

The Kahshe Krier



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Spring 2018

Save these dates!

KLRA Events

Door and Dock Drop 3rd week of June Info pkg to your door or your mainland dock



Sunday July 8th
10:00 - noon

Annual General Meeting
Gravenhurst Opera House



Saturday July 21st
1:00 - 5:00

Housey's Rapids Picnic
Bass Lake Park



Saturday July 28th
9:00 - 3:00 Trophies 3:30 Denne's Dock

Kids' Fishing Derby



Saturday August 12th
10:00 - 2:00

KLRA Regatta
Nagaya Beach

Other Kahshe Events

Sunday Aug 5th 10:00 - 3:00

The Kahshe Craft Show
Judy Ring still needs your help!

Rockhaven
705 689 6080

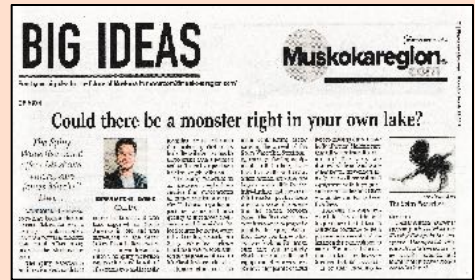
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Are There Monsters in Kahshe Lake?

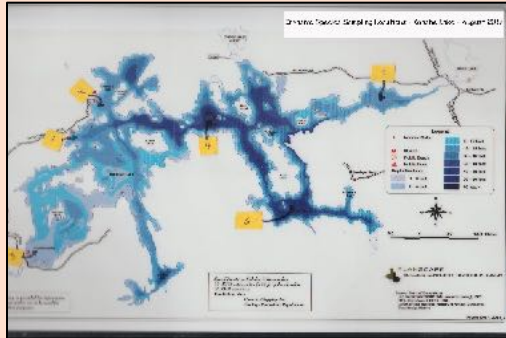
Anyone who follows the local news outlets may have seen this March 22 article and wondered if Kahshe and Bass Lakes have been impacted by these 'monsters'. Fortunately, right now, the answer is 'not yet', but unless we're careful, it could be just a matter of time... How do we know there's nothing under the bed?

Well, in 2017, the KLRA applied for and was awarded a grant from FOCA to do some lake sampling for a number of invasive aquatic species including the Spiny Waterflea



identified in the article above. We combined the FOCA funding with an offer by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) to supply us with a special sampling kit and follow-up laboratory analysis of our samples.

The sampling was carried out on August 23, and included sampling at six locations as shown on the left. A figure of the sampling net being deployed also is shown.



What were we looking for?

We focussed on three invasive species that have been detected in other lakes in the Muskoka area, the **Spiny Waterflea**, **Zebra Mussels** and **Freshwater Jellyfish**.

We have now received the laboratory findings, and all six samples were free of both the Spiny Waterflea and the larvae of Zebra mussels. In the case of Freshwater Jellyfish, the laboratory wasn't designed to test for this species; however, the net that was used would have captured the adult life stage of this invader, so I can confirm that the likelihood is that we're also free of this invader.



To give you an indication of the spread of these invaders across Ontario, I've inserted maps from an Ontario Invasive Species reporting site (EDDMapS), where the red dots show positive results and the blue negative. The first map is for the Spiny Waterflea, and the second for Zebra mussels.

Both of these invaders are closing in on us, and the only way to prevent their introduction to the lake is to be very careful in cleaning/washing all boats and fishing gear that are launched into the lake. I haven't shown the map for Freshwater Jellyfish, but it has already been reported as being present in Kahshe Lake, based on an observation back in 2005.

For a more detailed description of the sampling program and additional information on each of these invaders and how we can all help to minimize their spread, a full report has been posted on the KLRA web page (see below) and will also be available at the 2018 AGM on July 8..

www.kahshelake.ca -> **Our Work** -> in *Key Activities* under *Quick Links* click on **Lake Steward Page**, and then in 2nd paragraph click on **Invasive Species Sampling** (article continued on facing page)

Let's keep these monsters from our lake

- ◆ Learn how to identify these invaders (more pictures in the KLRA website report).
- ◆ Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment after each use, and remove all plants, animals and mud before launching it after use in another waterbody.
- ◆ Drain water from your motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land.
- ◆ Rinse all boats and recreational equipment with high pressure (>250 psi) or hot (50oC / 122oF) water or let it dry in the sun for at least five days.
- ◆ If you've seen an invasive species in the lake and you're sure of what it is, please contact the toll-free Ontario Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711, or visit www.invadingspecies.com to report a sighting.
- ◆ If you're unsure whether your observation is of an invading species, try to get a sample or picture and call or text me at 416-843-2805 to discuss what you've found.

Ron Pearson – Kahshe and Bass Lake Steward



Zebra Mussels

Freshwater Jellyfish

Spiny Waterflea

10mm

President's Report

After a long winter, spring has finally arrived and Kahshe Lakers will be starting the annual ritual of cottage opening. We hope the bugs are not as bad as last year.

The KLRA was busy over the winter. Some highlights of the work include:

- Changing the KLRA's definition of "Member" in order to be more inclusive for all those in our community who use and enjoy the lake. The new membership model will be presented at the **July 8th AGM** for discussion and ratification.
- Working with the Town of Gravenhurst to address the winter damage of the newly built South Kahshe dock.
- Continuing to work with the town to address some concerns on the Tree Cutting by-law BY-LAW 2014-26, which, in its current form, can negatively impact the ascetics and water quality of the lake.
- Working with the Town of Gravenhurst and Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change regarding the oil/gas spill at Klueys Bay.
- Working to streamline the KLRA website to be more efficient and effective.

We are also stepping up our social media communication to members and hope to continue with this over the summer.

A number of the season's upcoming events are highlighted in this newsletter, including the annual Kahshe Lake Regatta, the Housey's Rapids Picnic and, of course, the Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these fun, family events.

If you're interested in volunteering with the KLRA, drop Michele Phillippe a note at: michelephillippe20@gmail.com

Send **Questions or Concerns** for the Municipal Election candidates to keithonkahshe@bell.net

Any other questions, concerns or general inquiries about the KLRA or of interest to the Kahshe community can be sent to:

info@kahshelake.ca

Enjoy the summer!

Steve Wild

President, KLRA



The secret to **WALKING ON WATER** is knowing where the rocks are.

Mantra of the **ROCK MARKER COMMITTEE - RMC**

We have a saying in our family: *"If you haven't hit a rock with your boat, you are not a true Kahshe Laker."*

Thanks to a dedicated group of cottagers, boaters are far less likely to become *"true Kahshe Lakers"*.

For the past 10 years or more several volunteers, led by Clint Rohr, then by Tim Ottoway and more recently by Barry Elder, have been putting in the rock markers in the Spring and removing them in the Fall. Both of these tasks are usually carried out in weather conditions ranging from ok to downright nasty, and, after many years the group has now stepped down from that role.

On behalf of the KLRA we would like to thank the following people for the tremendous service they have provided for this lake over the years: Clint Rohr, Tim Ottoway, Barry Elder, Mike Bradley, Sandi and Dave Follis, Barry Glen, the Hotrums, Ron Roberts (staying on), Fred Hughes, Randy Craig and the many others whose names I do not know. *(If your name was not mentioned, please let me know, Ed.)*

Going forward, we would like to welcome the following who have volunteered their time as the **new Rock Marker Committee**: **Brawn**: Rob Pinard, Keith Martin, Kip Watson and Chris Fitzpatrick

Brains: Marnie Cryderman.

Our boats are already grateful to you.

Michele Phillippe, KLRA Secretary

COTTAGERS, if you are aware of any problems with the rock markers in your area - dragging, light out, lying sideways, etc. - please inform the RMC ASAP so that the problem can be dealt with in timely fashion.

Marnie Cryderman 519 636 6511 macryderman@bell.net

This programme is funded by the Kahshe Lake Ratepayers Association with many thanks to John Mertl whose drive and vision sparked the Rock Marker Fund-Raising project back in 2012 and to Randy Craig for his several enthusiastic rock marker funding initiatives — posters of his photography, the IceOut Contest (in conjunction with Steve Wild), his aerial photographs of individuals' cottages.



And speaking of volunteers.... The deadline for nominating

This Year's Outstanding Volunteer

is quickly approaching - **May 31, 2018**.

Make sure to submit your nomination **now** rather than later.

More information can be found on our website kahshelake.ca .

Kahshe Boutique Preparing for Another Great Year!

We are pleased to announce that the ever-popular ***Kahshe Boutique*** will be back this year. Our first event will be the **Annual General Meeting (and Social)** on **July 8** at the **Opera House**. We will also be present at the other major lake events over the summer - **July 21 - Housey's Rapids Picnic**, **July 28 - Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby**, **August 5 - Craft Show** and **August 12 - Kahshe Lake Regatta**.

If you would like to help out at the ***Boutique*** at any of these events,

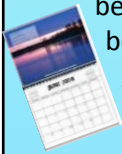
please e-mail **John Kuropatwa** at jkuropatwa@rogers.com or call him at (905) 773-4259 or (705) 689-2118.

Be sure to visit us in order to renew membership, to ask questions about the lake, to meet some of the KLRA volunteers and to show your support of KLRA by purchasing items that have been specially prepared for Kahshe.



Many of your favourite items will be available for purchase in both familiar and new colours. We are introducing 3 new shirt designs; one for the men's t-shirts, one for the children's t-shirts and a premium shirt design for ladies t-shirts. We are quite excited about these new designs as well as some bright new colour combinations. Due to production timelines, we will only be able to place one order for the whole summer, so be sure to make your purchases early.

We sold out of peak hats quickly last year, but they will be back, as will the very popular coffee mugs and beer mugs. The 2019 Kahshe Calendar is also in production and our first glimpse suggests that it will be another sell-out.



And remember, only the KLRA Boutique carries official KLRA items and that 100% of the profit is used to support the fine work of our association.

We look forward to seeing you at the boutique.

Door & Dock Drop

Our annual **Door and Dock Drop (D&DD)** will be taking place sometime in mid to late June.

Every cottager on the lake, member or not, will receive an invitation to this year's **Annual General Meeting and Social** at the **Gravenhurst Opera House; Sunday July 8** from **10 - 12**.

Agenda items include changes to our Membership model and a remodelling of our website. We encourage you all to attend and to join us afterwards at a Social with free nibbles and a cash bar. D&DD packages will also include a list of **2018 Events on the Lake**, an **Emergency Response** poster to hang in your cottage, a **letter** from Steve Wild (KLRA President) and a **request for questions and concerns** to put to all the candidates in the upcoming municipal elections.

Once candidate nominations close at the end of July, I will be contacting each candidate for whom we can vote and asking him/her to submit a paragraph saying why we should vote for him/her. If you have concerns to put to the candidates, please send them to me at the e-address below.

Candidates' responses will appear in the September Krier.

If you do **not** receive your package by the end of June — at your mainland dock if you are water-access, at your cottage (door or nearby tree) if you are road-access — or if your non-member neighbour does not receive a package, please let me know — keithonkahshe@bell.net

HELP WANTED
Earn volunteer hours
with the KLRA

The KLRA is looking for a student intern to help with **Photography** and **Social Media** this summer! This is a great opportunity for teens to gain some creative and not-for-profit experience, all while working by the lake.

High school students will be able to earn some volunteer hours.

Interested? DM us on Facebook or send an email to:

smithers.maureen@gmail.com

Kahshe Lake Cottage Architecture

by Rob Abbott

Foreword

As I looked at all the various styles of cottages along the shores of Kahshe, it occurred to me that a study of the architectural history of cottages on the lake might be an interesting project. In pursuing this, I have tried to look at how social and economic conditions might have influenced cottage design over the years.

Before I begin, however; a couple of points to keep in mind:

1. This is not a thoroughly researched treatise on the subject and I am not an architect. It is just a series of articles for the Krier. If, therefore, you can add, correct, or better yet, provide photos and information about any aspect of the articles, please contact me rob.abbott@sympatico.ca or post on the KLRA facebook page: www.facebook.com/kahshelakera ;
2. I am dealing primarily with cottages which, when built, were only intended as seasonal, recreational residences; and
3. Change happens slowly and gradually in the building industry. Where dates are given they are just guidelines; styles will invariably predate and/or postdate the stated years.

Part One - Dominion Days, Pre WWI

The most notable fact about this time period is that there were very few cottages built on Kahshe. That's not to say there wasn't a demand for vacation properties: with no air-conditioning, with cooking being done mainly on coal-fired stoves and ovens, and with horse manure spread liberally in the streets, the cities were uncomfortable to live in during the hot, sticky summers, even more so when you consider the prevalence of scarlet fever, polio, influenza and tuberculosis.

As a result several lodges, resorts and hotels were built in Muskoka, but mainly on the bigger lakes where access was easier.

As for Kahshe, poor transportation, mainly the lack of personal vehicles, made it impractical to build on and then to get to Kahshe. You could take the train to Kilworthy, but getting all your gear from there to the lake was a long rough wagon ride, probably on corduroy roads. It's also worth keeping in mind that the area would have been mostly logged or burned within the previous few decades so, except for some of the islands, it wasn't exactly pristine wilderness.

There are a few buildings and cottages on the lake from the early 1900s that are still in use, but some were probably converted outbuildings or logging/hunter/trapper sheds, i.e. buildings built for another purpose. The



mid 20s

O'Brien cottage, Belle View Villa (left), was built entirely by many members of the O'Brien family in 1911 on the mainland at the northern tip of the east Boyd Island Channel. It is one of the few original cottages left on the lake. Back then, of course, it was water access. On one trip in the early 30's, it took family members 13 tire repairs to make it to the bell (on Sam Cooke Road), then row across to the cottage to get the punt with the 1.5 hp motor to bring everyone over. Now that was true dedication!



early 50s

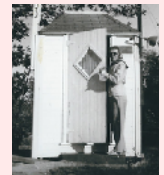
Victoria O'Brien, mother of 6 boys and the grandmother of Linda Stephenson, the present owner, once told her sons, "One day your kids will have electricity and a road to this cottage". If things were this "primitive" even in the early 50s, how much



early 70s

more so must it have been in 1911?

Road access finally arrived when the road from Benzinger/MacAuley Road was built in 1978.



The original outhouse

The cottage rests on a few huge timbers anchored to a solid rock foundation and is finished inside with tongue and groove BC Fir. All the building materials were hauled across Kahshe Lake in the winter time on horse-drawn wagons. (With information and photos from Linda Stephenson)



NOW

"The O'Brien Story" appears on page 46 of "The Healing Waters of Kahshe", Volume Two.

We would love to hear from you (and see some pictures, too), if you own or occupy any cottage built in the following time periods:

Inter War Years, WWI - WWII; Beaver Lumber Cottages Go Boom, Post WWII to Mid 1960's; Mid 1960's to 1980's; On Golden Pond, 1980 to present

Contact Rob Abbott at rob.abbott@sympatico.ca

Kahshe Lake Architecture, Part Two - The Inter War Years will appear in the September edition.

Election Time

VOTE

It is the **Year of Municipal Elections**, which means that we have the opportunity to influence how the **Town of Gravenhurst** and the **District of Muskoka** deal with the concerns of cottagers.

by phone on October 22
online from October 12 to October 22

In order to make an informed choice among the many candidates, the **Krier** will be inviting all the Kakshe-relevant candidates to respond to some of our concerns

If you have any questions that you would like answered by the candidates, please send them to me before the end of July, so that I can send them on to the candidates. Their responses will be published in the September **Krier**.

VOTE WISELY

Click here to send me your questions —>

[Concerns and Questions](#)



The Kakshe Lake Craft Show

The Craft Show is on a roll with vendors already signed up. Two vendors will be looking after this portion of the show. The beneficiary of this year's show will be "The Gravenhurst Fire Fighters' Association" who will also be manning the food tent.



This year we will be blending the book sale with the bake sale.

Please help by donating goods, items and/or some of your time. Remember that the show, as always, needs volunteers and donations, for as much or little time as you want to help out, before or during the show, delivering flyers, picking up donations, baking for the bake sale.



This is a another great opportunity for high school students to earn some volunteer hours.

To volunteer, contact

Judy Ring judyring@bellnet.ca

or Judy Henderson jmhenderson@sympatico.ca

BTW – The **Kakshe Country Crafts Show** has donated over **\$96,000**.

Let's try to make it over the **\$100,000** mark this year.

Garbage Bins at Rockhaven

Concern has been expressed over the removal of the large garbage bins from Rockhaven. Following a report of an oil leak at the government dock, the Ministry of the Environment conducted an investigation and determined that the oil had leached from roof shingles dumped near the bins, but not in them. They also decided that the bin location was not suitable and ordered their removal. As yet the KLRA has been unable to ascertain their new location. The KLRA has been in touch with the town and with the MoE and hopes that the situation will soon be resolved. In the meantime, we would urge all of you to deal responsibly with the inevitable mounds of garbage generated at opening up time. Please do not simply leave your garbage where the bins used to stand. We urge you to either take it home with you or to take it to the town dump at 1052 Beiers Road (Muskoka Road 19) 705-687-8067. Thank you for your understanding.

What's on in Gravenhurst in 2018?

Gravenhurst Opera House — Summer Offerings

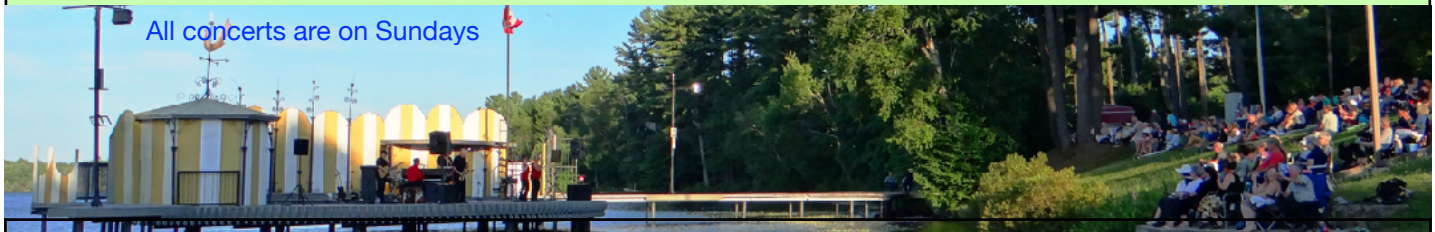
for more details about these shows and a full listing of shows from now until November,
visit Gravenhurst.ca

then click on *Discover Us > Arts, Culture & Heritage -> Opera House -> Upcoming Shows*

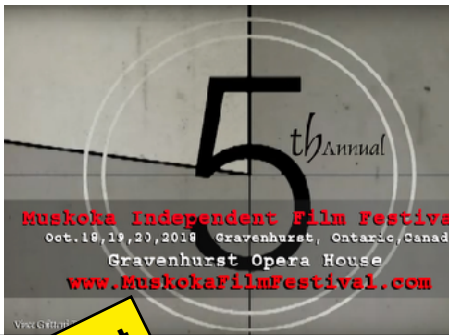
Date(s)	Event	Time	Price
June 12-15	*Souvenir a play Matinees Tues, Wed, Thurs Evenings Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat	Show 2:30 pm Show 8 pm	\$40 Student \$30
Saturday July 14	Pavlo guitarist	Show 8 pm	\$40
July 18 - August 24 check Box Office for blackout dates	*The World Goes 'Round Matinees Tues, Wed, Thurs Evenings Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat	musical revue Show 2:30 pm Show 8 pm	\$40 Student \$30
August 3 - 5	Sawdust City Music Festival For more details, see opposite page or visit www.sawdustcitymusicfestival.com	multiple venues	various ticket/ pass options
Saturday August 25	Legends of Toronto Sound R&B	Show 8 pm	\$40
September 11 - 28 check Box Office for blackout dates	Greater Tuna a play Matinees Tues, Wed, Thurs Evenings Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat	Show 2:30 pm Show 8 pm	\$40 Student \$30
Saturday September 29	LP & The Groove Horn band	Show 8 pm	\$40
Saturday Oct 13	Motown Gold hits from the Motown label	Show 8 pm	\$39
October 18-20	Muskoka Independent Film Festival see opposite page www.MuskokaFilmFestival.com	Call Box Office for times	and prices

Music on the Barge

All concerts are on Sundays



Sunday July 1	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:30 pm	BiFocals Concert Band Orillia Silver Band The Little White Lies	Sunday July 29	7:30 pm	The Man in Black with <i>special friends</i>
Sunday July 8	7:30 pm	Pauly and the Good Fellas	Sunday August 5	7:30 pm	Sawdust City Music Festival www.sawdustcitymusicfestival.com
Sunday July 15	7:30 pm	The Beckett Family	Sunday August 12	7:30 pm	The Liverpool 4
Sunday July 22	7:30 pm	The Little Surf Band	Sunday August 18	7:30 pm	The Good Brothers



The **Town of Gravenhurst** is happy to announce the **5th Annual Muskoka Independent Film Festival** **Thursday, Oct 18 thru Saturday, Oct 20** **Gravenhurst Opera House**
 Presented by the non-profit Rosseau Culture and Arts Project
 Since the Festival began 1,724 films have been submitted from filmmakers across the globe. Only 165 have made it to screening. That's a lot of time spent watching movies!

THE Social Event of the summer !!

KLRA Housey's Rapids 57th Annual Picnic Admission **FREE**
Bass Lake Park **Saturday July 21** **1pm - 5pm**

Games for the kids! Tug o'War Volleyball Fabulous lucky prize draw!
 Horseshoe tournament for the coveted **Cathy Dunphy Broken Horseshoe Trophy!**

KLRA Boutique for Kahshe-labeled fashions!
 Free barbecue lunch (courtesy of **Muskoka Meats!**)

Come meet and greet your neighbours, your new Picnic guru, Gord Robinson, and other members of the KLRA Board.



By boat - through the Housey's Rapids River at the East end of Kahshe.
By car - take Doe Lake Road from Hwy 11, after 8km turn right at Harmony Corners, and then after 7km cross the Kahshe River bridge & turn left - Park is on left after 50m.



Rain date Sunday, July 22.

To volunteer, contact Gord Robinson at gordrobi@gmail.com



The 10th Annual Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

This years fishing derby is scheduled for **Saturday July 28.**

Kids 12 and under...Go grab a rod and go fishing.

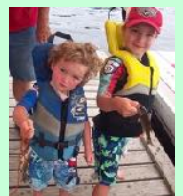
Fish will be measured by length at Denne's dock between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Each child entering a fish will receive a prize.

At 3:30, monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded for many species of fish.

13 to 15 year olds will have their own competition. So join in the fun on July 28.

For more information contact **Ken Long** at kklong97355@yahoo.com or **Sandra Moad** at sandramoad1@gmail.com



The 14th Annual Kahshe Lake Regatta - Saturday August 11th, 2018 - 10am-2pm
Nagaya Beach



The 14th Annual Regatta is shaping up to be an awesome, fun-filled family event with canoe races, sandcastle building, competitions, games and the always popular BBQ! This is a free event. The KLRA Boutique will be open for you to purchase your Kahshe Lake swag including t-shirts, coffee and beer mugs, boat pennants, Kahshe Kalendars, The Healing Waters of Kahshe Vol. 1 and 2, and, of course, baseball hats. You can also purchase or renew your KLRA membership. **Reminder:** If you're planning to participate in the canoe races and/or the cardboard boat competition, you **must** bring a **canoe/cardboard boat AND your life jacket.**



Interested in volunteering?

We have lots of opportunities for you to be involved before, during and after the regatta.

This is a great way for **high school students** to earn volunteer hours BUT we have jobs for volunteers of **all ages!**

Some of the spots to be filled:

- Score keepers
- Art and sandcastle judges
- Clean-up crew
- Set-up crew
- Sign-up table

Drop Maureen a line at: smithers.maureen@gmail.com

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Sunday July 8 at 10 a.m. Come Check Us Out

KLRA Annual General Meeting

Stay for the

SOCIAL

Hear what your local politicians have to say in this election year; learn about the health of your lake; get the latest Kahshe gear at the boutique; connect with your lake community.

New Venue: The Opera House in Gravenhurst

After the meeting: Cash bar and complimentary nibbles.

IN MEMORIAM

Dennis (Denny) Mervyn Morrison (1930-2018)

Denny Morrison died at age 87 on Sunday February 25 at Southlake Village Nursing Home, Newmarket with son and daughter, Peter and Laura, at his side. He was predeceased by Lizzie, his beloved wife of 52 years, and by his brother, Frank Morrison.

Born in Bristol, England in the Llandoger Trow, the sailor’s pub reputed to be where Daniel Defoe met Alexander Selkirk, the model for Robinson Crusoe, Denny Morrison inevitably caught the “sea-fever” that led him to join the Merchant Navy after graduating from Watts Naval Training School in Norfolk, England. As an Able Seaman, and later, Ship’s Boatswain, Denny travelled to all 5 continents and to most of the countries thereon.

While docked in Vancouver in the early 50s, he met Dorothy Elizabeth (Lizzie) Keen, who was to become the love of his life. They were married in England in 1955 and moved to Ontario in 1956 while Lizzie was pregnant with their son, Peter. Though they lived in several locations, the one constant over the next 50+ years was their cottage on the peninsular (sometimes referred to as Keenview Island) across from Rockhaven where they lived year-round for several years.

For most of his professional life in Canada Denny worked in the oil home-heating industry, mainly for Imperial Oil (Esso) and Sunoco. He retired, at age 75, from Tech Air Systems in Gravenhurst in 2005. At the cottage he indulged his passion for fishing, for relaxing with a good history book or mystery novel, for gardening and for cooking. He was a member of the Canadian Power Squadron, loved car-racing and steam trains, played a mean harmonica and coached hockey while Peter was growing up and playing this most un-English game. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.



Denny as volunteer conductor with the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Society

Elizabeth (Liz) Strathdee (1930-2018)



After lengthy complications from an unfortunate accident, Elizabeth Anne Strathdee (nee Ysselstyn) in her 88th year, passed away peacefully at Humber River Hospital on Thursday, April 12, 2018. She was predeceased by her husband Donald Strathdee, her sister Alexandra (Saunie) Hunter and survived by her brother John Boucher (Sonia), her niece Jain McMillan (Paul), nephew John Hunter (Christa Cameron) and her great nephew Cameron Hunter.

Liz Ysselstyn met Carolyn Smith and Dorothy (Liz) Keen at Nagaya Beach around 1938, all three the children of fairly early cottagers on the Lake - the Smiths and the Keens on Keenview Island and the Ysselstyns on Fern Road and Oak Road before there was a road. The three girls grew up at the lake together - playing on Nagaya beach and attending community events like the annual wiener roast. Carolyn Smith later married Jim Keen, Liz married Donald Strathdee, and Lizzie Keen married Dennis Morrison and the 3 couples enjoyed many good times together over the next few decades. Liz will be dearly missed by her godchildren, her relatives and her many friends.

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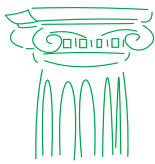
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