



## The **Bayshore Banner**

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## Milestones

My mother, **MARIA GRATZER**, recently celebrated her 90th birthday and is living proof that "age is just a number." The Energizer Bunny would be hard pressed to keep up with her as she can always be seen working in the garden, or cleaning eavestroughs, washing the car, shoveling snow etc. There's no stopping her from performing any task around the house. As one of eight siblings born in Austria, growing up during the war was a struggle to say the least. Married at the age of 19, she and my father, Frank, immigrated to Canada in 1954 to start a new life. Working at various factory jobs until 1960, they then decided to start their own mattress and upholstery business. It was a struggle keeping the business afloat while at the same time building a house in Scarborough. But through hard work and perseverance everything worked out well.



A few years after the passing of my father, I convinced her to move to Bayshore and she has settled in quite comfortably. While mostly keeping to herself, she enjoys the neighbourly chats, waves, and various outdoor events.

If asked what her secret is to good health, she'd probably tell you it's the garlic and keeping busy. I have to admit I've rarely ever seen her sitting still. I hope her energy is hereditary!

**Gunther Gratzner**



**MARIKA AND VICTOR RELVAS** celebrated their 50th Anniversary on February 27th. It was a quiet celebration this year but cherished nonetheless. Happy Anniversary!

Happy 65th Birthday to **KEITH MEADOWS** on March 24! To a great brother, uncle, nephew, friend and husband, who has been there for all of us when we needed him most. We love you to the moon and back. Tom's bringing the chips and beer. "He ain't heavy he's my brother." Love from the clan, Brenda, Norm, Laurie, Tom, Kim, Emma, Logan, Renee, Penelope, Aunt Nora and Debbie.



Happy Birthday to **NORA WHITE**, a young 91! Nora has been a resident of Bayshore for 4 years.

With love from your family, Brenda and Norm James, Debbie Rautins and Keith Meadows

## Welcome New Neighbours

Our names are Barry & Mary Davis. On February 4th, 2021, we became the new owners of 83 Bayshore Drive in Bayshore Village, which we have looked forward to!

A bit about our background... We have moved from our home in Whitby where we had been living in and owned for the past approx 40 years.

I am a retired business owner and for the past seven years since retirement from the RV business after 50+ years, I have taken on some show promoting. I have presented John McDermott as well as various other entertainers in several theatres between Oshawa and Lindsay. I have presented John McDermott's Family Christmas Concert at the Regent Theatre in Oshawa for the past five years.

We have two grown boys (men) and three teenage grandchildren, one family living in Whitby and the other family living in Tory Hill, Ontario.

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We are new to Bayshore and just love it so far. I thought it would be fun to submit my two pictures and also that my birthday is March 27th.

Zita and David Zultek, 227 Bayshore Drive  
(Happy belated birthday Zita!)



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In addition, a warm welcome to our other newest neighbours to Bayshore Village:

Alex and Mariana, 12 Misty Court

Jeff, 152 Bayshore Drive

Lia and Seirge, 214 Bayshore Drive

Pamela and Margaret, 2 Misty Court

We look forward to getting to know you better! Welcome!



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Happy Spring to all!

Take a walk by Mary Andrews' house and check out her festive decor.



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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



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## President's Report



It is hard to believe that it has been a year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Clearly, this has been a challenge for all of us in our individual lives and as Directors managing the Association. The scientific community has excelled in producing, in record time, several effective vaccines which will become available in

greater numbers in the near future. This has provided some much needed light at the end of the tunnel to hopefully return us to a more normal life starting in the spring and gaining momentum as we move through the year. There is still a need to adhere to the COVID protocols in the immediate future, especially given the new variants of the virus.

BVA individual members, as well as our Social Committee, have shown a lot of creativity in helping to manage our day-to-day lives this winter under difficult circumstances. Judging by the number of members that are out and about, exercising and making the best of the winter months, I think the members are in great physical shape. In hindsight, Bayshore has been a good place to weather the pandemic.

The Board continues to focus on our budget for the membership's approval and is now planning the Spring and Fall General and Annual Meetings. The spring meeting focuses on the budget approval. We have developed some expertise in conducting these meetings given the COVID protocols, but clearly there needs to be some flexibility regarding their timing. We will make final decisions on the format and timing of these meetings as we work our way through COVID restrictions this spring.

Directors' Reports in the months leading up to the meetings will be more comprehensive to reflect their overall activities for the year. The Board has been busy managing many improvements and programs driven by the Membership Research initiatives. Our objective is to have our facilities in top notch condition for the members' use as we come out from under the COVID-19 protocols in the coming year. Combined with the previous year's initiatives, I believe Bayshore will be in the best shape ever, with many of the Association's infrastructures being repaired and positioned for many years to come.

The Executive and I continue to work with Ramara Township on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the spray fields, the infiltration issue regarding our sanitary services, harmonizing Ramara and BVA Architectural Bylaws, and our excessive water bills. We are also still engaged with Bell, and as winter gives way to spring, we will continue to focus on Bell finalizing the installation and operationalizing this key strategic TV and Internet initiative for the membership as soon as possible.

Finally, stay safe. The vaccine is just around the corner. I realize this has been a difficult winter for many. The health and safety of the membership will continue to be our first priority in managing Bayshore this year and will be at the forefront as we start to reopen our facilities this spring. Your patience will be appreciated.

Soon we will be able to put COVID in our rear view mirrors. I am looking forward to the coming months and the ability to once again interact with members in a more usual manner. I want to once again thank all the health care workers and essential service members that reside in Bayshore for their ongoing efforts in fighting COVID. This clearly has been a year to remember.

***Rick Matthews, President  
Bayshore Village Association***

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## Introducing Our Councillor, Jennifer Fisher



I am often asked, "How's Council? Is it what you were expecting?"

My husband and I bought in The Township just over 12 years ago after moving from Orillia. We have 2 (grown) children and 3 grandchildren. I have always had an interest in politics. When I was 11 my parents took me to a council meeting in Orillia. I don't really remember what the issue

was about or what made them so keen on attending that evening, but my Mondays were forever changed. I begged and pleaded and bargained with my parents to take me back. They finally relented (I am convinced that it was my very mature-for-my-age negotiating skills rather than the utter annoyance I created with my whining). Almost every Monday from then on I was at a council meeting or a Committee of the Whole meeting as often as I could be. That is the story of the beginning of my love affair with politics.

I continued on throughout the rest of my teens until my mid-20's working in print and television production. I covered all types of events from sporting to music, from local to national, but I always continued to cover politics; again at local council, to campaign coverage (all levels of government), at debates to the G8. Something always brought me back.

In my mid-20's I was ready for a change. I went back to school looking for direction. My health took a drastic turn and I had to fight everyday for wellness. At the time I was undiagnosed with my Autoimmune Disease, and as a result I was medicated to "manage symptoms" rather than treat the disease. I am happy to say that now, with the proper diagnosis, my health is much more in control and I have my life back.

I currently work as an Animal Relocation Specialist and in the off season I work as an Educational Assistant within the Simcoe County District School Board. I love what I do, but something was still missing.

When the opportunity came up to put my name in for consideration for the position of Ward 2 Councillor, I knew that I had to talk to my husband. It would mean changes in the home, reassignment of chore responsibilities, some evenings wouldn't be ours anymore. What would he say? How do I bring this up? Would he be supportive of these changes?

When he came home that afternoon from work, I had prepared his favourite meal (to maybe butter him up), had a nice glass of whiskey ready for his arrival and took a deep breath trying to find the right words. Before I opened my mouth, he opened his. "Honey, did you see that the council is having a call for names for the councillor position?"

"I did."

"Well? Have you put your name in yet? Isn't this what you have worked toward? I know you will be great! What do you need me to do?"

That was all the confirmation that I needed. My husband to stand beside me and be my cheerleader. I put my application in and, well, here I am.

These past few months have proven to be so rewarding. I have never felt so supported in any other area of my professional life than I have with these colleagues. I am honoured to have these men be my mentors. It is no secret that there are a lot of strong personalities on Council, but I am truly blessed that they are there to guide me, offer different opinions and allow me to observe different communication styles to navigate difficult items that may come up. They welcome my questions, they offer encouragement and reassurances when I need it, they listen and respect my opinion (even if they don't agree), and they offer discussion and leadership while I try to navigate my new role.

So, to answer my questions from above, Council is great! Is it what I was expecting? Yes... and no... It is all that I was expecting, but nothing like I ever imagined. I have my husband, children and colleagues to thank for that.

**Jen**

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# Welcome Spring!

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## Common Lands Director's Report



With the warm weather that we are experiencing in late March, it seems like winter is over. We had practically no freeze/thaw cycles, very little rain and well below average snowfall.

All the usual spring activities are underway again for Common Lands – picking up garbage, filling in ruts at the side of the road and in the ditches, picking up tree

limbs, clearing the paths in Eco Park, making sure the ponds are draining properly, etc.

Last fall, the Township improved the drainage path from Vicars Pond to Harbour 99. So far this winter, the water level has not been high enough to drain away, which is a very different situation from last winter (where we had to pump out about six feet of water over three sessions). Vicars is about four inches above “datum” level as of March 20-21. The next month or so will be a critical test to see if the level is maintained by the new drainage improvements. The other ponds seem to be draining OK.

A major effort is being organized for a spring clean up of the Village to celebrate EARTH DAY. It looks like the official day is April 22, but we have agreed to use Saturday, April 24 here in Bayshore to allow as many to participate as possible. A rain date of Saturday, May 1 will be used. See the “Flyer” advertisement in this month’s Banner (page 40). Everyone should meet at the Hayloft at 10:00 AM where various “jobs” can be assigned, depending on what you are able to do. We will need rakes and brooms to clean the Hayloft parking lot. Leaf bags and garbage bags will be provided. Keep your eye out for an email with more details.

At Park Lane Park, several big rocks at the shoreline were pushed back onto the beach. These were brought up onto the grass by the ice, making the grass harder to cut. We will be adding a low wire mesh fence and some shrubbery in this area this spring in order to control geese and to naturalize the shoreline.

### Arbour Report

The Emerald Ash Borer program will restart about mid-May, 2021. To streamline the process, we will re-treat all the trees that were done two years ago (i.e. 2019) without asking repeat customers to authorize the work. However, any new resident will be approached so that we can explain the process and get authorization.

The 19 dead poplar trees in the golf course were removed last summer. This year, we will be removing the stumps before they sprout new shoots, and getting the area prepared to plant some replacement trees as provided for under the Arbour Plan. The pile of wood chips in the golf course is available to residents. The remaining chips will be spread around the new trees.

A draft Arbour Plan document has been created. When it is finalized, it will be available to provide guidelines for future activities. This Arbour Plan will be presented to the BVA members at the May AGM for approval. It is a direct result of our last membership survey where it became clear that our trees were highly valued. Detailed plans for this next year are available which are the basis of the budget.

As part of the Arbour Plan, more attention will be given to making our Village less attractive to beavers. There is no point in planting trees and bushes just to feed the beavers! We will be installing low wire mesh fences around some of the harbours (and at Park Lane Park beach) to prevent geese and beavers coming out of the harbours, ponds (and lake) onto Common Land areas. There are several other ideas we can implement, such as rebar at the entrance to bank dens, etc., to discourage beavers (and muskrats). We will be consulting with “Wildlife Management” experts to come up with other ways we can make Bayshore less attractive for geese and beavers in the future.

As for Eco Park, the wood chips can be spread all the way around the pathway. If volunteers would like to help, it would be appreciated anytime, at your convenience. So far, there are no signs of beaver activities. A task in the Arbour Plan calls for an evaluation of invasive species in Eco Park and what action should be taken. A couple of the wooden bridges may require repairs this summer.

It’s nice to see so many residents out enjoying our Village, now that the weather is improving.

Look for the dedicated article on the speeding issue elsewhere in this issue of the Banner. Remember to wear a reflective vest and/or carry a flashlight when walking at night so that you can be seen by vehicle traffic.

Enjoy our beautiful Village!

**Steve Goulter**  
**Director of Common Lands**

### *I Seek the Life of the Springtime Leaf*

*I seek the life of the springtime leaf,  
New minted green,  
Dressed in youthful array,  
Snappy dress,  
Wind blowing through,  
Tossing their heads in saucy harass!  
Twirling, swirling,  
The wind picks up...  
Like the youth of old in prom dress true.  
Dancing and twirling the whole night through...  
Long memories asleep,  
They return to haunt,  
Seeking the life of a youth once sought.  
Yes...  
I seek the life of the springtime leaf.*

**Marilyn Goulter**



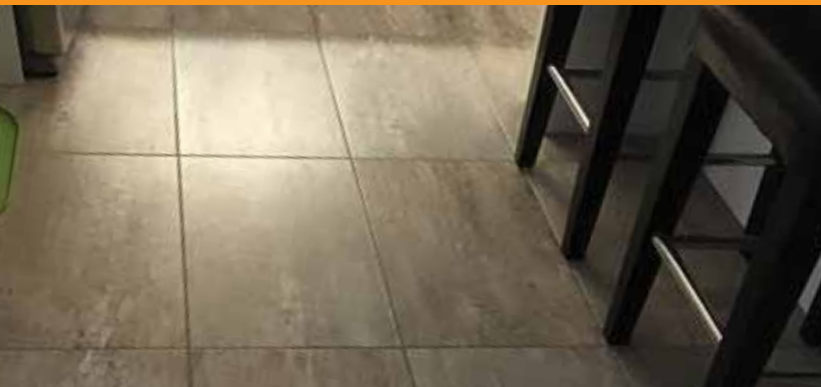


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## Hayloft Amenities Director's Report



I want to thank all members for respecting the closure of the Hayloft club house while the renovations are under way. We are nearing the end of the major portion of the work with the washrooms. We have repaired and corrected many plumbing and electrical problems and issues, and fresh paint and flooring is really brightening the interior.

With the changeable weather over these past few months, there was a roof leak issue near the front entrance way. The cause was ice and snow build up and a quick thaw. There may be need for some heat tracing cables in the build up areas to prevent future problems with the electric door and security system.

All directors are working hard on next year's budgets, as well as a five and ten year outlook in preparation for the annual meeting.

This includes major projects in the area of the tennis courts and swimming pool. The heavily-used tennis courts, in particular, are in need of some major restorative work. Proposals will be presented to the membership at the general meeting. The pool will benefit from a combination solar and propane heat this year. This should save a considerable amount on the propane bills going forward. We are still waiting for details concerning the new package delivery boxes that Canada Post is planning to install at the kiosk.

With the good news regarding vaccines and the local delivery speeding up, I hope that we can really celebrate with an open house sooner rather than later.

Spring is truly on the way.

**Rod Turnbull**  
*Director of Hayloft Amenities*

## Social Director's Report



The Hayloft and Kiosk continue to be decorated seasonally which has been fun to do! Thanks to all who provide items and do the displays.

Due to COVID restrictions and the weather, the community skating rink was almost ready to be used in Harbour 99. Timing was everything this year and it just didn't work out. The good news is

we have the process down for next year when we likely will only have the weather to rely on.

We had some great snow sculptures this year. Thanks to those who participated! Every one of them was a winner!

The committee has not met this year. With the warmer weather coming, we will meet outdoors in April.

The Heart and Stroke campaign in February raised just over \$1200. Many thanks to Wendy Lucas for arranging this during our HEARTS of BAYSHORE month and to those who contributed to this charity or others during the month.

As Bocce Ball was very popular last summer/fall, we have purchased two sets for community use when this resumes. We will be asking for volunteers to assist with organizing the weekly challenges.

We look forward to planning events for the community! Some ideas which have come forth are an outdoor BBQ with a band, and resumption of the "Backyard Happy Hours". Expect a Newsletter as soon as we can gather again!

Stay tuned... the Good Times WILL roll again!

**Debbie Rautins**  
*Social Director*



Snow Toboggan by Steve, Jenna and Natalie Sasseville shown here. For more photos of snow sculptures, see page 12.

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## Manitoulin/Lake Simcoe Area Deemed A Highly Threatened Eco-Region

The Manitoulin/Lake Simcoe eco-region was identified as one of southern Canada's nine most significant and threatened places for biodiversity conservation in a recent study conducted by Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and published in the journal, *Biodiversity and Conservation*. The conservation assessment analyzed 77 eco-regions across the southern part of Canada for biodiversity, threat and conservation response. The nine crisis regions represent less than five per cent of Canadian lands and inland waters but provide habitat for over 60 per cent of Canada's species at risk (SAR).

"Some of the planet's last wilderness is in northern Canada," said Dan Kraus, senior conservation biologist with NCC and author of the study. "We focused on southern Canada because, despite being a very large country, that's where most Canadians live and where most of our endangered species are."

The 77 eco-regions are geographic units across the country and are based on things like soil and climate. "They can have similar vegetation types and often similar land uses, although there is a lot of variation within them," he explained.

"We looked at those 77 regions and basically did a report card on them by assigning scores based on a number of different factors including how much habitat is left, how much protected area is there, how many rare and endangered species are there and then kind of ranked each region based on its value to nature and then how threatened that nature was," Kraus explained.

Nine of those eco-regions were near the top in both: they were very important for nature but they were also highly threatened and there is some urgency in terms of the conservation work that is needed.

The Manitoulin/Lake Simcoe region was one of those nine areas. It's sandwiched between the Canadian Shield in the north and the Lake Erie Lowlands to the south, from Manitoulin and the islands of northern Lake Huron over to the eastern end of Lake Ontario.

It is a large and diverse region that includes the major urban centres of Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough, Oshawa, Kitchener/Waterloo, Barrie and Owen Sound. It was identified as threatened from a biodiversity perspective because of the number of SAR in the region.

"There are over 75 national SAR located within the region," Kraus said.

"We also looked at species of global conservation concern. There are about 40 species of global concern found in the Manitoulin-Lake Simcoe region."

One of the study's aims was to increase awareness.

"What we wanted to do for a lot of these eco-regions is provide that detailed information so people can learn about the region that they live in and take a little bit of pride in being a part of that region," he said.

"I find Canadians are really aware of global environmental issues and it's good that people know what's happening with the Amazon rainforest or elephants or orangutans but each of these regions has places and species that are as wondrous and as endangered as anything on the planet. We can actually take direct action to protect these," said Kraus. "Building awareness is critical."

The report and the website highlights the bright spots, he said. There are places where conservation is working but the large projects that can happen in Canada's north often can't be done in the south. Opportunities like NCC's recent purchase of the Vidal Bay tract, on the north shore of Manitoulin Island, are once-in-a-lifetime events. "There's almost nowhere else in the eco-region where conservation at that scale can happen. It's often a very slow process and a lot of community engagement is critical," he said.

"Often we think the landscapes around us are common and widespread but if you stand back a little, you realize they're quite rare. That's certainly the case with Manitoulin Island and many other places along the Great Lakes," said Kraus. "These are really unique and special landscapes that don't occur anywhere else in the world and what we do matters in terms of how those places will be protected."

Projects like Vidal Bay are becoming rare.

"These large tracts have a high degree of health integrity but there are not many places left south of the Canadian Shield or around the Great Lakes in Canada or the United States," said Kraus. "We really appreciate those areas that were protected one hundred years ago or longer. Nobody says, oh Algonquin Park or oh Banff National Park, I wish we hadn't done that. They just really become important economic assets to local communities and really, just important in general. These are things that are a little harder to put a dollar value on but we know they're very valuable."

People from across the country have had more opportunities to connect to nature during the pandemic. NCC did a survey just after the new year looking at if people are spending more time in nature and certainly they are, he said.

"Nature is contributing to their mental health and well-being. The other longer term trend is the recognition that protecting nature is not just about protecting endangered species but it's also protecting a lot of the benefits that nature provides to us and to the communities," said Kraus.

"Nature has always provided benefits and services to people but we're recognizing it more now. As we lose nature, the nature we have left becomes more and more important and some of it is brought on because of climate change and just the extreme weather that we are seeing," said Kraus.

More than half of the natural spaces are gone in the Manitoulin/Lake Simcoe eco-region and much of what's left is small and fragmented, said Kraus.

"If we keep going this way, the nature that will be left to future generations will be restricted to parks and protected areas. It's not really fair to future generations to continue to erode our base of nature," said Kraus.

"We've been doing that since colonization. I'm not sure that's really a world that we want to pass on. The longer I'm in this business, the more confident I am that investing in these places is completely the right thing to do. Future generations are going to be more grateful than we can imagine," Kraus said.

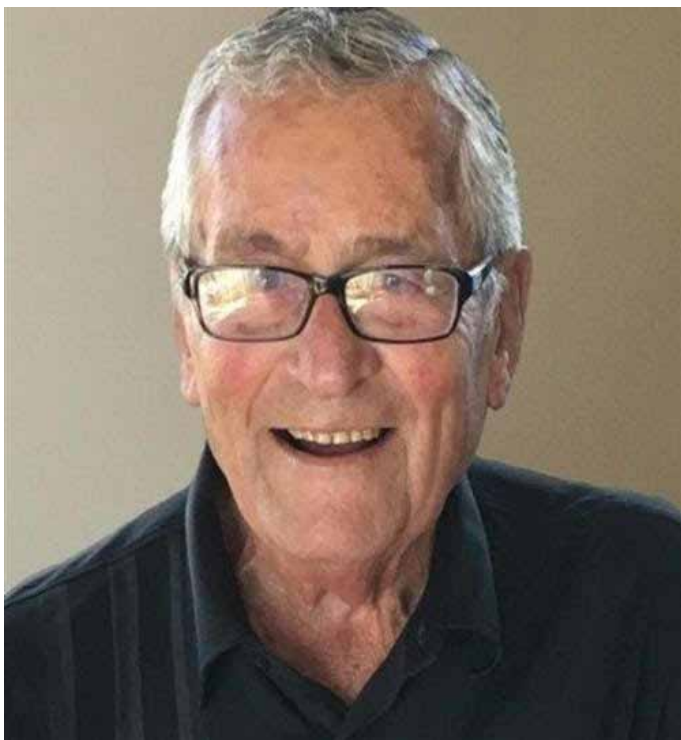
Learn more about Manitoulin/Lake Simcoe and other eco-regions at [natureconservancy.ca/casc](http://natureconservancy.ca/casc).

**By Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative,  
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## In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce the passing of the following current and former members of the village.

**KENNETH McCARTNEY** passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 3, 2021 after a battle with COPD. He was 88. Ken leaves behind his wife, Ann (Hardman), daughter Jane Everist (Rob), and son Robert. He will be missed by his grandchildren Bryce Everist (Karlee), Michelle MacDonald (Andrew), and Lucas McArthur. He is survived by two great grandchildren, Eleanor and Eric MacDonald, who gave him great joy in his last years. He is also survived by his sister, Bernice Thiel (George). Before retiring, Ken spent 32 years at Sears Canada, rising through the ranks to the position of Vice President, Merchandising. Early retirement didn't last long for Ken as he continued to pursue his passion for retail as President of Lizanne's Fabrics. Ken raised thousands of dollars participating several years in the "Whipper" Billy Watson Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids. He also shared his knowledge and business expertise, volunteering on behalf of CESO to assist companies in developing countries including Panama, Honduras and Indonesia. He spent a number of years on the board of the Bayshore Village Association, including as director of the beloved Hayloft. Ken loved boating and could be found by the water in summers, especially at the cottage in Oliphant and, more recently, in Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe. He loved golf and curling, and never missed an opportunity to watch his grandson Bryce curl competitively. Ken was also an avid Toronto Raptors fan. He will be remembered fondly as a fun-loving, generous man who always welcomed family and his children's friends into his home. Donations in memory of Ken can be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.



**ISABELLA CARNEGIE** passed peacefully at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Saturday January 2, 2021 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late James Carnegie. Loving mother of Fraser (Judi) of Barrie and Al (Marlie) of Barrie. Loved grandmother of Kevin, Tamara, and Jomar. If desired, memorial donations to the Parkinson's Foundation would be appreciated. Isabella's upcoming birthday was highlighted in the most recent edition of the Bayshore Banner. We are sorry she was not here to celebrate her birthday.



**ANNE FRANKLAND** (nee Budd) passed away peacefully on January 1, 2021 at The Trillium Manor in Orillia surrounded by her friends and the loving staff at Trillium Manor. Ann is survived by her son, Harold Frankland (Laura Strotman) and beloved grandchildren, Nathan and Hope, and sister Joyce (Lorenzo) Caterini. Pre-deceased by her parents, Percy and Margaret Budd (Nee Donohue), brothers Percy and Ronald Budd and her dear Aunt Helen Donohue. Dear friend and cousin of Sheila Hamilton, Jane Baker, Brenda Ann, and the late Donna Ouellette and beloved long-time friend and housemate of Deborah Leon and Sherrie Powell of Bayshore Village. Ann will be missed by her friends at Living For Jesus Outreach in Orillia where Ann was a member, as well as a volunteer in the Feeding the Needy program. Ann worked for many years for the City of Barrie, at Allendale Recreation Centre prior to her retirement. She will be dearly missed by other family members and friends. Ann was a faith-filled Christian who loved God with all her heart, and is now in glory with the others who have gone on before. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.







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## Snow Sculptures

Some pretty spectacular snow sculptures in the Village this year! A few of the entries included: Top row (L) the Rodriguez's family giant snowman, (R) Nathan, grandson of Bob and Darlene Hayes; Next row (L) Sharon Seaward with White Squirrel, (R) Donna Wilson's snowwoman.



## Ten Useless Facts to Make You Smarter Than You Look!

1. The U.N. has deemed access to the Internet a human right. (Can't wait for Bell!)
2. In 2007, a twin was born 34 minutes after her brother but because of a daylight savings time adjustment, was actually born 26 minutes before her brother. (Huh?)
3. Today there are more people suffering from obesity than from hunger. (Too many McDonalds??)
4. A can of regular Coke will sink to the bottom of water while a can of Diet Pepsi will float. (Boaters take note.)
5. There are more living organisms in a teaspoon of soil than there are humans on earth. (Watch those toddlers outside.)
6. Studies have been shown that people with creative minds find it harder to fall asleep at night and prefer to stay up later. (Totally explains why I nap so much and go to bed early.)
7. In Armenia, all children aged six and up are taught chess in school as a mandatory part of their curriculum. (I'll stick to checkers.)
8. Bamboo can grow up to 35 inches in a single day. (Sounds a lot like my lawn!)
9. Most of the camels in Saudi Arabia are imported from Australia. (Australia??)
10. Pigs are physically incapable of looking up to the sky. (Guess no "heads up" for them!)

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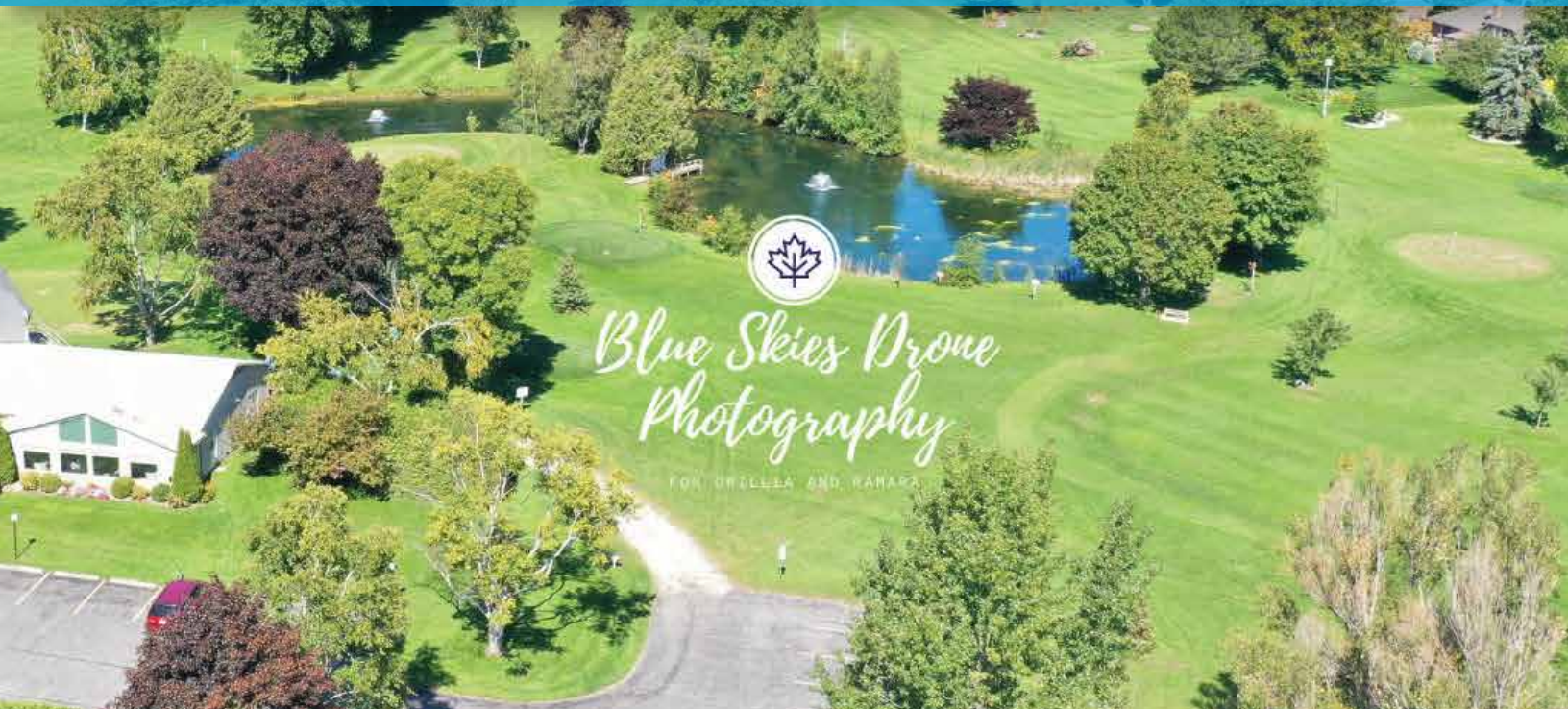
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## From The Fashion Desk - Spring Ahead

I hope all my fellow Bayshorians found ways to enjoy not only the cold of winter but the lockdown brought about by COVID. As we still face the fact that we remain indoors, there seems to be no point in telling you the latest fashion trends for 2021, except maybe matching your mask to your outfit or shoes. We can at least keep our sense of humor through all this. However, it is a perfect time to clear out your closet to prepare for the day when we will celebrate with our family and friends once again, shopping sprees, dining and looking our best in our lovely new outfits.

So, let us begin by looking at everything you have:

1. Have you worn it in the last 12 months? Go back before COVID. I know of someone who turns their hangers facing backwards. If they are still that way in a year, the item is donated.

2. Is it still in style? Some items are timeless, like the white tailored shirt, or the little black dress. Dress age appropriately but, if you can wear 5-inch heels and a mini skirt and are comfortable, then rock on!

3. Will I wear it again? We all have these. Dresses for weddings, special occasions, suits for business, etc. Chances are, if you are now retired, you will not need those suits. Keep a nice blazer and skirt/pants for the same purpose. If you have invested a lot of money on some items, try a consignment shop. They can be a treasure for someone else.

4. Is it damaged? If you have items that you have been putting aside to have repaired and never seem to get around to (you know you won't!), donate them or discard.

5. Would I buy this today? Remember that trendy top or pants you just had to have? Would you buy it again today? Fads come and go. You went with the latest, being the fashion forward person you are, but now it's going to just hang in your closet. Time to go!

6. I saved the best for last. DOES IT FIT? I know, we don't want to admit to that extra five pounds we put on while being in the house, trying new recipes, maybe having that extra glass of wine or that popcorn with the movie. But remember, a proper fit is the most flattering. Clothes that are too baggy will make you look heavier. Find clothes that suit your body type.

You might want to consider doing a clothing trade with friends when lockdown is over and we can gather in small groups again. Again, getting advice from a trusted friend is invaluable.

An early spring is predicted, so here is just a hint of colours for 2021: Pastels are very popular; nautical themes for summer; soft florals in dresses; and the many shades of white.

Looking forward to seeing you when we can once again take part in social gatherings.

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## Winter Sports

Cold and snowy weather won't keep Bayshore-ites stuck indoors. Here's a photo recap of our wintry fun. Many thanks to Sharon Seaward and Linda Bridges for these great pictures.





## Phrase Origins

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back, while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg." (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

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As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

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In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

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Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile." In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt, hence the expression "losing face."

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Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in "straight laced" wore a tightly tied lace.

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At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A barmaid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts," hence the term minding your "P's and Q's."

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Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the Ace of Spades. To avoid paying the

tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

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Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to go sip some ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns.. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term "gossip."

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One more and betting you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations.

However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make brass monkeys. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

If you don't send this fabulous bit of historic knowledge to any and all your unsuspecting friends, your floppy is going to fall off your hard drive and kill your mouse.

**Julie Murray**

## Recipes by Janice Latorre

These pancakes are light and delicious, one of our favourites!

### LEMON SOUFFLE PANCAKES WITH BLUEBERRY SAUCE

4 eggs, separated  
1 cup ricotta cheese  
3 Tbsp sugar  
1/2 cup all purpose flour  
1 Tbsp grated lemon peel  
2 Tbsp butter

Sauce:

2 cups frozen wild blueberries  
1/2 cup pomegranate or cranberry juice  
1 tsp cornstarch  
2 Tbsp cold water



1. Place egg yolks in large mixing bowl. Whisk in ricotta, sugar, flour and lemon peel.
2. Beat egg whites with electric mixer until light. Stir 1/4 of their amount into the ricotta mixture and then fold the two mixtures together gently.
3. Melt butter in a large non-stick pan and fold into the batter. Drop mixture by tablespoons into a hot buttered pan. Flatten pancakes slightly with back of the spoon. Cook about 2 minutes per side until lightly browned and cooked through.
4. Heat blueberries with juice. Combine cornstarch with cold water and stir into hot blueberries. Cook just until slightly thickened. Drizzle over pancakes. Makes 6 servings.

### CHOCOLATE BANANA CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE GANACHE

Cake:

2 cups of sugar  
1-1/4 cups all purpose flour  
3/4 cup cocoa  
1-1/2 tsp baking powder  
1-1/2 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp salt  
2 eggs  
1 cup ripe bananas (two large bananas mashed)  
1 cup of warm water  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1 tsp vanilla



1. Preheat oven to 350. Grease 9" x 13" pan.
2. Combine dry ingredients in a bowl and mix well.
3. In a large bowl or mixer bowl, whisk together eggs, banana, warm water, milk, oil and vanilla until blended.
4. Add dry ingredients, whisking until smooth and thoroughly blended. Batter will be thin.
5. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.
6. Cool cake.

Chocolate ganache frosting:

1 cup 35% cream  
1 cup chocolate chips or chopped chocolate

1. Bring 1 cup of 35% cream to a boil, pour over 1 cup of chocolate chips or chopped chocolate. Stir while chocolate melts, then stir until smooth. Cover and refrigerate until frosting is cool and slightly set, about 45 minutes.
2. Stir slightly and pour over cooled (or slightly warm) cake. Refrigerate cake. This cake is moist and keeps well.



### FOCACCIA – Italy's version of flat bread

1-3/4 cups of warm water  
1 package active dry yeast  
1 Tbsp sugar  
5 cups all purpose flour, plus additional for kneading  
1 Tbsp salt, plus coarse sea salt for sprinkling  
1 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided  
rosemary

1. Combine the warm water, yeast and sugar in a small bowl. Put the bowl in a warm, not hot or cool, place until the yeast is bubbling and aromatic, at least 15 minutes.
2. In the bowl of a mixer with dough hook attachment, combine the flour, 1 tablespoon of salt, 1/2 cup olive oil and the yeast mixture on low speed. Once the dough has come together, continue to knead for 5-6 minutes on a medium speed until it becomes smooth and soft. Sprinkle with more flour if the dough is really sticky and tacky.
3. Transfer the dough to a clean, lightly floured surface, then knead it by hand 1 or 2 times. Again, give it another sprinkle with flour if the dough is really sticky and tacky.
4. Coat the inside of a bowl lightly with olive oil and put the dough into the bowl. Cover it with plastic wrap or a clean tea towel and put it in a warm place until the dough has doubled in size, at least 1 hour.
5. Coat a jelly roll pan (I like to use three smaller pans so I can do different flavours) with the remaining 1/2 cup of olive oil. (This may seem excessive, but focaccia is an oily crusted bread, and that's why it's so delicious!)
6. Put the dough into the jelly roll pan, or smaller pans if using, and begin pressing it out to fit the size of the pan. I find it easier to use a rolling pin and roll it to the approximate size and put it in the pan. Turn the dough over to coat the other side with the olive oil. Continue to stretch the dough to fit the pan. As you are doing so, spread your fingers out and make finger holes all the way through the dough. (this may seem strange, but it creates the texture for which focaccia is known.)
7. Put the dough in a warm place until it has doubled in size, about 1 hour. While it is rising, preheat the oven to 425.
8. Liberally sprinkle the top of the focaccia with some coarse sea salt, rosemary and lightly drizzle a little olive oil on top. (If you wish, add olives, sun dried tomatoes or slices of lemon on top at this point.) Bake the dough until the top of the loaf is golden brown about 20-25 minutes. Remove the focaccia from the oven and let it cool a little before cutting and serving. ENJOY!



### COCONUT BREAD – my Aunt Kate's recipe from England

3 cups all purpose flour  
3 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups of coconut  
2 eggs  
1-1/2 cups milk  
3- 20 oz tin cans....YES, tin cans! I've never used anything else to keep it authentic!



1. I use a variety of sizes from small soup tins to 28 oz tins. Spray or grease the inside of the tins entirely, including sides and bottom.
2. Beat eggs and milk together. Add all dry ingredients to make a thick batter.
3. Fill tins not more than 2/3 full or they will overflow while baking. Bake at 375 for 15 minutes. Then turn oven to 350 and bake 30-45 minutes longer until golden brown. Test with toothpick. It's ready when toothpick comes out clean.
4. Let sit for 5 minutes. Run knife around the sides of the tin while still warm. Remove coconut bread from tins and let cool on upside down tins.
5. Slice and serve plain or with butter. For another entirely different flavour, slice, toast and butter....yummy!

## Memories of Winter

Our resident photographers were out capturing the beauty of winter. Here's a look back to say farewell to winter as we welcome spring! Thanks to Linda Bridges, Ria Searle, Laurel Dewar, John Waldon, Stephen Flinn, Marika Relvas, Sharon Seaward, Mary Andrews and Judy Flinn for these photos and the many others that were sent in. Thank you!







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## Woodpecker Tree Damage

Check out the woodpecker holes in these trees at the empty lot at Bayshore and Bayshore. Thank you Linda Bridges for the photos!



## Staying Busy During Covid Shutdowns

Well, along with it being a long winter, staying home during this pandemic makes one reflect on what to do to keep busy. So Victor has created some amazing detailed bird houses. Large ones indeed. From the barn with fire pit and wood piles, to a manor with detailed stone work, and of course the lighthouse with solar lamp. Now we're anxious for spring and wondering where to put them in our gardens. What will he do next?



**Marika Relvas**



## Golf Stories

As spring approaches and the masochist in us gets ready for the coming golf season, I thought I would share some stories I picked up while employed as a greens keeper. We can start by answering some long-standing questions about the sport.

Why do we call "Fore", if our shot is about to land near another golfer? Back in the early days of the sport, in Scotland, the golf courses were not the manicured parks that we play on today. In fact, if you look at St. Andrews today, it is hard to tell the greens from the fairway or approach. We all have those times when the ball lands in a less than desirable location. Well, back in the day, there were always two golf caddies - one to carry the clubs and refreshments (more on this later), and one to go before the shot is taken, to watch where the ball landed. The bag caddie would call before the shot was taken in order to alert the Fore Caddie.

Soooo, today we economize everything and have not only one less caddie, or fewer, we call "Fore" to advise of our errant shot.

Why are there 18 holes as a standard in the sport (and refreshments from #1 above)? This, again, began in the early years of the sport when courses were 8, 11, 15 and sometimes up to 25 holes. There was no standard, until it was decided that since a bottle of Scotch whiskey contains 26 oz. and a shot of whiskey is 1.25 oz. Hence 18 holes. Hope this adds to your day.

**Rod Turnbull**

*As time goes by  
I ask who am I?  
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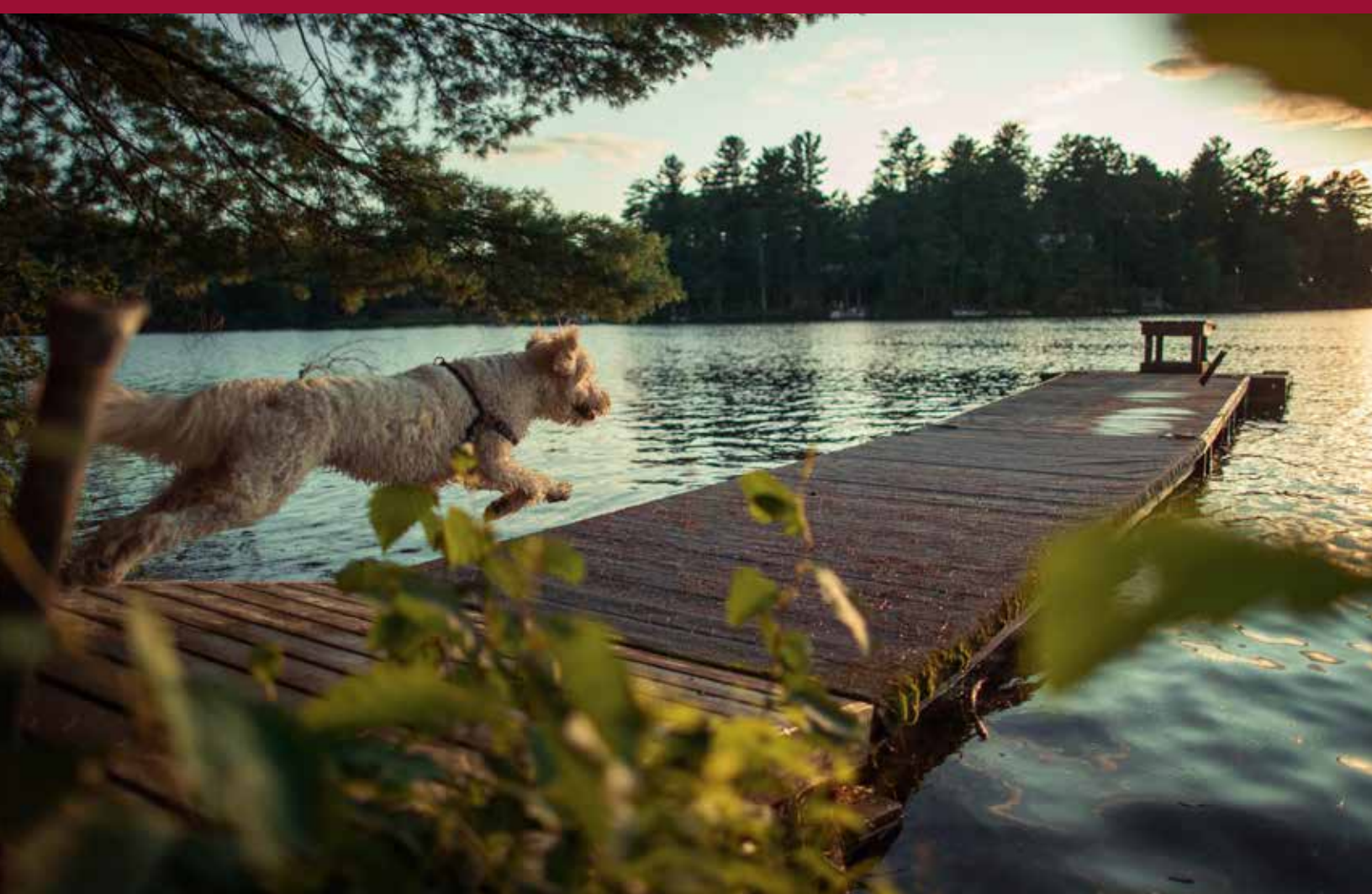
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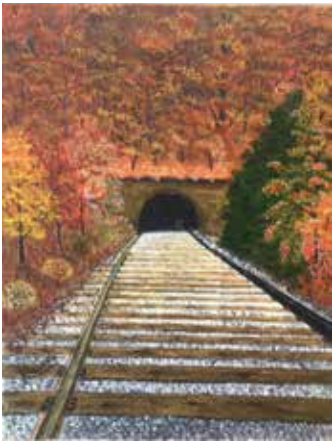
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The artistic group at Bayshore has been hard at work during our lockdown(s). Even though they haven't been able to meet in person for classes, or have any artwork featured in the Hayloft for all to enjoy, here are a few pieces some of our members have shared. Enjoy!

Starting at top row, left to right: Judy Flinn - 3 paintings using acrylic pour method, Susan Hazlett - 1 in acrylic, Victor Relvas - 6 in acrylic, Pat Beecham - 1 in watercolour, Marilyn Goulter - 1 in acrylic, Susan Hazlett - 1 in acrylic, and Maria Saringer - 1 in watercolour.





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## The Bayshore Pool

The start of spring marks a busy time in Bayshore. Many of our amenities will start to open up including the harbours, tennis courts and golf course. Also included in that, is the opening process for the pool. Opening the pool can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Currently, the pool is partially filled with last season's water and snow melt. Depending on its depth, water will be added over a number of days so the Bayshore wells aren't burdened. Filters and pumps are started and close to 400kg of salt is added in stages to begin the disinfecting process. Lots of scrubbing and vacuuming also takes place to remove built-up algae. Eventually, the water is chemically balanced and an inspection is ordered from the local Public Health Unit. Scheduling a visit can take 1-3 weeks depending on their workload. Once we're given the go-ahead, we can officially open the pool. Based on feedback from membership surveys, we are aiming to have the pool opened for the May long weekend.

Here are some common questions we have received in-person or through membership surveys:

### **How much water is in the pool?**

The pool holds 141,000 litres of water.

### **What type of pool do we have?**

The Bayshore pool is a salt water pool.

### **Is there chlorine in the pool?**

Yes. This is one of the most common misconceptions about salt water pools. The salt (sodium chloride) is used to make chlorine. Our system uses an in-line generation system where salt water passes through a device that converts electrochemical cells. These cells convert the sodium chloride into chlorine. Depending on weather conditions and bather usage, supplemental chlorine is added in minor amounts. While there is chlorine in the pool, the salt does make for a more comfortable and less irritating additive.

### **Is the pool water clean? How often is it tested?**

Yes. The pool is tested 30 minutes prior to daily opening and tested EVERY two hours thereafter. Tests are done on pool water clarity, pH, alkalinity and chlorine levels. The mechanical filtration and pumps run 24 hours a day.

### **Is the water changed or added on a regular basis?**

Yes. Fresh water is added daily dependant on the number of users and evaporation. Larger amounts of water may

be added when some of the pool water is discarded during a process called "backwashing" which cleans the mechanical sand filter.

### **What's with all the rules?**

Legally, our pool is identified as a Class B pool. Almost all of the Bayshore pool rules are requirements under the law. A Class B pool is a public pool that is meant to serve a community, club, condo corporation or association for its members and guests, and is not open to the general public. Its operating rules are guided by Regulation 565 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act. This Act governs all use of the pool including: pool capacity, guard coverage, water quality, and food/drink prohibitions.

### **Why was the pool emptied last year?**

The pool was emptied last year in order to perform maintenance as required by the local public health inspector. Black markings in the deep end, called "clarity discs", were repainted. These discs are visual aids that allow us to test for water clarity. This is one of the tests we perform every two hours. In addition, the Health Unit required us to re-paint the black markings on the pool steps and the depth markings along the pool edge.

### **When is the pool the busiest?**

The pool is generally the busiest between 12 pm and 5 pm. Mornings and evenings tend to see much fewer users.

### **What plans do you have for the pool this year?**

We are scheduled to have our solar heater repaired in April or May. This should dramatically lower heating costs for us. We are also looking to make some safety upgrades in the filter room with respect to electrical and plumbing. Finally, we're looking to add some pool umbrellas to offer our guests some additional shade beyond the small roofed overhang.

### **What can I do to help?**

We're always looking for volunteers. And we pay them too! A small stipend is offered to those who can assist with pool opening and closing each day. It's an easy process and takes 15-30 minutes each day in the morning and evening. Please let me know if you're interested and we'll set up a training session before the season begins.

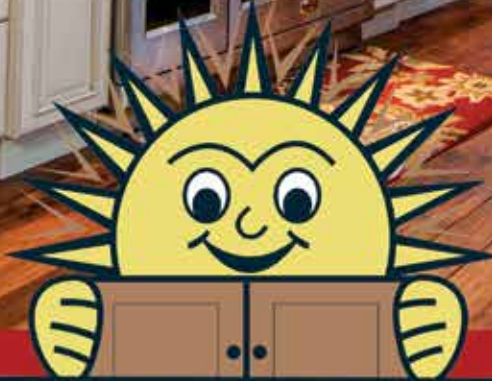
**Joey Torchia**

*Photos: Joseph and Franchi Torchia painting depth markers, repainted pool stairs*





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## It's Always Sunny in Bayshore

Q: What did the drummer name his twin daughters?

A: Anna One, Anna Two.

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My neighbour holds a Guinness World Record. He has had 44 concussions. He lives very close to me. A stone's throw away, in fact.

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I think a lot of the conflict that happened in the Wild West could've been avoided had architects in those days just made their towns big enough for everyone.

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I sued the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

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My friend David had his I.D. stolen. Now he's just Dav.

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When my daughter was just born, another dad at the hospital congratulated me and said his son was born the day before. He told me, "Hey, maybe they'll marry each other some day." I smiled and nodded....

...As if my daughter is going to marry some guy twice her age.

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"Please pay someone to do it," I have begged Joey many times over the course of our 20-year marriage. Whether it was the refrigerator that broke down after my niece's hamster chewed through a wire, or a dryer that was compromised by my sister's one-eyed foster cat, Joey has always insisted on fixing things himself. With the help of YouTube and Google, there has been nothing that he can't make as-good-as-new. I had no reason to doubt his abilities when we were faced with installing our dock for the first time, however, I am a worrier by nature. My gift for imagining the worst outcomes from the most routine tasks is unparalleled. Every ladder-climb will end in death and a simple floor-mop will lead to a slip-and-fall coma. My monkey-mind keeps my stomach ulcerated and my fingers gnawed to the bone. I likely need to be medicated, but...back to my story...

Brechin, Ontario - May 2018

"Lauren, help me put the dock in the water."

"No. I don't want to die. Why don't we just hire someone to do it for us since neither of us knows what we're doing."

"But Lauren, my love, you are so fit and strong and beautiful. With your natural grace, agility and well-toned body, it will be easy."

"Tee-hee. Okay."

It was hard to tell, but I'm pretty sure he used flattery to get me to do a job better suited to someone younger, bigger-

muscled and more experienced. Nah, of course not. That's how he always talks to me.

We struggled to carry/drag each of the three heavy and cumbersome dock sections to the shore. My heart was pounding and I fought to catch my breath while awaiting further instructions from the brains of the operation. No instructions were forthcoming and I started to have second thoughts. I began asking questions like, "How are the pieces configured? How are we going to get the dock level with the shore? How much do you think someone would charge to do this for us? Aren't the rocks slippery?"

I got an answer to the last question when I took two steps into the water with the first piece of dock and promptly slipped on a rock, fell hard and landed awkwardly on my hip. Injured and frustrated, I limped back to the house, "I-told-you-so-ing!" all the way.

In the years since, Joey has perfected a quick and easy way of putting in and removing the dock with minimal help from Joseph or me, but the tale of the dock's maiden docking isn't over yet...

'Twas October, and the time to remove the dock loomed large over the household at 23 Park Lane. Hints were made that I would need to don the hip-waders once again. "Over my dead body," was uttered more than once. I became an insomniac, unable to sleep while visions of disfiguring accidents danced in my head. The weather was getting colder and my refusal to help was unyielding. Joey finally decided to invite four of his friends up to Bayshore to help. I urged him to reconsider and hire a professional, but, when he wouldn't, I headed to Mississauga with the kids so I wouldn't have to watch the inevitable disaster happen. Have I mentioned that I have ESP?

After two days, I returned to Bayshore and as I walked through the door, I sensed that something was amiss. Joey and his friends were smiling and chatty and wanted to hear all about the goings-on in Mississauga but their false enthusiasm was not fooling me. "Where's Nick?" I asked. "What happened to him? He got hurt, didn't he?" I looked from one friend to another and stared at them, willing them to answer.

Nick slowly walked into the room wearing a fresh cast on his arm...

Joey, having been made to feel extremely guilty about roping his friends into the endeavour, thought he would get a head start by going underneath the dock and unbolting all the pieces before his friends woke up. Hours passed, and when it was time to do the bulk of the work, the friends headed out onto the dock. In the second it took for Joey to realize what was about to happen and yell, "Stop!", two of his friends had already walked onto the first of the unsecured sections of the dock - collapsing it and plummeting them violently into the water.

Two surgeries later and Nick can almost fully straighten his arm.

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Stay sunny Bayshore!

**Lauren Torchia**






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## Sharmila Perera

Owner – Stay Home Forever Inc.  
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“You will stay home Forever” – That was my promise to my mother who was diagnosed with Parkinson disease and deteriorated over a 4 year period from being a healthy unstoppable woman to a person that could no longer walk, talk, eat or drink. All she wanted was to be surrounded by her children and grandchildren and await the birth of her first

great grandchild before she closed her eyes and took her last breath. As a family we take solace in knowing we gave her what she wanted and she was at peace in her own home. I sponsored a full time live-in caregiver for my mom who looked after her with the most amount of kindness and compassion. Hence I was able to spend my time enjoying her and creating more memories that my family and I can share for many years to come.

Inspired by my mom's courage, kindness, bravery and beautiful smile, amidst all of her suffering, Stay Home Forever Inc., was created. We want seniors just like herself to have their dream of living at home comfortably and safely as long as they wish to. We are not just another care company. We take care of every aspect of you living at home and this includes, doing renovations or additions that maybe needed to your home, assessing care requirements, advising on available grants, accessing financial products to fund renovations or care and much more. We are here for you and your family every step of the way.

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## Bayshore Community Service Crew



As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, an increasing number of individuals have suffered with mental health issues and, unfortunately, many families have been vulnerable to domestic abuse. As such, on February 20th, the Bayshore Community Service Crew hosted a donation drive collecting essential items for

the Green Haven Shelter for Women. The shelter strives to provide a range of necessary services for abused women and their children.

In accommodating Covid-19 safety precautions, the Crew's drive-by donation arrangement yielded four full car loads worth of critical supplies! Bayshore did a tremendous job in providing the essentials to our city's vulnerable women and children.

We may often be desensitized to the importance of seemingly mundane things such as paper towels and toiletries, however these donations were tremendously valuable to the Green Haven Shelter and those they serve. Thank you for helping us to help others.

### *The Crew*

***Shania Raina, Muskaan Raina, Franchi Torchia, Madelyn Healy and Sharon Seaward***



Hi, my name is Madelyn Healy and I am seventeen years old. I am in Grade 11 at Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School. During a normal school year, I am very involved in my school community. I am on the Student Council and take part in many sports teams including basketball, soccer and volleyball. After seeing all of the amazing work that the

Bayshore Community Service Crew is doing during these hard times, I wanted to do my part. I have begun working with the Crew and it has been wonderful to meet so many of the kind and generous people in our neighbourhood. I look forward to participating in future charity events and giving back to those in need!

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The Crew would like to extend our thanks to BOB BELL who graciously brought us some much appreciated hot chocolate the day of our event. Also, our thanks go out to JOEY TORCHIA and BARRY HOLMAN who helped drive the donations to the Shelter. Thank you to STARR OSWALD who did a wonderful job on our posters. And lastly, thank you to the volunteers at Green Haven who led a Q&A for the Crew to learn about the shelter and the services they provide to the women who find themselves in need of their offerings and support.





## Why Do Schools Bother With Shakespeare?

"If you cannot understand my argument, and declare 'It's Greek to me', you are quoting Shakespeare; if you claim to be more sinned against than sinning, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you recall your salad days, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you act more in sorrow than in anger, if your wish is father to the thought, if your lost property has vanished into thin air, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you have ever refused to budge an inch or have been tongue-tied, a tower of strength, hoodwinked or in a pickle, if you have knitted your brows, made a virtue of necessity, insisted on fair play, slept not one wink, stood on ceremony, danced attendance (on your lord and master), laughed yourself into stitches, had short shrift, cold comfort or too much of a good thing, if you have seen better days or lived in a fool's paradise - why, be that as it may, the more fool you, for it is a foregone conclusion that you are (as good luck would have it) quoting Shakespeare; if you think it is early days and clear out bag and baggage, if you think it is high time and that this is the long and short of it, if you believe that the game is up and that truth will out even if it involves your own flesh and blood, if you lie low till the crack of doom because you suspect foul play, if you have your teeth set on edge (at one fell swoop) without rhyme or reason, then - to give the devil his due - if the truth were known (for surely you have a tongue in your head) you are quoting Shakespeare; even if you bid me good

riddance and send me packing, if you wish I was dead as a door-nail, if you think I am an eyesore, a laughing stock, the devil incarnate, a stony-hearted villain, bloody-minded or a blinking idiot, then - by Jove! O Lord! Tut tut! For goodness' sake! What the dickens! But me no buts! - it is all one to me for you are quoting Shakespeare."



**Bernard Levin**

Henry Bernard Levin CBE (19 August 1928 – 7 August 2004) was an English journalist, author and broadcaster, described by The Times as "the most famous journalist of his day."

**Submitted by Ken Jones**

### OUR TIME

*As time fades, as the mist rolls in  
We all find ourselves looking within  
Have we done everything we wanted to do ?  
Is this life we've chosen, what we hoped it would be?  
Did we ever imagine this road travelled would  
End up so unrealistically?*

*But then how would we know?  
As each experience helped us to grow.  
Twists and turns, spinning around  
Never ending ups and downs.  
Close your eyes and find the peace  
His gentle touch of flowing grace...  
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**Brenda James**



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## Ramara Public Library News

### Spring is in the air, can you feel it? We are certainly ready!

With the uncertain times, your library branches are still operating with curbside service. However, we have reintroduced paid services again! This means that you can now have photocopying, printing (when you have emailed the document to the library), and faxing completed. You must provide exact cash as change will not be made to limit the amount of handling done. Please wear your mask while waiting at either branch for everyone's protection.

If you struggle with knowing what to read, listen or watch, please contact us to create a "goodie bag" of items for you to enjoy! This can be done for all ages and is a fun surprise for your day. If you do know what you are looking for, holds can be placed online through our website or by contacting us. Please wait until a staff member has contacted you to arrange a pick up time. Did you know that we have technology that you can borrow? Newly added, we have tablets with the Zoom app downloaded for patrons to borrow and "visit" their family and friends virtually! This is a perfect chance for anyone who may not have the technology or wants to try it out before purchasing. Six tablets are available.

We also have a projector available to create fun movie nights for the family! Simply hook up your laptop and project a movie on a wall!

Have you found that your mood can be low during grey days? We have therapy lights for you to borrow! Please contact us about any of these technology opportunities.

With the warmer weather, we are thrilled to announce our Ontario Park pass program! With thanks to Ontario Provincial Parks, we have six backpacks and passes to loan throughout this year. This loan gives you a daily car

pass to enter any Ontario park for FREE! The backpack also contains goodies to help enhance your visit. Please contact us to place a hold on a backpack.

We also have many upcoming virtual programs to entertain you this spring including:

- Family Astronomy Night (Tues. April 6th @ 7 PM)
- Ted Staunton – Family Author Talk with Weird Canadian Facts (Wed. April 7th @ 7 PM)
- Ra-MAY-ra Car Rally (month of May)
- The reoccurring BYOB Book Club
- Crafting Corner
- Writer's Group
- Mocktails and Cocktails
- And more!

Visit our website to register and receive the log in information.

We are also pleased to present the first of many virtual talks in the Simcoe Eight: Author Talk Series! On Thursday, April 22nd at 7 PM, we will welcome Torontonians author Catherine Gildiner to talk about her new book "Good

Morning, Monster". For more information, please visit our website.

As always, your library is here for you in a variety of ways during the pandemic.

Stay safe, and we hope to hear or "see" you soon!

**Rebecca Taylor**

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## A Great Gift Idea

My eldest daughter, Jennifer, found an interesting gift for me this past Christmas. It was a subscription to [www.storyworth.com](http://www.storyworth.com), which comes with very highly recommended reviews.

So what is this? It is a website that emails me every Monday morning with a question regarding my life growing up as a child, teen, and as I aged. I answer the question, and reply with photos if I have them.

The very first question was, "What is the earliest memory that you remember of a world event?" I am 80 years of age, so I was born in 1941 in the UK. I remember when I was about 4, the airplanes taking off and returning at the same time on the one thousand bomber raids each day, with the RAF AirStation being only 4 miles from my parent's home. Amazing that I cannot remember what I ate for dinner last night, but I can remember vividly looking out of the window at all of the aircraft in the skies above.

My daughter, when she signed me up, had also listed some questions that she had. How did you meet your wife? And at what point did you know that you wished to get married? Here is an example of how the questions are emailed to me each Monday:

*This is a friendly reminder to respond to this question:*

*"How did you decide where to live after you were married?"*

*Reply to this email with your story, attaching photos if you wish.*

*We'll save your story in your StoryWorth account. Share your stories with other family members.*

*If this question doesn't inspire you, you can skip this question. We won't send you any more reminders.*

*Have a great weekend,*

*The StoryWorth Postman*

You can change the question and replace it with one of the others on the list or post your own question.

When we were emptying my mother's house, we came across a box of old photos which we kept, and my wife many years ago took all of our pictures and put them in dated albums. The question one day was "What can you remember about your grandparents and your relationship with them?" I found a photo, took a macro picture of the subject person, cropped, edited and added it to my answer. I also did this for "Who was your favourite teacher when at school?" My mother had kept a photo taken in 1957 of all students and teachers on a giant rolled-up photo, so I was able to identify the teacher macro, crop her picture, and pick out my photo in 1957 and do the same.

I also use Dr.Google, and searched for Handsworth Grammar School 1953-57 Birmingham. Up came a website Birmingham Library Forum. I opened up a new topic and asked if anyone could remember my favourite teacher and the sweet shop's name across from the school. Within an hour, I had three responses! One was from a classmate I had in all maths classes. He posted a sweet shop photo and a booklet with all of our teachers' names listed.

At the end of a year, Storywise puts all of my questions and answers in book form, and I receive one copy but can purchase more to give to each of the kids.

I think many of you will find this more than interesting, and I am sure that your kids and grand-kids would enjoy reading your own past history, and will answer a few questions that they may have had about you. This is a great project to do during Covid-19 lockin.

**Robin Searle**

## Golden Rescue - Give a Golden a Second Chance

In the last issue of the Banner, we introduced you to Winter, our wonderful rescue Golden Retriever, who came to us via Egypt. Many of you asked how that came to be, so here is the story of Winter.

We were looking to adopt an older golden, having lost ours at age 14. Getting a puppy seemed unfair at our age. We found that breeders did not have older dogs nor did SPCA or other local kennels.

We came across GOLDEN RESCUE by accident on the web and that is how we found Winter.

Golden Rescue works hard to ensure that every Golden who they rescue is placed with a safe and loving forever family. Since 1990 they have found homes for abandoned, unwanted, abused or displaced Golden Retrievers. Golden Rescue has no borders. Goldens are rescued from Istanbul, Egypt, Shanghai and Mexico. Many of these beautiful goldens are destined for the meat markets of Asia and the Middle East. Sad and horrifying to say the least. Every dog has a story and all are sad. Unwanted, unloved and abused.

Golden Rescue is a non profit organization, no staff, **no** offices, just 500 extremely dedicated volunteers. 100% goes to helping the rescues, for vet care and behavioral training if needed.

The people do what they do as a labor of love. And they have seen the transformation of a sad, abused, unloved golden to one that has found his loving forever home. And they smile, and if you have never seen a Golden smile, it is something to behold. Our Winter, now smiles.

Give a Golden a Second Chance is their mission statement.

For more information:

[Goldenrescue.ca](http://Goldenrescue.ca)

Watch the video about the rescue mission in Istanbul.

Please donate.

Thank you.

**Brenda and Norm James  
And Winter**



## Hearts of Bayshore

For the month of February, the Social Committee illuminated the hearts of Bayshore by encouraging everyone to do good things for their heart, including healthy eating, getting more exercise, and by doing kind-hearted things for others, like donating to Heart & Stroke or to a charity of their choice.

The kick-off was "Dance in your Driveway" on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th. Below are some photos of those who participated and had a lot of fun too.

By supporting the Heart and Stroke foundation we can help in their quest to improve the lives of Canadians across the country by reducing heart disease and stroke.

We have set up a donation page for Bayshore Village to make it easy for you to donate and so we can track our progress as a community and celebrate our success. Tax

receipts will be automatically issued by the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

You can donate by going to this page:

<http://support.heartandstroke.ca/goto/bayshorevillage>, then click donate now and follow the instructions to make your donation.

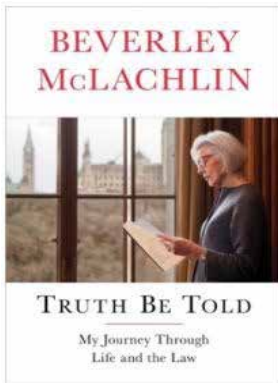
The need to fund heart and stroke research is more urgent than ever. These diseases have not gone away, and additionally we are just learning the distressing news that COVID-19 can also damage previously healthy hearts.

Thank you for considering a donation to Heart & Stroke during Heart Month, or any other month.

Thank you Debbie Rautins, Mary Andrews and Ria Searle for the photos, and to the Social Committee for organizing this.



## Bayshore Reads: Truth Be Told



*Truth Be Told* is the interesting and readable autobiography of Beverley McLachlin, who retired in 2018 after serving a longest-ever term of 17 years as the first woman Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Beverley Gietz was born in 1943 into a poor immigrant family who lived on a remote farm 25 miles outside Pincher Creek, Alberta. Their log home

had no electricity and no plumbing. Being a Canadian of German ancestry during and after the Second World War, she often felt like an outcast as a child. Beverley got to know some Indigenous families, and wondered why the public washrooms had a sign that said, "No Indians." She also learned about the head tax that was inflicted on the friendly family that owned the local Chinese restaurant. Those experiences contributed to her later decisions as a judge.



Beverley met Rory McLachlin in 1962, the year before she entered university. They had an on-again off-again relationship for several years, during which he suggested that she'd make a good lawyer,

instead of the professor of philosophy that she had decided to become. They married in 1967.

Beverley McLachlin was called to the bar in 1969, and worked for law firms in Edmonton, Fort St. John BC, and eventually Vancouver. While practicing law full-time, Beverley decided to try teaching a course at the UBC law school, and ended up as a full-time associate professor for seven years (1974-81).

The couple's only child, Angus, was born in 1976. Beverley hired a full-time caregiver and worked out a lifestyle as wife, mother and law professor. Rory was completing his PhD and working in environmental consulting.

In 1981, Beverley was appointed a judge in the County Court of Vancouver. Five months later, Jean Chrétien chose her for the Supreme Court of British Columbia. The Constitution Act with its Charter of Rights and Freedoms came into being in 1982, and became the focus of many court decisions and appeals. In 1985, Beverley became the first woman to sit on the British Columbia Court of Appeal. Promotions were coming at lightning speed.

Unexpectedly, Beverley's husband Rory began to face frequent bouts of illness, and in time was diagnosed with mouth cancer. (He was a smoker.) He died in 1988 at the age of 47, when their son was 12 years old.

Within a year, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney appointed her to the Supreme Court of Canada, and she and Angus had to move to Ottawa and start life over again.

The Supreme Court dealt with a number of issues in her time: hate speech (forbidden) vs. free speech (acceptable



even if the speaker knows that what they're saying is false and even harmful; the recent declarations of former President Trump come to mind.); "The Final Taboo" – laws about sexual assault; the law about assisted suicide; the terms under which Quebec might secede from Canada (leading to the Clarity Act); existing treaties and the need for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

The memoir continues with Beverley's marriage to Frank McArdle in 1992 (with the approval of Angus), and with stories about court decisions and the dynamics among justices. McLachlin was appointed Chief Justice by Jean Chrétien in 1999, a position she held until her retirement in 2017.

She travelled the world and met political leaders and judges from everywhere. She dined with President George W. Bush and Queen Elizabeth, and with former neighbours in her home town, Pincher Creek AB.



Her reflective post-retirement chapter includes the joke that you know you've retired from a position of great importance when you get in the back seat of a car and it doesn't move. She also remembers lines from Tennyson's poem about the aged Greek king, Ulysses:

*Old age hath yet his honour and his toil;  
Death closes all; but something ere the end,  
Some work of noble note, may yet be done.*

The last line of the book says, "The journey continues."

Could Ms. McLachlin be the next Governor General? Remember, you read it here first! I read "Truth Be Told" as a Kindle e-book on my iPad. No doubt it's available at the public library.



**Noel Cooper**





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## Announcements



The goal of the Bayshore Golf Committee has been to offer our members the most pleasurable golf experience that will compete with any Golf Course in the area.

To continue this endeavour, we introduce to you our new Golf Course Logo. In choosing

this design, we wanted it to reflect something unique to our community. Our White Squirrels set us apart from almost anywhere, so this seemed to be a natural fit.

In going forward, look to see this Logo in numerous promotional items which we will make available to our members.

**Marc Bertrand**  
Golf Committee Chair



### BAYSHORE VILLAGE EARTH DAY NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEAN-UP

COME AND JOIN US  
SATURDAY APRIL 24TH  
@ 10:00AM

Meet in Hayloft Parking Lot  
Garbage Bags will be Supplied

In June, the Bayshore Community Service Crew will be running another donation drive to collect empty prescription pill containers. These containers will be donated to the Orillia Lions Club, who will then ship them to developing countries.

Often, the pills people receive in third-world countries are wrapped in paper scraps. These pills have no protection from moisture or the elements and cannot be stored safely out of the reach of small children. Proper pill containers protect the integrity of the medication and have child-safe lids.

We will only be accepting prescription pill bottles (any size), as the Lions Club does not want over-the-counter medicine bottles such as Tylenol or Advil at this time.

We will be removing all labels and personal information from the pill bottles before we deliver them to the Lions Club if you prefer not to do it yourself. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

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### Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!

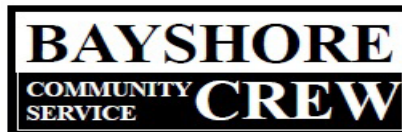
For many years, a number of our Bayshore residents have been donating beautiful knitted and crocheted blankets and hats to the Neonatal ICU at Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

I recently spoke to the manager of NICU to ask whether or not she would like us to continue with this endeavour. The answer was a resounding YES and many thanks for our past contributions.

They are in need of tiny blankets 12" x 12" and tiny hats about the size that would fit a mandarin orange - a doll pattern would work. Also they are in need of lap sized blankets for older children in Paediatrics, to take home as their "blankie". This is a very popular item with the children. Anyone in the Village wishing to contribute to this effort can contact Kristina at 484-2170 and she will be happy to pick up and deliver any contributions. Thank you in advance.

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**Opening of the Courts - March 20!** Pickleball/Tennis has officially started. Here's (L-R) Norm S and Bill M; Randy H, John S and Bill P; and Ardena H, getting things ready! Thank you Ria Searle for the pics.







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## Kidz Korner

Looking for activities to do with the kids and grandkids? Here are a few ideas to keep them busy and screen-free. Please contribute your ideas for our next issue!

**Susan Hazlett**

### Rock Painting

Painting rocks is a fun and easy activity for all ages! Here is what you will need:

- Rocks - any shape or size (I find mine on the shoreline)
- Acrylic paint (found at Dollar Tree)
- Paint brushes (found at Dollar Tree)
- Blow dryer (optional)
- Toothpick (optional)
- Mod Podge (optional)

To start, I suggest thoroughly washing your rock with soap and water to ensure it is clean and ready to paint on. After letting the rock dry, paint a base coat of white. This step is crucial to having a vibrant finish. The rest of this process is left to your imagination! If you are stuck on ideas, the internet has some awesome examples.

Here are some pictures of rocks I have painted:



Here are some tips I have learned:

- Use a blow dryer in between coats for a faster dry time.
  - Use a toothpick instead of a paintbrush for intricate details.
  - Picking smooth, flat rocks makes the process much easier!
  - If you want the rock to have a shiny finish, you can seal it with mod podge. If you do not own this product, you can make it by mixing 1 cup of glue and 1/3 cup of water.
- These rocks make great paperweights and shelf decor! Great activity for when you are bored!

**Submitted by Franchi Torchia**

### Hearts for Mom

Put 2 cups baking soda, 1 cup cornstarch, 1.5 cups water in a pot over medium heat. Keep stirring for 10-15 mins. Remove from heat, knead with more cornstarch if needed until no longer tacky and roll out. Mold or use a cookie cutter to make a heart shape and stamp two fingerprints. Let dry for 3 days. Can be painted.



### Mother's Day Roses

Make simple rose stamps from celery bunches. Cut the ends off evenly, and big enough to hold onto. Dip in paint and voila! Make cards or gift wrap for Mom. A fun project for little hands.



### Chocolate Bird Nests for Mother's Day Treats

Two ingredients: Chocolate and Hickory Sticks (or pretzels). Melt about 1/2 cup chocolate, stir in about 2 handfuls of Hickory Sticks. Put muffin pan paper liners into muffin pans, add chocolate mixture and kids can mold into a nest shape by hand or teaspoon. This should make about six. The Hickory Sticks can stick out every which way to look like a nest. Chill until set. When ready, gently peel away paper. Fill with Mom's (or Grandma's!) favourite goodies.



### Earth Day is April 22 - Make a "Fizzing Planet"

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1/4 cup water
- Food colouring
- Vinegar

In a bowl, mix baking soda with enough water to roll into balls. Once it's the right consistency, either form it into balls, or divide it into a couple of bowls and dye it different colours. Get a small bowl of vinegar and a spoon, and spoon the vinegar over the "planets". Here's HB (age 5) having fun watching it bubble and fizz!



### Science Experiment and Treat!

Ice cream in a bag? In a small ziplock baggie, put 1.5 cups of half&half cream, 2 Tbsp sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla. Push out excess air and seal. (I double bagged ours to avoid seepage.) Put 3 cups of ice cubes and 1/3 cup of kosher salt into a large ziplock baggie. Place smaller baggie into larger one. Get the kids to shake vigorously for 10 minutes or so until ice cream hardens. Tip: The bag was hard to hold and super cold, so I wrapped it in a tea towel and the kids shook it by holding together the ends of the towel. This was yummy and super fun!







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