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Record Breakers



Irene Heinz, John Simerson, and Sue Plumbohm representing the women and men that have set a new course record for the Bayshore Golf Course. Sue Plumbohm shot a score of 30 for nine holes in 2023. Irene Heinz tied that score in 2024. John Simerson beat the previous record set for men by scoring a 26 (one-under-par round) on Labour Day Monday this year.

Irene Heinz
Photo by Sharon Seaward

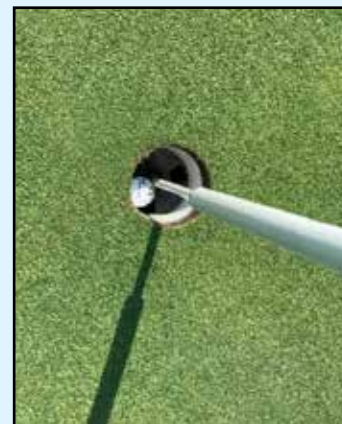
Windsurfing on Barnstable Bay



ANTHONY WU caught on camera by **Shelley Hao** during the day, and again by **Keith Barrow** in the evening. Great shots, and well done Anthony!



Rod Turnbull's Hole-in-One



Snapped at Cedarhurst Golf Club, the Bayshore Village Mens' League venue. Congratulations **ROD TURNBULL** on your hole-in-one!

Photo by
Norm Seaward



Happy 40th Anniversary to Janice and Joe



The kayakers celebrating
Janice and Joe Latorres 40th anniversary.
Happy Anniversary!

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who contributed their articles and photos.



A family outing.
Photo by **Donna Sverdrup**

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President's Report



By the time this is published the AGM will have been held and I'll have likely started my second term as President. Two years ago, when I took on the role, I had no intention of doing two terms. But it's been an interesting and rewarding experience, and with the encouragement of many friends and neighbours, I welcome the opportunity to

continue serving our community for another term. And besides, it's been fun working alongside the rest of the Board members. We have a great team focused on keeping Bayshore a wonderful place to call home. I look forward to our continued success and I thank each and every one of them for their dedication and commitment.

Again, as I've stated many times before, I encourage everyone to read the Directors' Reports and Minutes of board meetings published on our website. There are a lot of moving parts to our community, some of which involve Ramara Township and are out of our control. Many issues and concerns brought to my attention by members are unfortunately unable to be resolved by our Board.

However, that is not to say we don't apply pressure where we can to minimize negative impact to our members. That being said, I'd like to thank both Rick Mathews, our Ex-officio, and Councillor Joe Gough who have worked relentlessly to resolve our ditch digging and spray field concerns. While the ditch digging is still of concern, the process has certainly been an improvement over last year and should hopefully be even better for phase 3 next year. Our spray field issue has also taken a turn in our favour and we should see further positive results in the near future. I'd also like to thank those members who took the time to show their support at Ramara Council.

I'm proud of the many individuals, too many to mention, that have organized the great events and activities throughout the summer, all of which were well attended and enjoyed. How can anyone be bored here in Bayshore??

I'm not looking forward to the fall and winter, but I hope to see many of you during our fall clean up and especially the snowbirds who will be leaving soon. Have a safe and healthy winter! For the rest of us who will be hanging around...let's hope for an extended Indian Summer and some great autumn colour!

Gunther Gratzner
President

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Plan a Party at the Hayloft!



How fortunate we are to be living in such a great community, where we have, as members, the opportunity to enjoy our incredible selection of amenities: the golf course, pool, tennis/pickleball courts, harbours, and the wide variety of activities held in our very own Hayloft.

Now, it is even better! The Board has announced a rate of \$100

for you, as a member, to hold your special occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, children's parties, and private parties in the Hayloft.

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Brenda James
Hayloft Rental Co-Ordinator



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Volunteer News



Welcome to Autumn in Bayshore! The past four months have gifted us with a delightful mix of sunshine, rain, and warmth. This perfect weather invites us to embrace the outdoors and enjoy the beauty of Bayshore Village. Our gardens are in full bloom, the golf course is in prime condition, the pool is inviting, and the tennis courts are freshly maintained.

The ponds offer a refreshing sight, the harbours buzz with activity, and the Hayloft remains a tranquil retreat.

A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, whose hard work and commitment have made all of this possible. From March to September, approximately 450 volunteers have contributed roughly 3,600+ hours to our community – an extraordinary achievement.

THANK YOU to our Volunteers. Your efforts have truly enhanced our community and allowed us to fully enjoy everything Bayshore Village has to offer.

Below are some of the tasks that have been undertaken by volunteers:

- Spring/Summer activity leads – Bridge, Mahjong, Italian Rummy, Bid Euchre, VON, Yoga, Mindfulness Meditation, Arts and Crafts, Art, Photography, Kayaking Group, Cycling Group, Walk-Fit, Aquafit, Bocce Ball, Bible and Chat, Boating Events, Car Club, RC Model Club, Tea and Chat, Pickleball, Tennis, Golf, Volleyball, Appy Hours
- Bayshore Village website – update, perform maintenance and refresh. Thank you, John Alden
- Golf Course – maintenance and upkeep, hosting both a mens' and ladies' league, and two full-day golf tournaments
- Pool – repairs, pool testers, pool maintenance, keeping area clean and tidy
- Gardens – incredible work by a group of passionate gardeners
- Hayloft building – refresh and organisation
- Ponds – keeping ponds weed-free and healthy
- Storage yard – clean up
- Harbours – clearing bushes, overhanging tree limbs
- Well-enjoyed social events

We also want to acknowledge those who handle tasks that often go unnoticed. Your behind-the-scenes work is greatly appreciated.

As we move into fall, some upcoming tasks will require your help. Some of these are:

- Removal of fountains and aerators from ponds
- Raking and bagging leaves on common lands and harbours
- Removal of docks and channel markers at the harbours

- Closing the pool
 - Taking down screens from tennis courts
- If you are able to spare any time at all, even just half an hour, please contact me, Rehana Suleman, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@bayshorevillage.ca.

On behalf of the Board and other members of the community, I am excited to shine the spotlight in this issue on two very special volunteers: **Keith Bellamy** and **Sharon Miller**. Read more about their volunteer work and hear what other residents have to say about Keith on pages 18 and 19, and Sharon on pages 34 and 35.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable fall season!

Rehana Suleman
Volunteer Coordinator

Below is just a small sampling of some of our volunteers who were recently caught on camera:



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Social Director's Report



Fall has arrived with cooler temperatures and the sight of beautiful coloured leaves on the many trees in our village. After our summer break from social events, we are excited to share some news about upcoming activities. This year's Christmas charity is Operation Christmas Child. This organization ships shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene products, and toys to needy children around the world. These shoeboxes are often the only Christmas gift these children receive. So, grab a shoe box that will be available at the Hayloft and make a child smile when they open this special gift packed specifically for them.

A Halloween dance is being planned for October 26. We have not had a Halloween dance since 2018 so let's get creative with our costumes and have some fun together at this event. A DJ has been booked and snacks are being provided. Tickets go on sale October 12 for a cost of \$10. Christmas is coming and with that plans are being made for decorating the Hayloft, hosting the tree lighting, and holding a Christmas Happy Hour. Our New Year's Eve gala is in the works. Stay tuned for more news about this event. That's it for now. For any other information, call or email me at social@bayshorevillage.ca or 905-809-2150

Diane Stoner
Social Director

What's Happening?

Oct. - Dec.
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Summer Bayshore Activities Run by our Bayshore Volunteers

We have a number of summer activities that are entirely organized and run by our wonderful volunteers, like: AquaFit, Wet Hogs and Boaters on the Poker Run, Mixed Monday Night Volleyball, Mens' Friday morning Golf, Ladies' Monday and Wednesday morning golf, Bike Club, and Pickleball. On behalf of everyone who enjoys all these activities, thank you Bayshore Volunteers for your community spirit and for volunteering your time!

John Simerson
Director of Recreation Amenities



AquaFit



Wet Hogs and Boaters on the Poker Run



Wet Hogs and Boaters on the Poker Run



Wet Hogs and Boaters on the Poker Run



Mixed Monday Night Volleyball



Mens' Friday Morning Golf



Mens' Friday Morning Golf

We love
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Volunteers



Ladies' Monday and Wednesday Morning Golf



Bike Club



Pickleball

Thank You Pool Volunteers

A big thank you goes out to our Bayshore Village dedicated group of Volunteers who test the pool four times a day to keep it up and running.

John Simerson
Director of Recreation Amenities



(L-R) Roger Sicard, Diane Stoner, John Simerson (Director), Lori Simpson, Stuart Simpson, Deborah May (AquaFit), Bill Merkley, Ken Hill, Debbie Dennis, Jeff Dennis, Paul Stoner (Director), Joey Torchia (Certified Pool Operator). (Absent) Kathy Alden, Bo and Cher Jackson, Diane Camack, Herb Hermans, Johanne Lusch, Kevin Peebles, Susan Hazlett, Artena and Randy Hutchison (Pool Supply).

Thank You Maurice Wong!



As I went out one day to play golf, I met Maurice Wong, who was volunteering to clear weeds and rocks from the course. The weather was very hot, and he worked for several hours. Thank you, Maurice!

Shelley Hao

Success at Deer Pond

For the first time that any Deer Pond resident remembers, there have been no geese nesting or eggs hatched on Deer Pond. In 2024, Deer Pond residents formed a working team and used approved Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS) tactics to disrupt geese as prescribed in the CWS handbook. The end result was no nesting, eggs, or babies born on Deer Pond.

There were some short-lived visits by geese as they can swim into Deer Pond through a small channel that feeds our pond from Barnstable Bay. However, with dedicated effort and persistence, we migrated the geese back out to Barnstable Bay. There have been no geese in Deer Pond for over three months since July 2024.

Great teamwork Deer Pond Residents!

James Schulz

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Backyard Happy Hours

Wendy Lucas and Mary Nolan – Organizers

The eight backyard happy hour mixers ran successfully twice a month on Fridays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We had a wide variety of weather this summer and a few of the mixers had to be held indoors. Luckily most were able to be held outdoors, and it was a wonderful opportunity to see so many different pond, garden and lake views from hosts' backyards. The mixers averaged between 40 to 50 guests divided between 5 to 6 hosts. Heartfelt thanks go out to all who hosted – we couldn't do this without you.

We are still hearing how great the mixers are and how much people enjoyed and looked forward to them. The small groups made it easier to socialize, especially for those

new to Bayshore. The mixers often went slightly over time but no one seemed to mind as they were having so much fun. The food that everyone brought was so delicious and plentiful that there was usually no need to make dinner.

If you want to sign up for next summer and join in the fun, e-mail the organizers, Wendy Lucas at glenn.lucas@sympatico.ca and Mary Nolan at mary.nolan23@outlook.com

Wendy Lucas

Photos by Mary Andrews, Debbie Dennis, Shelley Hao, and Mary Nolan



At Bruce and Lynn McWilliams'



At Wendy and Glen Lucas'



At Iris and Eugene Sorozinski's



At Shelly Hao and Anthony Wu's



At Brenda and Norm James'



At Debbie and Jeff Dennis'



At Donna Wilson and Wayne Perzel's



At Marilyn and Steve Goulter's



Another night at Debbie and Jeff Dennis'



At Karen and Gord Semple's



At Mary Andrews'



Barb and Carlos Cordeiro's with Barb and Marion Dutot hosting

Recipe

SAUSAGE BUNDLES - Gayle Summerland

This makes a great appetizer!

8 oz regular bulk pork sausage
1/2 cup chive and onion cream cheese spread
1 can crescent rolls

- Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium nonstick skillet over medium/high heat, cook sausage, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until cooked through. Transfer to a bowl and let cool slightly.
- Add cream cheese spread until combined.
- Unroll dough and press into a 12" x 9" rectangle. Firmly press perforations to seal. Cut into 2" x 2" squares.
- Divide sausage mixture among squares and bring four corners together to slightly overlap in the center of each bundle. Twist and pinch to seal. Arrange on an ungreased baking sheet.
- Bake bundles until golden brown, approximately 10 to 12 minutes.

Enjoy!



Have a recipe to share? Please feel free to send in any of your family's favourites! Send to susan@hazlett.ca. Thanks!

Bayshore Walkers Celebration

The Bayshore Walkers had so much to celebrate in August. We gathered to have a delicious potluck breakfast in Wendy and Glenn's backyard on August 22 to celebrate five birthdays, a moving-to-Bayshore anniversary, and a wedding anniversary. The five August birthdays celebrated were: Karen Moore, Velma Burley, Glenn Lucas, Maria Morra, and Marika Relvas. None of their birthdays were on the exact date of August 22 but it was happenstance that the date chosen to celebrate their birthdays was also the date of the 5th anniversary of moving to Bayshore for Janice and Joe Latorre, as well as the 25th wedding anniversary for Lynda and Marc Bertrand! Lynda shared a photo of themselves in their wedding attire from 25 years ago - same dress, same umbrella, same husband!

Wendy Lucas



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It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Rocco Morra. He passed on August 8th, 2024 at the age of 71 at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital which cared for him with exceptional attention and compassion. Beloved husband of 48 years to Maria. Loving and devoted father to Julie (Tom) and Melissa (Marcel). Proud Nonno to Marcel Jr, Jenna, Laura, and Mikaela. Cherished brother to his siblings in Italy Felicetta, (the late) Luigina, Carmelo, Antonio and Anna Rosaria. Rocco will be missed dearly by his brother Felice, sister Maria and best bud Gerry, as well as brother-in-law Tony and sister-in-law Tina, and his many nieces and nephews.

Born on January 3, 1953 in Monteleone di Puglia he was one of eight children to Giuseppe Morra and Filomena Liscio (pre-deceased). A carpenter by trade, he loved working with his hands, hands that helped to shape a strong foundation instilling memorable family values. A resilient man who built a beautiful family after immigrating to Canada in 1971 at the age of 18. He loved a good game of golf and enjoyed travelling and spending time by the water.

Rocco will be remembered for his strength and kindness. He will live on forever in the hearts and memories of his family and loved ones. As we say goodbye, we would like to thank all our family and friends who have supported us through this difficult time.



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Volunteer Appreciation Event

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation event was held on September 27th. Close to 4,000 hours of volunteer service and accomplishments were celebrated by our well-deserving volunteers. Without the time and effort that these members contribute, Bayshore would certainly not be what it is today. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Gunther Gratzer

Photos by Gilbert De Nobile, Shelley Hao



Volunteer Appreciation Event (cont'd)



Recognizing an Exceptional Volunteer – Keith Bellamy



In this issue of the Banner, we are thrilled to recognize “volunteer extraordinaire” **Keith Bellamy**, an exceptional Harbour Master and a truly admired gentleman. Keith’s remarkable background includes fascinating stories about the various boats he has owned, the interesting places he has explored, and some memorable and thrilling experiences he and his wonderful wife, Pat, have had on the water.

Keith and Pat Bellamy owned a resort on Rice Lake that they managed efficiently and successfully. When they decided to sell the business, they moved to Lagoon City for a while, before

they became part of the Bayshore Village community in May 2005 – nearly 20 years ago. They founded what was known as the Boat Club – a group dedicated to sharing their passion and expertise about boating with fellow residents. Through this project, they introduced residents to various types of boats and encouraged them to explore the fantastic lake amenities at Bayshore. Their knowledge, love, and expertise inspired many to acquire their own boats.

In 2007, Keith was appointed Director of the Hayloft, and from 2009 to 2010, he served as Director of Harbours, a role he embraced with enthusiasm. Keith’s deep love for boating and extensive knowledge of water safety made him the perfect person for the position. He was instrumental in the enhancement of Harbour 66 and played a key role in the reconstruction of Harbour 33.

Currently, Keith serves as the Harbour Master of Harbour 33, where his presence is hard to miss. Together with their dog, Skipper, Keith is almost always seen walking around Harbour 33. As the Harbour Master, Keith is actively involved in installing and removing docks and channel markers. He is familiar with every boat and owner in the harbour, closely monitoring boats as they depart and return. Known for his vigilance, he often reaches out to boat owners if he notices any issues, such as potential water intake problems or uncovered boats. Keith is the go-to person for assistance if anyone finds themselves stranded.

Boat owners at Harbour 33 are fortunate to have Keith watching over them. While I could write pages praising Keith, I’d like to share some words from his colleagues:

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When I was asked by Rehana to put together a few words to describe Keith Bellamy and everything he does with regard to the harbours and the boating here in Bayshore, I knew I couldn’t do it in a few words. I believe since my wife and I moved into Bayshore 13 years ago, I have worked alongside Keith the longest.

There is no one in Bayshore who is more dedicated to doing what he does than Keith. He was the Harbour Master when I arrived and he still is, and I believe or I hope, he has no intention of packing it in, because Harbour 33 would never be the same.

Besides Keith and his trusty companion Skipper walking the docks twice a day, checking all the boat lines and fenders, he is forever doing odd jobs at 33. These include washing off docks, spraying weeds in the parking lot, whipper snipping around everything, cleaning the lights around the harbour, keeping a sharp eye on the ramp to see who comes and goes, and making sure the chain is replaced after every use.

Back in 2018 when we redid Harbour 33, he played a big part in the design, installation and ordering of the docks. And in the spring and fall when we take the ramps and docks out, shut the water off, blow out the lines, Keith is always there, lending a helping hand.

Whenever he is going to be away, he calls the next person on the list to make sure someone is watching the harbour.

Besides doing everything I have mentioned, Keith and I put the channel markers in and out every year, and I assist him in the spring, assigning slips to the boaters in all three harbours. If there ever was an award given out to Volunteer of the Year, in my opinion, he would win it hands down.

Submitted by Bill Pike

When we first moved into Bayshore, our family and friends all asked how we were enjoying our new address, and the quick answer was always “We didn’t know that heaven could be this beautiful.” There are a number of reasons for feeling this way and one that stands out the most is having the Bellamys as our neighbours. The only thing missing on Patricia and Keith is a pair of wings. Now that we have celebrated nine years of friendship, the joys continue to grow. I cannot figure out where this man gets his energy and determination from to get every job done. As a volunteer, everyone will agree that Keith always gives 120% at “Keith’s Pier” or, as some of you call it, “33,” and it shows. Most of the time when it rains, Keith will have the water off all the boat covers before Bayshorians arrive for their boat ride. How wonderful is that? Marika and I commend and appreciate the constant commitment that Mr. Bellamy has to the Bayshore community.

P.S. A few of Keith’s friends and neighbours have meetings on a regular basis – some of you call it “Happy Hour.”

Submitted by Victor Relvas

The time and effort Keith puts into Harbour 33 and Bayshore is extraordinary and puts him into a volunteer class all by himself. Aside from the normal harbour functions, Keith helps out with all kinds of boat support (i.e. – loose covers, lights on, muskrat/otter/goose control (he hates all of them), electrical repairs etc.). While this is impressive, we know that his dog Skipper is the real Harbour Master and force behind the man. Skipper is always there when we need him (and Keith). Seriously, Keith has a wealth of knowledge and experience with boats, and he knows how to rescue boats in distress. A Bayshore boat was

Recognizing an Exceptional Volunteer – Keith Bellamy (cont'd)

in distress in August but we had no proper tow ropes. Keith rigged a set-up spontaneously enabling the exercise, and accompanied the rescue boat which took about 2.5 hours to complete. The Bayshore boat owner would still be floating out in the lake today without Keith's expertise. I could have written a book, or at least a full page.

Submitted by Ross Fidler

Keith has long since shown his dedication to Harbour 33. He is often at the harbour first thing in the morning and last thing at night. He regularly sees who has left the harbour for the day and many times he will check that the boater has returned. Keith gets geese that drift in and tries the same for pesky seagulls. Harbour 33 would not be as pristine if Keith wasn't the Harbour Master.

Submitted by James Schulz

If you are a boater, you probably know Keith Bellamy! Looking after Harbour 33 he knows every boat launching and who owns it!

To say he is an extraordinary volunteer is simply understated. From slip assignments, managing Harbour 33, to being on-call to rescue a boater or two (and even some Muskoka chairs floating in the lake!). He loves to volunteer, and I am sure you have often passed 33 to see Keith working at the docks with his trusty companion Skipper by his side.

We have known Keith since we moved to Bayshore in 2008 and soon became acquainted. He organized the original Yacht Club. The concept was simple: Sign up and go on an excursion even if you don't have a boat. Keith has introduced so many people to boating! He is also an amazing mentor to those new to boating! There are a few stories out there that I am sure turned his hair silver. Like the guy who said, "You go between the channel markers?" Keith has always been of the attitude, "How can we make this work?" He even gave up his slip for someone new and then took the slip nobody else wanted.

Proud owner of cabin cruisers, pontoon boats, and his beloved Sheona, a trawler! All of his boats tell a story!

Submitted by Elaine & Patrick Murphy

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Opening Thoughts

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90% of bald people still own a comb; they just can't part with it.

(They get worse)

Modern Definitions

The correct term for gluten-free, sugarless, vegan brownies is "compost."

Parasites: What you see from the Eiffel Tower.

My landlord wants to talk about my high heating bills. I told him my door is always open.

Right here in Bayshore

Randy asked Artena for the password to their Wi-fi. She told him, "It's taped under the modem." After three failed attempts to log on Randy asked, "Am I spelling it right – T,A,P,E,D,U,N,D,E,R,T,H,E,M,O,D,E,M?"

Overheard in the Hayloft



A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Premium Groaners

Wempering Cartoons: So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says "Is this whiskey?" and Elmer says "Yes, but not as whiskey as wobbing a bank."

Did you hear about the pessimist who hates German sausage? He always fears the Wurst.

The Oldie but Goody Department

An old Italian man in Brooklyn is dying. He calls his grandson to his bedside, "Guido, I wan' you lissina me. I wan' you to take-a my chrome plated .38 revolver so you will always remember me."

"But Grandpa, I really don't like guns. How about you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

"You lissina me, boy! Somma day you gonna be runna da business, you gonna have a beautiful wife, lotsa money, a big-a home and maybe a couple of bambinos."

"Somma day you gonna come-a home and maybe finda you wife inna bed with another man. Whatta you gonna do then? Pointa to your Rolex and say, 'Times up!'"

It's Little Johnny time again

TEACHER: Johnny, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

JOHNNY: A teacher.

Establishing a Relationship

A week ago my friend, Noel Cooper, began reading The Exorcist. Noel said it was the most evil book he'd ever read. In fact he couldn't finish it, so he took it to Harbour 99 and threw it off one of the docks into Lake Simcoe.

I went and bought another copy, ran the faucet over it and left it on the night table by his bed. I'm going to hell.

Toby Keith Song Album Cover (Answer next edition)



Pick of the Litter

A man was at the Metropolitan Museum of Art fashion night and spotted a slim elderly woman, wearing a ginormous diamond pendant around her neck. The man was so intrigued with the gem that he walked over to the elderly woman to compliment her on her beautiful possession.

"Excuse me, madam," he said, "That is the most beautiful diamond I have ever seen."

The woman replied, "Thank you! It's known as the Cooper Diamond. But it comes with a curse!"

The man is intrigued and asked, "A curse? What is the curse?"

She replied, "Mr. Cooper."

Why is it unwise to share secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.

Do it Yourself

I read the instructions and it said that I needed a large screwdriver. So I got out the vodka and orange juice but everything after that remains a complete mystery.

Parting thought

And sadly, so ends another quarter without becoming unexpectedly rich.

I'm still taking care of my procrastination issues. Just wait until the next edition and you'll see. – **John Alden**

Biking Amanda Knapp – Organizer

Reflecting on a superb 2024 biking season this year, one thing stands out. Laughter! The shenanigans cannot be published. You can find them on the TeamReach app by joining. “For Immature Audiences Only.”

We had only one rain date this season, Anten Mills – a bust!

Venturing new trails and reminiscing on old ones: We supported many local restaurants with our few favourites: Captain's Grill in Orillia, and Tiffany's in Coldwater.

For Canada Day, the Bikers stepped up to decorate a float with the Pickleballers. During the day, we had chaos with brightly dressed bikers everywhere. It might be our thing? We were led in the motorized bike by John and Kathy Alden.

Jeff and Kate Switzer hosted a biking Treasure Hunt around Bayshore which was a whole lot of fun! You may have seen us scrambling everywhere?

John Simerson and Deborah May organized our out-of-town bike trip to Ottawa in June. Great riding, food, and friends. Thank You.

The season would not be possible without our Fearless trail leaders and volunteers: Artena and Randy Hutchison (sometimes Artena has to find Randy), Laurel Dewar who brings joy into the photos, and Kathy Alden who worked on

a lot of the trails with Rob Thomson previously. To our Bike Fixers Rick Indewey and Rob Thomson, and our first aid carrier, Paul Sauve – thank you.

2024 Season Riders: Randy and Artena Hutchison, Laurel Dewar and Gunther Gratzer (diff't bike!), Kathy and John Alden, Joey and Lauren Torchia, Bill Merkley and Deborah May, Bill Pike, Bo and Cher Jackson, Dani Prinzen and Rick Indewey, Dave Meharg, Dave Renaud and Rhonda Wallace, Bob and Dawn Sutherland, Paul and Diane Stoner, Doug Davies, Gord and Karen Semple, Helene and Ian Maikawa, Herb Hermans, Irene Heinz, Joe and Janice Latorre, Jeff and Mary Nolan, Jeff and Kate Switzer, John and Mary Ellen Simerson, Rob Thomson and Karyn Dolan, Ken Hill, Linda Wyckoff and Jim Puddy, Lori King and Paul Presseault, Kevin Peebles, Stuart and Lori Simpson, Maurice Wong, Mike and Terri Papa, Norm and Sharon Seaward, Paul Sauve, Amanda Knapp. We WELCOME new Riders!

Our final ride will be 80 km from Midland to Orillia including five stops with van support to finish when you like. Can't wait. Last year the team was led by Randy Hutchison and Janet Sauve!

LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL RIDE.

Amanda Knapp



Operation Christmas Child
Diane Stoner & Social Committee – Organizers

Operation Christmas Child is one of the charities that the Social Committee is supporting this year. This organization sends shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene products, toys, games, and other items to some of the poorest children around the world.

A display has been set up at the Hayloft with empty shoeboxes that can be taken and filled with these items.

Pick a boy or girl in one of three different age groups to shop for: 2-4 year olds, 5-9 year olds, or 10-14 year olds.

The filled shoeboxes will be collected at the Hayloft on November 16 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, or you can drop them off at 19 Thicketwood Place anytime.

For more information contact Diane Stoner, Social Director at dianestoner@hotmail.com or call 905-809-2150.

Thank you for sending love to children in need.

Diane Stoner



AquaFit
Deborah May – Organizer

AquaFit celebrated another great season with a potluck lunch and gift presentation to our instructor extraordinaire, Deborah May. Deborah ran classes Monday mornings, and Tuesday and Wednesday nights all summer. Tuesday classes offered a gentler aerobics class with more stretching, which is great for those with arthritic joints. Monday and Wednesdays offered high energy classes and Deborah introduced weights and weight belts to us. It was great that Deborah had some that we were able to try out and some of us bought them, but Deborah offered alternative weights that she ingeniously put together using pool noodles. Deborah's classes are informative and challenging with so much variety and she makes exercising so much fun. The music she picks goes great with the moves we are making, and she changes it up all the time. We would also like to thank Heather Horbay for her delicious desserts, Joey Torchia and John Simerson for all their work and expertise dealing with the pool issues, as well as all the pool testers for making it possible for us to have these amazing classes with Deborah. Thankfully, Deborah plans to instruct next year so we are all looking forward to more pool time with her.

Wendy Lucas

Photos by John Alden and Shelley Hao



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Around the Village



*Our gorgeous monarchs
– Diane Stoner*



*A prince in disguise?
– Donna Sverdrup*



*Swans dancing on Barnstable Bay
– Shelley Hao*



*Fall is in the air,
I can smell it! – Donna Sverdrup*



Keeping watch – Janet Sauve



Arya at Harbour 99 beach – Keith Barrow



*Spectacular sunset, Barnstable Bay
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Bayshore Anglers



The quest continues.

In the summer edition of the Anglers' page, I challenged the anglers to find the impossible: Lake Simcoe walleye. Looks like we're still looking.

I have not received a single tale of success, so maybe those MNRF folks really are just pulling our leg. I'm beginning to think so.

Stubborn as most fisher folks are,

I will continue the search. I can't believe a single species can just disappear from as large a lake as we have here. Walleye were so plentiful in Simcoe when I was a child. My dad would take us up to Gamebridge to view the spring walleye run up the Talbot River. They were so thick, you could walk on them.

Today, many believe they're gone. Overfished or netted for supply to grocery stores and restaurants. Perhaps, they are similar to the Rainbow smelt – once plentiful, now scarce in these waters.

Yes, there may be a few around but not anywhere near the numbers they once were.

But, I will keep trying as my two favorite fish to catch are the walleye and the Speckled or Brook trout.

On a positive note, the Northern Pike fishing is fantastic!!!!

The other day, on a short excursion, I boated eight

Northerns, all in Barnstable Bay, and all on top water lures. They were mostly smaller pike or "hammer handles" as they are nicknamed and a few decent-sized ones.

There is just nothing more fun than watching a chunky pike smash a buzz bait sliding across the surface of the water. Or, a torpedo, with its little blades spinning behind it, slicing through the lily pads and "wham", engulfed in the jaws of a big, green Northern gator – "What a blast"!! Many have noticed the bass are starting to gather to school up for the winter. The shoal that runs west off the Bayshore peninsula currently is holding many very large smallmouth bass. The water is so clear you can see them with ease, and that's a problem. You see them, they see you, they don't bite. It is well worth a boat ride to watch these large fish as they swim around the shoals.

As the trees turn to crimson, golden yellow, and orange, the water cools down and the big, toothy predators begin to move into shallower water to feed.

So, what's next? The best season of all – hockey season!!!! Oh, and ice fishing season too.

There is still lots of fishing to be done before boat storage, so make the most of it and I hope to see you out there as always.

And finally, we want to hear your stories, please send pictures also to meadowskeith1@gmail.com

Keith Meadows

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Tanzania A Trip of a Lifetime

In June of this year, I had the opportunity to visit Tanzania. Tanzania is not a poor country; it is rich in culture with warm people, laughter, and kindness. It is one of several countries in Africa with wildlife that roam the earth the way it was millions of years ago! It is rich beyond measure. That is what I saw and felt – an experience that was safe and mind-blowing, an adventure as I had never experienced before in all my years of travel. Our guide/driver met us at Kilimanjaro International Airport and took care of us until he returned us to the airport two weeks later. He was exceptional in his knowledge and care of us! We booked through “Journeys International” and I would highly recommend them.

The first park we visited was Tarangire National Park. It's a very lush park compared to others we would visit. We stayed three nights in a tented lodge on a ridge overlooking a river with lots of wildlife, including lions roaring close by at night! We then headed off to the Serengeti, driving through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. It is a very

dusty and winding road, through mountains and foothills opening up onto the breathtaking and wild Serengeti. We stopped at a Maasai village to learn about their culture before continuing on to our accommodation -- a small tented but luxury camp. We were lulled to sleep by the sounds of elephants, hyenas, and many other wild animals. Early mornings, watching the sun coming up over the plains was breathtaking! We had several game drives and a spectacular balloon ride at dawn. We then headed back to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where we had a full day exploring the crater and a visit to Olduvai Gorge and Museum (the cradle of mankind and a Unesco World Heritage site).

Our final stop was Lake Manyara. On our travels, we saw 'the big five' plus over 30 varieties of wild animals and over 40 species of birds.

This really was a trip of a lifetime, and I would highly recommend it to anyone!

Sally McPherson



Our guide and safari vehicle



Our tent in Tarangire



Tarangire sunset



***Baobab tree in Tarangire
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Zebras in Tarangire



Giraffe in the Serengeti



Maasai tribe Ngorongoro



Female lion in the Serengeti



Selfie with the Ngorongoro crater behind us

Tanzania
A Trip of a Lifetime (cont'd)



Entering Serengeti Park



Female and baby elephant in the Serengeti



Balloon ride over the Serengeti

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2024 Ryder Cup

Another year and another successful Ryder Cup was staged. The weather gods did their best to distract the courageous Bayshore athletes, but our determination and will overcame what Mother Nature threw at us. It was another close battle between the Reds and the Blues. However, in the end, the Blue team persevered, emerged victorious, and hoisted the Ryder Cup in celebration. All battle scars had healed in time for the banquet and the usual Bayshore camaraderie prevailed during the feast.

Marc Bertrand
Photos by Janice Latorre and Sharon Seaward



2024 Pickleball

Hold onto your paddles, pickleball fans – this year's Year-End Pickleball Tournament held on September 10th was a smashing success in more ways than one! This year's event was a wild ride of thrilling rallies, unexpected twists, and more pickleball puns than you could shake a paddle at.

The day saw a flurry of action, with tight matches and the occasional 11-0 thrashing. Twenty-eight players and spectators proved once again that pickleball is not just a sport but a full-blown spectacle of athletic grace and occasional missteps.

As the dust settled and the last pickleball was volleyed, the players emerged with pride, medals, and perhaps a few questionable line calls. Here's a rundown of who made their mark:

Men's Finalists: (L-R pictured) Joey Torchia (Champion), Rick Indewey, Randy Hutchison, Mike Papa

Women's Finalists: (L-R pictured) Laurel Dewar, Darlene Roccasalva, Kate Switzer (Champion), Linda Wyckoff

Spirit of the Game: Karyn Dolan

Best Newcomer: Sharon Turlej

Best Use of the TeamReach App: Dave Renaud

Special thanks to those who assisted in planning, setup, and scorekeeping: Lauren Torchia, Mike Papa, Paul Pressault, John Simerson, Paul Stoner, Diane Stoner, Bill Merkley, and Deborah May.

As the curtain falls on this year's tournament, one thing is clear: pickleball isn't just a game; it's a full-blown exhibition of athleticism, strategy, and unintentional comedy. Here's to all the winners, players, and supporters who made this year's tournament a rollicking success. The 2025 season will be led by Dave Renaud and Rhonda Wallace who are sure to bring new ideas and excitement to pickleball in Bayshore. Until next year.....remember to keep 'em low!

Joey Torchia



Art Gallery

The Featured Artist and Gallery Wall in the Dart Room took a break over the summer but will be returning later in the year. Contact Victor Relvas if you would like to display your work. Meanwhile, our resident artists have been hard at work and have submitted some of their works for publication here. Thank you!! We all enjoy seeing your art! There is not enough room here to print them all but everything is kept until there is room in a future issue.

Don't forget our Annual Bayshore Holiday Makers' Market on October 19th! It will be held on both floors of the Hayloft with many new and returning crafters and artists. Visit the event page on facebook and the facebook page (both called Bayshore Holiday Makers' Market) to see more details and updates. It's a great chance to pick up unique, hand-crafted gifts for yourself or someone special.

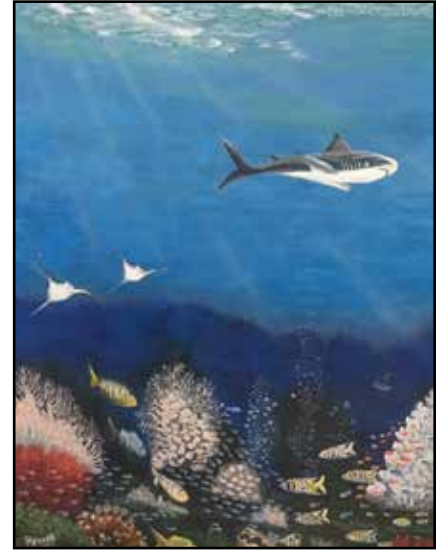
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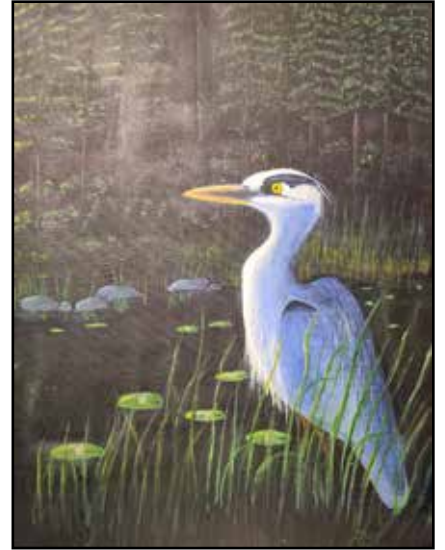
"Coral Reef" acrylic by Victor Relvas



Acrylic by Johanne Lusch



Acrylic pour by Judy Flinn, chosen for the poster for our Makers' Market!



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"3 Lilies" watercolour by Lynda Bertrand



Acrylic abstract by Marilyn Goulter

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Recognizing an Exceptional Volunteer – Sharon Miller



This month, we are delighted to honor **Sharon Miller** for her remarkable dedication to leading the VON exercise program for the past 15 years.

It's a testament to her enduring commitment and enthusiasm that she has volunteered her time with such consistent care and energy throughout all these years.

Sharon has skillfully managed the exercise program at the Hayloft, creating a welcoming environment for participants with her gentle yet engaging approach. Her extensive knowledge and experience in providing clinical, and social support in community settings have been invaluable.

Sharon emphasizes the importance of movement for enhancing strength, balance, and cardiovascular health while recognizing the role of social connections in maintaining mental well-being.

Her classes have positively impacted countless residents of Bayshore, who deeply appreciate and cherish their time with her. Sharon's dedication and compassionate approach make her a standout volunteer and a cherished member of our community.

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This is Sharon and George Miller's story:

My husband George Miller and I moved from Kingston to Bayshore Village in May 2006. What amazing places to call home! George's work as an inspector with the Ontario Provincial Police and the manager of Ontario's Forensic Division is what brought us here. We both have family in the Orillia area, so it was a good opportunity to move closer to them. Soon after we moved in, I started two jobs as an integration facilitator for Catulpa, and a personal support worker in Orillia and the surrounding communities. My training is in Early Childhood Education and Personal Support work. I am also a graduate of Queen's University. I am college-certified in Restorative Therapy, Heart Wise exercise, and Bonenefit exercise. Also as a trained volunteer peer leader for the North Simcoe Muskoka Self Management Program, I led a Pain Management workshop at Bayshore Village and led several others in Orillia. My education and experience have been invaluable to my jobs and my volunteer work in Bayshore Village and Orillia.

In 2010, as a trained exercise leader, I saw the benefits of starting the VON SMART exercise program in Bayshore Village. Since that time, I have had the privilege of leading classes alongside many of Bayshore's finest volunteers (previous co-leaders: Laureen Ash, Elizabeth Good, Eva Stosch, and Cindy Cavers). Thanks Wendy Lucas and Linda Bridges for bringing enthusiasm and energy as co-

leaders of our current VON classes! Almost 15 years later, we still exercise with some members of our original group. Congrats Julie Murray, Kristina Frise, and many others for being such devoted participants! It has been rewarding to see so many people join our classes. We are proud of the success of this excellent program!

In 2023, I completed extensive training in Orillia and became a Hospice Palliative Care volunteer visitor. I have also shared my interest in fundraising by promoting Orillia's annual "Hike For Hospice." For the past three years, I have been a team captain for Bayshore Village's "BV Friends" hiking team. We started with five hikers, then seven, and this year had 18 Bayshore members (plus "Bailey", Paul and Anne Graham's dog) join this worthwhile fundraising hike!

Bayshore is a great community to live in! Our volunteer, recreation, and social activities have helped us make many good friends in this welcoming neighbourhood. George and I have enjoyed the amenities (golf course, pool, and harbours), ponds, and lakeside parks. We have been the "pond master" and "pond mistress!" for Mallard Pond since 2006. George also became a trained volunteer who sprayed the ponds and harbours for many years. We have both helped maintain this scenic community however we could.

We admire and have been inspired by other dedicated volunteers who make Bayshore Village such an amazing place to live. In our earlier years here, I met Ida Herbert while attending her famous yoga classes. At 96 she became a Guinness World Record recipient for teaching yoga at her age! I fondly remember this lovely lady's words of wisdom when she told us all to "Move however you can." Words that I live by! We love the activities in Bayshore and nearby towns and provincial parks (especially Mara, McRae, Algonquin, and Awenda Parks). There is always a festival (or classic car show) to attend, lakes to paddle our kayaks, SUPs, or canoe on, and many trails to hike, cross-country ski, or snowshoe on! We enjoy keeping active! Thanks Reid and Nori, and Wendy and Glenn for joining us on some of our "adventures" (especially at the Mandarin)!!

On the note of moving...we are preparing for a new chapter in our life. We will be leaving Bayshore in the New Year, after we sell our home. We are moving to a community close to our son and his young family. This will allow us to spend more time with all of our family in Ottawa. We will also be closer to the airport, so we can visit our daughter in BC often, and travel more. We will miss our good friends and the activities in this community. We still have family in Orillia, so we will be back to visit after we have moved next year. So it won't be goodbye then, but "See you soon!"

Submitted by Sharon Miller

continued on next page...

Recognizing an Exceptional Volunteer – Sharon Miller (cont'd)

Below is an acknowledgement by one of Sharon's friends and a participant in her class:

I'm so glad that Sharon has agreed to be acknowledged. She totally deserves the recognition for being an awesome volunteer. Sharon introduced the VON SMART exercise program to Bayshore about 17 years ago. Every Friday morning, she and George put the chairs out for the class. VON goes all year long. She brings and picks out awesome CDs for upbeat music which is essential for the class. She gives great informative instruction with lots of puns, jokes, and humour. Being a PSW and taking so many courses for health, and exercise makes her so essential for teaching and instructing. She is kind as well, making sure those who are slower doing the classes continue to do it at their own pace. She will say "You do you." If there is someone sitting while doing all the exercises, she's the first one to notice and will sit as well so they don't feel alone doing the exercises in a seated position while the rest of us are standing.

She arranged the Healthy aging series which were 12 sessions throughout the year with informative speakers, and she and I regularly brought baked goods, fruit, and snacks for all the attendees.

She has led the Hike for Hospice as Team Leader for three years now and our team, BV Friends, has grown larger each year. This year, BV Friends raised over \$2,700.00 with the help of generous Bayshore donors.

She kindly lends all her special aids like crutches, walkers, canes, raised toilet seats, shower seats, and many other items to many Bayshore people even if she hardly knows them. Glenn and I have greatly benefited from this kindness and generosity.

Sharon also volunteers at Hospice Orillia, and has volunteered for Heart and Stroke for many years.

Submitted by Wendy Lucas

Rehana Suleman
Volunteer Coordinator

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Trivia Night

Deborah May and Bill Merkley – Organizers

Oh, What A Night!! Our first Trivia Night took place on September 5 to a sold-out crowd! And, from the positive response...it won't be our last. Psst...the word on the street is we've already booked Adam Crockett for next year! (Thursday, September 4) These tickets will be hot, hot, hot!! Congratulations to our first-place winners from Team Einstein, which included: Lauren and Joey Torchia, Liz and Dave Meharg, Susan Hazlett, Graham Fidler, and Myrna and Bob Finlay - good job!!

On a personal note, we were most happy to meet all the new faces who attended this event and hope to see you next year!

Deborah May and Bill Merkley
Photos by Sharon Seaward



Our hosts, Deborah May and Bill Merkley



The Champion Table Team Einstein



Euchre
Janet Sauve – Organizer

We had a couple of euchre games over the summer. Emily and Dave had the top scores. We will resume our regular Wednesday night games mid September.

Janet Sauve



Crafting Circle
Michelle Martinez – Organizer



Bayshore's first Crafting Circle was held on Monday, September 9th. Amidst the lively chatter, folks were sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, quilling, building miniatures, writing, sketching, and doing stained glass. Phew! Not to mention munching on the delicious cookies baked by Heather (thanks so much!)

Our next circle will be on Monday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a fun morning, working in a creative atmosphere, please contact Michelle Martinez (mamartinez1005@gmail.com) to be added to the circle.

Michelle Martinez



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Bridge
Velma Burley – Organizer

The Bayshore bridge groups continued to play all summer, with fewer players due to those who were golfing and boating.

The top scorers in the Monday group were Noel Cooper with 5810 points, followed closely by Lloyd Lockhart with 5740 points. Rounding out the top three was Pat Beecham-Cooper with 5680 points. Thank you to Nancy Wallingford for organizing the Monday group this summer. For the Wednesday group, Maria Saringer had the best score over the summer with 5200 points. Dorothy Hall was second with 4990 points and Maria also had the third best game with 4840 points. John Alden deserves an honourable mention, scoring 4750 points. Well done everyone!

We are always looking for more bridge players to join us on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and/or Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Hayloft Great Room.

If you are interested in learning a game to stimulate your mind and improve your memory, we have group members that can teach you to play. Email Velma Burley at burleyv55@gmail.com to get started.

Velma Burley



Tea & Chat
Kristina Frise – Organizer

Tea & Chat meets every Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Great Room. The first Tuesday of every month the group visits a new restaurant in and around Orillia. Pictured here is one of our recent lunches at Bogey's in the Couchiching Golf Club.

Please feel free to join anytime, all are welcome! Contact Kristina Frise if you would like further details.



Ramara Public Library News



We aren't too sure how we are focusing on fall already! Thank you to all of the families, seasonal patrons and community members who made summer 2024 an amazing one. We've got a great lineup of FREE opportunities for residents to enjoy at their library. Be sure to register to save your spot via EventBrite, calling, or emailing the branch or speaking with a staff member on your next visit.

Adult Programming Highlights:

Crafty Creations – 6:30 pm

Wed. Oct. 16th (Gem Painting), Nov. 6th (Winter Tree Wall Hanging), Dec. 4th (Holiday Trivets & Coasters)

Virtual/In Person Trivia – 7:00 pm

Tues. Oct 29th, Nov. 19th and Dec. 17th

The Ontario Paranormal Society – 6:00 pm

Tues. Oct. 15th at the Brechin Legion

Spice Up Your Life – Grab and Go Cooking Kit

Tues. Oct. 22nd, Nov. 26th and Dec. 17th

Pop Up Puzzle Challenge – 6:30 pm

Tues. Nov. 26th at the Brechin Legion

Children and Youth Programming Highlights:

Pajamapalooza – Ages 4-12 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 18th, Nov. 22nd and Dec. 20th

After School Adventures – Ages 8-12 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

At Brechin temporary location

Thurs. Oct. 24th, Nov. 28th and Dec. 19th

Little Adventurers – Ages 0-4 at 10:00 am

Fridays, Oct. 4th to Dec. 13th

Please note that during the month of October, we will be meeting outdoors at local parks (in case of inclement weather, we will be meeting at the Ramara Centre library).

Teen Hobby & Hang – Make a Ghost Tea Light Lantern! – Ages 12-18

Tues. Oct. 22nd at 6:30 pm

Pumpkinfest @ Udney Community Centre

Wed. Oct. 23rd at 6:30 PM

Hungry Caterpillars – A Family Picture Book Club

Saturday, Oct. 26th & Nov. 23rd - Brechin location from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

In Your *Library* Era

Thurs. Nov. 14th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm | Ages 10-18

Celebrate Taylor Swift being in Toronto with this fun hour of making friendship bracelets, trivia, karaoke and more!

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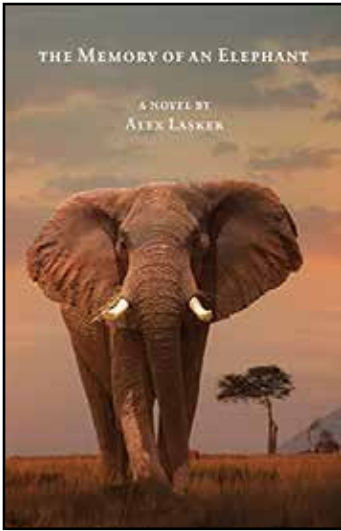


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Bayshore Reads: *The Memory of an Elephant*



***The Memory of an Elephant* by Alex Lasker**

As usual with fiction about animals, don't read this book (or even this review) unless you're willing to deal with heartbreak and violence.

The *Memory of an Elephant* is an epic tale of the life of a bull elephant named (by the humans) "Ishi," from 1962 to 2015. Some parts of the story are told in Ishi's own words – his autobiography! The book claims (I don't

know whether it's true or not) that elephants are able to express their feelings and perceptions to each other, even over long distances, and that their communications are perceived through the ground by the soles of their feet. Of course, an elephant's intelligence and memory are legendary, and that too is at the basis of this narrative.

Ishi's story begins when his family is ambushed and massacred by poachers in the Tsavo region of Kenya. The little bull calf's life is saved by a Kikuyu boy named Kamau, who connects Ishi to an animal sanctuary where he is nurtured to health and then to adulthood, until Ishi takes the initiative to return to the wild.

The story includes the narrative of the humans who deal with Ishi: the British owner of the animal sanctuary, her husband who is a famous African hunting guide (not a good combination for a marriage!), their children, Kamau who speaks perfect English and eventually takes over the sanctuary, and even the poachers.

Woven through the narrative is the concluding period of Ishi's life when, as a magnificent elderly bull elephant, he leaves his adopted elephant family and makes his way back to the Tsavo region of his birth. Because of his

frequent interaction with humans (whom he calls "two-leggers"), Ishi's pilgrimage is videotaped by drones and broadcast around the world.

The author, Alex Lasker, began his career as a screenwriter of movies starring Clint Eastwood, Bruce Willis, and Patricia Arquette among others. He says that he took up writing novels because he hated losing control of his scripts to the whims of directors and actors.

The *Memory of an Elephant* may invite you to reconsider humans' relationship to animals (should we continue to exploit them, even if they aren't as intelligent as elephants?), and perhaps even to reflect on your own life memories as we seek to make the sunset chapters of our lives as meaningful as possible.



Noel Cooper

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Hats off to all our VOLUNTEER GARDENERS this year! The flower beds and grounds look tremendous! Thank you!



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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!

YEAR-LONG CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ **Yoga** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Hayloft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- ▶ **Italian Rummy** Mondays at 2:00 pm. Contact Barb Thurgood.
- ▶ **Bid Euchre** Sundays at 2:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve jannylynn200@gmail.com or use TeamReach app BVABID. Regular Euchre TeamReach BVAEUC.
- ▶ **Ladies' Tea & Chat** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Contact Kristina Frise.
- ▶ **VON Smart Exercise** Fridays at 10:00 am. Call 705-326-7021.
- ▶ **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 - noon. Contact Deborah Leon.
- ▶ **Low Impact Aerobics with Leslie Sansome (WalkFit)** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am upstairs at the Hayloft. Contact Heather Horbay or Rhonda Wallace.
- ▶ **Flying Club (BVRCFG)** Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm upstairs in the Hayloft. Contact Keith Barrow.
- ▶ **Crafting Circle** Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 9 in the Dart Room 10:00 am - noon. Contact Michelle Martinez.
- ▶ **Photography Club** Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Card Room. Contact Gilbert De Nobile.

UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE!

- ▶ **Oct 19 - BV Holiday Makers' Market.** Contact Lynda Bertrand or Romaine Dawkins.
- ▶ **Oct 25 - Breakfast Meeting** with Jill Dunlop and Adam Chambers. Contact Marg Sharpe.
- ▶ **Oct 26 - Halloween Dance.** Contact Diane Stoner.
- ▶ **Oct 31 - Halloween Treat on the Street. Bayshore Drive from Harbour 33 to 99, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.** Contact Diane Stoner.
- ▶ **Nov 23 and 24 - Decorating the Hayloft for the holidays.** Contact Diane Stoner.
- ▶ **Dec 1 - Tree Lighting.** Contact Diane Stoner.
- ▶ **Dec 3 - Ladies Holiday Luncheon.** Contact Linda Bridges.
- ▶ **Dec 6 - Christmas Happy Hour.** Contact Diane Stoner.
- ▶ **Dec 21 - Children's Christmas Event.** Contact Diane Stoner.
- ▶ **Dec 31 - New Years Eve dance.** Contact Diane Stoner.



FALL FUN: (Weather Permitting)

- ▶ **Golf:**
Women's League Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Contact Irene Heinz.
Men's League Fridays at 10:00 am. Contact Keith Meadows.
- ▶ **Tennis Open Mixed Doubles group** Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays 10:00 am - noon. Contact Jeff Switzer.
- ▶ **Pickleball** organized games 10:00 am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and 3:00 pm Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Contact Joey Torchia.
- ▶ **Volleyball** Mondays at 5:00 pm at Harbour 99. Contact Joey Torchia.
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