorized to enforce the bylaw and have the authority to issue tickets for infractions.

Once again, if you are considering using your property as a STRA, make certain that you are fully informed with respect to your obligations and all the new Township regulations. Please contact Ramara Township and download all necessary forms that are required to be completed and are now available on-line, through Reach Out Ramara.

Bayshore Website

Check out the Bayshore Website at bayshorevillage.ca for community news and events

Kathi Kerr
Corporate Secretary



Crocuses (or crocii) by Kay Beacham

Director of Common Lands

Emerald Ash Borer Update-March 2020



Steve Goulter

The 2020 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) program, here in Bayshore Village, will be underway any day now. This program is fully supported by the Bayshore Village Association and will be implemented by volunteers. This means that we can offer this program at very low prices compared to commercial tree services. We will finish the inventory between now and mid-May. This will be done by starting at one end of each street and working our way throughout the entire village, examining each ash tree and recording the data in a spread sheet. A small metal tag (with a number on it) will be attached to each tree. Please do not remove these tags. Since our trees were considered to be a very important Bayshore asset in our survey, we will be conducting the inventory on all trees without asking each homeowners permission. This has been agreed by the majority of homeowners. However, **IF YOU DO NOT WANT US TO DO THE INVENTORY OF YOUR TREES, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN WRITING, EMAIL, ETC.**

We are very fortunate that our Village is situated on a protected peninsula – surrounded by water, prevailing Westerly winds and vast swampy areas to the East. These factors have provided some measure of protection, slowing the advancement of the EAB. Last summer we had 3 small areas where the EAB was evident. Some of these infested trees have been removed and we are encouraging your co-operation so that we can save as many trees as possible by removing any tree that is identified as infested. Note that some tree companies in the area are looking for business and **MAY** tell you that your trees are infested. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS IS THE CASE AND WE WILL CONFIRM THAT THIS IS TRUE, BEFORE TAKING TREES OUT UNNECESSARILY.** The life cycle of the EAB is very well understood. The adults emerge from inside the infested ash tree in May/June, eat their way out and create “D” shaped exit holes in the bark. This is the only time we will see any evidence of the EAB. They eat only ash tree leaves for about two weeks before laying very

tiny eggs in the crevasses of the bark on branches and the trunk. They generally only fly to the nearest ash tree, taste it to make sure that it is an ash tree before laying their eggs, and will not emerge again until the next Spring.

In the meantime, the real damage to the tree is taking place under the bark as the larvae chew “S” shaped channels everywhere, preventing the flow of nutrients to the crown. This causes the thinning of the crown, which is probably the first visible sign of distress. The larvae go through 3 or 4 moults during the summer, growing each time. In the fall, they form a pre-pupa which overwinters in-situ in a folded state. Due to anti-freeze in their bodies, they can withstand our winters very nicely.

By the time there is any significant thinning of the crown, the internal damage is so severe that any attempt to then treat the tree is too late, or only slightly effective at slowing the inevitable death of the tree, and therefore not worth the effort to save it.

NOTE THAT ALL ASH TREES WILL DIE UNLESS WE TAKE ACTION – THIS IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED FACT.

The EAB has very sensitive taste buds. It will not eat anything else! This is the basis of our plan – make the ash tree taste bad to the EAB! This can be done in a variety of ways, but our plan consists of a very simple application of a special “fertilizer”, applied in May/June (and every second year thereafter) until the EAB moves on. This “fertilizer” is non-toxic, natural and will not be harmful to anything in the environment. We will be offering to do this treatment for you at a small fee.

Compared to removal, this is felt to be a good investment, as cost for removals are typically \$500 to \$3000 per tree, depending on location and complications with respect to access, etc. As stated above, ALL ash trees will die in 2 to 4 years unless we take action.

We are looking forward to working with each of you in our efforts to save our ash trees.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**Thank You, Steve Goulter, Director of Common Lands
Bayshore Village Association (705 826 8826)**

Social Director

THAT'S AMORE!



Debbie Rautins

Approximately 60 residents came out to enjoy an evening of great food and music on February 15th.

The social committee decided to try something different related to the pot-luck and asked for main dishes only, while they supplied salad, rolls and dessert. There was more than enough food!

Music was provided by "My Missing Piece", a popular duet at Tailwinds restaurant. They mixed up the music with folksy type after dinner music and progressed to lively dance music.

Thanks to all attendees, to the Social Committee for their decorating and clean up, to Jim Fielding for such a cute poster advertising the event. One of the highlights was the warm welcome residents extended to several new Bayshorites who were attending their first Bayshore event.

For pictures, see pages 10 & 11.

Valentines Day Dinner & Dance Saturday February 15th



Doors open @ 5:30

Dinner @ 6:30

Live Music 7 to 10 by "My Missing Piece"
(popular duet @ Tailwinds Restaurant)

That's Amore!



Tickets \$10 per person
Tickets on sale Monday January 13th 6 to 7
and Tuesday January 14th 11 to Noon

For additional information contact Debbie @ 705-484-0471

First Annual Snowman Building Contest

Sponsored by the Social Committee

Thank you to all those children and adults that participated! In late January, snow figures began popping up here and there in Bayshore! I am sure many enjoyed these!

We hope you smile at some of the pictures we received!

Winners of the Contest: Children

Spencer- Happiest Snowman

Annabelle- Cutest Snowman

Hunter- Scariest Snowman

Charlotte- Most Beautiful and Colourful Snow Princess

Sophia- Best Animated Snowman-OLAF

The children each received a flowerpot full of items for planting seeds to welcome Spring. They also received a certificate.



The adults got really creative as you can see by the pictures. They received bragging rights and pictures placed in the Banner.

My thanks also to those who helped with this activity:

- Linda Bridges for putting together the flowerpots,
- Starr Oswald for the certificates and poster,
- the parents and grandparents that had fun with their children!

For more pictures see pages 24 & 25



Director of Common Waters



Keith Meadows

With the recent rain and warmer temperatures, Bayshore is experiencing that time of year when the spring melt and rain combination add concerns regarding water levels in the ponds.

I have been driving around the Village to see what the water levels are, and the ponds are at levels

of no risk at this time.

Thanks to Steve Goulter and the Stephen family, Vicars Pond is at a very manageable level due to recent pumping. I hope this is the year that Ramara finally resolves the Vicars problem and grades the ditches so this pond will retain a constant water level on its own.

The Pond Masters have not reported any other issues in terms of high water levels in their managed ponds, so it looks like we will get through this wet time of year with little or no major problems.

As we head into May and the installation of the aerators and bubblers, the pond team will be replacing two aerators with cost effective bubblers; one in Vicars Pond, and the other in Beaver Pond.

Also, in an attempt to lessen cost, the two 1 horsepower aerators will be replaced by two 1/2 horsepower aerators, saving Bayshore half the cost of hydro while having no noticeable difference in aesthetics, but perhaps a little less noise.

We have enough enzymes to last for a good part of the spring and summer and as soon as the new dye packets are delivered, we will again treat the ponds with dyes to reduce weed growth.

I will keep monitoring the beaver situation and, as long as we as a community take the necessary steps by wrapping our trees to prevent damage from beaver feeding and eliminate the food source, we should be able to live in harmony with our nickel plated, furry friends.



*Yours in Community Service.
Keith Meadows, Director, Common Waters.*



Blue Heron in Flight

Photos by Sharmila Perera

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That's Amore!



Tatiana Karmushka picks a winning ticket
Debbie Rautins & Keith Meadows, Carol Rosa & Karl Kampe
Brian & Kathy Hutchinson, Bruce & Lynn McWilliam
Betty Gow & Doug Sellery, Janice Latorre's strawberries
"My Missing Piece", Dave Renaud picks a winner

Iris & Eugene Storzinski, Joe & Janice Latorre
Kristina Frise & Carol Rosa, Terri & Mike Pappa
Emily Murua & Gary Millward,
Sharon Miller, Wendy Lucas, Debbie Rautins

Celebration February 15, 2020



My Missing Piece

Donna Wilson, Wendy Lucas, Iris Storozinski; Matthew Foghi
Mary Andrews, Terri Pappa, Loreen Ash, Bruce & Sharon Miller
Herb & Catherine Hermans
Ted Spain, Terri Pappa, Carol Spain, Rhonda Wallace, Dave Renaud

Glenn & Wendy Lucas, Joe & Janice Latorre

Carlos & Barb Cordeiro, Catherine Hermans & Marielle Montemurro
Dani Prinzen & Rick Indewey, Dave Renaud & Dave Horbay
Diane Downey & Brian Cracknell, Donna Wilson & Wayne Perzel

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Although our doors may not be open to serve you during this time, our staff still care about our patrons and community and wish to serve you as well as possible. Please reach out to us on social media or via email if you have any questions or concerns, as we navigate this uncharted territory.

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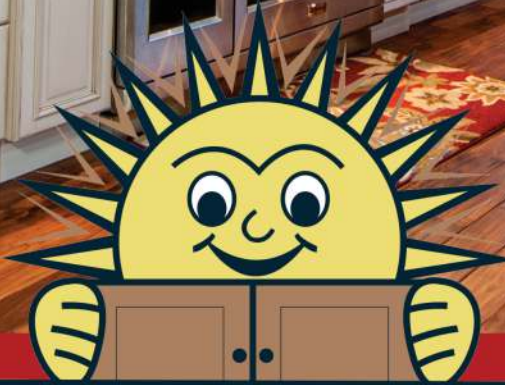
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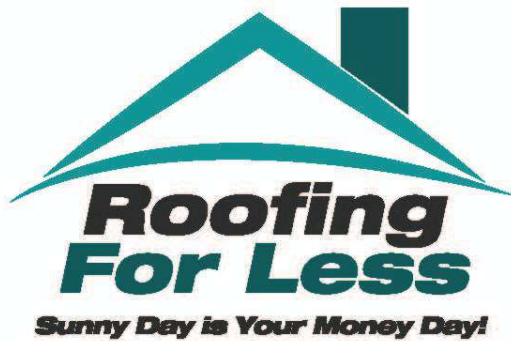
Nature, just like our bodies, has a way of healing itself. We live, or I should say lived, in a world where everything was out of control. Pollution was at its highest, Global warming had hit its peak. Stress, mental distress and disease was out of control. Everything needed to be instant, everyone was in a rush, selfishness was at its peak. Except for a handful of people, no one cared about the environment, the other creatures that we shared this planet with, or the well-being of the people around us. It was basically survival of the fittest and a rush to reach the finish line with the biggest bag one could carry. In achieving this, nothing mattered, except me, myself and I.

A few months ago, my husband and I took 3



weeks away from our rushed lives to travel Spain. We didn't do much planning, except for booking the hotels in the cities we wanted to be in. We wanted to experience Spain, one day at a time, with advice from the locals. We started in Madrid, experienced Toledo, spent a few days in Seville and Granada, and headed towards Alicante, Valencia and ended up in Barcelona. We spent beautiful days experiencing the rich culture, basking in the sun on sandy beaches, eating tapas and drinking wine on quaint streets. We walked the streets, met people, shopped in authentic stores, visited amazing basilicas and other ancient monuments, saw olive plantations, tasted olive oil and took siestas just like the locals.

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BRIDGE NEWS

Bayshore's bridge is temporarily on hold. When we get back to normal, there will be four opportunities to try your hand at this stimulating and enjoyable game. On Monday evenings there is mixed bridge at 7:00 p.m.; on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m., there is Ladies' bridge; on Thursday morning, the men meet at 9:00 a.m. and on Friday, if you used to play and would like to get back to playing but need a brush-up, or if you would like to learn, there are Bridge Lessons at 11:00 a.m. All bridge takes place in the great room.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups please contact the following people:

General Bridge and Ladies' Bridge:

Pat Beecham-Cooper (705) 484-0221,
beecoop@cottagecountry.net

Men's Bridge:

Noel Cooper, (705) 484-0221,
noelc@cottagecountry.net

If you are interested in bridge lessons, they run from 11:00-1:00 in the great room. Please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at beecoop@cottagecountry.net or (705) 484-0221.

Ladies' Bridge and Combined Bridge each play 20 hands a session. Men's Bridge and General Bridge each play 24 hands a session. Thus, you may see higher scores when more hands are played!

We welcome new players!

During this past winter (snowbird) period, the Ladies' and the General Bridge joined together to play on Wednesday afternoons. Here are their results from Jan. 8th to March 11th 2020.

1. Doug Sellery 5430
2. Patti Rigby 5080
3. Doug Sellery 4890

In the men's league, on January 23rd, Rick Tarullo scored 6760 points, and came second! Lloyd Lockhart scored 7720 and took home the gold.

Bridge is a great game to stimulate your mind and get your brain working. All the groups at Bayshore are very relaxed and fun, so even if it's years since you've played, come on out when we resume

CREATIVE ARTS AT BAYSHORE, SPRING 2020

The Bayshore Art Gallery is currently showing Jacquie Ivory as the featured artist. This show will remain until activities can resume at the Hayloft. If any artist would like to be the featured artist at our Art Gallery, please contact me, Pat Beecham-Cooper at beecoop@cottagecountry.net or at 705 484-0221. You will need approximately 10 pieces to fill the wall. We are also looking for artists to submit one or two pieces each show for the group wall. Normally, the shows run for a month, but during the winter months, with so many snowbirds away, the shows have been longer. Here are some pictures of this show: Overview of Jacquie's show, more of Jacquie's show, Group wall with Barb Schmidt, Pat Beecham, Victor Relvas, Maria Saringer's porcelain plate.

The Bayshore Acrylic group recently completed another course under the tutelage of Doug Cooper. There were 13 artists taking part. Usually he runs another course later on in the spring, but we will have to wait until things return to normal to see what happens.

We are looking at the viability of having our usual Creative Arts show in September. Again, until normalcy returns, we are in a holding pattern



Overview of Jacquie's Show



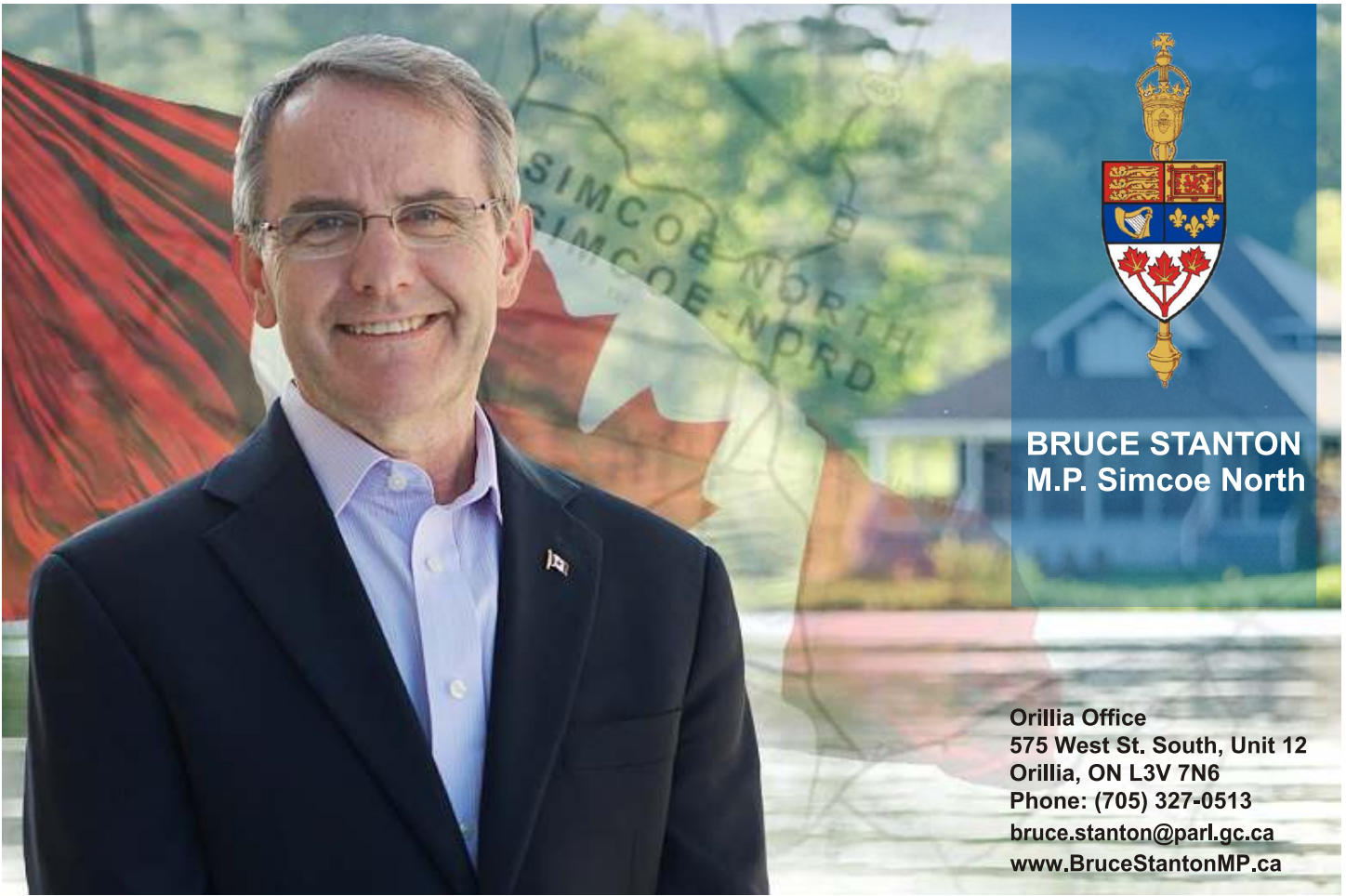
More of Jacquie's Show



Group wall with Barb Schmidt, Pat Beecham, Victor Relvas



Maria Saringer's Plate



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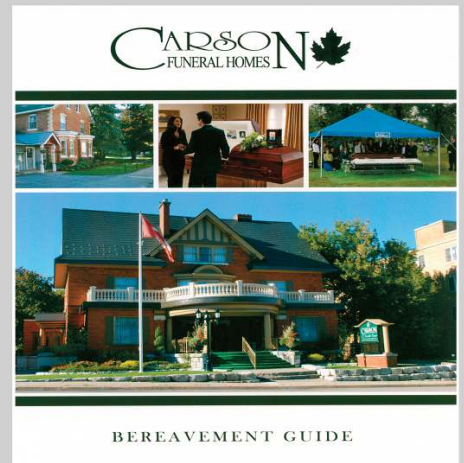


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Bayshore Village Ice Anglers

The warm rains of spring brings to an end another season of hard water ice fishing and for the Bayshore Village Ice Anglers another successful season.

Though not a formalized group in Bayshore, we seem to all share the love of cold, windy, snowy, rainy days out on the lake and the comradery in catching “a fish”!!!!

Our regular lineup, which includes Bob Plue, Eugene Storozinski, Wayne Perzel, Dave Renaud, Des Barnes, and Brian Hutchinson, saw additions of Kevin Fox and Brian Ivory.

We also put out an invitation to others who would like to try their hand and experience the enjoyment of this fun and frigid winter pastime.

Answering the call were Rick Indewey, Dave Horbay, Gunther Gratzner, Ted Spain and Vito Ilyin. Unfortunately, due to up and down weather conditions, personal schedules, etc., others had shown interest but didn’t get the opportunity to get out this year. We will work on that next year for sure.

We are so lucky to have such an amazing fishery only minutes from our shoreline boasting some of the best jumbo perch and whitefish fishing anywhere on the lake. We had lake trout and pike caught as well as the burbot or dogfish. The odd bass comes through the hole as well as a herring or two over the course of the winter. Special thanks to Kevin Fox for bringing out his permanent ice hut this year. What a joy to go out onto the lake to an already heated hut with pre-drilled holes, stereo and padded seats!

Most of us usually use our ATV’s, snowmobiles or UTV’s to venture out onto the ice. The hard core guys walk out. We then drill about 4 holes (thank God for

power augers), set up the portable fish huts, get the heaters going and we are ready for a fun day of fishing. The veterans, Bob Plue, Brian Hutchinson and Des Barnes have been fishing these waters longer than most and have discovered the “hot spots” either on shoals or holes and have helped the newcomers find success out there. Some of us found our own “hot spots” this year with tremendous success, such as Barnstable Bay which for some reason, was not fished much in the past—our secret 🤫

A day in a hut with a friend always has its memories and stories, from the guy who has his hut so hot you melt away pounds while sitting and fishing, to the largest fish someone had ever caught previously was 5 inches long and he had gone deep sea fishing! One fisherman collects some smaller perch to feed the eagles and donates some to an animal sanctuary to feed injured herons and other fish eating birds and animals. We shared lots and lots of laughs!

We are a generous group, sharing our catches with each other or our guests who join us for the day, or even residents who love fish!

We encourage others to join us next year, either for a day or two, or as a season regular.

So, with fridges full of this year’s catch, we can now turn to open water fishing and, not rushing it, wait until that cool autumn breeze turns to the ice making cold winds of winter and another season is upon us.

So, dry out those huts, boys, make your repairs and we’ll see you out next ice fishing season!

Keith Meadows
The Bayshore Village Ice Anglers



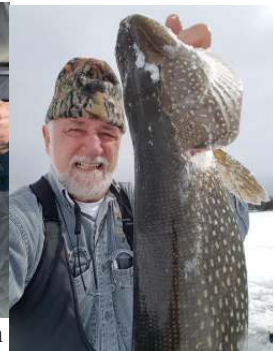
Dave & Rhonda with their daughter, Sharley



Bob Plue & Barnstable Bay
Jumbo Perch



Eugene & Jumbo Perch



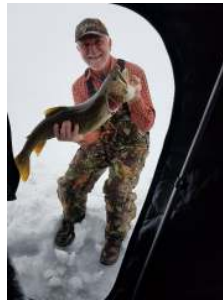
Eugene with a BIG one



A Whitefish on the Ice



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Please check with the Brechin Legion for future re-scheduling.

Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North

March was Fraud Prevention Month and given the recent developments surrounding social distancing and self isolation due to COVID-19 it's important for everyone to be aware of fraudulent schemes.

It is disconcerting that there are people around looking for opportunities to take advantage and prey on the vulnerable during stressful and uncertain times. Be aware, make smart choices with possible COVID-19 scams currently circulating. Private companies offering fast COVID-19 tests for sale, consumers purchasing large amounts of products and reselling them at higher prices, door-to-door fraudsters offering fake decontamination services, fraudsters posing as police issuing fines to consumers wearing masks and fraudsters urging people to invest in new stocks related to the disease are some. Watch for malicious email campaigns and fraudulent and deceptive online ads.

I, myself, fell victim to a scam last month involving an email from a friend asking for a favour and requesting I purchase four \$100 iTunes cards on their behalf. I was asked to scratch the back and email the number back to them. Not questioning, I stopped to purchase the cards and during the process was made aware of this scam. Prior to the completed transaction, I was able to call my friend confirming the scam which I embarrassingly almost fell for.

It is important to stress that it is your right to ask questions if you are feeling unsure, never make snap decisions-especially from those that apply pressure and, to challenge email requests to ensure validity. Make calls to understand how your service providers operate, correspond and communicate with you and know how your financial institutions and government agencies generally communicate. Whether speaking to someone over the phone, online or at your doorstep be mindful of the information you share before providing any personal or banking information or signing up for purchases/services.

When in doubt, call a trusted family member, friend, your bank, insurance provider, police or, in the instance of COVID-19 scams, the Simcoe County Health Unit to verify the person's identity and the service/product they are claiming to provide related to COVID-19.

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Q: What is the best thing about Switzerland?

A: I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

My grandfather unfortunately passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type. His last words to us were, "Be positive!"

Two men, Tom and Gerald, have loved baseball more than anything their entire lives. One day, Tom says to Gerald, "If you die before me, promise me you'll come back and tell me if there is baseball in Heaven."

Gerald agrees and makes Tom promise the same thing. About a week later, Tom dies.

One night, Gerald wakes up to someone calling his name. Scared, he asks, "Who's there?"

Suddenly Tom appears and says, "Hi Gerald. I'm coming here from Heaven. I've got some good news and some bad news. I'll give you the good news first. There IS baseball in heaven."

Gerald gets very excited, but then asks, "Well, what's the bad news?"

Tom looks at him grimly and says, "I looked at the lineup and you're pitching tomorrow."

When my dad trapped a mouse in a bucket in our garage, he called me to see it. I was in heaven. This mouse was the most beautiful creature my eleven-year-old eyes had ever seen. It was tiny. Tiny ears and tiny feet and huge brown eyes that bugged out of his tiny little head. He looked up at me from the bottom of the bucket with a little tear in his eye, grateful that I had come to his rescue. "You're welcome," I thought, magnanimously (or should I say "magnanimousely"). As I reached down into the bucket, my dad stopped me – handing me a thick work glove in case the mouse bit me. I was aghast! "I am going to save his life. He loves me. Besides, how am I going to feel his luxurious fur with a glove on?" I said, ignoring my father's warning. I gently placed my hand into the deep bucket and lifted up the petrified mouse. I held him close to me and as we stared into each other's eyes, I realized that I had never loved anything as much as I loved this little mouse. I reached out my other hand to pet him – vowing that I would care for and protect this creature as long as he lived. Turns out, he lived about another 2 seconds before he clamped his giant yellow teeth onto my ungloved finger. As if burned, I flung my hand and launched the mouse straight into the garage door. And that, my friends, is where the term, "dead as a door mouse comes from."

Last night, my husband and I watched 2 movies back-to-back. Thankfully I was facing the T.V.

I wanted to learn how to drive a stick shift, but I couldn't find a manual.

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond bracelet for my birthday. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight." He said.

That evening, the man came home with a package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it, only to find a book entitled, "The meaning of dreams."

I would like to say that my attempts at domesticating wild animals ended after committing involuntary mouse-slaughter but a few years later, I was similarly bitten by a squirrel after months of trying to gain its trust and have him eat directly from my hand. I like to think he mistook my finger for a peanut but it's more likely that squirrels are just jerks.

You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.

I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows on too high. She seemed surprised.

Here are some words you may not know the meanings of:

Abalone: Nonsense!

Abominable: When a male bovine swallows dynamite.

Abundance: A big party held in a bakery.

Adamant: the first insect.

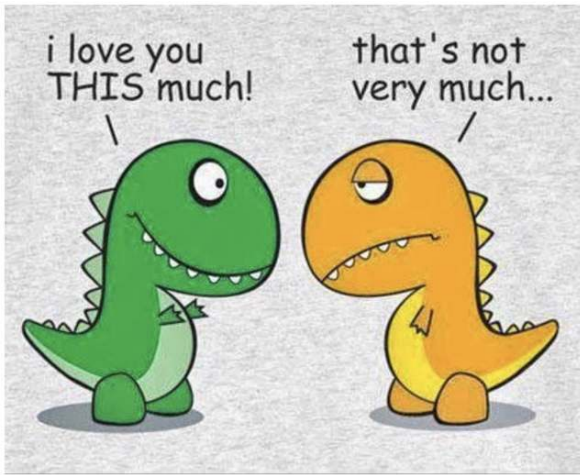
Arrears: organs used for hearing.

Avoidable: what matadors are trained to do.

Vericose: you're almost there!

Stay Sunny Bayshore, Lauren Torchia

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2 cups water 1 cup chopped cherry tomatoes
1/4 cup olive oil 1 (15oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
2 limes, juiced 5 green onions, finely chopped
2 tsp ground cumin 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 tsp salt crumbled feta cheese (optional)

Directions:

1. Bring quinoa and water to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until quinoa is tender and water is absorbed, 10 to 15 minutes. Set aside to cool in a large bowl.
2. Whisk olive oil, lime juice, cumin, 1 tsp salt in a bowl.
3. Combine quinoa, red peppers, tomatoes, black beans and onions together in the bowl. Pour dressing over quinoa mixture; toss to coat.
Add cilantro and salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately or chill in refrigerator.

Coleslaw- Great with Pulled Pork



1 bag shredded cabbage
2 carrots, peeled and grated
1 apple, finely chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped

Mix above ingredients together in a medium sized bowl.

Dressing: 2/3 cup olive oil
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

1 tsp garlic powder
1 Tbsp honey or more to taste
salt to taste

Blend dressing ingredients and pour over cabbage mixture. Chill well before serving. Enjoy.



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Life was slow, meaningful, beautiful. There was time to bask in the glory of being alive and experience the magic of every moment. We ate a lot, walked a lot and laughed a lot. Life was as it should be lived.

Amidst the havoc of Covid-19, it seems the world has slowed down and forced mankind to slow down, take note of others around us, appreciate our blessings, depend on each other for survival. We now see the beauty in things we would not even have noticed, talk to others, bond with our families, share what we have. Nature has its way of healing itself and through this chaos, I hope we all slow down to notice what we didn't, know what's important and be grateful for the people around us. May we love, pray and heal.

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A Love Story from Gail Carter

Dear Friends,

We are going through some difficult times. Glen has suffered yet another of life's blows. A stroke. It occurred in October, just a couple of weeks before heading down south to Florida. I had every detail planned: Glen's knee injections, dentist appointments, eye exams, details for house watching during our absence, American bank account up to date, mail pick up, car maintenance for our three day trip south. Then.....BAM.

A few years ago, Glen had been diagnosed with oncoming Alzheimer's. This on top of a chronic astrocytoma brain tumor he was diagnosed with twenty-five years ago. He was showing some cognitive disability, but managing to understand many details of our daily lives and to contribute to household tasks as well as the planning of our future.

On October 4, 2019, the morning was proceeding as usual: coffee and muffin and conversation. However, on this particular morning, our communication was pitiful. Glen couldn't speak well. There was no understanding, just confusion. He'd had his moments previously, due to the Alzheimer's problem, but that morning I recognized the situation had altered seriously. I called our GP's office. I was told to take Glen to the Emergency Department at the hospital. I was told the problem might have been caused by infection. It was early afternoon by the time I drove him there. He was tested, quite quickly I might add, and the diagnosis was Stroke. I learned later it had affected three parts of his brain.

I stayed every day with him in Soldiers' Memorial Hospital for the week and a half before he was able to come home. He was disoriented of course, under medication and slept a lot. The extended family rushed up to visit. They were so concerned, caring, and supportive of both of us. When I look back, I shudder at our vulnerability. I appreciated so much the rallying of support from family and friends.

When Glen was released, I was tentative about how I was to manage our days and nights at home. I cried a great deal. It didn't help, of course, but Glen, most of the time was, and has been, cooperative. Often, he's in a good mood. He does have what is called 'sundowning' symptoms which appear now and then. I keep our conversation and routines simple. Language has little meaning. Although Glen is able to describe fairly comprehensively incidents in his long ago past, his utterances regarding today's details are all ajumble- very

frustrating for both of us. Neither one understands the other. (I have made light of this, maintaining we have graduated into a more normal state of marriage).

Glen has always been physically strong and determined, even a stubborn person. He is trying so bravely to regain his former abilities. I am determined to help to the limits of my meager abilities. 'Patience' is the operative word.

LHIN contacted me with offerings of generous support. We have a physical therapist, a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, behavioural therapist and social worker. The VON offered an Adult Day Program for Glen, which he has clearly refused. PSW's came twice a week, each offering me a 1 hour respite early in the day. It was well intentioned, however difficult for me to accomplish any errands since Bayshore Village is some distance from Orillia. Lately, to my relief, the program has been expanded to 3 hour afternoon PSW visits twice a week.

How fortunate we are to live in a close, caring community. My Bayshore walker friends have been magnanimous in their offers to keep company with Glen to allow me to attend any appointments I might have. So far, I have refused their kind intentions, however much I appreciate them. My tendency is to be independent.

Glen's 2 daughters have spent time with their beloved dad with pleasure and have provided me with some liberty to visit with friends and to shop. My son and his girlfriend have also given me wonderful support.

I have submitted Glen's name for admittance to a long-term care residence. I worry. Oh, how I worry. Oh, how I wrestle with my responsibilities and guilt. I want to do the best I can; to do the 'right thing'. I feel great dismay and disillusionment that our lives have come to this point. This was never going to happen to us. It happens to other people. The main thing for me is to ensure Glen's welfare and dignity. To provide for him opportunities to enhance his life. I understand that socialization is extremely valuable. As is Love and Care.



Sincerely, Gail Carter

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Otto Saringer, Misty Court



Otto Saringer, a long time member of Bayshore Village, passed away on February 16, 2020.

Otto and Maria were married for 65 years. Otto loved his wife, Maria and Bayshore Village. He served his community for one term as Vice President many years ago.

Before coming to Bayshore, Otto and Maria lived in Australia for 12 years. They both loved to travel and travelled a lot. Maria is planning to have a celebration of life which will be arranged later. Maria would like to sincerely thank Dr. Gray, Dr. Erika Catford, Dr. Stevens and their wonderful staff for the care and support during Otto's illness.

Blu Gagno, Bayshore Drive



Passed unexpectedly at Soldiers memorial Hospital on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in his 43rd year. Blu, loving husband to Krista Kemp, will be sadly missed by his daughter Ella Gagno-Spence, by his parents Donna and Louis, by his sisters Tiki Gagno and Shylow Gagno (Craig Bonfoco), and by his nephews Andrew and Adam Digout, son in law of John Kemp and Margaret Newell, Peggy Kemp, brother in law of Brent Kemp & Monica Moynes, Meghan & Jason Johnston, Ainslie & Colin Shelswell, niece and nephews Greyden & Mitchell Johnston and Colton and Alexa Shelswell. A celebration of life for Blu has been held at the Hayloft. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Diabetes Foundation or to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation and will be received by the Doolittle Chapel of Carson Funeral Homes, 54 Coldwater St. E., Orillia (705) 326-3595.

John O'Donnell, Deputy Mayor of Ramara Township



It is with great sadness that we share the news that our library board member and supporter, Deputy Mayor of Ramara, passed away in the early morning of Wednesday, March 25th. Our thoughts are with his family and wife Kathy during this difficult time.



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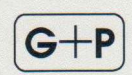
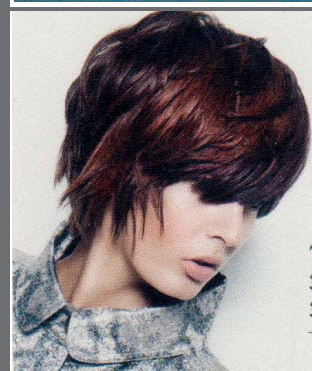
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