

The Kahshe Krier



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Be a volunteer this year!

The KLRA is an organization run entirely by volunteers: from the 15 Board Members to the organizers of the various events, from the Rock Marker crew to the Webmaster and the Membership Secretary, from the Beach Committee to the Boutique Staff — every single one is a volunteer.

And we are always looking and hoping for more people to step up, whether it be for a major commitment or for a couple of hours at one of the events or behind the scenes.

So.....**be a volunteer this year!**

Some of the ways you could help appear below and on pages 4, 5 and 8

Mark Your Calendars Saturday August 6th is **Kahshe Regatta Day**



Planning is well underway for this year's **Regatta** and it is shaping up to be a great event.

Activities this year will include canoe races, art, sand castle

and paper boat competitions, all kinds of games and a BBQ. The fun is set for 10am-2pm at Nagaya Beach.



We have a number of volunteer opportunities for before, during and after the regatta.

If you're a high school student, this is a great chance to earn required volunteer hours.

So.....**be a volunteer this year!**

Some of the roles we need help with:

- Poster design (for emailing/ website)
- Score keepers
- Prizes → purchasing and handing out
- Art and sand castle judge
- Paper boat judge
- Sign-up table
- BBQ/ food
- Games – planning and/or running on the day
- Set-up crew
- Clean-up crew

Interested in learning more or adding your name to the volunteer list? Contact Maureen Smithers at:

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Message from the Presidents, Spring 2016

We would like to welcome all new and long time cottagers back to Kahshe Lake. Spring finally arrived on Kahshe Lake the weekend of April 16th and activity is picking up around the lake. We are fortunate to enjoy the air, the sun, the water and spending time with friends on such a beautiful lake. Please remember “Safety first”, in and around the lake. Have a great summer!

Marg Taylor and *Bob Reyburn*, Joint-Presidents, KLRA

Lake Steward’s Phosphorus Report

Phosphorus in Detergents – Should we reduce the use of laundry and dishwashing appliances?

At the 2015 KLRA AGM, a question was raised about the amount of phosphorus that may be entering Kahshe and Bass Lakes via septic discharge due to the increased use of detergents from washing machines and dishwashers. As phosphorus is one of the main chemicals of concern in the Lake Steward sampling and reporting program, this was a timely question that warranted further evaluation.

Why the focus on phosphorus?

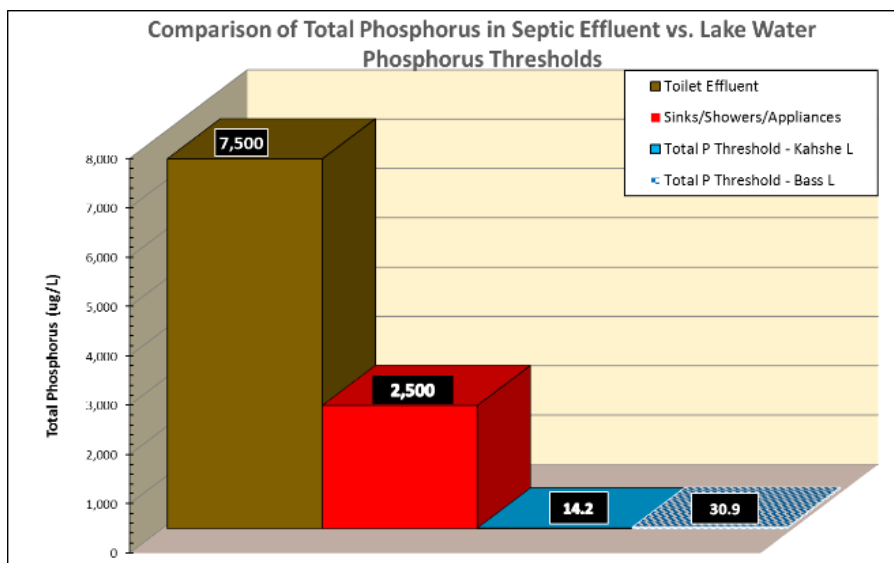
In the 1960s and 70s, it was discovered that phosphorus in many North American rivers and lakes was causing rapid declines in water quality, including the growth of algae and other aquatic plants, oxygen depletion, die-off of fish and other aquatic life, and taste and odour problems, collectively referred to as eutrophication.

Where does phosphorus come from?

For lakes like ours, which are not affected by industrial, municipal or agricultural operations, phosphorus enters in four main ways:

This article will focus on the first – septic system effluents. The chart opposite shows the approximate concentrations of phosphorus in septic wastes and, by comparison, shows the target threshold phosphorus concentrations in Kahshe and Bass lake water.

By far the largest contributor to total phosphorus in septic effluent is from toilet waste (liquid and solid), with about 75% of the phosphorus (approx. 7,500 µg/L). The remainder of the phosphorus (less than 25% of the total) comes from food waste, sinks, showers and appliances.



Phosphorus in soaps and detergents.

Phosphates have been used in detergents for over 50 years. On July 1, 2010, a Canadian regulation reduced the phosphorus in household dishwashing detergents, laundry detergents, and other cleaning products by setting a maximum phosphorus concentration of <0.5% by weight from a prior maximum of 2.2% for laundry products and NO maximum for other cleaning products.

To verify, I visited several major grocery and wholesale distributors and examined over 50 different laundry, dishwasher and other household cleaners and found only one with the allowed phosphorus concentration of <0.5% by weight. All others were **phosphate free**.

Even if laundry and dishwasher detergents did contain the allowed 0.5% of phosphorus, the daily operation of both appliances would generate only about 130 µg/L for a three bedroom dwelling with a water use of about 1,600 L/day. This pales in comparison to the toilet waste concentrations of 7,500 µg/L.

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Lake Steward's Report (cont) The typical total phosphorus concentrations entering the leaching bed from all sources are orders of magnitude higher than phosphorus threshold concentrations in lake water (see chart). This underscores the **importance of maintaining our septic systems** so that they can continue to achieve this significant reduction in phosphorus and in other chemicals (surfactants and enzymes) that have been introduced to replace phosphorus.

So... should we reduce the use of laundry and dishwashing appliances?

Well, the answer is that we should reduce the use of laundry and dishwasher appliances, but **not** because of the phosphorus concentration in detergents. Here's why.

1. Legislative action has effectively eliminated phosphorus from laundry and dishwasher detergents. However....
2. The increased volume of water from these appliances results in greater and more uneven flow through the septic system and can cause phosphorus to be desorbed from soil and migrate towards the lake.
3. The greater volume of water flow also will carry other more mobile contaminants like chloride and nitrates more quickly and in greater quantities to the lake. And...
4. Some of the chemicals that have replaced phosphorus in cleaning products have not yet been well studied and may migrate to the lake and adversely affect

- Based on the literature I reviewed, here are a few things we can do to minimize the impact of using laundry and dishwashing appliances:
- Spread out the use of the washing/dishwashing appliances to better distribute the water flow;
 - Make sure the detergent is labelled as phosphate free;
 - Minimize the amount of pre-washing/rinsing of dishes and avoid flushing of food wastes;
 - Avoid the use of powdered/dry detergents as they contain fillers or extenders that may clog your drain system; and,
 - **Regularly** inspect and pump your septic tank, as this removes a major part of the phosphorus that resides in solid wastes.

Ron Pearson, Kahshe Lake Steward

May 2016

The 2015 Lake Steward Report has now been prepared and is posted on the KLRA web site.

District Municipality of Muskoka to monitor Bass Lake water quality

The results of a recently completed water quality review conducted by the **District Municipality of Muskoka** suggest the need for an updated approach governing development or redevelopment on lakes which reflects scientific advances in the last decade. Lakes are identified as needing further study and potentially a higher level of protection, because of one or more of 3 management flags: Total Phosphorus concentrations greater than 20 micrograms/litre, A rising trend in Total Phosphorus; and/ or Documented occurrence of a blue-green algal bloom.

Bass Lake and six other lakes across the District are currently affected by these management flags.

However, it is important to note that **the condition of Bass Lake has not changed**. Through this review, the District will now recognize that certain lakes, including Bass Lake, may be more impacted by development and/or phosphorus inputs. Additional study of these Transitional lakes is being considered to determine whether policies should be updated for development on these lakes, to ensure the continued effective protection of the District's excellent water quality.

A copy of the DMM letter to Bass Lake Residents is posted on the KLRA website.



News from Rockhaven Judy & Dennis Ring 2016 Kahshe Country Crafts Show & Sale.

The show will be held on **Sunday July 31st**. We're hoping that the plans will excite you as much they do us. This year's recipient is again **Muskoka Victim Services** for the second year.

There will be **live music** all day long **and** into the evening. **Sawdust City Brewery** is excited to be back at the show this year and will be extending their presence into the evening. A **Kids Activity Area** is being

planned, but is not yet confirmed. **Gravenhurst Fire Department** has been asked to attend, but has not yet confirmed. The **Kahshe Lake Photo Contest** presentation will take place at 12 pm (noon).

Two new items in the planning stages are a **PIG ROAST** from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, and a **FIREWORK SHOW** starting around dusk. Advanced tickets for the **Pig Roast** will be sold from May 20th until June 30th. An amount has not been determined yet, but will be priced at the going rate and announced before the sale date. For the **Firework Show** to work, donations from the cottagers are needed. We figure that if every family donated \$10 to \$20, the total should cover the fireworks and the licensed personnel. Donations for **FIREWORKS** will be accepted anytime from May 20th until June 30th. This will give us lots of time to either organize the two events or cancel due to lack of interest. If you are interested in one or both of these events, please contact us to show your interest.

The show needs VOLUNTEERS for all the different aspects of the show. Please volunteer for any part of the show that is of interest to you. So.....be a volunteer this year!

Baking items, used books, and any other donations will be much appreciated.

For more information, please contact us at rockhaven@bellnet.ca.

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Do you know an outstanding volunteer?

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who deserves a bit of recognition? We are pleased to announce that we are accepting nominations for the fourth annual **KLRA Outstanding Volunteer Award**.

The **Outstanding Volunteer Award** is designed to recognize extraordinary people in the Kahshe Lake and Bass Lake areas whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their community and fellow community members. This award will be presented at the KLRA AGM on July 10.

Essentially, nominees should have

contributed to life of Kahshe Lake including but not limited to protection of the lake and its surroundings, promoting community good will, promoting and/or supporting safe practises on and around the lake, and fostering communication.

made a significant investment of his/her time and talent for the Kahshe Lake community.

A complete description and explanation of the nomination process can be found at our website. Once you log in, scroll down the left side of the home page and click on "**Outstanding Volunteer Award**". Or simply type in: <http://www.kahshelake.ca/OutstandingVolunteerAward>

So.....**volunteer a volunteer this year!**

by downloading the nomination form (in either PDF or Word format), completing it and mailing it to our secretary at the address shown at the bottom of the form.

or

by copying and pasting the form into your word processor. Complete it and then e-mail it to us at the e-mail address shown at the bottom of the form.

Please note that we will be accepting nominations only until **May 31, 2016. so ACT SOON!**

What is "COM-Com" ?

"**COM-Com**" is the short name for the **Communications, Outreach and Membership Committee**. We are a group of 7 volunteers who look after such things as the web site, the newsletter, emails to members, the membership data base, recruitment, the boutique and all its offerings, the photo contest, the calendar, the paddling workshop, dock drops at the start of the summer, and our awards program. We meet throughout the year, winter included, to plan and organize the many initiatives that you see during the cottage season. This summer you will find us operating the boutique at a number of events around the lake. Be sure to visit us in order to purchase your lake clothing, beverage mugs, pennants, calendars and other fine merchandise. Be sure to check out our new offerings this year. And remember, members receive discounts.

Door and Dock Drop

On the weekend of **June 18, 19, 20**, the **KLRA** will again be undertaking its annual **Door and Dock Drop**. This involves the delivery of important KLRA information to every cottage on Kahshe and Bass Lakes — to your door, if you have road access, — or to your **mainland** dock (i.e. Denne's or Rockhaven), if you are water access cottagers. As in past years, the package will include an invitation to join us at the **Annual General Meeting**, to be held again this year at the **Muskoka Bay Golf Club** on **Sunday July 10th** from **10 am to 1 pm**. The package will also include a list of all the **KLRA Events**, with dates, and contact info for those who might wish to help out, and a KLRA membership form to encourage you to join the association if you haven't already done so.

If you do not receive your package on that weekend, please contact keithonkahshe@bell.net

The Way It Was (and still is, apparently!)

Kahshe Lake Crazy – A Seaflea Journey by Christopher Taylor

I remember with some fondness the first motorboat we had at the cottage in 1964. It was a “tank” to say the least, all wood and terribly heavy. Our father, Vern Taylor painted it white and bought a 3 ½ HP air-cooled Sears outboard to power it. Much like “Ginger” our Cocker Spaniel at the time, I hated it! We were all shaking with gleeful anticipation on launch day, the speed...the spray...12 feet of “wood and glory” being slowly pushed from the beach into the black depths of Kahshe Lake. The motor started with a few pulls and then...putt...putt...the biggest disappointment of my five-year-old life: “Are you kidding me... how are we supposed to waterski behind that thing?!?!”

Perhaps it was that first memory of boating that made me to want to go faster. Maybe it was watching the “Robinson’s” across the bay tearing around in their fast VW-powered inboard, or our next door neighbour with his 100HP Mercury-powered Sidewinder that got me thinking about speed. One day I was allowed to take the helm of that beast with my father sitting beside me. What a RUSH! It was the best thing EVER - tearing across the lake at 55 MPH! The best moment of my life until I nearly ran the boat up on the dock. It seems that I misjudged the stopping distance....



Anyway.... not that we were a poor family, it’s just that we didn’t have a ton of money. When Ontario Hydro purchased some land from our Grandfather to put in a new high power transmission line he bought our first family run-a-bout with the windfall. It wasn’t a Sidewinder, but at least we could waterski behind it. 28 horses of awesome Evinrude power! My father discovered that if we all sat in the rear, jacked up the trim and steered with a broomstick we could get 28 mph out of it. Hmmm...my father was getting the speed bug.....

In the winter of 1971 he suddenly announced that we were going to build a Seaflea. My older brother Kim was into that 70’s “music” thing and was not immediately interested, and my younger brother Andrew wasn’t old enough to understand what was going on....yet. In the spring we loaded up our school-bus-yellow “Mini Max” and headed to the lake. Unlike our

“tank”, my father said that the 3 ½ hp Sears outboard would do a terrific job on this small eight foot hydro. The motor started with a few pulls and then...putt...putt...the biggest disappointment of my twelve-year-old life. Again?!?!

What I didn’t understand at the time was how hydroplaning, hull displacement and drag affected speed. The “kid” across the bay (Wayne) was tearing up the water in his Seaflea with only a 3 hp Johnson AND shooting a rooster tail up in the air! The boat had been built by his father, Norman Beauchamp, all gleaming mahogany with a bronze speed prop. I was terribly jealous! Every now and then he would “submarine” it just to show off. I watched from shore as he cut the power and immediately shifted his weight to the front and let the water rush in over the bow. The entire cockpit would fill up and the only thing you could see was the top of the motor gliding across the surface. Since the Mini Max could be made with sealed watertight compartments it was virtually un-sinkable.



The next summer was the best summer of my life. A “new” 1957 5 ½ hp Johnson was purchased for my Seaflea. With two cylinders of power my small hydro took off like a demon and my freedom on Kahshe Lake was limitless. From the far end of Bass Lake to Sopher’s Landing I explored every little bay and island with my dog “Smokey” riding shotgun. Of course Klueys Bay was the destination of choice with the dance hall, snack bar and pinball machines...ahhhhh...it was heaven to a kid!

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It was also that summer that the “other” fleas began to appear on the lake. You see, fleas tend to find one another and it wasn’t long before the “Housey’s Rapids Church Kids” made an appearance with their two boats. We called them the “church kids” because their father was the local minister. They were the “wild” ones.... “hopping” up their boats with motors that looked dangerous. (My mother disapproved) They had two fleas in their flotilla...a Mini Max and a three point hydro.... likely a Tiny Titan or Hasty Hydro design. Their over-powered boats boasted 20 and 25 HP kickers, and it was not unusual to see them taking a tumble to the

murky black depths of the lake. A recovery and savage mission soon followed. The next week they would be at it again...they were reckless...and I wanted to be just like them!

The 5 ½ Johnson served me well for a few years, then the lure of more power slowly ate away at my consciousness. Morris Cook (our cottage neighbor on the other side) kindly lent us his 9.9 hp Evinrude one warm July afternoon. You guessed it.... The motor started with a few pulls and then...putt...putt.. and suddenly I was smashing over the waves faster than light speed! Yikes! More power was awesome! I begged my father for a bigger motor! The following summer a 10 HP 1963 Merc 100 soon arrived...now I was finally in the same league as those “dangerous” sea flea owners and I loved it! My cousin jumped on board and soon a bright orange 8’ Tiny Titan cemented the beginning of the Taylor/Renton sea flea legacy. Andrew, Rob and I tore around the lake for many summers...crazy kids having the time of our lives.



Flash forward about 20 years...1992 to be exact. Marriage, kids, mortgages. All was good...yet something was missing. I longed for my childhood back. And then it started. The sea fleas slowly came back to Kahshe Lake. An 11’ Glen-L TNT build was soon followed by two Mini Max sea fleas that Andrew and I constructed simultaneously. That was then followed by three different 11’ versions of the Mini Most.... and then.... well.... between the three of us, we have well over 20 hydro’s with no end in sight.

Are we obsessed? Absolutely! Do we love it? You bet! Will it ever end...hmmmm.... not likely.... Call it “Kahshe Lake Crazy”, but as long as our kids are around, there will always be sea fleas around.... Check out our website for more information than you could ever possibly need and prepare to get wet!

www.muskokaseaflea.ca

The Kahshe Boutique...

coming soon to an event near you !



Remember that KLRA Events are not just Fun Days, but are also opportunities for you to grab some great KLRA merchandise. Back again in new colours and designs: T-shirts for Men, Women, Youth and Toddlers.



New this year: Kahshe Kids Onesies

Look for the new Kahshe beverage mugs singly or in 4-Packs. And don’t forget to get your Kahshe Photo Contest Calendar early.



They won’t last long!



Design may differ from picture

What's on on Kahshe in 2016?

In addition to the Regatta (see page 1) and the Craft Show (see page 4), the following activities and events will be taking place:

Sunday July 10	10am - 1pm	Annual General Meeting	Muskoka Bay Club, Gravenhurst
Saturday July 16	1pm - 5pm	Housey's Rapids Picnic	Bass Lake Park, Housey's Rapids
Sunday July 17	10am - 11am	Learn to Paddle Workshop	Nagoya Beach
Saturday July 23	9am - 3pm	Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby	Denne's Dock
		Trophies presented at 3:30pm	
Sunday July 31	10am - 1/2hr after dusk	Craft Show	Rockhaven
Saturday August 6	10am - 2pm	Kahshe Regatta	Nagoya Beach

All these events need volunteer help. **So.....be a volunteer this year!**

To offer your services contact the following:

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	or Marg Taylor	martay@rogers.com	705 689 5881 905 726 8955
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for the Fishing Derby	Ken Long	kklong97355@yahoo.com	705 687 8645
for the Craft Show	Judy Ring	rockhaven@bellnet.ca	705 689 6080
for the Regatta	Maureen Smithers	Smithers.maureen@gmail.com	647 296 4517

The 55th Housey's Rapids Picnic Saturday July 16 1pm - 5pm Bass Lake Park

Bass Lake Park will again be the site of the Housey's Rapids Picnic. Kids will love the games and the Craft Table, adults will love the Horseshoe Tournament and the chance to catch up with friends not seen since the last picnic, and everyone will love the barbecue and the prize table. So come on out and join the fun

or.....be a volunteer this year!

Free Learn to Paddle Workshop Sunday July 17 9:30 - 11am Nagaya Beach

Learn to Paddle your own Canoe at a FREE Workshop.

An expert will be here to provide lessons on canoe safety proper paddling techniques. You can bring your own canoe, paddles and boating safety package. Everyone participating **must** wear a life jacket. If you do not have a canoe, a limited number will be provided by **Muskoka Paddle Shack**, co-sponsors of this event.

This event is free to members of the KLRA and members of the immediate family 8 years of age and up. Guests will be charged \$10 for the lesson.

Preregistration is mandatory. **To register, e-mail us at canoe@kahshelake.ca**

Please provide names and ages of participants.

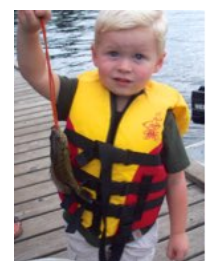


The Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

Saturday July 23rd from 9 - 3.

Trophies will be presented at 3:30 on Denne's Dock.

Kahshe Boutique from 1:00 - 4:00



Be a volunteer this year!

Kahshe Lake Ice-Out Contest

The cinder block fell at **midnight on March 17.**

The closest estimates were

- #1 Vibeke Ball March 17 7:00 pm
- #2 Claude Dufour March 17 4:33 pm
- #3 Fred Hughes March 17 3:00 pm

Prizes will be awarded to these three winners.

Our first **Kahshe Lake Ice-Out Contest** was a great success with 56 entries.

Thank you to everyone who entered and a special thank you to:

- **Randy Craig** for helping set it up and for judging
- **April Gadsby-Drane** for donation of prizes
- **Clare Henderson** for managing the website and all the entries
- **John Kuropatwa** for coordinating the contest and preparing the flyers
- **Steve Wild** for the use of his webcam and helping set up the contest

THE RULES: The winning entry will be the guess closest to the date and time when the cinder block (see arrow) drops through the ice (as determined by the judge).

One entry per KLRA membership. Decision of the judges is final.

Next year we hope to repeat the success of this event. Watch the January Krier for details.



7TH ANNUAL KAHSHE LAKE PHOTO CONTEST

Final submissions by 4:00 pm, **July 22, 2016** in **jpeg format only.**

Kahshe Nature: Landscape Kahshe Nature: Wild Life Life on Kahshe

Kids on Kahshe Kids' Eye View (photographers 12 and under only)

For more details and rules go to www.kahshlake.ca —> **2016 Photo Contest**

Ryde Community News Mobile Health Unit



Good news for the **Kahshe East Enders** and for all the permanent Ryde residents

Thanks to a year of lobbying by the **Ryde Community Centre**, Ryde now gets a weekly visit from the **Muskoka Mobile Health**

Hub on Wheels. This service, provided by a Nurse Practitioner, will be **available to cottagers** regardless of whether or not they have a family doctor.

If this pilot project is successful, Ryde may be looking at a permanent nursing station in the future.

The service is available to **all** residents, including Kahshe and Bass Lake cottagers, every **Thursday** from **9:00am - 3:30pm** at the **Ryde Community Centre, 1624 Barkway Rd**, 2 kms east of **Bass Lake Park.**

Services provided are:

- care of minor illnesses (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, bladder infection, diarrhea),
- care of minor injuries (e.g. minor cuts, scrapes, insect bites, falls, strains, sprains).

Because of renovations to the Community Centre,

the **Mobile Health Hub** will **not** be coming to Ryde on **June 2 or 9**, but will return on **June 16.**

For more information or to book an appointment, call **1 866 545 0811 .**

What's on in Gravenhurst?

Music On The Barge

Gull Lake Park, Gravenhurst

Every Sunday evening from June 19th to August 14th.

This unique venue with its picturesque backdrop of Gull Lake is the perfect place to spend a Sunday evening enjoying music ranging from Big Band Era to Country & Bluegrass with tributes to the Rock & Roll music of the 50's and 60's featuring some of the finest artists this country has to offer.

Music On The Barge concerts begin at 7:30 pm.

Gravenhurst Bifocals Concert Band	June 19th
Orillia Silver Band	June 26
The Rev-Tones	July 3rd
Brian Neale	July 10
The Beckett Family	July 17
The Liverpool 4	July 24
Johnny Cash and the Honky-Tonk Angels	July 31
Freddy Vette and the Flames	Aug 7
The Good Brothers	Aug 14

The Opera House

Plays and Musicals

JUN 7TH - JUL 1ST 2 ACROSS

By Jerry Mayer

Two strangers on a commuter train at 4:30 AM, both alone and doing the New York Times crossword struggle to find common ground. "Crosswords are a metaphor for life, those who finish, succeed, those who don't, fail." Hilarious, witty, romantic, poignant and wonderfully entertaining.

JUL 5TH - 29TH THUMBS

By Rupert Holmes

An "Agatha Christie-style" comedy murder investigation set in an isolated cabin in a blinding blizzard and featuring a famous ex-wife, a sheriff, a bumbling deputy and a handsome boyfriend.

AUG 2ND - 26TH THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES

by Roger Bean

Songs from the 50's and 60's ("Lollipop", "Dream Lover", "Stupid Cupid" and more) tell the story of 4 teenage girls called upon at the last minute as replacement performers at their senior prom.

SEPT 13TH - 30TH WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER: THE 12-STEP MUSICAL

Book & Lyrics by Vince Grittani, Music by Rosalind Mills

Attempting to deal with his mid-life crisis through a 12-step, self-help program, a soon to be divorced Roger Starky confronts his past and present relationships with the women in his life.

Other shows include

Fats meets Louis, Roy Orbison (Tribute Artist), Just 4 Kicks, Séan McCann, Dan Hill and more.

For a full listing of all the other shows at the Opera House, go to www.gravenhurst.ca, click on *Discover us*, and scroll down to *Opera House*.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorene Emily JACOBS, April 21, 1926 - April 22, 2016

Dorene was a long-time member of the KLRA, keeping her membership up until 2014 and attending the KLRA AGM meetings whenever she could.

She was a very active member of the First Unitarian Church on St. Clair in Toronto and those members supported her well in her later years.

In the late 60's or early 70's, she bought Grant Thompson's Island in the little bay west off Grant's Bay where the southern dam is. (This is where Grant's Bay got its name.)

She camped on it for years entertaining her friends from the church and getting to know all the cottagers around Grant's Bay, including the MacLean family who were also camping in the channel at this time. She attended many Grant Bay functions - the regatta and the Grant Bay Wine and Cheese Party held every August 1st weekend right up until 2014 even though she had sold her island and begun to rent at places like Rockhaven, and Silver Pines.

She was a great supporter of the Kakshe Country Craft Show and was on its volunteer committee for a period of time, and when the Opera House in Gravenhurst had an active repertory theatre group, she supported that by volunteering as an usher.

Dorene enjoyed travelling especially in Ontario and wrote articles for the Weekender Paper, reporting on local festivals, B&B's, and various craft and art shows.

She was also an early computer user, quitting her job in her 40's to go back to University to take computer courses. After that, she worked for the Ontario Arts Council.

She was a busy lady who led an interesting life and who loved Kakshe Lake and visiting a lot of her friends right up to last summer.

Dorene was still driving around on her own in her 89th year. She passed away the day after her 90th



We would also like to remember **Bob Young** (Frederic Lane) and **Joyce Elrick** (Oak Road) who passed away on Feb 7 and March 14 respectively. Our sincere condolences to both families.

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