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Bayshore's Tim Young Receives National Award



Tim Young on Bayshore Drive was recognized for his work with The Sharing Place. See full details on page 13. Well done, Tim!!

Welcome New Neighbours

Welcome to our new friends at Bayshore Village!

Debbie and Jeff – 4 Maple Gate
Christine and Robert – 28 Southview
Justin and Peter – 8 Park Lane
Nancy and Craig – 197 Bayshore Drive

Welcome

What's Happening?

March-July
2024



**Snowbird's
Happy Hour**
April 19th



**Newcomers
Lunch & Club Fair**
June 9th



**Spring Fling
Dinner & Dance**
Live music with
'The Bogeys'
May 4th



**Canada
Day**
July 1st

Any questions, please contact: Diane Stoner, Social Director
905-809-2150 / social@bayshorevillage.ca

The Bayshore Village Classic
Saturday June 22, 2024



Save the Date!



It's time to gather those pre-loved treasures for the upcoming Bayshore Village Yard Sale. We would welcome volunteers to take pictures on the day for the Banner, and we also need volunteers to take down the signage at the end of the sale.

Please contact Anne Harwood at:
anneharwood02@gmail.com
if you can assist in any way.

Thank you in advance!
Doug & Jane Davies
Rick & Anne Harwood
Roy & Starr Oswald

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who contributed their articles and photos.



The Walking Group enjoying one of the few sunny days this winter. Photo by **Victor Relvas**

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President's Report



Welcome Back! Snowbirds yes, geese NO! A big hello to all our friends who hibernated down south. I hope everyone returned healthy and are ready to enjoy the summer.

The geese on the other hand are a different story. Stubborn and persistent as they are, our continuing battle with them has resumed. A quick reminder that

residents can help discourage geese from taking up residence here in Bayshore. Giving chase, using scare tactics, and installing deterrents on your property will go a long way in letting them know they are not welcome. Please take note of the various things you can do by reading the information under the heading *Goose Management Program* in the "Members Only" section on the BVA website.

BVA Now Global: Well, not quite, but ever since COVID, our board meetings have had excellent attendance by enabling vacationing Directors to link up via the internet from places like Mexico, Hawaii, Costa Rica, and Florida. It's been full steam ahead during the winter months and much has been accomplished.

"I'll be back"... Yes, Ramara has informed us that they will continue with Phase 2 of the ditch clearing this year. And I know what you're thinking...but as they say, "you can't fight City Hall." However, thanks to Rick Mathews, our Ex-Officio, he is valiantly fighting on our behalf to minimize damage and disruption to our Bell lines. More information can be found by reading our Board Meeting Minutes.

The "you know what" has hit the fan! Undoubtedly, you've seen the many tanker trucks hauling our sewage down to the Lagoon City treatment center. For years we have warned Ramara that it would come to this, and low and behold, here we are. For now, we are ok, but one day, we will again reach capacity and the hauling of sewage will continue. Hopefully the Township will act quickly and decide on a solution before that happens.

Political Presence: I'm not political, but I'm pleased to say that we'll be getting great representation at our board meetings. Joining us are Mayor Basil Clark, Deputy Mayor Keith Bell, and Ward 2 Councillor Jennifer Fisher. They have committed themselves to attending our meetings when requested to respond to our issues and concerns. This is a great step in keeping our communication open and transparent with the Township and to hopefully expedite things. On a side note, don't forget about the upcoming by-election. Online voting can be done between May 6 at 9:30 a.m. to May 13 at 8:00 p.m., or in person at the Hayloft, on May 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community News: Stay tuned for more information regarding the planned upgrades to our pool. In addition, a reminder that we are looking for a "Pool Manager" and some (paid) personnel for water testing. Rod Turnbull, our Director of Hayloft can provide more information.

Well, it's almost time to launch our boats, play pickleball, tennis, volleyball, golf, bocce, kayak, cycle, swim, fish – isn't this a great place to live??

On behalf of the Board, have a safe and healthy summer.

Gunther Gratzer
President

Reduce Bayshore's Goose Population!



Habitat Modification on Your Property: Grass and Fencing

Leave grass 4" or longer.
Install a temporary fence at your shoreline.
Plant native species at your shoreline.
Use non-toxic goose repellent on your lawn.

Remember to use BVA's online Goose Reporting Tool. See BVA website for more information on this year's Goose Management Program.

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Italian Night

Diane Stoner and The Social Committee – Organizers

On February 10th, an Italian Night was held at the Hayloft. Lanterna Restaurant provided lasagna, caesar salad and cheese flatbread for 83 guests. I want to thank my committee for helping make the Italian night fabulous! The room looked so good – thank you Jeff Switzer, Paul Stoner, Anne Graham, Cindy Hotoyan, and Johanne Lusch for helping set up and making the Hayloft look very “Italian.” There were so many compliments on the room decor. The Caprese skewers were delicious – thank you, Janet Sauve! So much work and so appreciated! Thank you, Artena Hutchison, Heather Horbay, Emily Murua, Susan Hazlett, Anne Graham, and Cindy Hotoyan, for such yummy baking! Every guest raved about the dessert table.

Thank you, Jack Pignatell, for providing the playlist for the evening. You even threw a bit of Italian opera into the mix. Much appreciated! Thank you, Karen Moore, for rearranging your clients so you could greet our guests. You did an amazing job making everyone feel so welcome. A huge thank you to Johanne Lusch, Cindy Hotoyan, and Julie Murray for their help in the kitchen. What a huge job!! The kitchen was spotless by the end of the night. Thank you, thank you!! You are all wonderful!!



Diane Stoner



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In Memoriam



RICHARD JAMES FRISE

Passed away peacefully at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Monday, March 4th, 2024, at the age of 81. Born in Toronto Ontario, predeceased by his parents, Richard and Marjorie Frise. Beloved husband of Kristina Frise (nee Taylor) for 68 years. Loving father of Richard and his wife Beth, and Mark and his wife Trudi. Proud grandfather of David, Charlie, James, Victoria, Rebecca, and Fen.

Richard will be lovingly remembered by his family and friends. A celebration of Richard's life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society, through the Simcoe Funeral Home, 38 James Street E., Orillia (705) 327 0221.



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Bridge
Velma Burley – Organizer

Bayshore bridge players look forward to Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons when we gather to play bridge. Bridge is a fun, social card game that provides great exercise for your brain, and improves your memory. Emily Murua is our newest bridge player. We are always looking for more bridge players and are happy to provide lessons if you are new to the game.

After giving bridge lessons for many years here in Bayshore, Pat Beecham-Cooper has taken a leave from teaching bridge but will still be playing bridge with the group. Many, many thanks Pat for passing on your love of the game and teaching us so well.

The highest score for Monday Bridge over the last three months was achieved by Maria Saringer with 5,180 points, followed closely by Dorothy Hall with 5,150, and Doug Sellery with 4,970. Maria also had the highest score for the Wednesday group with 4,570. Doug was second with 4,450 and Pat had 4,220. Congratulations!

Monday bridge is played from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Wednesday bridge is from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Call Velma Burley at 905-809-3753 or email burleyv55@gmail.com if you are interested in playing bridge, would like a refresher, or are starting from scratch.

Velma Burley



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Euchre Janet Sauve – Organizer

Come out and play Euchre on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Bid Euchre is on Sundays at 2:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve at jannylynn200@gmail.com. It is a lot of fun! You get lei'd if you get a lone hand, and you get to ring a bell.

Janet Sauve



Furry Friends

Introducing some of our “other” residents of Bayshore. If you would like your pet included in a future issue and we’ve missed them thus far, please feel free to email them to susan@hazlett.ca.

*Photos by Janice Latorre and Janet Sauve
“Ad” submitted by Janice Latorre*



*Janet and Paul Sauve's
granddog Roxie*



*Ai (which means love in
Japanese) with Akihito Hamaba*



*Ian and Helene
Maikawa with Rudy*



Mary Davis with Kelly



*Irene Heinz with Riley
RIP Riley February 2024*



Kathy Alden with Stella



*Maria Saringer with foster Lola
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Murder Mystery Night

New Year's "murder mystery" at Lynda and Marc Bertrand's house. What an amazing time and fun had by all.

Photos by Victor and Marika Relvas



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Tea and Chat Kristina Frise – Organizer

The Tea and Chat ladies meet in the Hayloft every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00. Once a month, a ladies' lunch at different places in the area. The lunch in January was at the Golden Wok in Orillia, February's lunch was at Tar'd & Feather'd in Beaverton, and March's lunch will be at Fionn MacCool's in Orillia. Contact Kristina Frise for details.

Photos by Mary Andrews and Shelley Hao



TD Recognizes Tim Young's Work with The Sharing Place

I have been volunteering at the Sharing Place for the last few years. For three days a week, I go in from 8:00 to 3:00 to help gather, distribute, and serve food to community members. I truly enjoy my time there.

As a wonderful surprise to me, my rep from the TD bank entered my name in a "TD Gives Back" event which ran across all TD Banks Canada-wide. I was honoured to be one of the main recipients acknowledged, and more importantly, The Sharing Place received a truckload of food and supplies, and \$5,000, all donated by the TD Bank.

Tim Young

Editor's Postscript: Tim was one of THREE people across Canada to receive this award!

A few news agencies picked up the story:

- > *Orillia Matters*: TD opens vault to fete Orillia volunteer, food bank (VIDEO) - Orillia News (orilliamatters.com) (October 18, 2023 article, or search for TD under Orilliamatters.com);
- > *The National Post*: TD shows gratitude to several customers helping their communities. | National Post (November 9, 2023 article, or search for Tim Young on nationalpost.com);
- > *TD Stories #TDThanksYou*: Celebrating World Gratitude Day | TD Stories, and TD's YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/GVDiDxjRhBl?feature=shared> and;
- > *The Sharing Place's facebook page* (search TD).

In honour of World Gratitude Day last month, TD Bank rolled out its TD Thanks You campaign to recognize customers who contribute to their communities, selecting three individuals from across Canada, including Young. Beyond serving the community through its food bank, Young also highlighted the impact of the Sharing Place's food recovery, School Fuel, and Meals 4 Change programs. TD officials said they were "thrilled" to recognize Young's "unwavering efforts to address the food security issues facing his community."

Source: **Orillia Matters**

"The funding that TD has given us will go into our food program, which is so critical, and the donations received from TD have been given out daily, which has helped make a difference in the lives of many local residents," says Tim.

Source: **The National Post**

Here are some ways you can help The Sharing Place too:

1. **Donate Funds:** Make secure online donations (consider a monthly donation), hand deliver to them at 95 Dufferin Street, or mail a cheque to The Sharing Place Food Centre, PO Box 743, Orillia Ontario, L3V 6K7. Charitable registration number is 13148 2291 RR0001.
2. **Donate Healthy Food:** Food bins are located at most grocery stores in Orillia, or drop off your donations at 95 Dufferin Street. For a list of partner stores, please see www.sharingplaceorillia.org/food-donation-bin-locations/
3. **Donate Time:** Visit their website and fill out a volunteer application form.
4. **Organize a Donation Drive:** Visit their website for helpful guides and flyers.
5. **SUPPORT BAYSHORE'S DONATION DRIVES:** Donation events happen here at BV throughout the year, including those organized by Leslie and Jim Fielding, Linda Bridges, and The Social Committee (for instance during Canada Day and various Christmas-time holiday events).

You really must watch the video on the *Orillia Matters* web page where TD surprises Tim with the news and delivers the donation. Tim says in the video, "I'm just grateful for the fact that we can help so many people out the way we do. The thank you's we get every day are just very heart-warming. I work with wonderful people and the staff here is just phenomenal."



Well done, Tim! Thank you for all the work you do! And thank you TD for donating a truckload of food and supplies as well as \$5,000 to our local charitable centre, The Sharing Place.



Ontario Senior 55+ Winter Games in Orillia

From February 7th to the 9th, Orillia hosted the Ontario Senior 55+ Winter Games.

Over 850 athletes arrived in Orillia on February 6th and registered to participate in events such as curling, hockey, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, table tennis, volleyball, precision skating, and bridge. Hopefully I've not missed one of the sports! Unfortunately, with the lack of snow, the cross country skiing ended up being cancelled. I signed up to volunteer on the medical team, having just renewed my CPR/Basic Life Support certification.

In the evening on Tuesday, February 6th, I attended the Opening Ceremonies at the Orillia Opera House where approximately 400 athletes, coaches, and dignitaries arrived and we were all entertained by a duo singing

Gordon Lightfoot songs. The other 400 or so athletes were at St. Paul's Church for their Opening Ceremonies.

Wednesday evening, the 7th of February, Mississauga Street was closed so that athletes could enjoy strolling downtown and eating at the various restaurants.

I was stationed at the Barnfield Curling Club where I enjoyed meeting and socializing with approximately 50 of the athletes.

Fortunately I didn't have to use my medical skills during the Games!

I enjoyed my experience, and perhaps if Orillia hosts another event like this, I may volunteer again.

Linda Bridges






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St. Patrick's Day Potluck Event
Diane Stoner and The Social Committee – Organizers

The St. Patrick's day event was a great success. We had 76 people in attendance. The buffet was outstanding – so much food and so much variety. Thank you Starr Oswald for another show-stopping cake! There was lots of dancing to DJ Steve, who did a wonderful job. Thank you to all the volunteers who did so much to make it a great night!!

Diane Stoner

Photos by Janice Latorre and Diane Stoner



St. Patrick's Day Potluck Event (Cont'd)



Some of the set-up crew. Thank you!



Bayshore Anglers



Another season reaches its finale: where did that go?!!

It seems our ice fishing season is getting shorter and shorter, as the lake takes its sweet time to freeze up to where it's safe enough to venture out.

Some interesting views when the lake flash freezes: Barnstable Bay has mostly a flat layer of ice on the surface, but as you go further out

towards the 14-foot honey hole, the surface layer changes dramatically.

This year, for example, open water froze quickly causing a layering effect of ice, and an overnight snowstorm, along with high winds, churned the water into forming snowballs, which in turn froze into place. It was quite interesting to see this phenomenon as it was easy to see through the clear ice.

But we make the most of it, with some fine catches of jumbo perch, whitefish, lake trout, pike, and burbot.

Again this year, like last, we had to deal with slush under the ice, which makes clearing the drilled hole a bit more work than many of us would like. Once cleared though, the fun begins.

It is so great to have such an amazing fishery so close to our front doors. In minutes we can be in very productive waters for so many species.

You just never know what to expect when enjoying a moment over a hole looking down into 14 feet of clear water. Many fish species travel through the viewpoint and, yes, there are some unexpected surprises, especially when a large bowfin or burbot sticks its head up through your hole to expel a burp of air, take a breath, and then slip back down into the depths below. I still don't think Ian will forget that experience, lol.

Well, that wraps up another season of hard water fishing. We now look forward to the summer and many great days of fishing the open water.

Remember, before the boats are delivered to the harbours, there is an opening to fish the harbours up until May 15th. Jumbo perch, crappie, and northern pike can be found in the harbours. Please leave the largemouth bass alone in the harbours at this time as the females are sitting on nests, protecting their eggs and hatchlings. Removing a female from the nest allows other egg-eating species such as sunfish and gobies to feed on the unprotected eggs or babies.

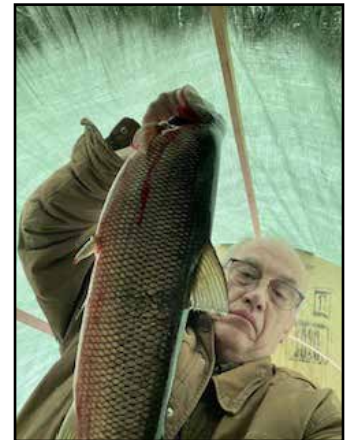
I look forward to seeing you all out on the water and sharing stories and pictures of your fishing adventures.

Stay safe and have a terrific summer.

Keith Meadows



Keith Meadows with a northern pike, about 8 lbs



Randy Hutchison with a 24" whitefish



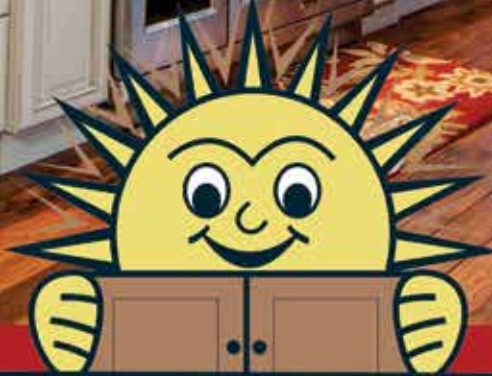
Brian Finnegan's jumbo perch



Randy Hutchison with a 14 1/4" perch



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A Life Lesson From Cake

Have you ever wanted to bake something for a special occasion while trying a new idea? It can be scary sometimes as I am not a baker. I hesitantly share some creations while I will "tolerate" my other creations alone. But there is always that nagging doubt – what will it taste like? Will it go over well with my guests?

I did just this recently for a friend's birthday. I wanted to make a special cake and I had an idea of marinating fresh pineapple in coconut milk, using that as the theme for my cake. When googling what type of cake to make with the concoction, I came up empty. Either it was coconut OR pineapple cake recipes, or it was a recipe using both but NOT what I had in mind (tons of whipped cream and a graham cracker crust). If you are looking for coconut-marinated pineapple chicken recipes, you've got it made, but I was stumped for a cake recipe to go with this.

When in doubt, gravitate to what you know!!! I resorted to a recipe I had for an upside-down pineapple cake, adding shredded coconut. Rather than making the topping as directed, I used the altered topping IN the cake batter and the balance as a layer filler & topping. I sliced the cake into 16 small wedges as the cake is quite moist (understatement) and rather rich, but you know your crowd – slice as desired.

The moment of truth! Before serving, I had warned the recipients that it was a new recipe for me and if they didn't like it, they were to do the same as they do when I show them some of my craft ideas – smile, nod, and walk away!! I anxiously tried the first forkful and started my personal judgement. As this was a new combination for me, I wasn't sure what to expect – the upside-down cake had a different consistency. Was it good? Was I judging myself too harshly? I watched with a poker face the reaction of those eating it. No one made a strange face – that's a good start! When they commented (unprovoked) on the cake, my self-doubt kicked in one last time. Were they just being nice? Or was it actually good? I laid my fears aside when one of the comments came a few days later that they had liked the cake and wanted the recipe!!! No one, as far as I knew, had ever requested the recipe for food they DIDN'T like!

Because the recipe was a spin of another, I had to write it all out for the requestor, so I thought I would share it with you while I was at it. If you are not interested in the cake, at least take away the lesson – sometimes in life, it needs reinforcing. Take the risk, and try something new – whether a recipe, an activity or a new hobby. If it fails, you can learn more lessons and try again, or move on to something else, knowing that it wasn't for you. If it succeeds, you are rewarded in so many ways. Just take chances in life! Most times you may not regret it. And if you fail, your friends will always forgive you. It may take a while for the jokes to die down, but that's the fun between friends.

I didn't think to take a picture, but here is one that looks similar, although single-layered (cherry optional).

JOHANNE'S COCONUT PINEAPPLE CAKE

- 1 can coconut milk
- 1 fresh pineapple, peeled, cored, diced
- 1 cup shredded coconut (toasted)
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup margarine, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp margarine softened
- 1/3 cup brown sugar



Empty contents of canned coconut milk into a large bowl, whisking until smooth.

Stir in diced pineapple, cover, and let sit in the fridge for at least 4 hours (I left mine overnight). Once the pineapple has sufficiently been marinated in the coconut milk, you can begin making the cake.

Preheat oven to 350°F. In an oven-safe dish, pour in the shredded coconut and toast for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally to evenly toast. (Be careful – it goes from toasted to burned quickly!)

Sift together the flour, granulated sugar, and baking powder in a bowl. Set aside.

Remove the coconut-pineapple mixture from the fridge and stir in the toasted coconut. Pour half the mixture into a separate bowl, along with 1/4 cup softened margarine and egg. Once thoroughly incorporated, add the flour mixture and combine well. Pour the cake mixture into greased cake pans (I separated into two 9-inch pans for thin layered cakes).

Bake for approximately 45 minutes at 350°F, watching to make sure edges do not brown too quickly.

While the cake is baking, you can make the topping. In a saucepan on medium heat, melt 1 Tbsp margarine. Add brown sugar and stir until the sugar is fully dissolved and starting to caramelize. Stir in the remaining coconut and pineapple mixture. Allow to simmer, stirring occasionally. When the liquid has had a chance to reduce, remove from heat and set aside to cool (not in the fridge – coconut milk may reharden).

When cakes have finished baking, remove them from the pan and allow them to cool (as they are thin layers – they may crumble easily if not transferred to a cooling rack carefully).

Once the cake layers have cooled, place one layer on a serving plate and cover the surface with half the melted coconut mixture. Place the second cake layer on top and cover with the remaining coconut mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour. Enjoy!!!

Johanne Lusch

Recipes

RHUBARB BREAD – Heather Horbay

Bread:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp orange or lemon zest
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups fresh rhubarb, diced

Glaze:

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 to 3 Tbsp orange or lemon juice



- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine sugar, orange/lemon zest, vanilla, vegetable oil, milk and eggs. Whisk to combine well.
- In a separate bowl, blend flour, salt and baking powder.
- Rinse the rhubarb and pat dry.
- Gently fold the flour mixture into the wet ingredients. Stir just until wet and dry ingredients are combined. Lumps and streaks of flour in the batter are fine. Mix rhubarb into the batter. Do not overmix.
- Pour batter into greased or parchment lined 9x5 inch loaf pan.
- Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick tester comes out clean.
- Cool in pan for 20 minutes before removing from pan.
- Whisk together the ingredients for the glaze.
- Drizzle the glaze over the bread.

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BLUEBERRY BAKED OATMEAL - Paul Stoner

- 2 cups of gluten-free or regular rolled oats
- 3/4 cups of milk
- 1 cup of applesauce or 3 mashed bananas
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen



- Mix all ingredients together except for the blueberries.
- Grease 9" x 9" pan or line pan with parchment paper.
- Spread 1/2 oatmeal mixture into pan. Sprinkle 3/4 of blueberries on top of this mixture. Top with the rest of the oatmeal mixture and sprinkle remaining blueberries on top.
- Refrigerate overnight.
- Bake at 350°F for 30 - 35 minutes or until baked through.
- Serve warm with a dollop of yogurt on top.

Art Class Jacquie Ivory – Organizer

Another successful eight week art class, led by instructor Doug Cooper, was held from January to March. Enthusiastic participants painted an underwater scene this time, and some found time to do another piece or brought in other work to finish with the guidance of the teacher. All levels are welcome at these classes, so please feel free to come out and enjoy some creative time with the group next time the class is offered.

Photos by Jacquie Ivory



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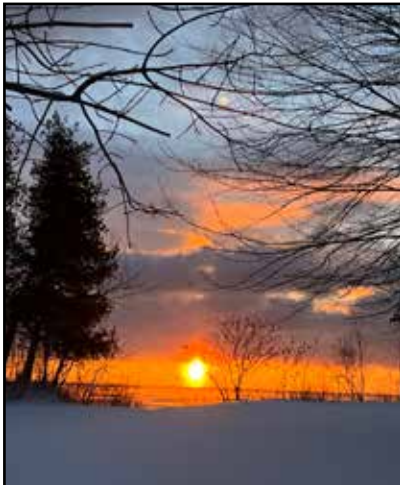
Hayloft in winter – Janet Sauve



Otters playing at Harbour 99 – Shelley Hao



Sunrise – Mary Andrews



January Skies – Shelley Hao



Strawberry Island from the tip of McRae Point – Janet Sauve



The Walking Group in January – Shelley Hao



Lake is starting to freeze – Shelley Hao



A pair of eagles on Barnstable Bay – Mary Nolan



Ice getting solid enough for some swans and geese – Shelley Hao



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Opening Thoughts:

Alcohol increases the size of the “SEND” button by 89%.
If only everything was as easy as getting fat.
Even a bad day is just 24 hours.

**What do you call a zoo with no dogs?
A Shitzu of course.
(They get worse)**

Modern Definitions:

PHARMACIST – A helper on a farm.
RELIEF – What trees do in the spring.
RUBBERNECK – What you do to relax your wife.
SELFISH – What the owner of a seafood store does.

**My new girlfriend works at the zoo.
I think she’s a keeper.**

And that’s how the fight started...



Heteronyms – Why English can be tough to learn:

The bandage was wound around the wound.
The farm was used to produce produce.
The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
We must polish the Polish furniture.
He could lead if he would get the lead out.
The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

The Oldie but Goody Department:

A group of chess enthusiasts had checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament wins.

After about an hour the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

“But why?” they asked as they moved off.

“Because,” he said, “I can’t stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.”

People of note speak.....On Golf:

Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.

William Wordsworth

If you drink, don’t drive – don’t even putt.

Dean Martin

I don’t say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they’d come up sliced.

Arnold Palmer



The Best of Winter

It’s Little Johnny time again

A Sunday school teacher is concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus, so he asks his class, “Where is Jesus today?” Steven raises his hand and says, “He’s in Heaven.”

Mary answers, “He’s in my heart.” Little Johnny waves his hand furiously and blurts out, “He’s in our bathroom!” The surprised teacher asks Little Johnny how he knows this.

“Well,” Little Johnny says, “every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door and yells, ‘Jesus Christ, are you still in there?!’

**Lego store reopens after lockdown.
Folks lined up for blocks.**

Pick of the Litter:

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone. She started talking in a loud voice: “Hi sweetheart. It’s Sue. I’m on the train. Yes, I know it’s the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you’re the only one in my life. Yes, of course I’m sure, cross my heart!”

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, “Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed.”

Sue doesn’t use her mobile in public anymore.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, “No change yet.”

Parting Thoughts:

The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.

As I watched a dog chasing his tail I thought dogs are easily amused. Then I realized I was watching the dog chase its tail.

I’m still taking care of my procrastination issues. Just wait till the next edition and you’ll see.

John Alden

Our Golf Course

Happy Spring Everyone!

I have been invited by the Golf Committee to write an article on why I believe our Golf Course is a valuable asset to all residents of Bayshore Village.



My mother, Joan White, at the opening of the golf course. Circa 1978-79

My parents, Bob and Joan White, moved our family here from Mississauga in 1975. At that time there was only one road, two houses, and a barn. Gerry Meharg and Larry Doble hired my father to assist in the building of Bayshore Village.

I am sharing my perspective as a long-time resident of Bayshore Village and as a Local Realtor. Gerry and Larry were brilliant! They had the forethought to design Bayshore in a way that all members would benefit from the uniqueness and beauty of this community, and all it offers.

Being that we live on a peninsula with three parks, we all can access the lake for our own enjoyment. It's all one big package. We have Lake Simcoe, Barnstable Bay, well-maintained ponds, three harbours, three parks, The Hayloft, and the golf course. The golf course is a large piece of real estate that is invaluable to the whole feel, beauty and vibe of our neighbourhood. It truly sets the stage for Bayshore's uniqueness. Diminishing our investment in the upkeep of this course will result in the value declining. The Golf Committee does an amazing job in not only caring for our course, but also maintaining it.

When I am meeting potential buyers and I am explaining all of our amenities, most people don't believe that our yearly fee is \$975. Every open house I have held, the number one question is: "How much is it to golf?" I explain that it's included in the yearly fee of \$975. Their next question is: "So you just pay as you play?" No, it's included. "Can guests join as well, or do they have to pay?" You can see where I am going here.

Potential buyers are blown away by the aesthetics – from the time they drive in our impressive entrance, to the harbours they pass by, to our beautiful historic Hayloft. I always explain that our Hayloft was the original barn that was restored for our enjoyment and use. I offer and give tours of the Hayloft so I can show in person the meeting rooms, beautiful upstairs venue, the saltwater pool, tennis/pickleball courts, and of course the great condition of the golf course, and the practice putting green. Believe me when I tell you, people are amazed by what they see.

We have an absolute hidden gem here. Every resident will profit from all of our amenities whether you use them or not. Prospective buyers are wanting to live here because of what we offer, even if they don't golf or play pickleball or swim. The value is within all the amenities. I often say to potential buyers, "Where else can you live and have so many wonderful activities within your own community, for our membership fee?" It is a true reflection of all our volunteers and for that, I thank you.

Kate White

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Bayshore Reads: *The Governor's Rapture* and *A New Season*

Notice: Both books reviewed on this page deal with delicate issues of human relationships, including unexpected bereavement.



***The Governor's Rapture* by Paul Butler
(2023, Engen Books, Chapel Arm, NL)**

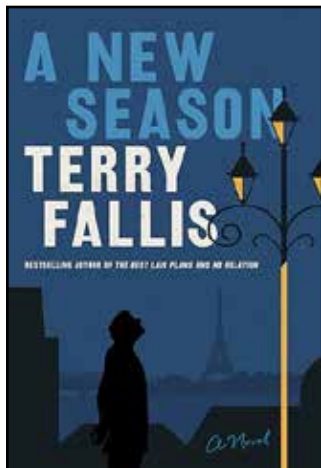
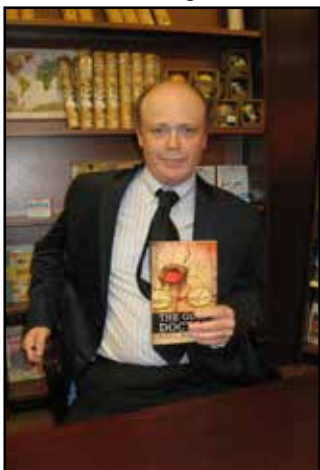
The Governor's Rapture is a fictional historical novel that begins in St. John's NL in 1777. It's the story of Jessica George, a beautiful young woman of mixed race who falls in love with a young British sailor, Matthew, in the days before he is scheduled to sail away from the port. Tragically, Jessica learns that

Matthew has been killed in a duel the night before his departure; soon afterwards, she finds that she is pregnant as the result of their tryst, making her a destitute single mother and an object of scorn.

The story takes a few astounding twists and turns, and comes to a conclusion forty years later in the contact between Jessica's granddaughter, Eliza George, and the Governor of Newfoundland.

It's a great read; any further revelations would wreck the surprises that take place in the tale.

Paul Butler, the author, was born in England, lived in Newfoundland for many years, and now lives with his wife in Lethbridge AB. His writing is rich and perceptive and always very readable. I'd also recommend the book he's holding in the photo: *The Good Doctor* challenges the fame of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, a Newfoundland hero. You could find other titles by googling "Paul Butler Novelist."



***A New Season* by Terry Fallis
(2023, McClelland & Stewart/Penguin Random House)**

It's a strange surprise: a well-known humorist writes a tender love story about a 62-year-old ball hockey player.

A New Season is a story about a man who has been playing ball hockey for many summers in a league that plays on an outdoor rink in Toronto. Jack

McMaster, a freelance copywriter, suffers the tragic loss of his beloved wife to the COVID pandemic, and feels that the good part of his life is over, at too young an age. His ball hockey buddies take a strong role in the narrative. In search of some kind of renewal, Jack moves to Paris for a few months to connect with his interest in the 1920's Left Bank world of Hemingway and Morley Callaghan. (If you look closely, you can see the Eiffel Tower in the illustration on the cover of the book.) In the process, Jack tries out his high school French on a middle-aged worker in his favourite coffee shop, and eventually begins a friendship with her. There are several developments before Jack resumes his ball hockey career in the new season that's referred to in the title.

Terry Fallis has twice won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour (awarded in Orillia, of course), most notably for *The Best-Laid Plans*, about a political strategist who tries to ensure his retirement by working for a hopeless candidate, only to find that the curmudgeon becomes popular and gets elected to parliament. Besides being a humorist, Fallis is a graduate of McMaster University in Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering. To find him writing a love story is a pleasant surprise.



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Two Portu-GALS Memories for Life!

Last year, my friend Marielle told me she wanted to travel to Portugal. So, on February 19, after many YouTube videos, travel books, and online planning, we were off!

We started our journey in Lisbon and stayed at the Palácio das Especiarias, which translates to the Spice Palace. We didn't want to leave this boutique hotel! From the most extensive included breakfast, to the Roman tub in which they served some bubbly wine, to the wine and cheese plates and so much more, we were in heaven!

We did two tours in Lisbon: an eight-hour city tour and then a day tour to Fátima, Óbidos, and Nazaré.

We then went on to Porto by train. When we arrived, I thought, oh no! It did not appear to be what I had hoped for! After 24 hours there, exploring the streets, and having chosen exactly the right location to stay in, we both loved the city. We went on one wine tour here of the Douro River Valley. Spectacular scenery, gracious hosts at the family-run winery with a wonderful authentic Portuguese lunch, and a boat cruise made the day perfect. We met fantastic people on this tour.

Our final stop was the Algarve, specifically Albufeira, in the south of Portugal. Here, we did a sunset boat cruise along the coast. The shoreline of cliffs and small towns, not to mention the caves were all memorable. We were then taken to a restaurant, where we selected our fish and were treated to front-row seats of a Fado singer. Fado is a type of music Portugal is known for.

We stayed five nights in each of the three cities mentioned above. It was perfect to have that long, as two of those days were arrival and departure days. We used trains and Uber for our transportation.

We spent our last two nights back in Lisbon in close proximity to the airport and, as a last-minute decision, decided to go to Sintra, by Uber, and explore at our leisure. Sintra, a small village, is home to the Penna Palace, a must-see if you go to Portugal! We enjoyed a late lunch on a patio, listening to a street musician, and basking in the sun!

To sum up our trip, we visited the scenery of Portugal with medieval castles, very old cities, fishing towns, sloping mountains of vineyards, oceanic caves, and surf, tasted a variety of local food, and saw remarkable feats of architectural beauty. The people were friendly and helpful. We both enjoyed our trip thoroughly! So many memories and experiences! We also came back better friends than before. In fact, we are planning a future trip to New York City. We made great travel buddies; we enjoy the same things and appreciate each other for the opportunity to travel to Portugal!

Debbie Rautins and Marielle Montemurro



**Marielle in front of
Belém Tower, Lisbon**



**Debbie at "The Fantastic
World of the Sardine"
shop, Vila Nova de Gaia**



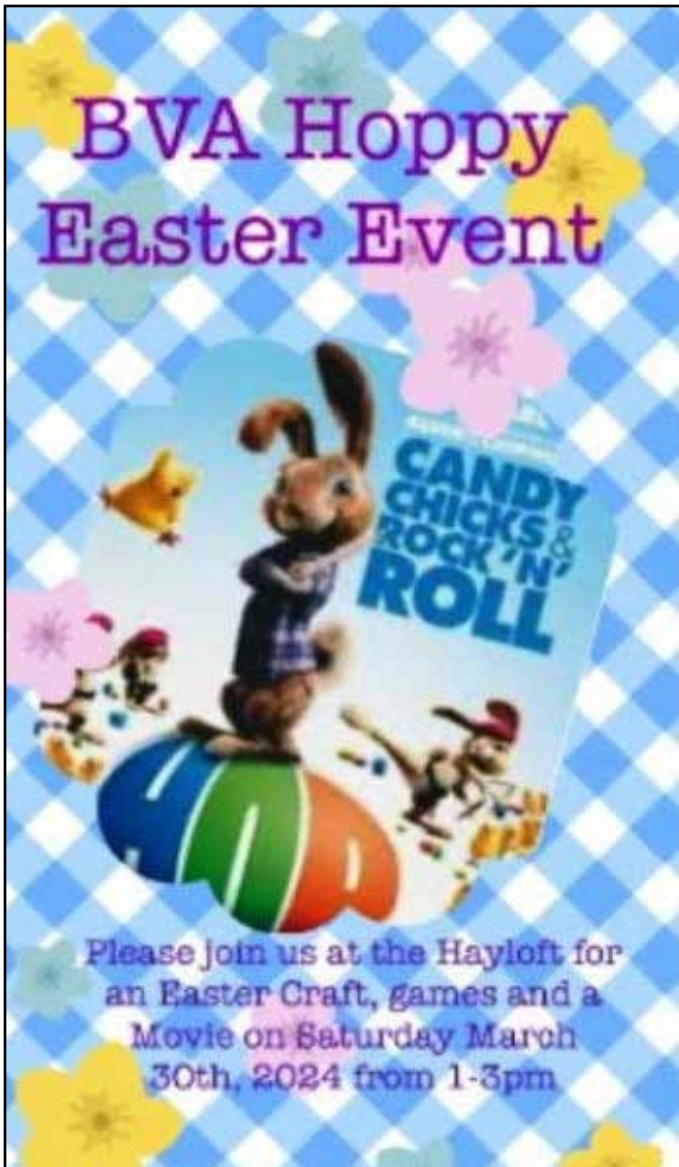
**View from our Porto
apartment**



Dom Luis Bridge, Porto



View from our Algarve apartment



Stay tuned for our next issue of The Banner for pictures from our BVA Hoppy Easter Event! Many thanks to Willy for organizing this for our little ones!



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Art Gallery Victor Relvas – Organizer

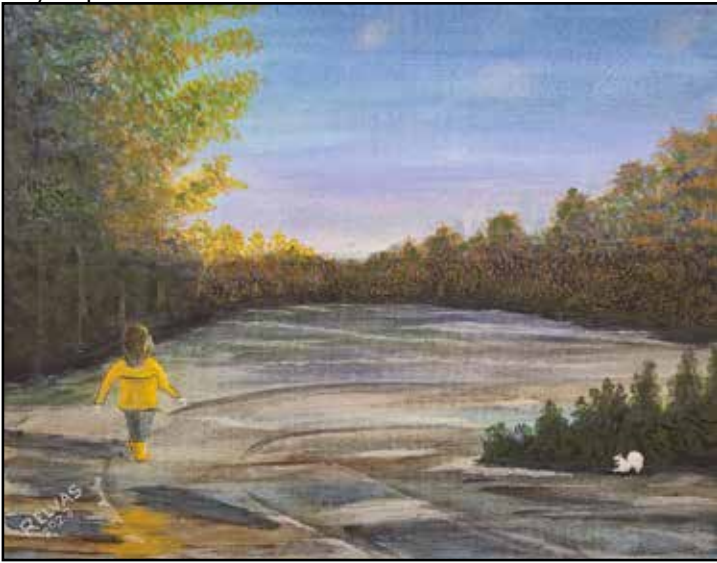
From the beginning of 2024, Victor Relvas has kindly offered to organize the Art Gallery in the Dart Room. Thank you Victor! And thank you, Pat Beecham, who was the originator of the idea and had kept it going for the past number of years.

To start off this year, Victor and Paul Burley were the featured artists for January and February, and put up a beautiful display of their work; some are pictured below. The featured artists for March and April are Johanne Lusch and Bob Bell, and, along with new contributions from Victor Relvas and Michelle Martinez, we again have an amazing display. A few are pictured here, but I encourage all of you to check out the changing displays in person! Viewing the artwork on display is so much better than any re-print here.

The goal is to change the Gallery in the Dart Room every two months and have a featured artist or two, plus any other artists who would like to contribute. If you would like your work displayed, or for more details, please connect with Victor Relvas.

Thank you also to the artists who sent in photos of your artwork for publication here. Keep submitting your work to the Banner – we all love to see what you've been doing! If yours doesn't appear in an issue, it may be in a future issue. Everything submitted is kept until there's room. ☺

Susan Hazlett



Featured Artist Jan/Feb – Acrylic by Victor Relvas



Featured Artist Jan/Feb – Acrylic by Paul Burley



Featured Artist Mar/Apr – Mixed Media by Johanne Lusch



Featured Artist Mar/Apr – Watercolour by Bob Bell

Art Gallery (cont'd)



Acrylic – Bob Bell



Watercolour – Michelle Martinez



“Beach Walk” Acrylic – Lynda Bertrand



Acrylic by Paul Burley



Watercolour – Michelle Martinez



Acrylic – Victor Relvas



Acrylic Pour – Judy Flinn



Acrylic – Johanne Lusch

Calling All Volunteers



Dear Bayshore members,
Allow me to introduce myself: I'm Rehana Suleman, your newly appointed Volunteer Coordinator. I'm thrilled to take on this role and connect eager volunteers like you with the exciting events and tasks happening in our community. Get ready to dive in because I'm here to launch our very first volunteer request!

We're gearing up for Canada Day, our largest and most attended event of the year. It's a celebration that brings our community together like no other, and we couldn't do it without the incredible support of individuals like you who have willingly worked alongside the Social Committee for this event.

This year, we are looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Liaison for parade floats (connecting with each float lead);
- Lead for the fishing derby and three to four volunteers;
- Volunteers to assist with the BBQ; and
- Lead for Children's games.

Join us in making this year's Canada Day celebration the best one yet! Let's come together and create unforgettable memories for our community.

Ready to get involved? Reach out directly to Diane Stoner at social@bayshorevillage.ca to sign up or for more information.

Thank you for your continued support!

Rehana Suleman



Bayshore Flyers Keith Barrow – Organizer

Launch of Bayshore Village Radio Controlled Flying Group (BVRCFG)!

On March 8th, we launched the BVRCFG at the Hayloft. We started with three members from the walking group, but in time, we hope others in the community, with a similar interest in flying model aircraft, will join us.

During the winter, the group flies ultralight aircraft upstairs in the Hayloft from 1:00 to 4:00 pm every Thursday, where we also have an RC computer simulator setup to help new pilots learn to fly.

In the summer, we hope to also fly larger aircraft at local parks or off Barnstable Bay using model float planes.

If you are interested in radio controlled model aircraft, and would like to join the group, please contact Keith Barrow at: keithrbarrow@gmail.com or 647-545-4593.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to give a shout out to Diane Stoner for her assistance in making this happen.

Keith Barrow



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Stoned Daisy

A happy ending and important message to pet owners. Margaret and Murray Bisset were delighted to adopt Daisy in March 2023 and last summer took her along with them to RibFest, where her nose worked overtime to take in all the smells. After walking a while, she became unwell and had a seizure. Daisy went immediately to the vet who determined that she was healthy.... but stoned!! She unknowingly ingested some drugs somewhere along the way. Daisy eventually "sobered up" and was back to herself. However, this was a scary scene and could have been fatal to a smaller dog. So be careful in public places as the warmer weather is approaching – this unfortunately can easily happen.

Janice Latorre



Stoned Daisy



Back at home, safe and sound

Pickleball in Florida

Some Bayshore Pickleballers had the opportunity to meet up in Highpoint, Brooksville Florida, also known as Bayshore South, to practice up for the upcoming season.

Bill Pike



(L-R) Anne Pike, John Simerson, Lynda Wyckoff, Joey Torchia, Lauren Torchia, Bill Pike, Mary Ellen Simerson, Corrado Roccasalva, Darlene Roccasalva, Rob Thomson, Karyn Dolan, Kathy Alden, John Alden

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Tampa Bay Reunion

This is a group of us meeting in Tampa Bay. Anne and Bill Pike, Lauren and Joey Torchia, and Darlene and Corrado Roccasalva stayed in Tampa this winter. Then Mike and Terri Papa, and Heather and Dave Horbay met up with the group and they took us out for dinner! Amazing time had by all. Amazing Bayshore Friends.

Terri Papa



Mahjong

Irene Heinz – Organizer

Mahjong is a game using tiles that have Chinese characters and symbols on them. It is similar to the card game rummy in that you try to collect tiles of the same rank/suit. Players try to complete a pattern of their choice, following the pattern card of possibilities that each player has in front of them. It is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. Those of us who play are hooked on the game, and many also play online.

We play Mahjong every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Hayloft's Great Room. New players are most welcome. We will be happy to teach you how to play.

If you have any questions, you can contact Irene Heinz at irene_rn@yahoo.com or 705-484-0782.

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This season has certainly been one “for the books” and we hope you have enjoyed a few during the sunny days or riding out a snowstorm! Spring will be arriving shortly as we see geese returning, hear birds chirping and some flowers already blooming. Many of our snowbird friends will also be returning, whom we can’t wait to see and catch up with! As road conditions become more predictable, we hope to see you at some of our in-house (or virtual if you prefer) adult, children and youth programming. There’s something for everyone.

Register (required) online, by phone, email or in person at the library:

Youth: Make Your Own Dragon Eye – Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 pm (Ramara Centre)

Create your own clay dragon’s eye with friends at the Ramara Centre! Ages 8-15. Limited spaces available.

Gather Round the Table: Food Literacy – Second Last Tuesday at 6:30 pm on April 23rd, May 21st and June 18th
Have you ever wanted to get out of your cooking comfort zone, sample new recipes, get to know a variety of different cookbooks that may be a little quirky (for example 50 Shades of Chicken), and meet new people? Then register to join in the fun!

Social for Newcomers – April 25th at 6:30 pm (Ramara Centre)

A social evening for those who are newcomers to Canada or new to Ramara, to meet new people in a friendly & safe environment. Refreshments will be served.

Master Gardener Series (Udney Community Centre)

- Getting your Garden Ready for Spring: April 24th at 6:30 pm.

- Look What’s Sprouting: May 22nd at 6:30 pm.

- Vegetable Gardening 101: June 19th at 6:30 pm.

A Writer’s Group – First Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Virtual)
April 3rd, May 1st and June 5th.

BINGO – Second Tuesday at 6:30 pm (Brechin Legion)
April 9th, May 14th and June 11th.

Trivia Night – Third Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Ramara Centre & Virtual). April 17th and May 15th.

Ramara Book Club – Last Wednesday at 1:30 pm (Ramara Centre). April 24th (The Dictionary of Lost Words), May 29th (The Dutch House) and June 26th (TBD).

Fibre Friends – Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm (Ramara Centre). Drop in and knit or crochet with other crafty folks! Create your own project or knit items for a charity project the group is working towards.

EarlyON – Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am (Ramara Centre). Drop in or register for a fun morning with other families from the area. Please contact EarlyON Simcoe North to sign up. Ages 0-6.

Little Adventurers – Fridays at 10:00 am (Ramara Centre)
Register for a fun morning with Ramara Library and Ramara Recreation full of stories, activities and more!
Ages 0-4.

Crafty Creatures – Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Ramara Centre & Brechin). Drop in for a self led craft at either location!

As people return to the great outdoors, you may be wanting to explore (or take a road trip!) some local Ontario Parks. Be sure to place a hold on our popular 2024 FREE day passes to enjoy a trail, walk by the lake or picnic at the beach. Passes are loaned for one week so be sure to plan ahead for summer adventures.

Brechin Branch – Did you know that we have opened a temporary location in Brechin?

A small display of books and movies are available to borrow. Place holds on items at the main branch to be brought to Brechin for easier pick up and drop off. The branch also houses two computers for residents to use, as well as WiFi access. Printing, scanning and faxing capabilities are also available for a small fee (cash only). Occasional programs will be held, with details on the library EventBrite page or by contacting us. The branch is located in the building at the back of the Brechin ball diamond at 3227 Ramara Road 47. It is open on Thursdays from 12:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You are also welcome to drop off borrowed materials at the Township Office in Brechin during their regular open hours. Save yourself a drive and see you there soon!

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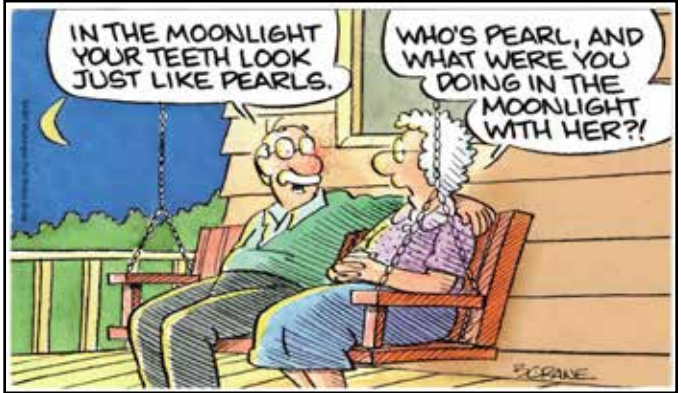
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15 Useless Facts To Make You Smarter Than You Look!

1. In Florida, apparently an archaic law exists that prohibits single women from getting intoxicated on Sundays. (No wonder the bars are empty!)
2. Albert Einstein, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, all dropped out of school. (Had I only known!!)
3. It takes a sloth two weeks to digest their food. (Happens to me too, when I cook!)
4. Happy Hours are illegal in Ireland. (What??? So do they call them Unhappy Hours???)
5. In Armenia, all children aged six and up are taught chess in school as a mandatory part of their curriculum. (I never understood the game.)
6. President JFK purchased over a thousand Cuban cigars just hours before he ordered the Cuban trade embargo in 1962. (I guess timing is everything!)
7. In Cambodia, they sell "Happy Pizza" which is a cheese pizza garnished with pot on top. (Maybe Ireland should look into this?)
8. The longest street in the world is right here in Canada – Yonge Street at 1,896 km. (It would probably take a few months to travel with today's gridlock!!)
9. A group of turkeys is called a "rafter." (I would have guessed "parliament".)
10. Jeff Bezos' net worth is so high, he would have to spend about \$30 million a day just to stop getting richer. (I'm here if he needs help.)
11. Nomophobia is the fear of being without mobile phone coverage. (And here I thought it was "nomorephoneforyou".)
12. The average person will fall asleep in just seven minutes. (I used to do that in school.)
13. Sir Isaac Newton predicted that the world would end in 2060. (The way things are going, he could be right!)
14. The average four-year-old child asks over four hundred questions a day. (No wonder grandchildren exhaust us!)
15. Vatican City is home to the world's only ATM that gives instructions in Latin. (And with a LXVII dollar limit.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

* All meetings and events are subject to change. Continue to watch your emails for updates.

Volunteers are always welcome! Find out how you can get involved – ask a neighbour, a board member, or leader of any club or group. Join in!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

- **Yoga** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Hayloft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy** Mondays at 2:00 pm. Contact Barb Thurgood.
- **Euchre** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve jannylynn200@gmail.com or go on the TeamReach app group code BVAEUC.
- **Bid Euchre** Sundays at 2:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve jannylynn200@gmail.com.
- **Ladies' Tea & Chat** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Contact Kristina Frise.
- **VON Smart Exercise** Fridays at 10:00 am. Call 705-326-7021.
- **VON Healthy Aging Seminars** on the last Friday of every month for 12 months, from 11:00 - 12:00 pm (immediately following VON Smart Exercise class). Upstairs at the Hayloft. Open to all, no registration required.
- **Daily Walking Group** is open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjong** Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Card Room. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge** Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact Judy Kielly.
- **Bridge** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Bible Study Group** Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00 pm. Contact Deborah Leon.
- **Low Impact Aerobics with Leslie Sansome** Will be starting back up on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am upstairs at the Hayloft. Contact Heather Horbay or Rhonda Wallace (after April).
- **Flying Club (BVRFCG)** Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 upstairs in the Hayloft. Contact Keith Barrow.

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- April 19 - Snowbird Happy Hour
- May 4 - Spring Fling Dinner and Dance
- May 25 - Garage Sale
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