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Do you remember older generations drinking from their saucer?

Drinking from My Saucer

by John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.

But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.

But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.

But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough.

I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough. And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.

Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.



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WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai



Hello village people! And hello March, the month of the spring equinox and warmer temperatures, which I know makes a lot of gardeners happy. I'm sure a lot of indoor plants have been started already, but, that's not why we're here, right?

A few articles back, we were discussing the planets, and I was side-tracked with other stuff which happens a lot in my galaxy also known as my brain lol. So I will continue with the planets, as I was

trying to do things in "order of appearance" kinda thing. On that note, I'm going to continue with our very own "mother earth".

The earth's core is roughly the same size as Mars and just as hot as the sun. The average length of day when the earth formed was 6 hours long, but that was 4.5 billion years ago. As the moon slows down our rotation, the average day will be over 25 hours long, but not for another 140 million years. Our planet isn't round, contrary to popular belief its flat at the poles and extra round at the equator kinda like me lol. Antarctica is actually considered a desert. Inner regions receive just 2" of precipitation a year, as snow, of course. The last little tidbit of interest; because of the lack of vegetation in antarctica, more meteorites have been found there, than anywhere else in the world.

So lets see what's happening in the night sky for March, shall we.

March 2 - New Moon. A great time to view those other objects in the night sky.

March 12 - Conjunction of Venus and Mars. Mars will be 3 degrees south of venus in the sky and should make for some great photo ops.

March 18 - Full Moon. This moon was known to native americans as "Worm" moon because the ground is starting to soften and earthworms would reappear. Other names include Crow moon, Crust moon, Sap moon and Lenten moon.

March 20 - Equinox YAY the sun will be shining directly on the equator and there will be equal amounts of sunshine in the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

So there you have it March viewing in a nutshell. Enjoy your equinox party, and happy viewing. 😊

WILL WE BE FOXED IN THIS YEAR? Many will remember the wonderful visitors we had last spring in our community - a small family of foxes. There is no way to know if they will choose our community as a safe place to raise their family again this year but just in case

Foxes typically give birth the end of March, or early April. They can have up to 10 pups - Wow! The pups won't leave the den for about a month, so chances are, if they do choose our neighbourhood again, we won't see them until the end of April. Enjoy the sight, if you are blessed to see them.

But **PLEASE** keep your distance. **DO NOT** feed them - our BC foxes are well adapted to looking after themselves.



Where do you take your Buzz?



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- **Hall Rentals and Information:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- **Gym:** Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or Rod 250.422.3253
- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Marg Burrin 250-422-3565
- **Quilter's Club:** Linda Sundgaard 250.421.0843
- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.

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Follow Me

by Arla Monteith

I'm a lousy navigator and I have a poor sense of direction. This trait tends to make going places an adventure.

One day on my way to Calgary, I got turned around coming out of Canmore. Next thing I knew I was on the Old Banff Highway. I got to Calgary via the scenic route. I probably should have asked for directions but I may have got funny looks. How can you not know how to exit Canmore on your way to Calgary? Well, obviously I can.

We, along with friends, took our kids to Disneyland. While there we decided to visit Universal Studios. Our friends said to follow them. Next thing they whip off on a ramp to the right and we keep on going. "Oh no! They took the wrong turn!" We kept on going but didn't see another sign pointing us to Universal Studios. Finally we stopped and asked for directions. We needed to go back the other way about 5 miles. Being the second set of eyes ... in other words "the navigator" .. I missed the correct sign the first time. Following someone didn't work for me either. We eventually got to the huge parking lot at Universal Studios and there were our friends. We thought we had lost them for the day. The next day, they drove to San Diego, and we took the double decker bus.

A friend asked me if I would go to Ottawa with her. She said that she would rent a car and I would be the driver. As long as she was navigating our way around, we did splendidly. We went to Hull to visit the Museum of Man. I asked for directions. "No problem", says the motel manager, "Just go straight down, it's on your right. You can't miss it!" He obviously didn't know me. Away we go. All of a sudden the middle lane becomes a right turn only and we are across a bridge and heading back into Ottawa. We turned around and did get to the museum.

On leaving Hull I decided to study the map before heading back to Ottawa. My friend would drive. I knew where we were going and would get us back to our hotel - no problem! Almost missed that right hand lane but her sharp eyes saved us! She turned right and across the Alexandra Bridge ... so far so good. We were to turn right on Sussex but found it to be a one way street! So we crossed it, turned right, and ended up in a huge market with narrow streets, and people and cars going every which way! We got back on to Sussex going right but we needed to be going left. With more twists and turns, we eventually found our way back to our hotel. The car stayed parked and we walked or took the trolley bus.

Travelling in the woods with my poor sense of direction would be much more adventurous. I could learn to use a compass and read a topographical map. However, I think I will just forget that and continue to go with someone with an excellent sense of direction ... my husband.

These days, with GPS, navigating the highways and streets and even in the woods is not bad. However, that little voice telling me to "recalculate" when I make a wrong turn is very annoying so I tend to avoid using it. So if you want an adventure or just want to take the scenic route - Follow me!



Wasa Community Library

call Marg Burrin

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Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

Wasa & District Lions Club, Bingo, Wasa Recreational Society, Armchair Traveler, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, Wasa Community Library, Wasa Lake Land Improvement, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

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Our family is celebrating our 20th anniversary of having a property at Wasa. As a former Calgarian who my neighbors referred warmly to as their “pet Albertan” for many years, I can now say in retirement that I am officially a BC resident although not per-

manently in Wasa.

Our place at Wasa has provided our family with so many memories over the years. Not just about the lake, the golf courses, the hiking, the skiing or fishing. It includes for the most part the many friends we have made over the years who are both fulltime residents as well as part time residents. Over that time many have passed but their memory lives on with the interaction that we had with them and the families that remain.

Wasa has always provided me with a feeling of small-town Saskatchewan where I grew up. Neighbors taking care of neighbors and helping because that is what people do. A safe place where my kids picked bottles, walked neighbor’s dogs and sold their handcrafted “jewelry” at the market Saturday during the pancake breakfasts. They took their earnings and rode their bikes to the Hitching Post or the Racetrack for ice cream.

While those memories are important, we continue to make new ones. Our kids have partners and someday maybe grandchildren will also have their lives influenced by all that Wasa and the area has to offer. The last couple of years have been tough on everyone and we were not able to get to our special place given Covid and some family health issues. While it looks like the light at the end of the tunnel is daylight and not a train, we are looking forward to getting back into a routine with our return visits and starting where we left off with our friends and neighbors.

When we were last in Wasa we were very surprised at the amount of development happening and see some exciting change taking place. Much more development for those that seem to be retiring there and those with young families are doing what we did 20 years ago. If I can offer any advice or rather suggestion to anyone that is somewhat new to Wasa, I hope they will embrace their new neighborhood and do their best to be a part of it. Support local businesses, volunteering and support for the Lions Club, respect for neighbors who live and work full time and a simple wave and a hello to everyone you meet. And if I can add, respect the rules at the landfill regarding what goes where. There, I got my pet peeve in there!

Thank you to those we know and have included us in their lives and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Ever since I found out that earth worms have taste buds all over the delicate pink strings of their bodies, I pause dropping apple peels into the compost bin, imagine the dark, writhing ecstasy, the sweetness of apples permeating their pores. I offer beets and parsley, avocado and melon, the feathery tops of carrots.

I’d always thought theirs a menial life, eyeless and hidden, almost vulgar - though now, it seems, they bear a pleasure so sublime, so decadent, I want to contribute however I can, forgetting, a moment, my place on the menu.

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Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

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*If interested in volunteering at the garden please contact
Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 © or email slshields27@gmail.com*

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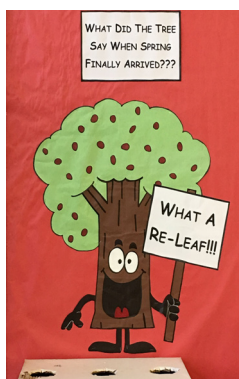
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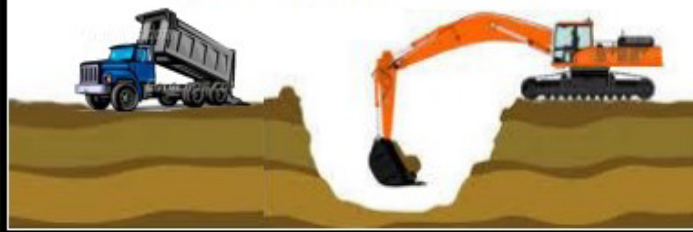
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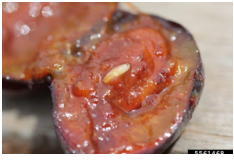
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Did you know that before crowbars were invented,
crows had to drink alone?

INVASIVE SPECIES ENTER THE CREEPY CRAWLERS

Even the smallest among us can have a devastating impact on our surroundings. British Columbia has a number of invasive insects we should be keeping an eye out for:



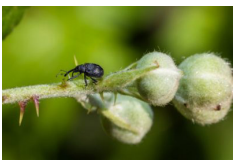
Apple maggot fly is native to Eastern North America & was introduced to BC in 2006. Apple maggot fly is now established in the Lower Mainland, throughout Vancouver Island, & in the Prince George area. Apple growing areas in North America where this fly has NOT yet established are the Okanagan, Similkameen, & Creston Valleys. Let's try to keep it that way

The Apple maggot fly feeds mainly on apples (*Malus* spp.). making the fruit unmarketable, & affected orchards experience lower yields. Adult flies are small (5-6 mm) with a distinct black zig-zag pattern on their wings. This pattern can be used to distinguish Apple maggot flies from other species of fruit flies. Males have three white bands on their abdomen, while females have four bands. Maggots grow & develop inside fruit. They are 6.5-8.0 mm long & 2 mm wide. They are legless & are pointed & slightly darker at one end. Their body has 11 segments & is creamy-tan in colour.

Asian giant hornets are the largest hornet in the world. They are found throughout South & East Asia & were likely brought to North America accidentally on container ships. Asian giant hornets were first seen in BC in 2019 in Nanaimo. Typically nest in underground cavities, or above ground in tree stumps of forested areas. They feed on insects & are particularly dangerous to honeybee hives. If they establish in BC, they may pose a serious threat to our beekeeping & commercial pollination industries, which in turn will have serious consequences for BC agriculture.



The head is bright orange with large jaws & entirely black eyes. The thorax (where the legs & wings attach) is dark brown or black, & the wings are tinted a dark brown. The abdomen has regular black & orange horizontal stripes. Depending on the bee caste (drone, worker or queen) the size varies between 2.5 cm to 5 cm.



Strawberry blossom weevil is native to Europe, where it is a pest of strawberries & cane-fruits. This weevil is a recent arrival in BC & has a serious potential to disrupt the BC berry growing industry. Strawberry blossom weevil has been reported throughout the Lower Mainland, south of the Fraser River from Hope to Richmond-Delta, & north of the Fraser River from Coquitlam to Dewdney. Adults have been found on cultivated strawberries & raspberries, on wild species of rose, & wild *Rubus* species such as Himalayan blackberry, salmonberry, & thimbleberry. They feed on the fruit & leaves of host plants. Adult weevils emerge in April/May to mate. Weevil grubs feed & grow inside the buds of host plants, then emerge as adult weevils within a month. These weevils have one generation per year. Adult weevils can be found in host plants until temperatures start to drop in the fall. A small black beetle, between 2-3 mm long, with an armored body with ridges going down their backs & a thin, downwards curved snout that is 1/3 of their body length. Larvae mature inside flower buds & exit the buds when they are ready to pupate in leaf litter below the host plant. You may be able to find them by looking inside dead flower buds. The body is 1-2 mm long & milky-white with a tan head at one end.

Japanese beetles first established in North America in 1916 in the Eastern US & have since been slowly moving Westward. Infestations occasionally occur in Washington & Oregon when beetles are accidentally transported on shipping vehicles. Japanese beetles were first found in BC in July 2017 in downtown Vancouver. The population is centralized around the False Creek area & has not spread outside of the downtown area. Adult Japanese beetles can feed on over 300 species of plants, including many species of agricultural & horticultural importance. Adult beetles damage plants by skeletonizing leaves, & beetle larvae live underground & feed exclusively on the roots of turf & grasses, leaving patches of brown grass in otherwise healthy lawns. Adult beetles emerge from hibernation around June, when temperatures consistently reach above 21 °C. Adult beetles are around 1 cm long, with a rounded oval shape & a hard shiny green exoskeleton & brown wing covers. The best defining characteristic of this beetle is the six tufts of white hairs running down either sides of the abdomen– no other beetle in BC has this pattern. Refer to the Japanese Beetle Look-alikes Factsheet to compare the Japanese beetle with similar looking insects found in BC.



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HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO CHRIS PUSZTAY!

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Wasa Community Church



Apparently originating from a letter written by J.R.R. Tolkien in 1944, the word ‘eucatastrophe’ served as an opposite to the word it contained. Rather than something tragic or disastrous happening suddenly (catastrophe), adding the prefix ‘eu-’ (of Greek origin: good, well) changed the sudden event into something great or amazing. In the days since its first use, this word has often been associated with a transition found in part of the ancient letter written by the apostle Paul to the mid-1st Century Christians of Ephesus. This transition occurs in the section of Ephesians 2:1-10, where, translated into English (ESV) from its original Greek, it says, *“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”* These first three verses paint a bleak picture of the believers’ pasts. However, in a stroke of eucatastrophe, Paul switches gears to introduce his more positive truths: *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

Amidst what appears to be a hopeless text comes a catastrophe of good. Suddenly, there is hope, as Paul reveals that the God of the universe is a gracious, merciful and loving God, and that achieving salvation isn’t based on a person’s merit. The ticket into heaven isn’t bought by works and good deeds. We, in our sinful state, could never afford such a thing if it were. Instead, we’re saved through placing our faith in Christ Jesus and what He did for us, in taking our sin upon Himself as He was crucified on the cross, and in rising again. However, the love, mercy and grace shown to us by God should prompt us to show love, mercy and grace to others, as well as to strive to please the Lord in doing good works. To the Christian, this eucatastrophe should be the driving force for how one’s life should be conducted.

Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church, (250) 464-4419

Due to Appear: Bears Among Us

Yes, it is getting to that time of year again, when we must be **BEAR AWARE**. Bears generally leave hibernation around the middle of April, but have been seen earlier if the winter has been mild. And we know our mild fall sent them to ‘bed’ late last fall - an early rising is not out of the question. Sows will likely have cubs in tow - and are exceptionally vigilant to any perceived threat.

They will be **HUNGRY**! So please take extra care in your garbage disposal and any other attractants in your yard. Bears will be looking for quick and fatty foods and may get into human sources like compost, bird feeders, garbage, fruit trees, bee hives, chicken coops or pet food. Let’s not create “problem” bears - we need to keep our wildlife, wild.

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A new information kiosk, blue roof, has been installed south-west of the Community Hall. WLLID will use it to provide residents with photos of its activities. Look for information posters coming soon.

The WLLID is part of the Columbia Basin Water-Hub project (cbwaterhub.ca) and participated in making a video about the WaterHub and its role here at Wasa. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVTtnuXXlqs>

The Board of Trustees urges everyone to make sure their WLLID tax is paid. The \$50 was due last July 2021. Reminder notices will be going out shortly.

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submitted by Nowell Berg



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Evasive Weeds

I have been some complaints about evasive weeds along the roads.

The RDEK contacted the Ministry of Transportation asking them to spray the areas, They got back to the RDEK stating that they can not spray the ditches in Wasa because of some of the water well locations.

This means that the weeds need to be pulled. They could also be mowed .

I was wondering if there is any interest in doing another community pull like we had a few years ago. I would like to hear if there is an interest.

COVID Restrictions

With some of the restrictions being lifted, I am hoping we can start to have public meetings. I have held zoom meetings but many people do not want to use zoom. This has made it difficult to communicate all of the new information.

Spring Clean Up

Remember to continue keeping your properties clear of combustible materials. No one wants to risk loosing their buildings to a fire.

I hope everyone has a safe month. If you have any questions or concerns please call me 250-427-2577 or email me s.janewalter@gmail.com

Thanks, Jane Walter



By Area E Director Jane Walter

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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

by Anonymous

*When I come to the end of
the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom
filled room*

*Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little - but not for
long.*

*And not with your head
bowed low.*

*Remember the love that once
we shared.*

*Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we must
all take,*

And each must go alone.

*It's all part of the master
plan,*

A step on the road to home.

*When you are lonely and
sick at heart,*

*Go to the friends we know,
Laugh at all the things we
used to do.*

Miss me, but let me go.

Andrew John Stuart "Stu" Laurie

April 7, 1927 – January 16, 2022



Stu Laurie passed away in Cranbrook, BC, at the age of 94 years. He was born nearly 95 years ago, on April 7, 1927, in Cranbrook, BC. Stu is survived by his son Don, granddaughter Brandi, niece Cindy (Bert), three great-grandchildren, and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his dad Walter John Laurie in 1987, his mom Jessie Stuart Laurie (nee: Cant) in 2003, his brother Donald in 1950, and his brother Gordon in 2016.

Stu was a longtime resident of the Tri-village area, grew up with the Rauch brothers, was known as the Artificial Bull, co-founded Pets Go Raw dog food, and raised and showed prize Shiba Inu dogs. Stu was always up for a new business and even tried his hand at chickens the year before he moved to Cranbrook at the age of 93 years.

Stu was proud of his service in the military and his work with animals. He was a generous man who enjoyed taking friends for lunch and constantly planned his next adventure.

The Tri-Village Buzz published a profile of Stu in the April 2018 issue, which can be found at www.wasalake.com.

There will not be a formal service at this time. If desired, donations in Stu's memory can be made to the LDS Children's Fund Ward 2.

Wasa TOPS

Friday mornings downstairs

Wasa Community Hall

Weigh-in 9 – 9:30 am

Meeting 9:30 – 10:30 am

Everyone welcome –

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"In Like A Lion, Out Like A Lamb"



Is this saying about March true? We take a closer look at this bit of weather folklore.

Weather folklore sayings are as colorful as our imagination. While many sayings are based on careful observations and turn out to be accurate, others are merely rhymes or beliefs of the people who came before us. So is this one any different?

Ancestral Beliefs—Balance

Those people often believed that bad spirits could affect the weather adversely, so they were cautious as to what they did or didn't do in certain situations. Those beliefs often included ideas that there should be a balance in weather and life. So, if a month came in bad (roaring like a lion), it should go out good and calm (docile, like a lamb). With March being such a changeable month, in which we can see warm spring-like temperatures or late-season snowstorms, you can understand how this saying might hold true in some instances.

We can only hope that if March starts off stormy it will end on a calm note, but the key word is hope. However, this saying seems to be simply a rhyme rather than a true weather predictor.



<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/the-truth-behind-in-like-a-lion-out-like-a-lamb-2867>

*Came the Spring with all its
splendor*

All its birds and all its blossoms

All its flowers and leaves and grasses

Henry Woodsworth Longfellow



Adam's Army Charitable Foundation would like to thank the 120+ participants who joined the 2nd annual Fishing Derby and made it such a huge success!

We would like to thank the following for contributing donations for prizes, in no specific order:

- Transcendent Mining
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We would also like to thank Dale Leask, Stan Kneller and Debra Leask for volunteering their time to register all participants and for organizing the event.

Adam's Army successfully raised over \$1700 from the one day event and this wouldn't have been possible without the support of the above mentioned people. All money raised goes directly to families who have children undergoing cancer treatments to assist with everyday living expenses. We are looking forward to 2023 Fishing Derby!

Sincerely,

President – Adams Army Charitable Foundation
Daris Kieley



The Lions Den Lions Roar

Wasa & District Lions Club – Serving Wasa & Area since 1976

submitted by Terry Marvel

The Lions have had a pretty quiet month but there have been a few things to mention.

The draw for the Wasa Lions raffle was drawn February 15th as promised.

The winners are as follows:

- 1st prize goes to Vivien Morrison - \$1000 cash
- 2nd prize to Kevin McIvor – Handmade knife and gift cards (total value: \$440)
- 3rd prize went to Cathy Miles Boue – Gift cards worth a total of \$240.

Thanks to all who participated in the raffle and congratulations to the winners!

Just a note to all the skaters: the rink is now officially closed for the season due to the warmer weather.

A huge thank you to everyone that kept the rink up and running this winter. It would not be possible to have this wonderful venue without your hard work and dedication.

We'll be looking for volunteers to install the soffitting on the ceiling of the eating area of the country Kitchen when the weather gets a little warmer. It's a large area, so it will take many hands to get it done in a reasonable time.

As usual, a shout out to the general public for donations for our annual Garage Sale. Any items of a gently used quality (except for clothing) will be greatly appreciated.

And as usual, recyclable containers are welcome for our recycle campaign for the Scholarship Fund.

I'm sure everyone is looking as forward to the spring as I am. Hopefully it comes soon as it has been one heck of a long winter in this writer's opinion. Maybe it's just because I'm getting older and the winters don't hold the thrill they once did. See you in a month for the spring edition!



The great dangers of censorship as weapon of the “woke culture”

We cannot foster any elevated spiritual life on earth if lobbyists try, violently, to silence people and deform reality for their petty interests. The spiritual life requires having both feet on the ground to face what is happening on our planet today! We cannot remain silent while people are being manipulated by forces that enslave them to lies.

Nowadays, censorship is almost everywhere as the normal mode of operation of aggressive activists and of most Media outlets, which now act as judges of what is acceptable or not. Censorship is now protected by a “New God of Obscurantism” called “Woke Culture”. Woke Culture uses censorship as a propaganda weapon, serving to silence people wishing to debate themes relating to inequalities. Censorship, this arbitrary and doctrinal limitation of freedom of expression, is not new. Socrates, Galileo, Spinoza and even Jesus were victims of censorship. There was the martyrdom of Christians, the burning of the Library of Alexandria, the intellectual regulation efforts of the Inquisition and the burnings of books that displeased the Nazis.

The devil of censorship

Historically, those who exercised censorship were always on the wrong side of history. One would have hoped that this would serve as a lesson, but not at all! This demon is still present and more than ever with our faster means of communication. “Wokism” exhorts the concepts of suffering and injustice inflicted on minori-

ties, making gross generalizations and creating a climate of insecurity and denunciation everywhere. This “wokism”, with its weapon of choice, “censorship”, proceeds through aggressive intimidation, false accusations, the creation of culprits before any legal judgement, and the ostracization of individuals as freethinkers. With the complicity of the technology of the media, the adepts of the “woke culture” want to limit access to the knowledge of real facts and stifle any heterodox thought which deviates from the “wokist” conformism. Although the terms “woke” and “wokism” come from the meaning of “being awake”, there is no “awakening” but only constant accusations here. It is in fact the opposite of awakening since it creates a deformed vision of reality, provoking ostracization and banishment of individuals. More than anything, the narrow mentality of “woke culture” creates an obscurantism great enough to generate a revolt of the majority who refuse to be used by rules made only to please the lobbying minorities.

The “woke culture mentality” exalts isolated cases of injustice to create generalities such as: If you are pro-Palestinian then you are anti-Semitic; if you are not in favor of marriage between people of the same sex then you are homophobic; if you don’t want to see your population replaced by a Muslim population, then you are islamophobic; if some men abuse women then all men should be seen as potential rapists and all women, as abused by men; if you proclaim that there is a difference between a man and a woman then you are a misogynistic macho, no matter what; if a policeman hurts a black

person, then the entire police force is racist... etc. The list could go on and on...

The danger of “wokism” is that this culture leads to preventive self-censorship. By deterring audacity, it harms intellectual production, scientific discoveries and universal knowledge. Thus, because the “woke sect” does not support the respect of the non-generalization of injustice against minorities, it imposes medieval obscurantism for which Humanity pays the price.

An absurd mentality

The most ironic thing is that this obscurantism is exercised in the name of “progress”, so their motto should be “Regress to progress”, which is absurd in and of itself. Is there really anyone to swallow this snake? The impossibility of expressing oneself freely, censorship on all sides, opposition to universalism, neo-racism... all these tendencies are those of the Woke Movement. If this new form of self-righteousness is very attractive in appearance, in reality, its ideology threatens freedoms and individuals. Do not believe, point blank, all the ways in which the media present the news to you. There is a “Woke Culture” way of expressing the facts which very often leads people to believe that *evil is everywhere* and that you are surely guilty of something if you don’t think like the “Woke Culture”.

Be careful and stay awake for real! Discernment is certainly the most important quality on our spiritual journey on Earth.

Warmly yours with Love and Blessings.

OM OM OM

H. H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha



Clair Pusztay

January 4, 1964 – March 25, 2021

Clair, a whole year has gone by without you, but you are ever-present in our hearts. We speak of you daily and recall our fond memories with you. We keep your love close to us and remember your laughter and the way you threw yourself into life – always hungry for new experiences and making them your own. We miss you. We love you. We wish we had had more time with you, but that was not meant to be. Rest peacefully knowing your legacy continues, that you live on in all of those who love you and, that you will never be forgotten.

With all our love, the Pusztay – Tweedie – Barbour – Szuch – Godziuk Families



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6 Church 10:30 am	7 	8	9	10 	11	12
13 Church 10:30 am	14	15	16	17 	18 	19
20 Church 10:30 am	21	22	23	24 	25	26 
27 Church 10:30 am	28	29	30	31 		

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 a.m. Lions 7 p.m.
 Rec Society 7 p.m. Quilters 10 - 4
 Library; tuesdays 11 - 1 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
 Armchair Traveller 7:30 p.m.
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