



## **The Bayshore Banner**

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***Loads of great photos on  
pages 16-21 of Canada Day!  
Thank you for all your submissions!***

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***Big news! Bayshore Village donated  
644 pounds of food and \$1,995 on Canada  
Day to The Sharing Place! A huge thank you  
to Leslie and Jim Fielding who continue to  
champion this worthwhile initiative every year!***

## Birds of a Feather



***A Bald Eagle is making a nest on Muley Point  
Road. See other photos from the new club, Birds  
of a Feather, on page 33. Photo by Barry Peyton.***

## Rick Indewey, Super Volunteer



***Rick Indewey, shown here working on the golf  
course, is featured in this edition's Volunteer  
News. Read more about our wonderful  
volunteers including Rick on page 12.***

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who contributed their articles and photos.



Sneak Peek! Watch for our Fall Edition  
of the Banner where Sharon Seaward  
shares some spectacular shots of  
her and Norm's trip to Africa!

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## President's Report



### Mother Nature's Revenge?

Well, here we are midway through the year, and what a year it's been so far! Starting with all the snow we had, and then Mother Nature decided to redecorate the Village with a vicious ice storm. But we can all pat ourselves on the back for how well we pulled together, assisted those who needed help, and cleaned up the mess the

storm left behind. I think many of us were taught a valuable lesson on how important it is to be prepared to ride out the challenges these storms can bring. And as I write this, it's been a cool, wet start to the summer, and judging by the lack of boats in the harbours, many of us are still waiting for it to begin. Let's cross our fingers that we get spoiled with some gorgeous weather!

### Cool Pool

At the General Meeting last May, I was pleased that the membership supported moving ahead with our pool project and combining the remaining two phases to be completed this fall. This efficient and cost-effective approach will shorten the project, allowing us to open next year with a beautiful new pool area for you to enjoy. Thank you to Joey Torchia for doing much of the original planning, and to Kate White who will be managing the closing phases of the project. Also, a big thank you and congratulations to Debbie Dennis, who passed the CPO exam with flying colours and will be our certified pool operator.

### Wanted

There remains a vacant position on the Board for anyone who would like to join our team and help shape the future of Bayshore Village. Serving on the Board isn't a huge time commitment as some believe it to be. We meet once a month for about two hours, and then it's up to you as to how much time you dedicate to the position. And since there are many committees to work with, delegating tasks makes things much easier. Feel free to contact me to find out more about how you can contribute.

### Cops on the Lookout

I'd like to remind all boaters to ensure they have the proper safety equipment on board. Life jackets alone are not enough. Depending on the length of your boat, safety requirements will differ, so please take some time and check that you comply. I heard through the grapevine that the police will be extra vigilant this year.



**Gunther Gratzner**  
President

## Communication and TeamReach

Did you know that we have numerous ways to keep in touch with friends and stay informed here in Bayshore? We have the Facebook group "Bayshore Village (Canada) – Residents Only," and we have numerous emails from the office that go out to everyone. We also have our website [www.bayshorevillage.ca](http://www.bayshorevillage.ca), and if you go into the "Members Only Section" with your log in and password, you can see a Calendar of Events, a members phone and address directory, as well as a myriad of other important information like Board minutes, application forms for the harbours and storage yard, info on hayloft rentals, volunteers, our Bell program, and all other kinds of good stuff. And, of course, we have this Banner publication.



Many of our clubs and group activities are now utilizing the TeamReach app too. You can group chat, share photos and stay up to date. Just download the free app (it looks like the icon on the left) and search for the group you are interested in.

I have compiled a list of the groups and their codes that I know of, but I'm sure there are more out there, and more will be added in the future. Please let me and John Alden know of any I have missed here or new ones as they get created. I will periodically update and publish the list in future Banner issues and John Alden will keep the website updated.

**Susan Hazlett**

### Group Name

BVA Fitness  
BVA Thursday Night DARTS  
BVA Wet Hogs and Boaters  
BVA Pool  
BSV Crafters  
BVA Kayak  
BVA Euchre Wednesday 7PM  
BVA Bid Euchre  
BVA Biking  
BVA Tennis  
BVA Volleyball  
BVA Ladies Golf  
BVA Pickleball  
BVA Cornhole  
BVA Contract Bridge  
Bridge Lessons Thur 1PM  
BVA Mahjong  
BVA Spanish Study Group  
AquaFit  
BVA Photography  
BVA Birds of a Feather

### Code

BVAFIT2025  
TNDarts  
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BVAEUC  
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## Ice Storm 2025

Below is a small collection of some of the photos taken by various residents during the ice storm of 2025. You can find more on our website under Activities, as compiled by John Alden. The ice storm left us with pictures and stories of devastation, but also there are also wonderful stories about neighbours and volunteers. Here are a few photos of residents who just "showed up" when help was needed. Many volunteers were not photographed, but we saw you and we thank you.

Neighbours coming together in good times and bad is what makes Bayshore Village truly extraordinary.

**Susan Hazlett**



## It Starts with a Wave – A Bayshore Wave

The first week we moved into Bayshore, my nieces came by to visit. While we were in the driveway, several people walked by on the road. They waved – I waved back. One niece looked at me in surprise and asked if I already knew those people. I said no – but everyone waves in Bayshore. Going to the cottage in Lagoon City for 35+ years, it was strange, as no one waves there – or in the city, unless be thought a crazy person waving at strangers!

Here – it's different. A wave says hello, but it also says so much more. It says we are a community that cares about one another. That has never been more evident in our three short years here so far than this past winter. Although we had to deal with flooding issues, as quite a number of us did, we knew we were not alone.

Going around the community after "THE" storm, we saw so much destruction, but if you looked a little closer, through the branches and over the ice, you could see extension cords – lots of them. They were connections to resources, but they were also connections to each other. A true act of humanity.

Another act of true kindness witnessed was that some people who had power (thanks to their generators) were opening their doors to others, letting them know that they could come by for a warm beverage, charge their phones, and in some cases share warm meals. We even had an offer to spend the night in a warm house! It was truly humbling to be a part of.

When I think back on that terrible storm, I push aside the thoughts of all the damage – which we and many others are still dealing with. I think of how we are fortunate to live in such a commUNITY!

When we lived in Richmond Hill, there was a bad ice storm that knocked out the power for between a day and five days. We were fortunate enough to be spared any hardship beyond having to put on an extra sweater and prepare meals that didn't require cooking, while others weren't as lucky. But they were alone! We were hearing all sorts of horror stories, including neighbours refusing to share their abundance of firewood, let alone a coffee!

Although I know there are so many more stories of acts of kindness, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Kristina Frise, and Maurice and Carol Wong for their heartfelt offers, Sally and Doug McPherson for their wonderful hospitality (Manfred TRULY appreciated the coffee!), and a HUGE thank you to Randy Smith – without him we would have been swimming in our basement – we are forever in your debt! Thank you to Janice Latorre for her tireless efforts in bringing this matter to the town's attention and holding them accountable for their actions – certainly above & beyond!

People sharing their stories, their solutions, their time, their homes – I am still in awe of this place, both the nature and the people. I hope to never lose that! THANK YOU!

**Johanne Lusch**

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## Bayshore Corn Hole at Harbour 99

John Simerson – Organizer

To join Bayshore Corn Hole group and obtain the schedule, download TeamReach in your Apps on your phone. Group Code is BVACORN2025

Right now we have 80 names on the list and are getting anywhere from 12 to 20 playing on scheduled days (Thursdays at 6:30 pm, and Sundays at 3:00 pm). If you have a board please bring it along to Harbour 99, we are playing on the volleyball court. Beverages are encouraged.

**John Simerson**



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## Kayaking

Glenn Lucas – Organizer

Kayak Paddlers will go out every other Tuesday. Details will be sent out via email prior to the day to those who express an interest. Contact Glenn Lucas or Irene Heinz.



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## Backyard Happy Hours

Mary Nolan and Wendy Lucas – Organizers

Backyard Happy Hours are in full swing again. Here are some pictures taken in June at Dave and Heather Horbay's, Rob Fisher's, and Mary Andrews' homes.







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Finally, the weather is warming, the days are getting longer, and there's no more snow!!

This is my favourite time of the year. It's just a few weeks to the bass season opener, when all the fishing seasons are officially open.

So, let's try something different this time.

Tactics.

There is nothing better than throwing a topwater lure and watching it splash on the surface of the lake. Give it a little time to sit, until the water rings move away, and then a slow retrieve, add a couple of jerks with the wrist to make it pop or jump, and wait for the strike.

In fishing, there is nothing better than watching a fish, whether it be a big pike, musky, Large or Smallmouth bass, smash a topwater bait.

Watch the bait approach the boat, dock, or shoreline and then "WHAM" it's on. What a rush!!!

Sometimes the fish carries the bait out of the water and into the air, plunging back into the depths of the lake and running line out of your reel at an incredible speed. The power felt is intimidating; the strength of the fish is remarkable. To experience this from beginning to end with the strike visible, and then the ensuing struggle to bring the fish to the net, is how many anglers get "hooked" on fishing.

Many times, especially with the big fish, they spit the bait, or break the line or the rod. They are that strong. Smaller fish, Smallmouth bass for instance, can put on an aerial display that just amazes.

Bigger fish tend to stay deep after hitting the bait, but there are those occasions that these big bodies will defy gravity and take to the air, and wow, what excitement!

Last fall, Smallmouth bass were staging on the shoal west of the Bayshore peninsula just before heading to the deeper water for the winter. I threw everything at them: Rapala minnows, plastics, spinner baits, crank baits – the works.

It wasn't until I tied on a top water torpedo with a leopard frog pattern that I got any action. Every time I threw that lure, I got a hit, or a hit and miss, but it never stopped.

Watching a bass, in clear water, rise to hit a surface lure, is awesome.

Topwater baits come in all shapes and sizes, from small frog imitations to rats, mice, muskrats, snakes, and even ducklings.

I'm going to list some of my favourite topwater lures that I have had success with around Barnstable Bay, in the weedy parts as well as the main body. The locations that I have experienced the better catches are the shoals running west from McGinnis Point to Strawberry Island, and the south side of Bayshore along McGinnis Point and into the deeper drop-offs.

The lures I use are: Heddon Torpedos, Buzz Bombers, Hula Poppers, Dying Flutters, Clacker or Buzz baits, Vamp Spooks, Jitterbugs, Zara Puppies, and Crazy Crawlers. I've added a picture to identify these lures here.

If you haven't tried topwater fishing, give it a try. You will not be disappointed. That first time you experience the fish strike, you will become a fan. There's something about seeing the strike instead of feeling it, that adds that little extra to the whole experience.

Enjoy the summer, be safe on the water, and don't forget to send your pictures, stories, and adventures to [meadowskeith1@gmail.com](mailto:meadowskeith1@gmail.com), so that I can share them through the Bayshore Anglers article. Happy fishing!

**Keith Meadows**





## Farewell Potluck for George and Sharon Miller

On Friday, June 13, a potluck lunch was organized to honour the many contributions of Sharon and George Miller to Bayshore and to wish them well in their move to the Ottawa area. Sharon and George have lived in Bayshore for 19 years and have looked after Mallard Pond all this time. George became the trained volunteer who sprayed the harbours and ponds for many years. They are the kind of good, caring neighbours who build connections and create a strong sense of community. Sharon has used her vast health training to greatly enhance programs

for the Bayshore neighbourhood. Some of her initiatives were leading a pain management workshop, arranging the 12 Healthy Aging sessions last year, being the Bayshore Village team lead for the Hike for Hospice for the past four years, and starting up and leading the VON SMART program in Bayshore for the past 15 years. Many residents and VON participants, both past and present, were in attendance at this celebration and farewell.

**Wendy Lucas**

**Photos by Janet Sauve**



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## Volunteer News



Happy sunny and hot summer, Bayshore neighbours!

This spring has been a true testament to the power of volunteerism. If there was ever a time when community spirit shone, it was during the aftermath of the unprecedented ice storm and record-breaking snowfall, in addition to the kickoff of our

spring/summer activities. The dedication and hard work of our volunteers has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Here's a snapshot of the incredible efforts that have gone into restoring our community to its beauty and functionality:

- Golf Course – Storm cleanup and course preparation: 72 volunteers, 340 hours
- Harbours – Installing docks, channel markers, and storm cleanup: 20 volunteers, 40 hours
- Tennis and Pickleball Courts – Maintenance and setup: 12 volunteers, 40 hours
- EcoPark – Clearing fallen trees and brush, refreshing paths, lookout points, and benches: 15 volunteers, 40+ hours
- Pool – Cleanup and preparation for opening: 145 hours
- Storm Cleanup – Efforts at Entrance, Mallard Pond, Park Lane, Bayshore paths, and parks: 35 volunteers, 100 hours
- Ponds – Cleaned, enzymes and dyes added and aerators installed: 10 volunteers, 60 hours
- Social Events – Planned and successfully attended
- Summer Activities – Organized and led by Activity Leads
- Gardens – spring preparation, planting, weeding and watering: 32 volunteers, 34 hours
- January to June 2025 – approximately 1,250 hours by 475 volunteers (numbers per event, not individuals)

A huge THANK YOU to all volunteers who generously gave their time and energy, we are immensely grateful for your efforts.

If you or someone you know has been working behind the scenes and hasn't received recognition, please reach out and let us know – we want to celebrate every contribution!

This issue, we are recognizing **Rick Indewey**, Golf Course Superintendent, as our super-volunteer. When asked to write something about Rick, Marc Bertrand was only too happy to do so. Read on to see Marc's response.

**Rehana Suleman**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**

### **Rick Indewey, Golf Course Superintendent**

Every year, we hear compliments of, "The Course has never looked better", and yet, we continue hearing this same compliment year after year. Makes you wonder just how great it can become.

Rick's official title is Golf Course Superintendent, which means that he is the one who is responsible for these ever-improving conditions of the golf course. The current members of the Golf Committee have been bound by a Mission Statement of: Making the Bayshore Golf Experience as good as any golf course in the area. Our focus, with much attribution from Rick, has not only met this goal, but probably surpassed the conditions of other local courses in our area.

Rick is a very diligent worker and competent handyman in numerous areas. His abilities with machinery and other mechanical devices have allowed us to save the cost of hiring contractors to maintain the conditions we enjoy here today. The procedures of turf management that he has not been familiar with have not deterred him from learning and acclimating these practices in order to bring us all the wonderful opportunities we have here at The Bayshore Golf Club.

During his tenure, we have faced some devastating hurdles. In 2019, we were hit with a broken-down irrigation system and a major drought, which essentially destroyed our greens. Through Rick's perseverance, we were able to resolve the issues, bring the course back to life, and thrive better than ever.

This year's ice storm has certainly accentuated Rick's devotion to his responsibilities. Everyone in Bayshore knows how much time and energy it took to clear their own properties. The amount of man-hours that Rick himself put into clearing the debris on the golf course is mind-numbing. With the help of our Volunteer Brigade, you can find very little evidence of the devastation that struck us.

Rick has taken great pride in his accomplishment, all with the humility and selflessness of a true hero. If there is someone in our community who has any interest in working alongside such a great mentor, I know Rick would love to bring on an apprentice or assistant.

The Bayshore Golf Club is one of the jewels of our community. Our residents, their families, guests, friends, and visitors all get to enjoy a first-class golf experience without the burden of booking times or green fees, and their enjoyment has been enhanced from the efforts of Rick Indewey.

On behalf of everyone, Thank You Rick!



**Marc Bertrand**



## Art Gallery

### Victor Relvas – Organizer

The Featured Artist on the Gallery Wall in the Games Room in June and July is Leslie Dixon! Leslie's display has some colourful and playful pieces as well as some more traditional works. She is indeed skillful and diversified.

The walls are filled with other works from Christa Schmid, Ray (Razor) Broughton, and Johanne Lusch. Below are

a few examples of the great work done by our Bayshore artists. Go and check them out!

As always, if you would like to submit your work for this publication, please send your photos to [susan@hazlett.ca](mailto:susan@hazlett.ca). They will be published when space allows.

**Susan Hazlett**



*"Flowers at Lora Bay" acrylic by  
Featured Artist, Leslie Dixon*



*"Blue Mountains Bruce Trail"  
acrylic by Featured Artist, Leslie Dixon*



*"Under the Sea" acrylic  
by Featured Artist, Leslie Dixon*



*"Walk in the Country" acrylic  
by Christa Schmid*



*"Honey Harbour Georgian Bay"  
acrylic by Featured Artist, Leslie Dixon*



*"Bob" acrylic by  
Ray (Razor) Broughton*



*"Ray" acrylic by  
Ray (Razor) Broughton*



*"Hibiscus" acrylic by Christa Schmid*



*"Turtle Skin" acrylic by Johanne Lusch*



## Spring Fling

### Diane Stoner & The Social Committee – Organizers

A Hawaiian-themed Spring Fling was held May 3rd at the Hayloft with 69 guests. The tables were decorated with paper pineapples, tropical flowers, and brightly coloured napkins. Thank you, Kathy Fidler, for making the tables look so Hawaiian. Kate Switzer brought her backyard furniture in and decorated the stage with palm trees, a beach blanket, and a yellow umbrella. This was the perfect setting for some great group photos! FeastCo served a delicious roast beef dinner with all the fixings, and then everyone enjoyed a generous slice of homemade pineapple cake made by our own Bayshore bakers. Because there were fewer tickets sold this year, we had to pivot and use our own playlist instead of hiring a DJ or a band. I think everyone can agree that this decision was a good one. The dance floor was full most of the night, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who made the night so successful!

In particular, I would like to thank: our setup crew: Janet Sauve, Kathy Fidler, Anne Graham, Rehana Suleman, Kate Switzer, and Paul Stoner; our greeters: Dave Renaud and Rhonda Wallace; our 50/50 ticket sellers: John and Mary Ellen Simerson; our lei distributor: Brenda James; our clean up crew: Jeff and Kate Switzer, Dave Renaud and Rhonda Wallace; our bakers: Heather Horbay, Susan Hazlett, Janice Latorre, and Kathy Fidler; Deborah May who compiled the playlist; and Kate White who donated wine for each table. Thank you all!

**Diane Stoner**

**Photos by Laurel Dewar, Anne Graham, Brenda James, Janice Latorre, Dani Prinzen, Dave Renaud, Janet Sauve, Diane Stoner, Donna Wilson**



**Set up crew: (Top L-R) Anne Graham, Rehana Suleman, Diane Stoner, Kate Switzer, (seated) Kathy Fidler, Janet Sauve, Paul Stoner**





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# CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

## Diane Stoner & The Social Committee – Organizers

The day started out cloudy, but by the time the opening ceremonies began, the sun was shining, and it turned out to be a perfect hot summer day. A good number of residents, all decked out in red and white, enjoyed munching on homemade treats while sipping their coffee. Jill Dunlop, Adam Chambers, Mayor Basil Clarke, Keith Bell, and Joe Gough were all in attendance. Jill said a few words, and then our president, Gunther Gratzner, welcomed everyone and introduced Jon Wagner, who was hosting a group of his Friendship Force friends, including folks all the way from Cornwall, England. Gunther also extended congratulations to Paul Stoner, who, after living here for 45 years, has just become a Canadian citizen! Congrats Paul!

The people involved with the flag raising this year were Cathy Dickinson representing the RCMP, Jeff Switzer representing the Canadian Armed Forces, Herb Hermans from the Netherlands, and Maren and Easton Simerson, the grandchildren of John and Mary Ellen Simerson.

The parade started at 9:30, and I think it was the best one yet! Seventy-eight residents and friends participated in the parade this year. Many Bayshore groups were represented, and two of Gunther's relatives from Austria drove his float.

The fishing derby was next on the agenda. Forty-nine kids participated. Not as many fish were caught because of the amount of weeds in Harbour 66, but everyone had a great time

and everyone got a prize for their efforts. A half-day charter from Happy Go Fishing Charters and donated by Callum Johnson as a grand prize, was won by Jason Sofarelli. Thank you, Doug and Sherri Richardson, for running such a well-organized event.

By this time, everyone was hungry! The BBQ was another big hit with 380 people enjoying a hotdog with all the toppings, chips, a drink, and ice cream. Thank you Eugene Storozinski for providing the cotton candy – a delicious treat! What a perfect summertime meal!!

A Canada Day photo booth, bouncy castle, Black Light Party in the Loft, pet show, and children's games rounded out the day at the Hayloft.

The Sail Past was another great success! Twenty watercraft participated and proceeded to the Lagoon City sandbar to enjoy a swim and some fun on the water.

It was a great day!! We as Canadians have so much to be thankful for, and the motto of "Canada Strong and Free" is one to be proud of.

Submitted with thanks,

**Diane Stoner, Social Director**  
**Photos by Mary Andrews, Gilbert De Nobile,**  
**Shelley Hao, Susan Hazlett, Janice Latorre,**  
**Mary Nolan, Janet Sauve, Sharon Seaward,**  
**Diane Stoner, Rehana Suleman**





# CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS – THE PARADE





## CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS - FISHING DERBY





## CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS - BBQ







**CANADA DAY FOOD DRIVE  
FOR SHARING PLACE**

**BAYSHORE RESIDENTS OPENED THEIR  
HEARTS AND HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!!!**

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Chris Peacock  
Executive Director  
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## Yard Sale

### Anne Harwood – Organizer

Thank you to the 42 residents who registered for the 2025 Yard Sale held on May 24th and 25th. It could more aptly be described as a true “Garage Sale” as many took their goods into their garages due to the rain. However, I hope everyone had great success, regardless of the weather, and had the opportunity to meet some new people.

A big thanks again to those individuals who offered their help: Lee Leivo (office), Mary Andrews, Jane and Doug Davies, Susan Hazlett, Starr Oswald, and Diane and Paul Stoner.

After organizing the Yard Sale for the past three years, it is time to pass the “torch” to another Bayshore resident. I have a complete file that I will pass forward to help the new organizer, plus registration funds (minus expenses). Thanks for another great year!

**Anne Harwood**

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# Laughing Matters

A Whimsical Collection of Jokes, Puns and Other Curiosities

## Opening Thoughts

A woman carrying a salad at the local buffet restaurant walked past me, looked at my sirloin steak and potatoes and said in a judgmental tone, "You know that a cow died so that you could eat that steak, don't you?"

I replied politely, "If you weren't eating her food, she probably would have lived."

## Useful Facts

- The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about ten.

## They walk among us

I walked into a Starbucks with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a Grande Latte. I handed it to the server, and he looked over at a little chalkboard that said 'buy one-get one free.' "They're already buy-one-get-one-free," he said, "so I guess they're both free." He handed me my free lattes, and I walked out the door.



## It's Little Johnny time..... again

The teacher asked the class to use the word fascinate in a sentence. Molly put up her hand and said, "My family went to my granddad's farm and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating." The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word fascinate not fascinating." Sally raised her hand and said, "My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated." The teacher said, "Well that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word fascinate." Little Johnny raised his hand but the teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before. She finally decided that fascinate would be safe, so she called on him. Johnny said, "My aunt Caroline has a sweater with ten buttons but her \*\*\*\* are so big she can only fasten eight." The teacher fainted.

## Premium Groaner

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Amal". The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan".

Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his mom. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "But they are twins - if you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

## More Actually Published Church Bulletins

- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer seminar includes meals."
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

## Have you noticed?

Starbucks plans on selling beer and wine. It seems it's difficult to sell sober people a \$12 cup of coffee.

## Seen at the Hayloft



*The Welcome Newcomers Event – June 2025  
(more photos at bayshorevillage.ca, and pages 30 and 31)*

## A Lost Art

Summer's here, and with it come those neighbourhood parties or family BBQs and sometimes, unwelcome guests. In a bygone era, before insults were reduced to four to seven-letter words, hosts used to conduct character assassination in a more subtle way. Here are some ideas for you to entertain.

1. He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.
2. He is a self-made man and worships his creator.
3. Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.
4. He had delusions of adequacy.

## And the Oscar goes to –

5. He loves nature in spite of what it did to him.

## Parting thought

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

**John Alden**



## News from the Lucases

Wendy and Glenn Lucas traveled to Vancouver, B.C. to attend the recent wedding of their son Brett to Kristen Blake on February 16. The wedding and reception was held at Stanley Park Pavilion.



The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Kitsilano where Kristen is a lawyer and Brett is a Partner and Manager in Ecotoxicology and Risk Assessment at Hatfield.

**Wendy and Glenn Lucas**



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## Walking Group Birthdays

The Walking Group celebrated Marc Bertrand and Lorne McCaig's birthdays in June. Happy birthday to you both!

**Photos by Shelley Hao**



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## Around the Village



*Mourning dove roosting in flower planter  
Photo by Janet Sauve*



*Lovely garden display  
Photo by Marika Relvas*



*The turtles made a nursery at BV  
Photo by Sharon Seaward*



*Turtle egg  
Photo by Sharon Seaward*



*Our Refurbished Sign!  
Photo by Janet Sauve*



*Nesting swan  
Photo by Paul Sauve*



*Serene swan  
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*A big beauty  
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*Peter Rabbit  
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**Diane and Paul with  
Arenal Volcano behind**

On March 15, we left San Jose with 36 other passengers on a huge bus to tour Costa Rica. We drove past plantations of pineapple, plantain, bananas, sugar cane, oranges, papaya, and bedding plants. Much of this produce is exported to countries all over the world. Most of the OJ made in CR is exported to Switzerland, and the bedding plants are exported to Europe. We drove to La Fortuna and enjoyed some hiking and an evening at a hot spring. These springs

are naturally heated from the Arenal Volcano. It was a nice experience.

We then traveled to Monteverde, which is in the cloud forest. It was much cooler there since it sits at 1400 metres above sea level. We did a zip line tour, which was pretty exciting! One zip line was one km long. We had to go in tandem so we could make it across the full distance.

We toured a coffee farm, which was fantastic! Costa Rica produces only 3% of the world's coffee – it is high quality and not grown in great quantity.

We left this beautiful place and traveled to the coast and visited Tamarindo, a place we had visited 13 years ago. This town is very built up now and very touristy. It was nice to see it again. We did run into the lady who serves a traditional Costa Rican lunch out of her trunk. We had seen her doing the same thing years ago, and after speaking with her (through a translator), she told us that she has been doing it for 21 years. So cool! (This would not have been possible in our country with our health restrictions.)

Our next stop was Manuel Antonio, a national park that welcomes 360,000 visitors a year. We saw interesting animals and birds as we hiked through this park.

We traveled back to San Jose and went on a city tour with a local guide. He showed us many beautiful buildings that date back to the 1800's and we visited the Central Market (which sells everything from live birds to kitchen wares), where we tasted ice-cream that is handmade from a recipe that dates back to 1901. Delicious!

This bus tour was a great experience where we learned so much about the country. Some of the things that stood out to me were that tourism is the #1 industry, that 99% of the country's population has power, there is safe drinking water throughout the country, school is mandatory from kindergarten to grade 12, there is no military (only police), and there are two seasons – rainy and dry. The huge downside was the road systems, which have narrow, poorly maintained roads and huge amounts of traffic (it would take us four hours to travel 140 kms and our maximum speed was usually 40 km per hour). Costa Rica is a beautiful country to visit that has tons of wildlife and a lush countryside.

**Diane and Paul Stoner**



**JC Lizard - can run on water**



**Ice cream stall**



**Sloth**



**Lady serving lunch out of her trunk**



**Macaw**



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## Newcomers' Welcome Lunch & Club Fair

### Diane Stoner & The Social Committee – Organizers

What a great turnout we had to welcome our new friends and neighbours who moved in this past year! The new format of having our Club Fair upstairs during and following the lunch was very well received. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event such a great success!

*Photos by Shelley Hao, Susan Hazlett*



**Newcomers Karen and Derek**



**Newcomers Barry and Lenora**



**Newcomers Phil and Janet**



**Guests David and Lisa, visiting Phil and Janet from the UK and celebrating their 35th anniversary**



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**Bridge**



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## Newcomers' Welcome Lunch & Club Fair (cont'd)



**Pickleball**



**Tennis**



**Wet Hogs**



**Kayaking**



**Aquafit**



**Volleyball**



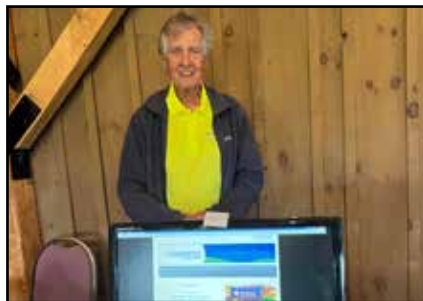
**Euchre**



**Remote Control Flying**



**Julie and Johanne hard at work**



**John, Webmaster**



**Susan and Janet, Greeters**



**"Biker" Gunther  
(IYKYK)**



**Rhonda Wallace was the  
winner of the wine and  
basket from the  
Volunteer draw**



**Gayle, Welcome Wagon**



**Paul and Bill hamming it up  
behind the bar**



## Bridge

### Velma Burley – Organizer

Our bridge groups will continue to play all summer. The Monday group plays in the Hayloft Solarium from 10:00 to 12:30, and the Wednesday group plays from 1:00 to 3:30. The top scores for a round over the last three months for the Monday group were:

5440 by Noel Cooper  
5420 by Debbie Rautins  
4660 by Noel Cooper

and for the Wednesday group were:

5940 by Pat Beecham Cooper  
5800 by Noel Cooper  
4820 by Lloyd Lockhart

Win or lose, playing bridge is 2 1/2 hours of brain-stimulating fun. New players are always welcome! Bridge lessons will be available again in the fall.

**Velma Burley**



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## Euchre

### Janet Sauve – Organizer



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## Art Class

### Jacquie Ivory – Organizer



Another terrific eight-week session of art classes has wrapped up. Doug Cooper returned as our teacher and we all painted our interpretation of an antique rusted out car in a field. Thank you Jacquie for organizing these classes!

There will not be any art classes during the summer – see you in the fall!

**Susan Hazlett**  
**Photo by Manfred Lusch**



## Birds of a Feather

### Barry Peyton – Organizer

The first meeting of the Birds of a Feather birding group was held on June 23. At least a dozen residents were in attendance, and topics of discussion included nest boxes, species in Bayshore, plantings to attract birds, among other things. Monthly meetings will be planned and will be communicated when room arrangements are made. Everyone is welcome.

*Bird photos by Barry Peyton*  
*Meeting photos by Shelley Hao*



*Common Tern*



*Great Egret*



*Bald Eagle building nest on Muley Pt Road*



*Purple Martins*



*Mallard with one-day-old ducklings*



*Osprey*

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*Male Baltimore Oriole*

## Furry Friends



*Grandson Xander with Candy – Janet Sauve*



*Loki, snake hunter – Matt Kalinich*



*Loki, winter cat – Matt Kalinich*



## Hike for Hospice

An enthusiastic group from Bayshore Village participated in the annual Hike for Hospice, held at Tudhope Park in Orillia on Sunday, May 4, 2025. Our team, "BV Friends," has participated in this annual fundraising hike each year since 2022. This worthwhile hike raises much-needed funds and awareness for the services provided in the community by Hospice Orillia and Mariposa House. People

who are living with a life-threatening condition or illness can receive free, compassionate care throughout their lives. Their family is also offered support. We are grateful for the generosity of many donors. Heartfelt thanks to our team for joining me in this hike over the past four years!

**Sharon Miller**



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## Golf Classic

### Marc Bertrand & Golf Committee – Organizers



The Classic golf tournament on Saturday, June 28th, was an overwhelming success – it sold out in record time with 72 golfers. The weather was cooler than in previous years, but it did not rain! Thanks to the hard and continuous work of Rick Indewey and the golf

crew, the course was in pristine condition. A creative putting green by Sharon and Norm Seaward challenged many a golfer! Kudos to you both. Our appreciation goes to Kate White, who once again provided all things “hydrating” for the party zone.

BBQ burgers fresh from the grill for lunch were delicious and appreciated. Thank you Margaret and Murray Bisset for manning the grill, and to Leslie’s team for organizing and purchasing the essentials.

For dinner Leslie Fielding and her team – Bev Joseph, Sally McPherson, Anne Pike, and Donna Wilson – served a delicious buffet with pulled pork, mac and cheese, salads, and key lime pie. Wine courtesy of Dave Horbay was at each table, cheers!

Thank you goes to Irene Heinz for running the silent auction, and to Janet Sauve for assisting with bids. There were many sought after items on display. Johanne Lusch did a wonderful job selling tickets for highly prized mulligans to the golfers.

Marc Bertrand, our MC and head of the Golf Committee, once again did an excellent job of bringing all the small details together to make this day a big success. Marc was pleased to announce this year’s winners.

Drum roll please.....Angela Scott won for the ladies with an impressive score of 67, and Jack Heitzner set a new record with a 52. WOW!

All participants left with a bit of a swagger, having been gifted with cooler bags and coozies embellished with the Bayshore Golf logo.

Thanks and praise go to all the sponsors/donors who supported this event:

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This event would not happen without the many volunteers, golfers and non-golfers alike, who gave freely of their time and thought of all the minute details from setting up to cleaning up. Thanks to all.

**Janice Latorre**

**Photos by Janice Latorre, Sharon Seaward**





## Golf Classic (cont'd)



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## VON - SMART Program's Anniversary Party

Sharon Miller – Organizer

Bayshore Village recently celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of our VON SMART exercise program in our community! We are excited to be part of this exceptional SMART "Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together" program, which has been held in Ontario and Nova Scotia for thirty years. SMART provides exercises that build muscle strength, and improve cardio function, balance, and flexibility.

On April 11, 2025 our volunteer leaders Sharon Miller, Wendy Lucas, Linda Bridges, and Velma Burley welcomed current and past participants, and VON staff to our anniversary lunch. The group photo shows most of our current thirty participants and VON leaders. Another photo shows the past participants who were able to attend our

party, including Cindy and Pete Cavers, Wendy Hurst, Muriel Anderson, Nancy Marzano, Sharon Seaward, Fern and Kathy Kerr, and Jill Pignatell. When our program began in 2010, Laureen Ash, Elizabeth Goode, and Sharon Miller were the first volunteer leaders. Cindy Cavers and Eva Stosch soon joined our team, followed by our current dedicated leaders. Several of our members have been in our class since it began fifteen years ago!

We look forward to many more years of this excellent program at Bayshore Village, every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Hayloft!

**Sharon Miller**

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### Summer Reading

June 27 – August 22 | Join at any time.

No matter your age, the library has a summer reading program just for you. Whether you're reading together, independently, or diving into your next YA favourite, you can track your progress, collect fun items like beads, stickers, or prizes, and earn entries for exciting rewards.

- Ready to Read | Ages 0–5 | Read Together
- TD Summer Reading Club | Ages 5–12 | Read Independently

- YA Summer Reading Program | Ages 12 – 18

### Adult Programs (Registration Required)

- Authors Talk – Bev Baker and Jim Lewis (In Person): Thursday, July 10 | 6:30 PM | Ramara Centre

- Ramara Book Club: Wednesday, July 30, August 27 and September 24 | 1:30 PM | Ramara Centre

July Book: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

August Book: *The Inheritance* by Joanna Goodman

September Book: *Snow Road Station* by Elizabeth Hay

- Sunset Stories – An Outdoor Book Club: Wednesday, July 23 and August 27 | 7 PM | Lagoon City Park

July Book: *This Summer Will Be Different* by Carly Fortune

August Book: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

- Shoot for the Stars with Ian Wheelband: Wednesday, July 30 | 6:30 PM | Ramara Centre

- The Creative Cabana – Adult Craft Club: Thursday, July 17 and August 14 | 6:30 PM | Ramara Centre

- Pack It Safe: Healthy, Happy School Lunches: Thursday, August 19 | 7 PM | Ramara Centre

- Glass Fusion | \$30 | Thursday, August 14 | 6:30 PM | Udney Community Centre

- Tech Series for Seniors:

- \* Cybersafety for Seniors: Thursday, July 31 | 2 PM

- \* Smartphones: Thursday, August 28 | 2 PM

- \* Streaming Boxes: Thursday, September 25 | 2 PM

### Children's Programs (Registration required unless otherwise stated)

- Saturday Craft Club Drop-In and Self-Led Activities: Saturdays 10 AM - 3 PM | Ramara Centre | No registration required.

- Gizmo Garage: Drop-In & Self-Led Activities: Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM | Brechin Location | No registration required.

- Summer Shuffle: Thursdays | 10:30 AM | Ages 6-12 | Ramara Centre

- \* July 10: Storybook STEAM

- \* July 17: Nature Crafts

- \* July 24: Library Lab Potions and Slime

- \* July 31: Make a Monster

- \* August 7: Page to Plate Story & Snack Creations

- \* August 14: Mystery in the Library

- \* August 21: Curious Contraptions

- Bookish Builders: Thursdays | 2:00 PM | Ages 6-12 | Brechin Location

- Garden Snacks & Stories: Friday, July 11, August 8, August 22 | 10:30 AM | All Ages | Ramara Centre

- ABC Explorers: Friday, July 18, July 25, August 15 | 10:30 AM | Ages 0-6 | Various Locations

### Teen Programs

Teen Take & Makes: July 18 and August 15 | Ages 13-18

Get a fun, ready-to-go activity for yourself, your teen, or a teen in your life! Pick up Teen Take & Make Kits starting July 18th and August 15th. No registration required, just stop by while supplies last! Keep your eye out on our social media for what will be included in the kits.

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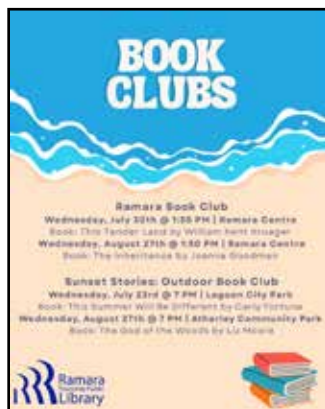
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*\* All meetings and events are subject to change. Continue to watch your emails for updates.*

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

**See page 4 for TeamReach codes.**

## 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.
- **Regular Euchre:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **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:** Open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjong:** Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Solarium. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge:** Mondays at 10:00 am in the Solarium. Contact Judy Kielly.
- **Bridge:** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Bridge Lessons:** Thursdays at 1:00 in the Games Room. Contact Dorothy Hall.
- **Bible Study Group:** Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. 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:** Every other Monday in the Games Room 10:00 am to noon. Contact Michelle Martinez.
- **Photography Club:** Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Gilbert De Nobile.
- **Fitness Class Strength and Tone:** Tuesdays at 10:30 - 11:30 am upstairs in the Hayloft. Bring running shoes and yoga mat. Contact Karen Semple.
- **\*NEW\* "Birds of a Feather"** Monthly meetings for nature enthusiasts will be organized soon. Contact Barry Peyton 705-689-0852.
- **\*NEW\* Beginner Spanish:** Details TBD. Contact Janet Sauve.

## SEASONAL FUN!

- **Pool** is now open: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. 10 people maximum in pool and deck if no lifeguard; 30 people max in pool and deck if lifeguard present. Adults Only Time 4:30 to 5:30 pm daily. Contact John Simerson.
- **Pickleball:** Organized games Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9-11 am. Also Tuesdays, and Fridays 3-5 pm and Sundays 2-4 pm. Contact Dave Renaud.
- **Pickleball Lessons:** Contact John Alden.
- **Golf:**  
Ladies Mondays at 9:00 am (10:00 in September). Contact Irene Heinz.  
Ladies Wednesdays at 9:00 am (10:00 in September). Contact Linda Bridges.  
Men's Fridays 10:00 am. Contact Keith Meadows.  
Mixed: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Sharon Seaward.
- **Tennis:** Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays 9 am to 11 am. Contact Jeff Switzer.
- **AquaFit:**  
High Energy Mondays and Fridays 11-11:45  
Simply Stretching Wednesdays 11-11:45  
Contact Deborah May.  
Open AquaFit Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 am (participants to grab the boombox and follow along with the CD).
- **Volleyball:** Mondays at 6:00 pm at Harbour 99. Contact Terri Papa.
- **Kayak Paddlers:** Kayak Paddlers every other Tuesdays, details will be sent out prior to those who express an interest via email. Contact Glenn Lucas or Irene Heinz.
- **Wet Hogs:** Contact John Simerson for dates and times.
- **Backyard Happy Hour Mixers:** Backyard Happy Hour Mixers Fridays at 4:00 pm on July 4 and 18, August 8 and 22, September 5 and 19. Contact Wendy Lucas or Mary Nolan.
- **\*NEW\* Cornhole:** Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm at Harbour 99. Contact John Simerson.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE!

- Oct 25 - Makers' Market. Lynda Bertrand
- Oct 31 - Halloween Treat on the Street. Diane Stoner
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