

The Glen Echo

Summer 2024



This would not be possible without the wonderful volunteers who assisted the pub committee with the set-up and take down of tents and tables, the serving of the food, clean-up afterwards, and all the planning, which takes a lot of time.



Oh Canada, what a beautiful sunny day under what

seemed like a painted blue sky.

The day was well attended with 123 residents, lots of smiles, red

and white colours, and topped off with some interesting hats.



We appreciate all of those who helped. We also want to thank all those who attended making this a very successful day.

Doug Bannon



Everyone joined in to sing the National Anthem, followed with a prayer from our resident minister. The games that were casually laid out attracted many, while others enjoyed milling about

visiting friends, neighbours, and newcomers. The meal consisted of delicious chicken with gravy, potato salad, coleslaw, bean salad and rolls, topped off with ice cream bars.



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CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday			
May	6	Bill Kitchen	75th
May	14	Karen Younger	
May	30	Janet Hague	
May	31	Gerry Lang	
June	25	Jo-Anne Burns	
Happy Anniversary			
May	8	Alison and Peter Hebert	
May	16	Flo and Gerry Lang	65th
June	8	Charmaine and Jack Irwin	41st

Please let Faye Heffernan know if you would like your celebration in The Glen Echo.
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Chair Chat

What an amazing array of things to choose from in Antrim Glen.

There is the annual garage sale, bus trips, ice cream sundaes, strawberry social, fish & chips pub night, monthly bingo, craft show, the annual Canada Day celebration, to name a few.

In addition, there are many regular group activities. Starting with this issue, we will be featuring some of them and will continue with more each issue. These activities are listed and can be found on the main page of the Glen Net.

A great way to meet new people is to get involved and participate in what is offered.

Research tells us that social activities and hobbies are helpful for our health and well-being, realizing that everyone has different limits on the amount of time they can spend on social or other activities.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who continually provide us with the variety of activities available to us.

Slow Cooker Sweet Ginger Pork Chops

On a hot day – great in the slow cooker

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 6 hours

Serves: 6

Ingredients:

- 6 boneless pork chops
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

1. Place pork chops on bottom of 6-quart slow cooker.
2. Whisk all other ingredients together in a medium-size bowl.
3. Pour mixture over the chops.
4. Cook on low for 6 hours.

Comment – tasty!

Beryl Cooper



SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

Millions of people all over the world gathered to experience the precious moment of the Sun becoming completely blocked by the Moon. People were



together at The Glen, in driveways, and in their garages with their special glasses to see this event. Even though we had clouds for most of the day, fortunately the Sun came out in time, and we were able to see the eclipse happen and the sky turning dark. There were many areas where people were disappointed due to cloud coverage, leaving only the dark skies for their viewing.

The amazing thing is how a solar eclipse is possible. The Sun, an 870,000 mile-wide ball of



gas, over 90 million miles away, gets completely blocked by the Moon, a 2,100 mile-wide ball of rock, 2,400 miles away.

Going back thousands of years, scientists used eclipses to pin down the characteristics of the Earth's and the Moon's orbits. This allowed them to figure out the diameters of both bodies. Solar eclipses have taught us how the Earth operates, and using

historical records, we learned about changes in our planet's spin, or in other words, how long a day lasts.

The Earth is constantly changing shape, albeit in tiny ways. For example, the Earth's surface can get pushed on and dragged by wind currents and ocean flows. The waves impede spin rate as they break on the continental shelves, moving more of its mass closer to the axis. These shape changes and braking effects help to get a picture of how the spin rate has changed over time, which in turn gets the eclipses to line up in the right places when we rewind the Earth and the Moon.

The Earth's spin rate is also tied to the Moon's very slow movement away from us; approximately 1.5 inches per year. As the Moon recedes, the Earth spins a bit more slowly. This will dramatically affect future solar eclipses. Eventually, the Moon will be too small in our sky to block the entire Sun. However, total eclipses are going to be around for another 600 million years, give or take. The next Solar Eclipse for North America will not be until 2044.



Charmaine Irwin

Hiking Group



The Antrim Glen hikers (Peter and Kyle Jones, Anne Hough, Kathy Horak, and Frances Woolcott) were in awe of the beautiful, fragrant lilac bushes on their recent trip to the

Arboretum at the Royal Botanical Gardens.



Our hike on May 21 to Chedoke Radial Trail in Hamilton.

Anne Hough, Frances Woolcott, Toni Pimentel, Kyle Jones, and Peter Jones



Kathy Horak

Darts League

On behalf of all the participants of the Antrim Glen Monday Night Darts League, we wish to thank Rod Richards for his time, talents and coaching.



We look forward, with anticipation, to the start up again in the fall. All are welcome. If you don't have darts, we will supply them for the first couple of weeks. It's a great time, very friendly and non-competitive.

Shown in the photo are Rod Richards and Ron Klinck. Ron hits the double 10 with one dart. Way to go, Ron. Great finish.

Doug Bannon



Bus Trip

On May 29, 45 residents and one guest travelled to Niagara Falls by bus to visit Fallsview Casino. It seems like we had a lot of winners, as they all want to go back.

Another trip has been planned for July 31. Watch for the notice, as we need 40 passengers to make this trip happen.



Thanks again for joining us.

John Moisan, Bill Schefter, Barb Heaphy and John Mauro.

Pub Night - Karaoke

A big thank you to the community for their support in our recent Karaoke night at The Glen. It was certainly well attended, with so much talent being demonstrated here in the neighbourhood. The air was full of laughter and song, which was great to see. Ken and Diane Bangerter had the popcorn machine running at full tilt, and when it was all said and done, we only had one bag of popcorn left.



and Nancy Clodge. Thanks to Nathan Roik, Karen and Rob Younger for sound production.

It was a great night where everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We will probably be doing this again soon.

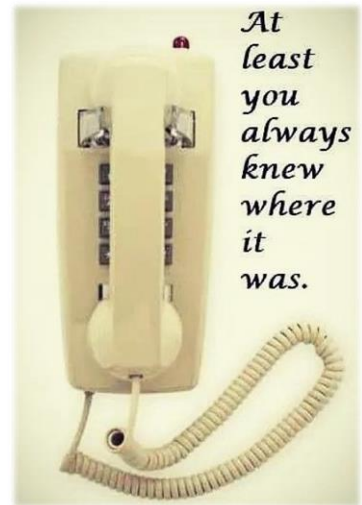
A big thank you to the committee members, who are dedicated to making every event a memorable experience for the residents, and all the volunteers who helped.

Doug Bannon



The trivia was a lot of fun, no phones were allowed, and near-perfect pages of answers were turned in.

Thanks to Darlene and Bill, who looked after the Toonie draw, with prizes for Ken Bangerter



The War of 1812 The Bloody Assize in Ancaster

During the War of 1812 most of the Canadian settlers remained loyal to their homeland and King George. However, there were a few faint-hearted ones, and turncoats, who committed high treason. This was considered the most heinous of all crimes.

In 1813, General Vincent, the British Commanding Officer of the Niagara Peninsula in Upper Canada, had retreated to Burlington Heights. This action was possibly abandoning the western portion of the province, turning it over to the enemy. Perhaps this is why lukewarm settlers in the Long Point area, joined the enemy and started plundering neighbouring farms.

Most of the people in Ancaster were one hundred percent loyal, but there was one person who was a traitor, Abraham Marcale, who would long be remembered. He had previously become an American and was suspected of disloyalty right from the beginning of the war. He was ultimately imprisoned, even though he protested, claiming that he was loyal

because his four brothers had served with the Butlers Rangers. However, when he was released, he returned to Ancaster, then disappeared in the Fall of 1813 to join other disaffected settlers and join the enemy.



In December, the Norfolk militia, with 28 men, marched to Chatham and attacked Marcale's men, killing two, and taking 15 prisoners. They were jailed in York to await trial. Unfortunately, Marcale escaped and was never seen again in Canada.

The responsibility for prosecuting the traitors was given to young John Beverly Robinson who determined the trial was to be held in Ancaster in May or June 1814. It was chosen

as a place of importance. The Union Hotel in Ancaster was large enough to hold the trial, and with General Vincent's post at Burlington Heights, it would be safe in case the enemy tried to rescue the prisoners.

On May 23 1814 the court opened in the Union Hotel, attracting curiosity seekers coming from all directions and renting sleeping quarters in all vacant rooms, sheds, and barns. Ultimately, of the fifteen prisoners, seven were granted clemency, and were saved from death. The hanging of the rest took place on July 20 1814, attracting a steady procession of rigs and pedestrians making their way to watch the proceedings.

Among the viewers was a 16-year-old boy, John Ryckman, who wrote his reminisces of the affair 60 years later, which was posted in the Hamilton Spectator on October 4 1880.

John wrote: "I was born in 1798, two miles from Hamilton, where I saw eight men hanged on the other side of Locke Street near Dundurn. Rude gallows had been erected with eight nooses. Later, their heads were chopped off and they were exhibited as traitors. The execution was conducted by Sheriff Merritt of Niagara." Later, the eight were buried in the Hamilton Cemetery near Dundurn Castle.

The Royal Scots regiment who fought in many Niagara battles wore the belt buckles displayed below.

There are no known pictures of the Union Hotel in Ancaster.



Richard Dorman



The Special Events

Committee welcomed 115 guests to our annual Strawberry Social. The warm breezy evening couldn't have been more perfect as we enjoyed Marcy's Strawberries, piled high on homemade cake, and topped off with a spoonful of real

whipped cream. Thank you all for coming out and supporting this event.

A big, big thank you to the committee and our community volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the evening a success! See you next year!



Faye Heffernan



Our Grandfather Clock

There is a clock
That stands
Proud and tall
In the center
Of our home

It comes from
Generations
Twice removed
From me -
My grandfather's
Grandfather clock
this clock

For a century now
It has chimed
The hours of
My family's life
It stops working
When there
Is no one
To wind it up

My grandfather
Took his turn
Then my dad
And now my husband
Pulls the chains
Each week
Like clockwork
- is that the reason
behind this phrase? -
To keep the clock
In tune

This week
The clock went
Out for care
It was time to
Check its
Inner works
A craftsman came
And took the parts
Leaving my clock
Without a face

We find
We are lost
Without this clock
It grounded
Our daily lives



Our eyes would
Seek its golden face
At random moments
Throughout our day

It was not time
We sought
We have so many
Other ways to check
The hour
Fitbit, phone or
Cuckoo clock
But it is
This grand old guy
Who brings
The time of ages
The connecting
Lines of family
To our home

I can only hope
The generation
After mine
Will treasure
This timepiece
Not so much
For its function
But its history

And when they
Glance, as we do
At its face
They will also
See the hands
Of those
Who pulled
The chains
In years gone by

And know
That time
Is measured
By more
Than the chiming
Of a clock



Jo-Anne Burns

Author's Note: The clock is once again home after being repaired and chiming perfectly for the first time in years.

Community Garage SALE

While Mother Nature did not cooperate for our garage sale this year, the cars still came out in droves!

They started circling Antrim Glen Friday evening, and were back again at 6:30 am, when I was putting pylons in place. Approximately 70 homes participated, and thanks to the advertising signage on the concession roads, and social media posts, it was a great turnout.



At the suggestion of some residents, we reversed the route this year for the cars

travelling throughout our community. It worked well. I arranged for Argus Residence to come at the end of the day and pick up items from those residents who wished to support this cause. A win on both sides, as we didn't have to haul our treasures back into the house at the end of the day. Everything went to The Uptown Thrift Store in Cambridge where 100 percent of sales go to supporting homeless youth in the community.

The success of the day was largely due to the generous support of Sarah Middleton and Paige Hadwen from Royal Lepage Crown Realty. They created our social media posts,



provided our advertising, and printed the maps that were handed out to each car entering Antrim Glen. I also

would not have managed without the help of Doug Coghlin and my husband Scott, who not only helped with repairs and changes to our signage, but they also set them up on corners



of concession roads far and wide, then took them down in the rain.



This year we had some great directional arrows donated by Bev and Al Arseneau. With the addition of some stakes, they worked

very well. I would like to thank Randy McEwin, who for many years, has been the first face our garage sale visitors are greeted by at the entrance. He has done it, year after year,



despite the weather, always with a smile, and his sense of humour. Randy, your help was so appreciated.

This was my last year running this annual event. For it to continue, volunteers will be required for next year. If you are interested, please let the Board know, and I will be happy to fill you in on the details.



Susan Currie

Christian Connection

Where has the time gone? Here we are entering the summer season, and it seems like the older we get, the faster the clock goes.

Recently, our Monday morning Christian Connection meetings have had 36-40 people attending to participate in two very interesting video series. The first was Max Lucado's 'Help is Here', and the second, 'The Case for Heaven and Hell' by Lee Strobel. Both were so helpful, interesting, informative, and introspective.

We thank Reverend Harv Wilkie, one of our resident ministers, for facilitating these events, adding some laughs and great discussion questions for our group. We recognize how much study and preparation this takes, so, thank you Harv.

Collectively, we have assisted with two Celebrations of Life, and have helped others within the community as their needs arise.

Over the summer we put our regular Monday morning meeting on hold but host a monthly BBQ for the community. You are all welcome to come share in a meal, and enjoy a great time of friendship and fellowship, and we encourage our newer residents to join us. There is no agenda.

If you have any questions, or need any help, you are welcome to contact our Christian Connection committee members: Reverend Harv and Sandy Wilkie, Sylvia Fry, Jan McEwin, Kathy Horak, Mary Mauro, Terry and Sharon Whitfield, Carol Maund and Murray Proud.

Our regular Monday meetings will resume September 16th 9:30-11:30 am. We hope you will come and join us.

Have a great summer!

Sylvia Fry

Emergency Planning Committee

The Vial of Life program is now in place by the Committee and is well under way to being delivered to all residents in our community.

The Block Captains have the vials and appropriate paperwork required for a visit to the residents in their area. Delivery of all vials will be completed soon.

The response has been overwhelmingly received by most of the residents. As houses are sold and new residents move in, the Block Captains will contact them to ascertain their interest in the program.

We lost a couple of captains, but others have stepped up to replace them. We thank all of them for their time and effort.

We have adopted the saying for all to use and that is:

"If you can't speak for yourself, this program will speak for you".

Margann Huff



Peonies at Bill Kitchen and Samia Jackson's home.

My Parents



I was very lucky to have both parents live to 101 years of age. My mum Sylvia passed in August 2020, and my dad Ronald in May 2022. They were married 80 years which is more than a lifetime for most.



My dad was always busy, and he was particularly good at repairing anything and making things work. He served in the RAF as a Regimental Sergeant Major in the Second World War in Malta,

Italy, and North Africa. He repaired such aircrafts as Spitfires, Lancasters, and Mosquitos, plus various others.

After the war, he worked in engineering as a draftsman. Money was always short, and having a young family to support, you would always see him working on the house or repairing his car to make sure everything worked as it should.

I used to watch him, and although he did not realize it at the time, he became my mentor, and I wanted to be just like him. My parents always said to their children, "that if they were not there, how would things get done". The answer was, we would have to do things ourselves, which made us all independent. They showed me the true values in life, love, respect, and honesty with a bit of hard work.



My dad also had a love for making children's toys and models. He made doll

houses for all the granddaughters, and model cars for the boys, some of which are still in

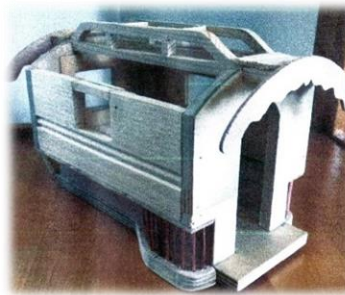


existence around parts of England. When he retired, he continued making toys for children, and he loved making model Traveller

caravans like those used by the Romani people.

The Romani race, often referred to as Gypsies, travelled from place to place, and usually in their caravans. It is believed that they left India in the eleventh century. Over time, they gained many European influences, but kept a distinct ethnicity and heritage.

Everything he made was from a plan, so he would buy the materials and fabricate all the parts by hand. Each one he made was always different from the first, as he liked to change them.



When he passed, he had unfinished projects – four caravans and a couple of Barrel Organ carts. So, I asked my siblings to parcel everything up and send them to me to finish off as a tribute to my dad.

I have finished two of the caravans and am working on the others. Like my dad, I am making each one a little different than the last, as I find ways to improve and add things.



Working on them gives me a lot of joy and keeps my dad close.

I am very proud to have had such great parents who shaped me to be who I am today.

Peter Woodthorpe



Hibiscus Dancers Are at it Again!

We are so blessed to be able to perform at events and luaus and find great pleasure in performing these dances.

Hula is the language of the heart, therefore the heartbeat of the Hawaiian people. Stories and songs are told and passed on through the dance using hand and arm movements.

On Friday May 24 2024, eight ladies performed 11 dances at Edgewater Senior Living in Georgetown. Our dear friend and former resident of Antrim Glen, Nadine Eaton, lives there, and I had the pleasure of visiting her last December. While there, she introduced me to the Program Director and hinted to her that we perform Hawaiian Dancing. Of course, we love to perform at places where we know someone.

One of our dances is called “*Let There Be Hawaii*”. It is a story of the creation of Hawaii and describes the heavens, earth, mountains, oceans, and the people. Another very famous and well-known song called “*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*” has a very interesting story behind it. It is perhaps the most renowned and iconic song of the 20th century, and is often synonymous with the Jewish experience of WWII. Written in 1939 with a strong set of lyrics about escaping beyond the rainbow to a land ‘where the clouds are far behind’, the song’s appeal continues to this day and has captured the hearts of many people along the way.

We will be taking a break during the summer, but in the fall, we hope to start a beginner class. Ladies, think about joining!

Diane Bangerter

Kentucky Derby

A celebration of the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses, was in full swing on Gracehill, as people gathered at the residence of Carolyn Andrews to watch the big race.



Horses and Hats was the theme of the day, which included all sizes, shapes, colours, and every style of hat imaginable. What a wonderful spectacle.

The horses ran one and a quarter miles for a purse of 5 million dollars, of which 2.5 million went to the winner. The winning horse was number three, Mystik Dan, going off at the large odds of 18-1, and paying \$40.

Doug Bannon



On a beautiful Saturday morning, May 11, four volunteers arrived, and donned their gloves, safety vests and boots, preparing for the cleanup of Concession 8.



*Ron Binks, Jan Bignell,
Kathy Horak & Antonia Pimentel.*

They pulled litter, mostly cans, bottles, and paper cups out of the wet ditches for ¾ km either side of Glenariff Drive.

Twelve bags, seven garbage and five recycling, were picked up by our drivers, Jack and

Charmaine Irwin, and brought to The Glen for Monday’s waste collection.

Thanks to Lesley Beaumont, Paula Harcourt and others who try to keep the trails and the path around the two ponds clean as they take their daily walks. Our dedicated volunteers and community residents, who are committed to preserving our lovely environment, deserve our appreciation and thanks.

Kathy Horak

Training my Humans

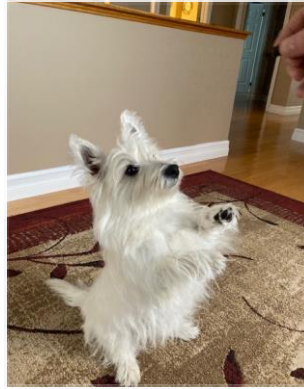
They were mesmerized as they took turns holding me on their laps. They could not believe that at only six weeks of age, my eyes were able to lock onto theirs with such intensity. They thought they were picking me, but in reality, I was picking them, as after all, I am a Westie. Two weeks later, with the name Kaylee, I am heading to my forever home where the training will begin. My instincts tell me that training them will be easy.

This looks like a nice home, with lots of open space to run. Oh! There's a big fluffy cat, it's hissing, batting, and chasing me. Wow, this is fun. My playtime quickly ends as I am snatched up and placed into something they call a playpen. This won't do! I'd better explain the ground rules. "Now here's what you should know about a Westie. I love comfort, I am very independent, smart, nosey, tough, and of course stubborn. I love attention so make yourself available to give me belly rubs and head scratches. Oh, and one more thing, I love food, lots of food." Yep! That got their attention, those silly smiles said it all. Humans are so predictable.

It's been a month since I arrived, and it doesn't seem as though they are getting all of the rules. Mommy, as she likes to be called, is doing fine, but the one called daddy will need a lot more training. Yesterday, I was introduced to walking outside. I was a little nervous at first, but then came the smells, oh those wonderful smells. This one seems interesting. There I marked it. There's a four-legged critter I bet I can catch. Ahhhh! That hurt! Next time the neck thing stays at home.

After six months, I finally seem to be making some headway. For my comfort, they have placed a soft mat in front of the fireplace, and a viewing table by the window. The head scratches and belly rubs are constant, and I get lots of food. I still must wear that collar, but I don't mind, at least it gets me outside for walks. There is still a problem as they don't

want me to bark. Barking is what I do. Have you not noticed! I am a dog. I have them trained now though. "Give me a treat and I will stop." Works every time.



Ah yes, treats! It makes my humans so easy to train. It's my secret weapon, and it works best when I'm being walked. I chase a critter, I'm told to stop, I do, I get a treat. When I walk ahead, I'm told to wait, I do, I get a treat. When I jump up on people who pet me, I'm told to sit, I do (sometimes), I get a treat (sometimes).

This tactic also works inside the home, especially when they are preparing meals. I give them my sad hungry stare, and tiny tidbits are offered in exchange for performing a trick. Then it all comes to a halt. The one called mommy is holding a thing she calls a weigh scale. She places it on the floor. The one called daddy steps on it, then steps off, picks me up and steps back on. They seem stressed. Words such as pudgy, fat, and unhealthy are echoing throughout the kitchen. This doesn't sound good. The thing I fear the most has arrived. They are starting to treat me like a dog.

I just had my second birthday and even though all my terms have not yet been met, we have come to an agreeable compromise. I still bark, they tell me to stop, and I go woof. They seem to like that because they laugh. The food thing seems to fluctuate though. At the sound of a fridge or cupboard door opening, I come running, give them my lovable stare, and voila, food. Then the weigh scale comes out... again.

I may have underestimated my humans and I know that they have underestimated me, but I love them, and they love me. I guess I have the life of a dog and I'm okay with that.



John Hayward

In Memory



Ruby Campbell Anderson

July 15 1939 - April 24 2024

After 17 years as a resident of Antrim Glen, Ruby Anderson (nee Kidd), sadly passed peacefully.

She was born in Dundee, Scotland where she met and married Gord Anderson in 1961. Although they emigrated to Canada in 1974, they both retained their Scottish hearts. A “No parking or you will be kilt” sign proudly and humorously stands outside their Portrush Court home.

Ruby and Gord spent many happy evenings dancing and playing music, both in Canada and in Scotland. Before enjoying retirement in Antrim Glen, they raised their two fine sons, George and Gord in Brampton. Three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren filled her life, before and after the loss of Gord in 2018. Ruby was a proud Scottish woman, who in the last few years, shared her home with her son Gord. No one kept house like Ruby. A more spotless house you could not find.

To paraphrase the famous Scotsman, Robbie Burns, “If there is another world, she lives in bliss. If there is none, she made the best of this.”

Gord Anderson



Ronald Brechin Bruce

November 7 1939 - April 10 2024

In 1963, Ron graduated with honors in Advertising Illustration Art from OCAD in Toronto. He taught various mediums of art at General Brock High School, Burlington, Ontario for 35 years. He also participated in the Flamborough Studio Tour. His artistic ability was enjoyed by many, including a picture of Terry Fox that was admired by Terry’s mother when she visited General Brock High School.



Ron was born in St. Catharines, where we met in 1961, being introduced by my brothers who were in the Drum Corps with Ron at the time. I was 17 and Ron was 21. We were married in St. Catharines on August 1 1964. This August we would have celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary. As devout Catholics, Ron and I were involved in the Charismatic, Cursillo, and COR movements in the 1980s.

Ron’s musical journey began at the age of 12, when he played the horn with the Grantham Township Police Boys Band, The Toronto Marching Ambassadors Drum Corps, The Regionnaires, and Buccaneers Drum Corps. Ron won the highest score trophy at the 1963 Canadian Drum Corps Association Individual Bugling Championship in Toronto. He shared his passion for music by teaching the horn line for the Chessmen Drum Corps, Dutch Boy Cadets, and Flying Dutchmen.

Ron had a deep love for singing. He sang in choirs at St. Gabriel’s Church in Burlington, and St. Peter’s Church in Naples, Florida. For over 20 years Ron also enjoyed singing in the Canadian Male Orpheus Choir, travelling on tour in 2006 to England, playing solo trumpet,

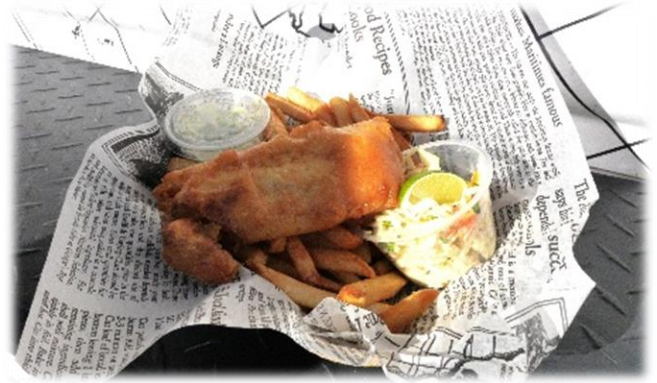
and singing with 900 other voices at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Ron was a great dancer, and we enjoyed many nights line dancing and country couples dancing in St. Catharines and Naples, Florida. He had a wonderful sense of humour. Being a legendary hugger, his warm hugs were enjoyed by his family and friends.

Ron and I lived in Waterdown before moving to Antrim Glen in September 2017.

I miss him so much, he was the "love of my life", we did everything together. He will be greatly missed by our children Rhonda, (Kathy), Chris, (Brigitte), and our grandchildren Elyse, Kyra. Eric and great-granddaughter Aliya.

A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Freelton on April 19, 2024.



Rona Bruce

Pub Night - Fish & Chips - Trivia Night

A big thank you to the community for their support of our fish and chips plus trivia night.

The catch of the day was outstanding, and we served approximately 123 guests. The trivia was a big hit, as was the video that played during dinner. We received several compliments, which are much appreciated.



Pub Committee - absent Murray Proud



A big thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who make such a good time possible.

Doug Bannon

Toxic Plants in Ontario



Ontario's landscape is bursting with natural plants but beneath the beauty, noxious plants can thrive and cause mild to severe irritation and

undesirable symptoms.

If you're an avid gardener or nature enthusiast, it's advisable to familiarise yourself with these plants. Some of the most common ones are:



Poison Oak

Wild Parsnip



Wild Parsnip can grow to 1.5 metres tall. Its yellow flowers form a flat-topped bunch, quite visible from late May through early fall. It has a distinct

Parsnip fragrance. Like Giant Hogweed, Wild Parsnip harbours a toxic sap that triggers dermatitis upon skin contact, which can cause painful burns, blisters, and skin discoloration.



Hogweed

Giant Hogweed resembles Queen Anne's Lace. It spreads easily and can

establish itself along roadsides, ditches, and streams. From late spring to mid-summer, Giant Hogweed produces a large upside-down, umbrella-shaped head with clusters of tiny white flowers. It has a toxic sap that, when exposed to light, can cause severe burns on human skin.

Poison Ivy, Oak & Sumac

The infamous "leaves of three, leave it be" saying serves as a warning against this



plant, poison ivy. It has a potent punch with a strong oil resin, urushiol, on its leaves, stems, and root. Poison Oak and Poison Sumac also have the same resin on them. This can trigger allergic contact dermatitis in 60 to 80% of those exposed. It can linger on clothing, shoes or pet fur transferring the allergen to the skin upon contact. Wash your skin right away if you encounter these plants.

Pokeweed



Pokeweed is found in meadows, woodland edges, and waste areas across Southwestern Ontario. It

features a distinctive red trunk-like stem that hollows out as the plant matures. The flowers range from green to white, while the fruit starts green and darkens to a deep purple or black when ripe. However, despite its visual appeal, Pokeweed poses significant risks as it is poisonous to both humans and animals. Ingesting Pokeweed can lead to symptoms such as sweating, blurred vision, abdominal pains, weakness, vomiting, and even unconsciousness.

As you venture into Ontario's great outdoors, keep toxic plants in mind to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Remember, when in doubt, it's best to admire these plants from a distance and avoid direct contact to protect yourself from their harmful effects.

Beryl Cooper

Meet your neighbour

Ann and Harold Wallace

Ann was born in Newmarket, the second youngest of six children, three sisters and two brothers. She attended kindergarten and grade one in Fergus before the family moved to just outside of London England, where she was schooled until age 12. Her father, who worked for the Ontario government, was required to travel. He moved his family to Mississauga, and then to Winnipeg before settling in Kitchener. This is where Ann met her husband, Harold. He was the youngest of six children, born in Palmerston, and was raised on a mixed farm.

Harold enjoyed playing basketball in grades 12 and 13 at Wingham High School, which was 20 miles away. He worked for the Waterloo Regional Police force for 30 years, at first in the Records Department for 18 months, then took police foundations training courses. He found the swing shifts of two weeks days, two weeks afternoons, and two weeks nights difficult. After retirement in 2002, Harold was a limousine driver for several years.

Harold and Ann got married in 1975, and settled in Ayr where their two sons, Keith and Adam were born. Ann began her career at Conestoga College in administration before accepting a position in North York as a Senior Negotiator representing public sector workers throughout Ontario.

Ann and Harold have two purebred Australian Shepherds. Gracie, (aged 6), a mini, and Maggie, (aged 13), a standard. Both dogs are in the Cambridge Chapter of the St. John Ambulance Therapy Program (SJATP). All St John's therapy dogs are the pets of their handlers. They receive no special training to become a therapy dog but must have had



basic obedience training to participate. The dogs are child and vulnerable persons tested, meaning they can visit with children of all ages, as well as more vulnerable and disadvantaged youth and adults in the community.

The SJATP reaches out to thousands of people across Canada daily, bringing comfort, joy, and companionship to members of the community. This includes those who are sick, lonely, residing in long-term care, mental health facilities, hospitals, schools, and library settings. Program participants reap the therapeutic benefits of

the unconditional companionship of a four-legged friend.

One at a time, Maggie and Gracie each visit St. Andrew's Terrace Long-Term Care facility, and Cambridge Community Living, (persons with physical and mental disabilities). Maggie participates in library visits where school-aged children sit on the floor and read to her. Maggie loves the reading program. During the COVID pandemic, dogs were permitted to visit, bringing comfort to the lonely.

When Maggie was a young dog, Ann began more formal training with her agility, scent detection, flyball, and tricks training. Her introduction to SJTD's was during an agility class when a fellow dog lover and friend, who was involved in the therapy dog program, recruited Maggie for SJTD's. Ann and Maggie have been an active therapy dog team ever since, and have recently recruited Gracie to follow in her big sister's paw prints.

What brought Ann and Harold to Antrim Glen? They wanted to downsize to a bungalow near their two sons, one in Guelph, and one in Cambridge. Ann was on a beautiful drive in the country with her son on Mother's Day 2023, when they stumbled upon the community of Antrim Glen. Their realtor found the perfect house on Gracehill and their house in Ayr was sold in three days.



Message From the Board

Summer's here and, as always, an AGHA Board year has ended, and another has started.

The annual meeting of the Antrim Glen Homeowners' Association was held June 8th with 193 in attendance, either in person or by proxy. That figure represents approximately 52 per cent of the Association's eligible voting members and 40% of the total membership. The Board sincerely thanks those residents who took time out on a beautiful morning to participate.

There were only a few issues raised, which allowed the meeting to move smoothly and quickly. After some introductory comments, the minutes from the previous year's annual meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report. The AGHA as of March 31 2024, continues to have a healthy cash asset balance of \$33,831, up approximately \$5,700 from the previous year. This positive increase in assets comes primarily from advertising revenues from The Glen Echo, the payment of association fees by residents, and the surplus from events hosted by both the Glen Pub and Special Events committees. Conversely, the Board incurred no unplanned or abnormal expenses, thus allowing for the positive increase. The Board would like to thank resident, Susan Neal, who is by trade a Chartered Professional Accountant. She, in her capacity as a resident, and not formally as an accountant, reviewed our financial statement and procedures and advised us that our methodology and accuracy appeared reasonable.

Following this, the revised Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were presented and approved with some minor amendments. The most notable differences between the newly revised edition and the previous were:

- The items in the Articles of Incorporation (previously called the Constitution) were reduced to only those that are strictly

Ann is enjoying the company of the ladies in the knitting group. She is busy knitting baby items for their second granddaughter due soon. Harold likes to play guitar and cribbage. His older brother taught him to play guitar, and he shares his love of music with Rob Younger. The two men spend hours playing the old tunes.

Harold and Ann are taking in as many activities and events that Antrim Glen has to offer, when their schedules will permit.

Kathy Horak and Ann Wallace



Why English is Hard to Learn

We will begin with *box*, the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*,
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a complete set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular is *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his* and *him*.
But imagine the feminine...*she*, *shis* and *shim*!



required under the Ontario Governments' Non-Profit Corporations Act.

- Those items removed from the Articles were now incorporated into the By-Laws, such that the two items in tandem continue to provide the same rules and regulations as previously, with a few notable exceptions. Why change then? It allows the AGHA to manage its affairs without having to pay additional fees or needing government approval for future changes, if required.
- Wording was added to state that tenants cannot be voting members of the association. While not an issue at this time, it ensures that, at no future point, can renters gain control of the association, and thus determine how AGHA assets could be handled. The AGHA's prime purpose is to benefit the homeowners of Antrim Glen, whose concerns and interests could, at some future point, differ from those of renters living in Antrim Glen, should renting become more prevalent.
- The requirements for a quorum at the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting were made stricter. Previously, only 20% of members were required to satisfy a quorum; now the requirement is 33.3% of voting members. Under the previous rule it would have been possible to have a valid meeting, but with no one eligible to vote.
- Lastly, the by-law limiting membership on Board appointed committees to one member from a household was amended to now permit more than one member from a household, subject to Board approval and oversight. This change comes about from concerns expressed about the difficulty in securing new people to serve on committees.

Following the approval of the above, nominations for new Board members were requested from the floor. While all but Pat Mossman were returning to the Board, an election was required to re-elect Ross Hayward and Dave Cooper, as well as to fill the vacancy arising from Pat's resignation. One nomination was received from the floor, that being for former Board member, Gayle Foley. As there were three spots open and only three nominees, no election was required. The Board welcomes Gayle, and sincerely thanks Pat Mossman for her contributions.

As well as thanking the Board for their time and dedication to this committee, we would also like to thank all the residents who volunteer their time and efforts to the various committees and activities that contribute to make Antrim Glen a vibrant, active community. Without that kind of dedication, Antrim Glen would be a much less enjoyable home for all of us.

Now we commence a new year. At our June 17th directors' meeting it was determined that the officers and directors will retain their current positions, except for Jessie Lochhead, who will replace Pat Mossman as the Secretary. For myself, this is my final year on the Board. Unfortunately, my home situation requires I be more available as needed. My thanks therefore, to my fellow Board members for the additional responsibilities they have kindly agreed to assume, allowing me increased flexibility.

Looking forward to a productive and satisfying year for the Board and the community that it serves.

**Gary Cline, Chair
AGHA Board of Directors**



Group Activities



Golf Group

We are a fun group of Happy Hookers and Slicers, who like to play a round at Pineland Greens Golf Club on Friday mornings from May to September, annually.

Currently, we have 75 golfers on our roster, but not everybody plays every week. The average is 40-45 per week so far this year.

All Antrim Glen residents, current and past, along with their house guests, are welcome to join us, regardless of their golfing abilities.

We play some different fun games throughout the year, culminating in a group lunch or banquet with prizes at the end of the season.

On Friday June 7, we had our Monkey Golf Tournament. You choose three clubs from your golf bag and play the round with those only. It was a lot of fun.

Antrim Glen Golf Committee
Faye Heffernan, Linda Gibbons,
Mari Kirkwood, Rod Richards and Ray Stevens



Horseshoes

If you enjoy being outside chatting with friends and neighbours you haven't seen for awhile, or would like to meet new ones, then come on out and play horseshoes.

We meet every Monday afternoon, weather permitting, down at the pits behind The Glen. There are four pits, and we play at one and two o'clock. No skill is required, just bring your sense of humour and be ready to have fun!

For more information, contact

Pat Mossman 289-679-0152

Shuffleboard



For those who have never played and for old pros, this is a great game with few rules and a lot of fun.

It is very similar to curling without the ice and brooms. Also, for each game of four ends, you have a new partner making it even more fun.

Usually all three courts are filled, (12 people), but don't worry. At the beginning of each game, we have a draw for court placement and/or who sits out to start with. That way, everyone will get to play. We have also held mini tournaments in the past and hope to run a few more this year. They were well received, and we all had a lot of fun.

It doesn't cost anything to play, so please, if you are new, or just weren't sure what we are all about, come out and join us.

We play every Wednesday at 1pm to 3:30pm. If you would like to participate, please arrive about 12:50pm so we can do a count for placement.

For further information please contact coordinator:

Lyn Young – 905-659-6143 or
lynda.young@cogeco.ca



Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile-based game developed in China but popular throughout the world. A former resident introduced this game to Antrim Glen at a special Chinese New Year event. It is played by four players and the object of the game is to form tile sequences and sets using skill and strategy, but also relying on luck.

We play on Tuesday afternoons in The Glen Hall from 2 – 4pm. Come join the fun. Beginners are welcome.

Contact: Kathy Horak 905-659-6547

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Adina and Rick Dorman have a busy backyard with lots of nature's entertainment. Orioles loving the grape jelly, a snapping turtle laid her eggs, Dave Smith made a protective cover for the turtle nest, a tulip tree in bloom, and a fight for the bird seed.



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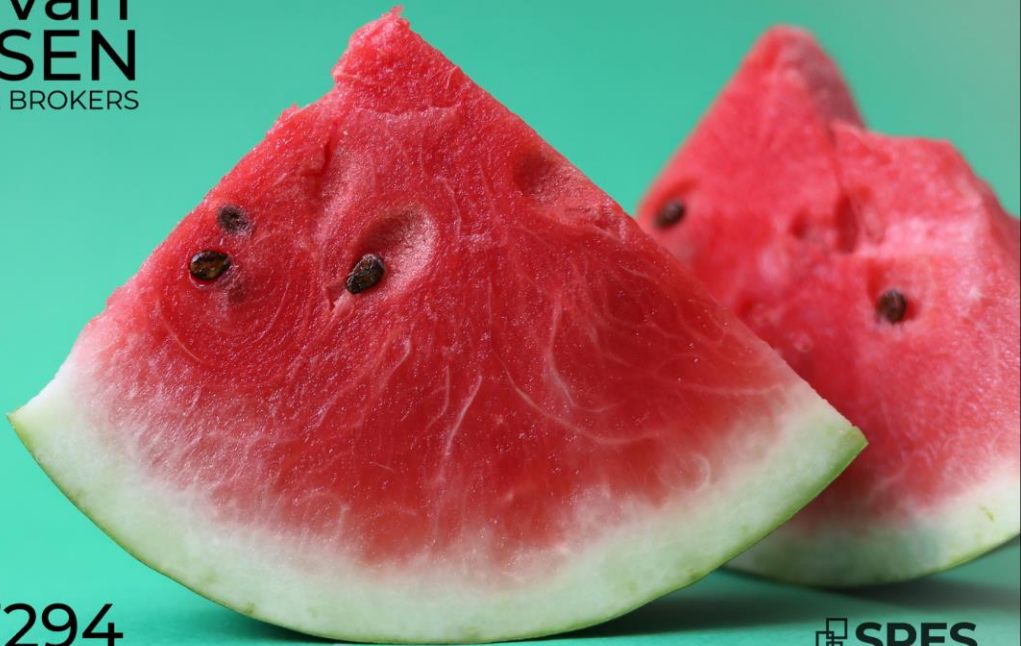
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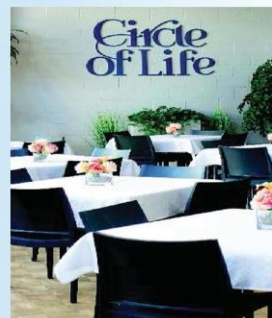
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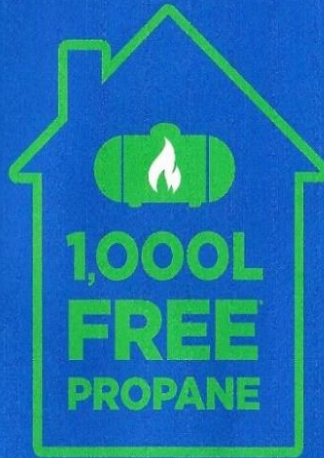


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