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Senior Games Announcement

The Senior Games for District 29 (including the Cove) is readily planning for 2023. At least two activities may be held here at the Cove, including Lawn Bowling. Registration forms are being prepared and hope to have them soon. As in previous years members of the Homeowners Association will have their registration fees covered by the GCHOA.

Cove Courier Future issues

Sadly I must announce that due the lack of interest and participation, this is the **last issue of the Cove Courier**, unless I receive significant feedback from the residents of Grand Cove in the way of stories, etc. See Page 8.

Recent Activities

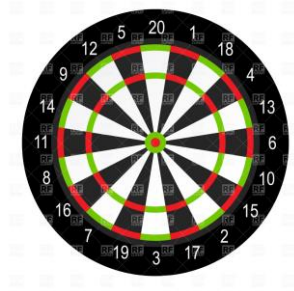
Dart League

The Dart League is probably the largest attended activity in the cove with 80 – 100+ participants each outing. The league plays every Tuesday afternoon for two terms each year. The first one being from September after Labour Day to mid December and the second being early in January to mid April. Bill Neely has, for several years now been the Convenor and Jim Ashwood assists. Thank you both!

Nearly every dart board at the clubhouse is occupied from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM on Tuesdays. Players are divided up into teams of 4 or 5 players including a volunteer captain. Competition continues through-out each term by each team earning points depending on how they end up, including a point for a loss. With each “501 come down” game lasting only 16 minutes, ties are a common place worth 2 points and a win earning 3 points. The total of the points is recorded and the tally sheets are handed into Bill Neely who with the assistance of Jim Ashwood create a spreadsheet of team totals each week.

Sound too competitive for you. Not at all. Really it is a big social gathering where everybody catches up with each other, chat, laugh, eat goodies and drink coffee and oh yes, have a lot of fun. At the end of it all is a wonderful banquet, prizes and a lot more fun. Come on out even occasionally as spares

are welcome. The winning team for the September – December / 22 was Rob Hamilton’s Team. Congratulations to the members of that team.



THE END OF A QUILTING ERA

2004 - 2022

-submitted and written by Anne Brandsma

In 1980 a group of ladies set up their Quilting Frames in the Library at the clubhouse. You can find pictures of their work, specifically their applique quilts, in a red binder in the library.

When I joined in the Fall of 2004 four quilters were now set up in the All Purpose Room working on smaller quilts which we raffled off. With the money we purchased material, batting etc. In 2005, we put together our first hand-quilted queen size quilt.

Over the years, we had the privilege of restoring three old quilts, one of which was 100 years old. We also donated a hand-quilted “Remembrance Day Poppy Quilt” to the Grand Bend Legion.

As many of you know, we were best known for our Baby Quilts and the many quilted items we created, each year, for the Christmas Craft Sale.

The Grand Cove quilters wish to thank each and everyone who participated in purchasing our raffle squares for the big quilts and all those who bought our Baby Quilts and craft articles. It was greatly appreciated!

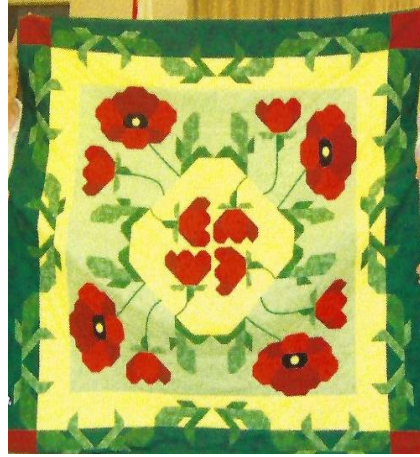
Through your generosity and support we were able, throughout the years, donate money to Blessings-Zurich Food Bank and the Huron County Food Bank, a total of Six Thousand dollars.

The Grand Cove Quilters: Peg, Faye, Leslie, Anne.

Honourable Mention: Eleanor, Marlene, Debbie. Ladies who quilted with us for many years.



100 Year Old Quilt Restored 2011



Poppy Quilt donated to the Legion



Noah's Arc Baby Quilt

A Big Thank You

But **“QUILTERS”** it is us who should be **thanking you** for all your work and dedication. The donations you provided put a shining light on the Cove.

THANK YOU!!!.

COFFEE HOUR

Another thank you goes out to a lady who has been hosting the monthly Coffee Hours for the last several years. A lot of favourable feedback has been received about this wonderful social hour of friends catching up and listening to guest speakers. Wilma Jilesen has sadly advised us that she is no longer able to host this event anymore, but if anyone would like to take this on, you would be welcome to give Wilma a call and she'll gladly fill you in. It is less expensive than Tim's and a lot more fun. Wilma **THANK YOU!!!**



Bio of a Cove Resident



Tom Brewer

Each issue of the Courier will include a short Bio of one of the Directors on the Homeowner Association Board or a Resident chosen at random so that you can get to know who they are.

This issue, it is **Tom Brewer** – who is a long-term resident of the Cove having resided here with his wife Joan for 14 years.

Tom grew up in the Toronto and Ajax, graduated from high school and immediately joined the Royal Canadian Navy, Halifax Nova Scotia. He served on the HMCS Bonaventure, an aircraft carrier and the HMCS Inch Arron, a river class frigate.

After the navy he started his career in accounting back in Toronto. After that he took on a completely different career. (That is 3 so far Tom.) Graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (aka - University) in the area of Occupational Health & Safety, became a Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) and an expert in this field.

I can't begin to effectively describe some of his accomplishments in the crucial area of Health and Safety (H & S) in the workplace. Here are but a few:

- Designed and incorporated Safe Work Practices, including Safety Audit, Hearing Conservation and Emergency Evacuation Programs
- Planned Inspections for H & S Committees
- Did Incident and Accident Investigation
- Did Safety Training including the Correct use of Personal Protective Equipment, WHMIS Hazardous Information System

Ask Tom if he understood COVID – 19 protocols, you think???

Some of the companies Tom shared his expertise with are:

- Canada Metal Manufacturing across multiple provinces
- Diversey Wyandotte Inc. again across multiple provinces
- City of York / Toronto for several years

Tom didn't stop there. After retirement he worked as a consultant for Health and Safety and served as chairman on several committees.

If that wasn't enough, Tom was also a member of several organizations (Industrial Accident Prevention Association, Ontario Municipal Health and Safety Association) as past chairman. He belongs to Men's Probus, Knights of Columbus and Alhambra. One honour was that he was asked to place a wreath at the legion representing the Royal Canadian Navy in November last year.

In the Cove, he put his enjoyment of sports to use, playing baseball in his younger days, Huff N Puff hockey in his more recent days and played and was equipment manager for Lawn Bowling. PS. I know he also plays darts.

I'm not sure how Tom found time to get married to Joan, have two sons, and stay married for 53 years.

Well done, Tom, my hat is off to you.

The Book Nook

The Book Reviews for this edition of the Cove Courier are based on Books discussed by the Page Turners.

Still Life by Louise Penny

Still Life is set in the village of Three Pines Quebec. Investigator Armand Gamache investigates the murder of Jane Neal. The book is not so much about the murder but what happens in the community.

The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

This book is inspired by the life of real women during World War II. The novel tells the intertwined stories of three women. Caroline is a New York socialite, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish prisoner at the Ravensbrück concentration camp and Herta Oberheuser, a Nazi doctor at Ravensbrück.

The Apollo Murders by Chris Hatfield

The story follows the crew and support staff, with their preparations to go to the moon, to the return of the crew to earth. The story is fiction but his knowledge is obvious and experiences are accurate.

The Charm Bracelet by Viola Shipman

Lolly's mother gave her a charm for her birthday every year. When Lolly is in her seventies she is forgetful at times. Her daughter and granddaughter visit her and she tells them the story of each charm which helps the three generations connect.

PS: To Cove Courier Readers

One of these authors is real life Canadian Astronaut. Who is it? *(The answer is at the very end of this issue.)*



Event Re-Caps

The events we are going to cover are the **Christmas Sharing** and the **New Year's Eve Party / Dance**.

Christmas Sharing was a well-attended event both in attendees and in donations collected for Noah's Ark in Exeter. For a few weeks before the event on Dec 4; the donations kept pouring in. On the day of Christmas Sharing; sharing was an understatement. The Cove donated no less than three long tables stacked with food, clothing and toys. In addition, several cheques were collected to bring the day into an overwhelming success.

The theme for the day was 'Peace, Love and Kindness' and Jane Merling read a detailed outline about the meaning of peace. Love and kindness were evident throughout the room and the day.

The Grand Cove choir, led by Onalee Welsh, sang a number of familiar and some new Christmas songs. Some of us even got a chance to sign along.

Under the guise of Santa, Terri Shale dropped in and spread some fun and sweets throughout the crowd. **Sssshh**, don't tell the kids it was Terri.



New Year's Eve Party / Dance –

As is the case every year, 2023 was brought in its usual fun, good and joyful fashion. A Band provided the music and there was no shortage of dancing. Did I mention 'party'? Somebody is having a good time! Wouldn't you agree?

Here is a 'party' look



Not to overlook the dancing.



Food, gotta have food!



Submissions from Residents

We want to hear from Cove Residents. Tell us your story or your views on an event, something funny that has happened, etc. To avoid this section from being blank, something will be included each issue, who knows what. **Send your entries to covecourier6@gmail.com**

Volunteering at the Lambton Heritage Museum

For the past few years, minus COVID 2 years, I have been volunteering at the museum. Being a bit of an oldie myself, I like old stuff.



The Museum hosts tours in late November to mid December for school kids Grades 1 – 3. We would see 60 – 80 kids a day divided up into groups of 6 or 7 and accompanied by teachers and / or parents. Each group would see a different part of the museum, work on a craft at each stop and move onto the next area.

Volunteers would dress for the era and the area and I had the pleasure of working in the School House. I always wanted to be a teacher. The students were not the only ones learning something new. I learned that kids today in Grade 3 knew how to work an iPad or Tablet but couldn't tie a knot. I found this to be most interesting; shocking actually, not about the electronics but about tying a knot.

After learning a bit about a one-room school house, something I knew about because I went to one, we made Christmas Crackers. Not the eating kind but the ones that you snap open to get to the goodie inside; a candy cane in this case. The students for the most part could not tie the ribbon around the ends. But they were excited about learning how.

Well, I said I was a bit of an oldie. My oh my how times have changed. But you are never too old to learn something new.



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Hmmm

Chris Hatfield is the Astronaut