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Volunteer*

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of Some of Our
Great Volunteers
in Action*

The Bayshore Banner

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Welcome New Neighbours

A warm welcome to our newest neighbours in Bayshore Village:

Maria, 130 Bayshore Drive

David & Tina, 88 Bayshore Drive

We look forward to getting to know you better!

Welcome

Volunteers Getting the Tree Ready

Volunteers **Keith Meadows, Randy Smith, Jim Brunner** and **Carlos Cordeiro** were hard at work, putting the lights on the tree outside the Hayloft in time for the Lighting Ceremony evening on November 27. Thank you guys! You did a wonderful job! See page 22 for more photos of the event.



Hello there!



Just a couple of friendly neighbours dropping by. Looks like they are waiting to be invited in for lunch!
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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



*Sunrise over the Hayloft. A new dawn
and a new year! – Photo by Janet Sauve*

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President's Report



Thank you, thank you, thank you! I can't express my gratitude enough to the many volunteers that make Bayshore such a unique and wonderful community. Before taking on this role, I had no idea as to how much goes on behind the scenes and the countless hours that volunteers contribute. In recognition of that, my top priority for 2023 is to recognize our volunteers and

declare this the "Year of the Volunteer." Without them, we literally would have nothing – not even this magazine to read.

"Ask not what your Village can do for you, ask what you can do for your Village." Yes, I stole and "tweaked" that a bit from JFK's famous speech, but the idea is the same. Volunteering an hour or two here and there has a positive impact and can make a difference. Whatever your interest, talent, skill, etc. there's always somewhere you can put them to use. We need you!

I've been asked numerous times what's in store for Bayshore and what the Board's plans are. Well, to be honest, nothing too exciting. There have been some "sexy" projects and initiatives that have been completed over the last few years. Harbours 33 and 99 upgrades, tennis court resurfacing,

Bell Fibe, Hayloft upgrades, just to name but a few. These projects were initiated by previous membership surveys.

We are currently working on developing another survey set to go live by the end of May. Your input will be vital in determining the needs and desires of our community and to assist the Board in developing our next goals and objectives. You have a voice, and the Board will listen.

So until we analyze the results of the survey, we will be operating "status quo" and look forward to moving ahead with new projects after the survey.

In the meantime, our top priorities will include:

1. By-law compliance and harmonizing with Ramara by-laws
2. Spray Field Initiative
3. Recruitment of lifeguards
4. Engage new volunteers
5. Traffic calming

On behalf of the Board, we look forward to your support.

Best wishes to all.

Gunther Gratzer
President

Common Lands Director's Report



Overview of Activities and Accomplishments for 2022

The main activities for Common Lands centered around the Arbour Plan:

- Treatment of ash trees to hold off the Emerald Ash Borer (about 500 trees per year)
- EAB: permission to enter/treat trees and invoice preparation (huge task)
- Removal and maintenance of the trees on Common Lands that are dead, dying or wind damaged
- Purchase and planting of new trees, both on private properties (45 trees) and on Common Lands (40 trees)
- First year of bulk buying from wholesale supplier for residents
- Stump removals
- Hedge trimming
- Beaver monitoring and discouragement
- Eco Park maintenance/trail brushing
- Many private tree removal requests were inspected and approved (removals outstrip plantings)

Other Activities:

- Three-year contract renewals were completed for Hayloft for parking lot (snow) and grass cutting
- Significant golf course improvements were implemented
- Hayloft lawn and garden irrigation system refurbishment
- Harbour parking lots improved with gravel and grading
- Flag poles installed at Harbours 33 and 66 (99 in process)
- Volleyball court installed at Harbour 99
- Swim beach improvements: Repair due to ice damage, garbage and debris removal
- Poison Ivy control: Spraying and signage
- Water testing around perimeter of Bayshore to confirm safe for swimming
- Coordination of goose barriers around harbours including retaining and planting vegetation barriers
- Ditch maintenance: Fallen limb removal in preparation for spring grass cutting
- Garbage and debris removal/bin rentals/waste site trips

Many of these accomplishments and priorities rely on volunteers.

Steve Goulter
Director of Common Lands



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Your New Board: We're here for you! Here's what we do ...



Gunther Gratzer - President

Much like a conductor of an orchestra, the President ensures all Board Directors play their roles effectively and with open communication so that everyone is in harmony with BVA's goals and objectives. As Chair and Co-Chair of various committees, the President keeps the Board apprised of committee concerns and provides governance and communication to Directors. Active participation in Membership Research and Long-Range Planning ensures that the Board continues to operate in the best interest of the community. The President has no vote on the Board, except to break a tie.



Kate White - Vice President

As gentle "Watch Dog/Referee" of the BVA, the VP keeps the Board apprised of by-law concerns, complaints and infractions, and oversees all related communication responses. Chairs Membership Research Committee and recommends strategic long-range goals and objectives for the community. Chairs Board and General Membership meetings in the absence of the President, and assists in ensuring Board effectiveness with good governance and communication.



Jeff Zammit - Director of Finance and Administration

Taking care of your money, the Director's primary responsibility is to ensure that all matters relating to the financial and administrative management of the Association are performed professionally, ethically, and as per our bylaws. Coordinates the budget process, manages our investment plan and processes our financial commitments under our Bell Preferred Pricing Program. Supervises and acts as a resource to our office manager. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with simple yet time consuming tasks within the office. In addition, anyone with accounting background and/or good knowledge of Quickbooks can be of valuable assistance.



Laurel Dewar - Corporate Secretary

Coordinates, prepares and distributes all community announcements regarding Board news as well as social event updates through the online email platform Mail Chimp. Prepares materials and directs activities for each monthly Bayshore Village Association Board meeting as well as the spring General BVA Meeting and the fall Annual General Meeting. Coordinates, prepares and distributes the monthly Board meeting documents to Board Directors and distributes the agendas, Director Reports and meeting minutes to all residents. Reviews and approves the final edition of each Bayshore Banner before the publication goes to print and supervises the content of the Bayshore Village website. Volunteer Opportunities exist for individuals with computer website design knowledge and expertise to assist with updating the Bayshore Village website and Facebook page.



Steve Miller - Director of Common Waters

The Director of Common Waters is responsible for the maintenance of the six catch basin ponds throughout Bayshore Village and keeps residents updated on changes to maintenance, water levels, weed growth, schedules and repairs. Volunteers are critical to ensure our ponds remain functional as well as aesthetically appealing. They assist the Director with the seasonal installation and removal of the aerators and fountains, put dyes and enzymes into the ponds throughout the summer and prep the aerators and fountains for winter storage. Volunteer time commitment is usually less than 15 hours throughout the summer.

Your New Board: We're here for you! Here's what we do ...



Steve Goulter - Director of Common Lands

One of the more diverse roles, the Director chairs or liaises with committees to ensure goals, objectives and concerns are addressed. Committee responsibilities include 1) Eco Park Chair; 2) Tree Committee/Arbor Plan Chair; 3) Speeding/Traffic Calming Committee; 4) Golf Committee Liaison; 5) Gardens Committee Liaison; 6) Pathways Committee Liaison; 7) Grass Cutting and Snow Removal Contract Administration.

All types of volunteer opportunities exist within these committees and we encourage everyone to consider participating in any way possible.



Jeff Nolan - Director of Architecture

This role is responsible for assisting association members with understanding and complying with our architectural control bylaw. This involves reviewing and approving new builds and any exterior home renovations on existing homes. This includes things such as adding or expanding a deck, putting an addition on a house or changing any of the exterior colours of the house.



Bill Pike - Director of Harbours and Storage

The primary purpose of this role is to maintain our three harbours, assign slip allocations and appoint harbour masters to assist with ensuring all harbour rules and regulations are followed. The Director organizes a team to pull the floating docks out in the fall and to replace them in the spring. Channel markers are also placed and pulled each season. The Director works with the Storage Yard Committee to ensure fair and equitable access to the storage yard and ensures all rules and regulations are followed. Administrative duties include submitting an annual budget, and monthly reports to the Board of Directors. Additional volunteers are always needed to assist with the maintenance and clean-up of the harbour docks and surrounding area.



Debbie Rautins - Director of Social Events

Arguably the most fun of all the Board positions, the Director of Social Events oversees the Hayloft rentals and provides opportunities for the community to gather together. Activities such as fitness, cards, sports, BVA Youth Group, dances, happy hours, and a variety of special events throughout the year, provide our community with ample opportunities to socialize and create new friendships. The Director coordinates these activities with the assistance of the Social Committee and numerous volunteers. If you enjoy being part of hosting and entertaining people, this is the perfect venue to volunteer your time. Do as much or as little as you like.



Rod Turnbull - Director of Hayloft Amenities

The Director of the Hayloft Amenities wears many hats. This includes the swimming pool, tennis/pickle ball courts and the Hayloft building with all its working parts.

By far the largest, most time consuming responsibility is the swimming pool. Although it is only used a portion of the year, it does require a large number of volunteers to open, close, maintain and pass the Health Department inspections.

The building has had a much needed freshening in the past few years, but regular inspections of the fire control system, elevators, heating and cooling and normal security all come under the Director's responsibilities.

Thank you to all the racket sports volunteers that have done such a good job arranging to have the courts rebuilt, which will take us well into the next decade. So many clubs make use of the Hayloft; it is the asset which really sets Bayshore apart yet brings us all together.

Thank You Volunteers! Harbour 66 and Tennis Courts

Volunteers answered the call to go to Harbour 66 and prepare the harbour for shoreline wall repair, and install the dock at the boat launch. Thank you!



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Volunteers came out to our tennis courts to remove the windscreens and prepare the courts for winter. Thank you!



Misty Court Block Party

Misty Court held its first annual block party. Despite the heat, fun times were had by all and there was certainly no shortage of wonderful food. Special thanks to Des Barnes, chef extraordinaire, for the amazing burgers. It was great to spend time with our neighbours and to meet future neighbours who are either currently building or will soon be building on our court. Looking forward to next year's party.

Mary Nolan



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Thank You Volunteers! Harbour Fall Clean-Ups



Hello Bayshore!

I would like to thank all those who came out to rake leaves. We started in Harbour 66, and when that harbour was finished, we went to Harbour 33.

The total for the morning was 112 bags of leaves in two hours, not bad! Never a problem getting volunteers to help, proving once again why Bayshore is such a great place to live.

Bill Pike

Director of Harbours and Storage

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Around The Village



Brodie, the "Snow Leopard" – Keith Meadows



A new sport? Squirrel Boxing – Lynn Kennedy



Fox on Misty Court – Mary Nolan



Swans walking on early ice on Barnstable Bay – Mary Nolan



Christmas Village by Keith Meadows and Debbie Rautins at the Hayloft – Keith Meadows



Nine swans a-swimming – Rob Fisher

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Thank You Volunteers! Hayloft Decorating

Did you know that for every holiday and season, the decor changes at the Hayloft? Here are just some of the many volunteers who came out to decorate for Christmas and New Year's. Thank you!



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Youth Halloween Party
Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina - Youth Social Committee, Organizers

Thank you to everyone who came to the Halloween pizza and entertainment night at the Hayloft on October 23rd!

Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina
Children's Event Coordinators



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Ladies Christmas Luncheon Linda Bridges and Team, Organizers

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon was held on December 6th 2022. It was a sold out event with 85 Bayshore residents and guests. A delicious lunch provided by the caterer "by-the-rock" was enjoyed by all. After lunch the guests enjoyed creating and reading their Christmas story. A total of 35 generously donated door prizes and two gift baskets were handed out. The 50/50 draw of \$270 was won by Colleen Sicard who kindly returned \$100 to add into our donation to the Sharing Place. Thanks go to my team of 16 eager ladies who planned and helped with this event.

Linda Bridges

Photos by Mary Andrews and Susan Hazlett



Gift bags at each place setting were generously donated by Gayle Summerland. Centrepieces were generously donated by Bob Newton.

THE ORGANIZING TEAM

Front Row Seated: Patti Norris-Rigby, Marilyn Rogers, Nancy Marzano, and Jill Pignatell

Back Row Standing: Leslie Fielding, Barb Thurgood, Wendy Lucas, Iris Storozinski, Mary Andrews, Romaine Dawkins, Catherine Downie, Kristina Frise, and Linda Bridges

Not pictured: Maureen Naylor, Lynn McWilliam, Jacquie Ivory and Wendy Hurst



Above: Leslie Fielding, Linda Bridges, Kristina Frise and 50/50 winner Colleen Sicard (centre)



Blue Skies

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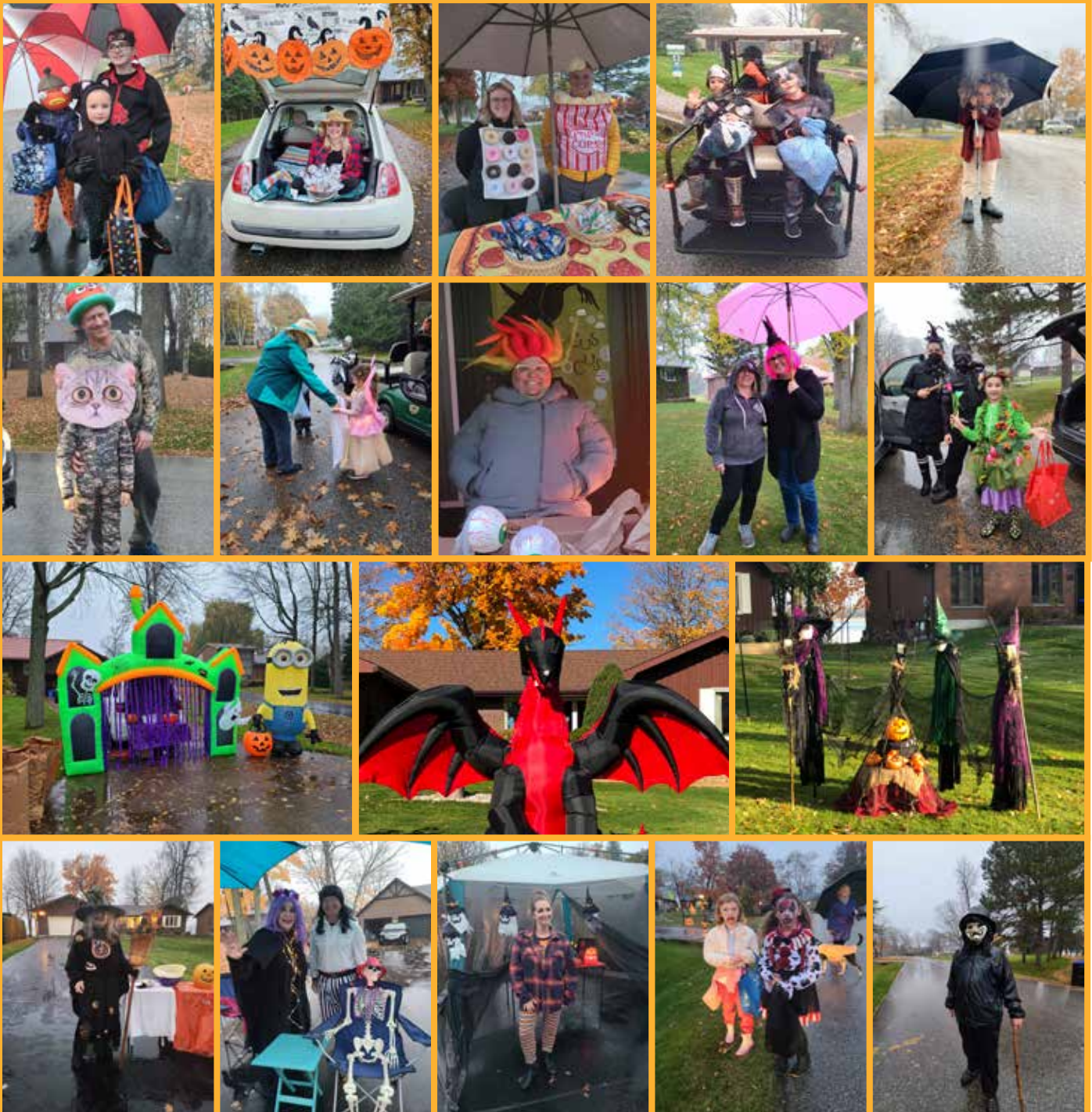
Halloween



Despite the rain on All Hallows' Eve 2022, residents from every street came out to enjoy the camaraderie and fun happening on Thicketwood and Lantern. There were such great costumes and decorations on display, and of course everyone loved seeing the trick or treaters who dashed around to collect their loot!

Huge thank you's go out to everyone who participated, shelled out, put on a costume, decorated their home and/or brought their kids and grandkids out. Much appreciation also goes to all the residents who made this happen!

Photos by Debbie Rautins, Keith Meadows, Mary Andrews, Kelsey Drake and Susan Hazlett



Antarctica: An Incredible Journey

Many years ago I recall seeing a documentary on the Antarctic. It was very science based and did not show much of the continent or its topography. Wildlife and the effect of climate change was highlighted. Years later I watched another documentary on a small ship expedition to the Antarctic. I found this fascinating, and wished one day that I might be able to join an expedition to Antarctica.

That day arrived!! On November 28, 2022, we set off on this incredible journey. We flew from YYZ to Atlanta, and then connected on to Santiago, Chile. This is where the expedition with Silversea began. After touring a few days in Santiago on our own, Silversea flew us to Puerto Williams, Chile, the southernmost city in the world. We departed Puerto Williams on the Silver Wind at 22:00 that evening for the 11 day/10 night expedition and we headed for the Drake Passage, also called either the Drake Lake or the Drake Shake, depending on the size of the waves..



Crossing the Drake wasn't too bad as waves were 2.2 to 2.7 metres. However, since it was a smaller ship, you could really feel the motion

of the sea. It takes about two days to travel the 800 kilometres to Antarctica and we arrived on December 5th in the Antarctic, and from first sight it was incredible. I did not realize how mountainous Antarctica is and the many shades of blacks and greys within the mountains that weren't covered in snow and ice. As we crossed the Drake, we were followed by a few albatross that never flapped their wings. They rode the wind currents and in one of our lectures, I learned that some have a wing span of 3.7 to 4.3 metres (12 to 14 feet). Other wildlife sightings began to occur: humpback and fin whales, and penguins were spotted from the ship.



Our first zodiac expedition was in the morning with an outing to explore Hope Bay and to spot wildlife and get closer to icebergs. Silversea is very professional and passenger safety is of the utmost importance.

We went through several lectures on preparing for a zodiac outing, clothing prep, we had a seminar on cleaning our boots after being on shore and our boots had to remain in a dressing staging area after being cleaned. Expedition crew checked life vests before disembarkation, and there was considerable communication until we returned back onboard the ship. On our first outing we saw Gentoo penguins porpoising, and a leopard seal came up to the rear of our zodiac.



Later that day we first set foot on the continent at Brown Bluff. The zodiac would approach the landing area and the expedition team would pull the boat in close and assist

you out of the zodiac and up onto shore. There we are, on shore on the 7th continent, walking with the penguins. There were a few babies already hatched, and they snuggled under their parents for warmth.

There was a Weddell seal lying on shore sleeping; however, it was dreaming as its face twitched and flippers made jerky motions. The colour of the mountain was incredible here, with many shades of brown to gold.



What an amazing journey! We traveled over 21,700 km in total by plane and by ship.

Many travel to Antarctica to see the wildlife, the mountainous views or the icebergs. For me, the icebergs were the most thrilling.

Every one is different, the whites and blues are amazing. Eighty-five percent of an iceberg is underwater, and they mostly fall over during the melting process. Because they are in salt water, they not only melt from



warmer water but you can see the chemical reaction under the water, like when water starts to boil. You know when a berg has flipped because the exposed top side is pitted and polished.

Antarctica facts:

- It is the continent with the highest average elevation at approximately 2,180 metres. The thickest part of the ice sheet is 4,776 metres thick (That's more than 4 km!).
- At the end of the summer, Antarctica is 3 million square kilometres, and during winter it grows to 19 million square kilometres. Sea ice can grow outwards by 5 km per day.
- Ninety-eight percent of the continent is covered in ice. It is the most pristine place on earth. The ozone layer is almost non-existent here.
- The population is 1,000 in the winter and 4,000 in the summer (exploration bases). One Argentinian child has been born on Antarctica (by design!).
- There has not been a war here, but during the Falklands War, the Argentinian base fired several shots at the British base. No one was injured.
- Summer temps range from 0°C to 15°C. One day when out exploring our leader registered 14°C. The highest wind speed recorded was 327 km/h.

Jim Shulz



Creative Arts Show
Pat Beecham, Organizer

The 12th Annual Creative Arts Show & Sale on October 1st was a tremendous success! Here are the crafters and artists with some of their creations. Thank you Pat Beecham who put this event together! – **Photos by Susan Hazlett**



Anne Harwood – glass creations



Catherine Hermans – acrylic pour paintings



Franchi Torchia – crocheted toys and creatures



Pat Beecham – watercolour paintings, reproductions on cards and prints



Romayne Dawkins – sewn creations, fused glass, beaded purses, acrylic paintings



Judy Fontyn-Sugg – acrylic paintings, reproductions on cards, pillows, coasters



Linda Bertrand - acrylic paintings, reproductions on cards



Helen Deckert (L) – acrylic paintings and jewelry

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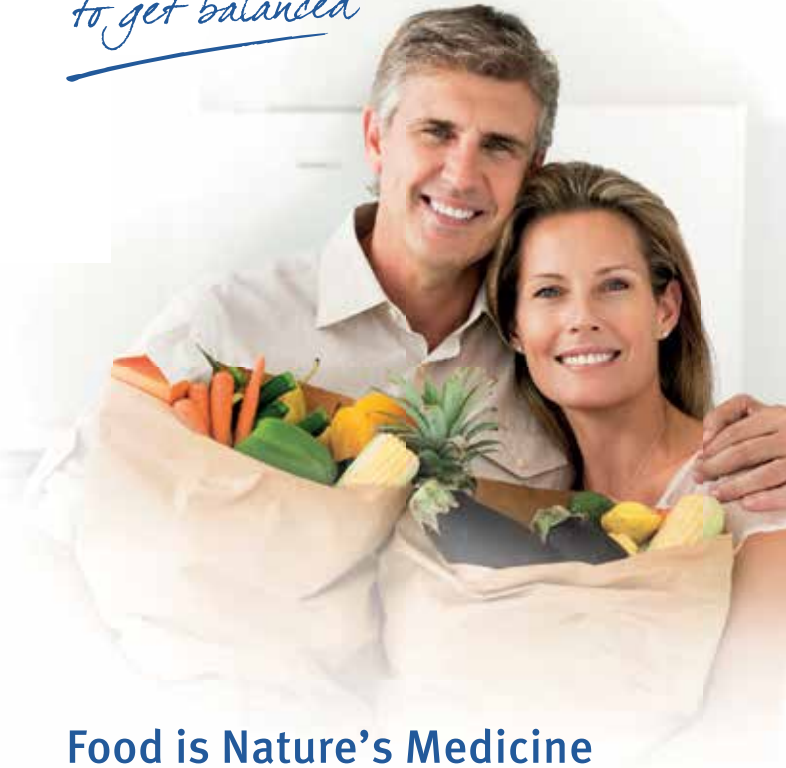
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I Got My Kicks on Route 66

Been there, done that... well some of it. Route 66 was one of the original highways in the United States which began in Chicago and ran through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona before terminating in Santa Monica, covering 3,940 km.

In 1985, it was officially removed from the United States Highway System after it had been replaced in its entirety by segments of the Interstate Highway System. However, portions of the highway have been communally designated as a National Scenic Byway and referred to as "Historic Route 66." Several states have adopted significant bypassed sections of the former US 66 into their state road networks.

In addition, various sections of the road have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Along the road you can still find the original gas stations, diners, motels and other scenic points that made this highway famous.

I have been riding motorcycles for most of my life. Riding Route 66 has been on my "Bucket List" for quite some time, so earlier this year I made it happen and crossed it off my list. I began by flying to Las Vegas where I rented a Harley Davidson touring bike and made my way south to Kingman. From there I travelled along the original highway to Williams and visited many of the gas stations and diners that seemed frozen in time. Lots of memorabilia to see,

and of course for purchase at outrageous prices! But there's something about having a hamburger and shake in one of these old 50's diners that makes it all worth it.

From there, it was on to Flagstaff where I stayed for a few days and did day trips to the nearby Grand Canyon. My first glimpse of the Canyon was very emotional. I'd seen pictures and had a pretty good idea of what to expect, but words cannot describe what meets the eye. I had goose bumps, watery eyes, and a lump in my throat. The same happened the next day when I hiked down to the Canyon floor and looked up. A very humbling experience... it's a must see.

Some of the route had straight stretches of highway that seemed to go on forever. To either side was nothing but desert and tumbleweed. Off in the distance you can see the mountains of Nevada and Arizona, still with a little snow on them. Simple scenery, yet interesting. Gas stations were few and far between so you have to plan your fill ups accordingly.

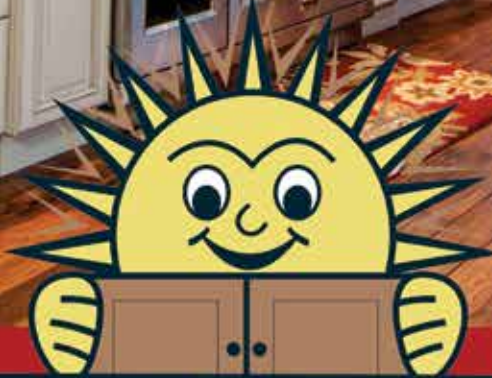
Overall, it was a great nostalgic ride and I met many other like-minded riders that had the same dream. There's still a lot of highway that I unfortunately didn't have time to ride, so guess what? It's back on the list!

Keeping the rubber on the road,

Gunther Gratzner



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Christmas Tree Lighting
 Debbie Rautins, Keith Meadows, Social Committee
 and Youth Social Committee, Organizers

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and social event was held on November 27 at the Hayloft. It was a rainy evening this year, but that didn't seem to stop anyone from coming out and enjoying the fun.

Thank you to Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina who organized the children's choir; Noel Cooper, Debbie Rautins and Jack Pignatell who led the carolling; the Social Committee for the baked holiday treats and hot chocolate; and to Keith Meadows, Randy Smith, Jim Brunner and Carlos Cordeiro who put the lights on the tree.

Susan Hazlett



Truth and Reconciliation

Friday, September 30th was the Orange Shirt Day Walk in Orillia hosted, in part, by the Orillia Native Women's Group. It was held on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in remembrance of the history of residential schools, honouring the victims and celebrating the survivors. A sea of orange shirts walked down the streets of Orillia from the Opera House to the Biindigen Pavilion at Couchiching Beach Park. Biindigen is Ojibwe for "Come In." It was a well-attended social gathering with stories, drumming, dancing and refreshments.

Sharon Seaward



Grey Cup Broadcast

The Big Game was broadcast upstairs at the Hayloft on November 20. Toronto Argos were victorious!

Photo by Keith Meadows



Christmas Cheer
 May your holiday gatherings be filled with cheer,
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Happy Hour Mixers



Happy Hour at Roy and Starr's

The Happy Hour Mixers drew to a close on Friday, September 30th. The last mixer of the year was a sunny fall day with 36 participants and 5 couples hosting. I want to personally thank everyone who hosted for your generosity and community spirit.

We had four mixers throughout the summer, one every month from June till September. The general consensus was that mixers are a great way to socialize, especially for those new to Bayshore, as they are smaller and more intimate.

Below are some photos from the August and September mixers.

Wendy Lucas

Photos by Fatima Finnegan, Karen Jay-Moore, Jeff Nolan, Catherine Downie, Mary Andrews and Starr Oswald



Happy Hour at Jim Law and Susan Knox's



Happy Hour at Judy's



Happy Hour at Mary's



Happy Hour at Judy's



Happy Hour at Mary's



Happy Hour at Patty's

Pub Night

Debbie Rautins and Social Committee, Organizers

Pub Night was held November 12th. It was our first dance since Spring Fling! Everyone always enjoys Classic Shock, our go-to band. Thank you to Debbie Rautins and the Social Committee for organizing a fun night.

Debbie Rautins



Men's Wednesday Golf Group
Joe Sokolowski, Organizer

The Bayshore Men's Wednesday Golf Group held their annual year-end general meeting and awards banquet after golf on September 28, 2022. The following awards were presented:

- The Ernest J. Smigelski Match Play Championship Memorial Trophy was won by Norm Seaward.
- The Guy Montemurro Medal Play (Low Net) Championship Memorial Trophy was won by Keith Meadows.
- The George Woodruff Most Outstanding Performance Memorial Trophy was presented to Rick Indewey.
- A new trophy, in honour of Mike O'Halloran, for overall Quota Point Champion was awarded to co-winners Paul Thomas and Rick Indewey. Teri Leatherdale, Mike's partner, presented the inaugural trophy.

The day also included a year end Scramble tournament which was won by the threesome of Stuart Simpson, Ron Joseph and Norm Seaward.

Joe Sokolowski



Norm Seaward wins the Ernest J. Smigelski Trophy



Keith Meadows wins the Guy Montemurro Trophy



Rick Indewey wins the George Woodruff Trophy



Scramble winners Stuart Simpson, Ron Joseph and Norm Seaward



Teri Leatherdale presents co-winners Rick Indewey and Paul Thomas (not pictured) the Mike O'Halloran Trophy

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Recipes

BACON CHEDDAR ROLL UPS – *Diane Stoner*

3 loaves sandwich bread, crusts removed, rolled out flat
1 package regular sliced bacon
1 can sweetened condensed milk
60 ml (1/4 cup) yellow mustard
5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
0.5 l (18 oz) grated sharp cheddar cheese

1. Mix together the sweetened condensed milk, mustard, Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl and set aside.
2. Cut the bacon in half. Lay two to three half slices of bacon down on the counter. You will want them to match the width of the bread. If you have skinnier bacon, you will get more smaller roll ups. Lay the bread on top of the bacon.
3. Spread some of the mustard mixture on top of the bread and top with a small handful of cheese.
4. Roll up the bacon and cut between the slices, giving you two or three pieces. Hold together with a toothpick.
5. Freeze on parchment-lined cookie sheets and then place in ziplock freezer bags. I usually do 20 per bag.
6. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 400°F and cook from frozen. Place a cookie cooling rack over a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet and place roll ups on top of the cooling rack to let the drippings fall through. You will get crispier roll ups this way or you can use a broiler pan.
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes, turning once or until bacon is crisp. Let cool for a few minutes and serve hot.

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GOAT CHEESE DIP – *Diane Stoner*

2 heads garlic
20 ml (4 tsp) olive oil, divided
Kosher salt, to taste
Cracked pepper, to taste
300 g (10.5 oz) Kirkland Signature Goat Cheese, softened
125 ml (1/2 cup) parmesan cheese, shredded
45 ml (3 Tbsp) milk
60 ml (1/4 cup) grape tomatoes
10 ml (2 tsp) fresh thyme leaves and sprigs (optional)
1 loaf French bread, sliced, or crostini or crackers

1. Heat oven to 400°F.
2. Slice the top off of each head of garlic. Drizzle cut sides with 5 ml (1 tsp) olive oil, then season with salt and pepper.
3. Place garlic heads, cut side down, on small baking sheet.
4. Roast 30 minutes; remove and cool.
5. Reduce heat to 350°F.
6. Lightly oil a small broiler-safe baking dish with 5 ml (1 tsp) olive oil.
7. Place goat cheese, parmesan and milk in a medium bowl, then squeeze the garlic cloves into the bowl.
8. Stir to combine all ingredients and season with salt and pepper.
9. Spread the mixture evenly into the baking dish.
10. Top with tomatoes, then drizzle 5 ml (1 tsp) olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
11. Bake 20 minutes, then broil 1 to 2 minutes to brown the top.
12. Garnish with a drizzle of 5 ml (1 tsp) olive oil and fresh thyme if desired.
13. Serve warm with French bread, crostini or crackers.



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Holiday Happy Hour Debbie Rautins and Social Committee, Organizers

A Holiday Happy Hour was held at the Hayloft on December 9. Everyone had a great time mingling over great snacks and beverages! The Hayloft was festively decorated thanks to the volunteers! Thank you to Debbie Rautins and the Social Committee for a wonderful party.

Photos by Mary Andrews





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It's Always Sunny in Bayshore

Q: What do dentists call x-rays?

A: Tooth pics

My boss said, "I find it very suspicious that you are only sick on weekdays."

I said, "It must be my weekend immune system."

As you may know, SCUBA stands for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. But did you know that TUBA is also an acronym? It stands for Terrible Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

When you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. (That's humerus.)

Bob and Doug are hanging out at Doug's apartment. Bob notices it's getting late and asks for the time. Doug says, "Pass me that trombone."

Bob says, "How can you tell the time with a trombone?"

"It's magic." Doug replies, letting out a long, low belt on the instrument. He stops and waits, seemingly expecting something. Suddenly a loud voice from above yells, "WHO IS PLAYING THE TROMBONE AT 3AM?!?"

A scientist just grew human vocal cords from stem cells in a lab. The results speak for themselves.

I met a magic genie once who granted me one wish. I said, "I wish I could be you." He said, "weurd wush but U wull grant ut."

Be careful about buying too many helium balloons for a party. You don't want to get carried away.

During the pandemic, I became a master at jigsaw puzzles. I just finished one in 10 weeks! I am so proud of myself; on the box it says 5-6 years.



I'm going through a lot right now...looking for my car.

If you serve your kids frozen pizza or chicken nuggets for dinner, you are a terrible parent...

I don't care how busy you are, find the time to microwave them.

A man is getting prepped for surgery. The nurse tells him that the hospital has run out of anesthesia so he can either have a sniff of some of the old-fashioned stuff to put him to sleep or she could hit him in the head with a paddle. The man wants to make sure he does not wake up during the surgery so he asks the nurse if he can get both. She replies, "No sir. This is an ether/oar decision."



My son is so thoughtful. He just sent us a letter from university:
 Dear Mom and Dad,
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 We wrote him back:
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The Arts

Pictured here are a few of the great art pieces on display at the Hayloft this season. The art wall is changed up every month, so if you have any interest in displaying your artwork, please contact Pat Beecham. We'd all love to see what you've been creating! – **Susan Hazlett**



"Winter Scene", acrylics
– Victor Relvas



"Chapel Bells", acrylics
– Helen Deckert



"Aurora", watercolour
– Pat Beecham



"Ayers' Farmhouse", acrylic
– Victor Relvas



"Winter Thaw", watercolour
– Pat Beecham



"The Old Barn", acrylics
– Victor Relvas



"My Grandson's Lighthouse", acrylics
– Victor Relvas



Featured Artist:
Victor Relvas

Bridge News

Pat Beecham-Cooper and Noel Cooper, Organizers

Men's Bridge has been dwindling, and survived only because a few women have kindly filled in to make one table on Thursday mornings. We have decided to revive Men's Bridge by renaming it "Open Bridge," welcoming anyone who wants to play, and switching to Monday mornings. We still use the format that has been used by the men for several decades. It may be a little easier to manage than the women's format – nothing to be concerned about, just a little different. We began on January 2 with eight players and we hope to find a few more players within a month or two.

The last few months of "Men's Bridge" was the scene of one triumph after another for our guests: Janet Sauve won with 5,650 points on November 10; Maria Saringer came first twice, with 5,150 on November 17 and 5,260 on December 29; Pat Beecham-Cooper took home the gold with 5,190 on December 8. Doug Sellery preserved some honour for the men, with a big score of 6,300 on November 24.

And so we have begun a new phase. There is no more Men's bridge on Thursdays. Anyone is welcome to play on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. If you're interested, please get in touch with Noel Cooper at nhpcoop@yahoo.ca, or 705-484-0221.

Ladies' Bridge takes place every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 in the Hayloft. All are welcome. We are a very congenial group and welcome new players. If you would like to join us, please contact Pat Beecham at becoop79@gmail.com or phone 705-484-0221.

If you used to play a long time ago and would like to refresh, or just want to learn, bridge lessons are available on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. also in the Great Room. Contact Pat for that also.

Best results for Ladies' Bridge from Sept. 21-Dec. 21 were:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Maria Saringer | 5,190 points |
| 2. Pat Beecham | 5,100 points |
| And guests: Noel Cooper | 4,920 points |
| Linda Lyons | 4,820 points |

Other News: We had the annual "December birthday party" for our bridge group, and were honoured by the attendance of recent Bayshore ex-pats Ken and Karen Jones.



Pictured around the table L to R are Pat Beecham, Karen Jones, Velma Burley, Mary Andrews, Noel Cooper and Fran McVie. Back row L to R: Ken Jones, Doug Sellery, Janet Sauve, Maria Saringer and Patti Norris-Rigby.

Pat Beecham

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Tea-Licious Party
Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina - Community Service Crew, Organizers



Thank you so much to everyone who donated items to our tea-licious charity event! We are beyond grateful for Bayshore's generosity. We

collected over 120 items which consisted of sugar, tea, stir sticks, cups, cookies and granola bars. The Lighthouse was very appreciative of the large donation! Thanks again for your continued support of the Bayshore Community Service Crew!

Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina



Plant Swap
Wendy and Glenn Lucas, Donna Wilson, Mary Ellen Simerson, Organizers

The 3rd Perennial Plant Swap was held on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hayloft. Thanks go out to all the residents who diligently filled many tables with healthy, hardy perennials and shrubs. Some even brought trees to share. We also had some indoor plants and Anne Harwood brought two of her gorgeous glass flower creations to display at our event. A lot of residents went home with more than they came with due to the generosity of many of our avid gardeners who shared so many of their plants with us. We even had some plants left over to share with the community.

Wendy Lucas
Photos by Glenn Lucas



Ramara Public Library News

Happy New Year! The library is ringing in 2023 with an amazing new line up of programming to get you through the winter months. Jo and Rebecca have something planned for everyone.

Have you headed to the sunny south for a bit? You can still take part virtually and visit with friends from home!

At this time, the Brechin library branch is closed until further notice due to a mold issue. We appreciate your patience during the remediation process. We look forward to assisting you at the Ramara Centre branch. Materials can be returned to the Township Offices in Brechin.

eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines are available on the Libby and PressReader apps.

Winter Program Highlights:

Fibre Friends & Ramara Quilting Club:

Stay social this season by working on your crafts in our hobby circle! Wednesdays from 10 AM – 12 PM, beginning January 11th, at the Ramara Centre branch.

Ramara Library Book Club:

Join our literary lovers on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM!

Adults: Join us monthly for great programs, covering a variety of topics and interests including Crafty Adults, Virtual Trivia, Virtual Author Talks, Cookbook Book Club, Arm Chair Detectives, Virtual Writing Circle and more!

Youth and Children: Join us for monthly and weekly programs such as Little Adventurers, Cooking Creatively, Tech Tinkers, Homeschoolers of Ramara, Pajamapalooza and more!

We also have you covered with Take Home Kits for long holiday weekends, PD Day programs on January 27th and daily features for March Break!

All programs require registration, which can be found on our website, by emailing/calling us or by dropping by the Ramara Centre branch.

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Anglers' Corner



Although this is not a hunting page, to those Bayshore residents that do hunt, congratulations on a successful season, and I wish you good luck for the season ahead.

On a recent walk down to the lake, I noticed the ice beginning to form along the shoreline and thought to myself that it would not be long until the ice spreads toward the middle of the lake. Once joined together, it begins the build up as the ice forms and thickens – then it begins, hard water ice fishing!!!

Many of us in Bayshore look forward to this time of year; the time to drag the huts from the garage, tune up the snowmobile or ATV, gather the short rods, test the Big Buddy heater, gas up the auger and give it a pull to make sure it starts, and the giddiness begins.

Our surrounding area of Bayshore peninsula offers an incredible variety of fish species for winter angling and in some cases quite plentiful. We are blessed with some of the best jumbo perch fishing anywhere and just minutes from our homes.

Lake trout, whitefish, northern pike, burbot, bowfin and even lake herring inhabit the surrounding waters and in the winter months, when water temperatures are near freezing, these species can be caught in the shallower depths.

Bayshore anglers, in most cases, have many years on the ice and are very experienced in everything related to ice fishing. We form quite the on-ice community out on Barnstable Bay,

enjoying camaraderie, great eats and BBQ treats from the fall's hunting season. There's nothing like Finnegan's venison chops cooked on his portable BBQ... oh my!

The ice hut in winter, for some, becomes our second home. The warmth inside generated by the propane heater makes it very comfortable. Closing up the windows and eliminating the light coming in, brings new light below the hole. Watching and waiting for those schools of perch to come through and the clear water below adds to the excitement of hooking into "that big one." Once in a while, a huge shadow appears and once in focus a big laker, whitey or pike appears followed by the "Oh I hope he's hungry," then "bang" it's on. What a rush!

The inventory is complete, I'm ready to go, I hope to see you out there soon.

For first timers, or those who wish to experience the thrill of hard water ice fishing, there are many of us you can contact who will gladly provide the opportunity to give it a try. Let someone know and I'm sure they'll know of a neighbour who can accommodate you.

I can be contacted at meadowskeith1@gmail.com and can either have you join me for a day or know of someone else who will.

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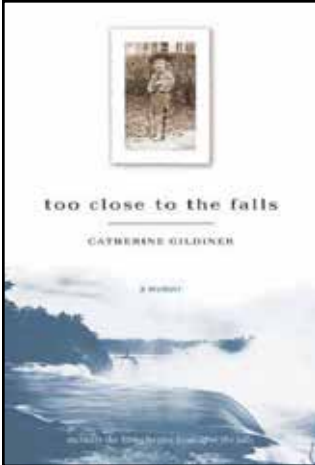
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Bayshore Reads: *Too Close To The Falls*



Too Close To The Falls

by Catherine Gildiner (ECW Press, 351 pages)

Catherine Gildiner is a Toronto psychologist who decided to write her memoirs after years of practice. Three books later, she had only described her life up to age 30. Then she branched out into mystery writing.

Too Close To The Falls, her first book, tells about her life in Lewiston, NY up to the age of 12. Cathy McClure was an

only child born to her parents unexpectedly late in their lives. If you grew up in the 1950s you will remember what life was like in those days. Her childhood was remarkably quirky, and some of her anecdotes are almost incredible.

Cathy's father owned the town drug store. Her mother was preoccupied with intellectual interests and never prepared a meal (neither did her father, of course). Mother's policy was that "you should never learn to cook or type, or you'll have to do both against your will forever." The family ate breakfast, lunch and dinner in restaurants every day, but of course when Cathy reported that in class, or said that there was no food at all in their fridge, she was not believed, and was further shunned by her classmates. She still describes her childhood as happy and normal.

Cathy was a hyperactive child, so her father employed her as a worker in his store, full time, including weekends, even before she was old enough to go to school. She stocked shelves and tidied up, but her most important duty was to help with daily deliveries of drugs, including narcotics, to patients. Cathy could read at the age of four; the delivery driver could not, so Cathy read the addresses on the packages and navigated with maps, while Roy,

an affable, poor, worldly-wise Black man, drove the car. They had more than their share of adventures, and the few mentioned in this review don't tell half the story.

Once, after delivering their out-of-town orders, they got caught in a snowstorm that made it impossible to get Cathy back to her home, so Roy put her up in his motel room on the Black side of town, introduced her to dozens of his friends and relatives at his neighbourhood "watering hole," plied her with Shirley Temples, fed her well, danced and sang. Roy slept fully clothed on a chair in his room

while Cathy slept fully clothed on his bed. Cathy's mother cried for two days after they got home, but Cathy didn't understand what was the problem.

Cathy and Roy often stayed for conversation with lonely people to whom they made deliveries. Among their clients was Marie Sweeney, an aging former prostitute. Cathy didn't understand the meaning of many phrases during their chats (such as "she's sitting on her groceries"), but she remembered some of them, and casually reported during one of her mother's card games that Marie said she spent more time with Dolores' husband than Dolores did. Dolores and everybody else left the card game.

Cathy also made friends with Warty, the gruesome-looking and frightening inhabitant of the town dump, who was afflicted with "Elephant Man's disease." Cathy took a day off school and climbed a rocky path to Warty's lair high above the dump, in hopes of interviewing her for an essay she intended to write about local people who should be known as saints. After Cathy got past her 12 snarling Dalmatians, Warty proved to be perfectly sane and friendly. Memories of being taught by nuns are woven through the narrative, a feature which may be mystifying to some readers and bitter for others. After Cathy was kicked out of the Catholic school for irreverence (such as pouring vodka in the holy water font), she had to spend some weekend hours learning about Catholicism from the priests. She actually enjoyed some of the sessions led by a young

Jesuit scholar, until in the final episode in the book, Father Rodwick, dressed in civilian clothes, treated her to drinks and dinner in Niagara Falls, eventually causing her to run away and get "too close to The Falls."

Catherine McClure was educated at Oxford and Ohio University before coming to Toronto in 1970. She married Michael Gildiner, raised three sons, practiced psychology, and rowed on an international team, in addition to her successful career as an author.

Too Close To The Falls was on the best-seller list in Canada for 150 weeks when it was first published in 1999, but I never heard of it at that time. I found out about it after reading Gildiner's *Seduction*, a murder mystery based on the relationship between the theories of Darwin and Freud. I found that book a hard slog, but I enjoyed this first volume of her memoirs. She is pictured above with another of her books, which tells stories of patients' psychological recoveries.

Noel Cooper





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Debbie Rautins

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- **Yoga** Wednesdays 10 am in the Hayloft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy** Mondays at 2 pm. Contact Barb Thurgood.
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- **VON Smart Exercise** Fridays at 10:00 am. Call 705-326-7021.
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Once again, a big thank you to the residents of Bayshore for all the food and monetary donations for the Sharing Place Food Bank.

We collected a total of \$1,326.00 and 516 pounds of food. \$370.00 of this donation was from the 50/50 draw at the Ladies Christmas Lunch.

Sharing Place certainly loves to see our faces when we arrive as they know they can always count on our wonderful and generous community. Happy New Year!!!

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