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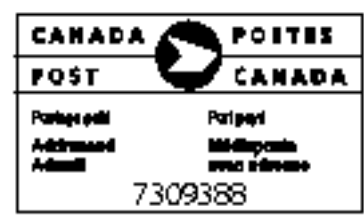
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Chapter 36 Meeting Schedule

March 18th - 6.30pm **Botanix Garden Centre**, 375 Bayview Drive, Barrie

Guest Speaker: Gardening Presentation

April - 6.30pm in the Sir Robert Barrie Community Room at **Steckley-Gooderham**
Funeral Homes, 30 Worsley St (Cnr Clapperton)

Guest Speaker: TBD

May- 6.30pm in the Sir Robert Barrie Community Room at **Steckley-Gooderham**
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Guest Speaker: Cross Border Shopping, Keith Pitts

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Our website is updated
regularly....

If you missed a meeting, you'll find
a copy of the most recent minutes
as well as information about up-
coming meetings and details of
planned events.

You can also find recent and
past editions of our newsletter.

We appreciate your feedback:
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Join the conversation about the future of
health and housing in our local community;
where it is today, where it is going and how you
can be involved in the process.

*Tickets to the conference are going quickly so please purchase yours
today, see our website for details (www.barriecarp.org)*

When: June 7th, 2014

Time: 9am-5pm

Where: Army, Navy & Airforce Veterans (ANAF)
7 George St, Barrie ON

Tickets: \$15 p.p includes lunch

****Entrance to the Trade Show section is free of charge.***

Call Marjory Scott at 705-252-1471 for more details or to RSVP.

Your opportunity to make a real impact on our community!

CONNECTING WITH THE CHAIR

At last we might see a ray of hope that Spring is on the horizon and next month we celebrate Easter.

What a long----- winter!

I am proud to tell you that your Chapter is making headway on organization with a Newsletter we are proud of and our new Web Site, www.barriecarp.org.

With 8 board members there are more hands to assist with the work and this will make my life easier and hopefully make your Chapter more fruitful. My thanks to each and every one of them.

We have been busy organizing meetings and presenters, coming up with bus trips and putting together our upcoming "Health & Home Conference" to be held at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club at 7 George Street on June 7th.

The Conference itself, from 10:00 to 4:00, will seat approximately 150 people and the cost will be \$15.00 including lunch, so easy on your pocket book. Attached will be a trade fair, from 9:00 to 5:00, with booths related to the subject of the Conference. We hope you will come out to support us and you can register either on our web site or you can call Marjorie Scott at (705) 252-1471. As the seating is limited it would be wise to register early rather than later. There is no charge to attend the trade fair.

In September I lobbied the mayor and City Council for a Senior Advisory Committee to the City of Barrie. The Committee mandate is senior housing, transportation, civic participation and communication. The Committee members have now been appointed along with Councillor Ainsworth. She is away until mid March so our first meeting will not be held until her return. Hopefully, we can make a small difference.

I am looking forward to our meeting on March 18th at Botanix on Bayview Drive. They will be giving us hints on gardening, including patio or deck projects. Should give us spring fever and I can already feel those warm breezes and see the friendly faces sharing refreshments on the patio. Barbeque anyone!!

Wishing you all a special Easter and hope you are able to spend time with friends and family on this special occasion.

Gwen Kavanagh
Chair,
CARP Chapter 36



**Editor's note - It has since been confirmed that the first meeting of the Snr. Advisory Committee for the City of Barrie will be held on March 24th, 2014.*

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ADVOCACY

Unemployment: Older workers waiting for the revolution -

(See more at: <http://www.carp.ca/2014/03/07/unemployment-older-workers-waiting-revolution/#sthash.Q1tdCbgI.dpuf>)

Working in your 60s and 70s is a reality – businesses just need to realize it, Don Pittis writes

There's a revolution coming. That's what employment experts are saying, and David Hurdon is one of the growing number of Canadians who can't wait.

"I need to work," he says.

Hurdon left his last full time "formal" job as vice-president of retailing at winemaker Kittling Ridge at age 54. That was 10 years ago, and since then he has been self-employed and never earned enough to set aside a retirement nest egg.

When he heard about a job fair run by CARP (a group representing older Canadians) that is specifically aimed at people trying to get back into the workforce, Hurdon was optimistic about finding a good job.

Lisa Taylor says he has every right to be. Taylor is president of The Challenge Factory and she is an activist promoting a transformation of the Canadian workforce.

"The concept of continuing to work in your sixties and seventies is a fairly new construct," says Taylor after giving a pep talk to an audience of some 200 elders at the event. "You know, it wasn't so long ago that marketing campaigns were telling us that retirement would happen at 55."

She says that's crazy, and a fabulous graphical analysis called an interactive population pyramid created by Statistics Canada shows why.

As you move the slider at the bottom, the graph shows the number of Canadians in each age group over time. In the 1920s it was the rare person indeed who reached 80. From about 1943 to 1962 the graphic exhibits a clear pyramidal shape – a few old people were supported by a huge youthful base.

But as the slider moves closer to the present, the birth rate falls and lifespans get longer. That baby boom bulge moves higher and the base of young people shrinks.

Newfoundland and Labrador is leading the way. In that part of the country, the "pyramid" is beginning to look distinctly top heavy, more like a bushy tree.

As The Economist magazine has editorialized, "If old people leave the workforce early, they become dependent on young people for their living." Even if older people have private money invested in stocks and bonds, the returns on that investment all have to be created by the shrinking workforce.

Taylor is convinced that is unsustainable. And she rejects the idea that by staying in the workforce, older people prevent the young from finding work. That's the "lump of labour fallacy" that has been used in the past to keep women from working and discourage immigration by "foreigners who will take all the jobs."

"In fact, research shows that where there is greater employment levels at the more senior age level in a society, youth unemployment decreases," says Taylor.

And she adds that with complementary skills, both young and old workers will be needed in the workforce.

The problem is, most of the jobs being offered to highly skilled mature workers right now just aren't that attractive.

About 600 people attended CARP's elder job fair, billed as "work re-imagined," for example. But the jobs on offer were not the kinds of things the people I spoke to were hoping for.

I saw David Hurdon slumped in a chair looking discouraged, having been offered minimum-wage and volunteer jobs. There was Mary Kay and Avon, and many less-well-known products to sell door to door or to friends. There were franchises that required an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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SIX, SIMPLE, CRAFTY IDEAS FOR EASTER....



Create whimsical nest cookies with simple home made sugar cookies topped with white frosting, purple dessicated coconut and store-bought candy eggs.



Cake pops decorated as baby chicks - a perfect spring treat. The kids will love them!



Fill a clear vase with plastic, dollar-store eggs and finish with a fresh bouquet of spring flowers. A colourful, spring table centrepiece.



Jelly bean bark - melt white chocolate and fold in colourful jelly beans. Cool and break into pieces. A treat!



Decorate toilet rolls with craft paper. An easy craft to do with the grandkids. Fill the rolls with candy and use as gifts or display a whole bunch on the mantle as a fun, easter decoration.



COMMUNITY

LOCAL SEASONAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Knitting, Crocheting and craft night

When: March 12 2014, 7:30-9pm

Location: Hurst Drive

Phone: 705-623-4504

The Volunteer Stitches of Barrie are a organization helping our community and surrounding areas. We make handmade items to donate to the hospitals, nursing homes, out of the cold, Christmas Cheer and women's and children crisis centers.



Barrie District Stamp Club - Monthly Meeting

When: March 13 2014, 7-9pm

Location: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,
47 Owen St, Barrie.

Phone: 705-735-6009

<http://barriedistrictstampclub.ca>

MPP Rod Jackson's Free Tax Clinic

When: Friday March 21 2014, 6-9pm

Location: MPP Rod Jackson's Constituency
Office, 20 Bell Farm Road

Phone: 705-728-5538

<http://www.rodjacksonmpp.ca>

Free tax clinic of individuals with gross income under \$35,000 and families with gross income under \$40,000.

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When: March 23, 2014 (4pm-6pm)

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March 31st - April 25th (not during Holy Week)

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www.barriemusicfestival.com

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday Apr 5 2014, 9am-3pm

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

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A springtime tradition! Visit the Tiffin Centre's Sugar Shack to learn how maple sugar is made, then enjoy a pancake breakfast with sausages and Simcoe County maple syrup. Enjoy wagon rides, live music, a Zoo-to-You show and more.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 2 to 12, and free for infants. (Note - breakfast is served until 2 p.m.)

This event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barrie and many local businesses.



Hike for Hospice Palliative Care

Sunday May 4 2014

10am-4pm

Location: Dorian Parker
Centre (Sunnidale Park)

Address: 227 Sunnidale
Road

Phone: 705-722-4438
ext. 245



<http://www.hospicesimcoe.ca>

ADVOCACY

ONTARIO CHANGES THE SENIOR DRIVER RENEWAL PROGRAM



The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is changing its senior driver's licence renewal program for drivers over the age of 80. It was announced on January 28, 2014 that the new program promises to help seniors who are able to drive renew their licences in a less onerous way while also addressing general road safety concerns.

Starting April 21, 2014, drivers aged 80 and over will no longer have to complete a written knowledge test, according to the Ministry, and will participate in a shorter and simpler renewal program that includes, a vision test, a driver record review, an improved in-class Group Education Session, and two short in-class screening exercises. This announcement disproves the circulating rumor that Ontario was going to implement the SIMARD Test, a costly, intrusive computer-based testing program with little evidence to support claims of effectiveness.

The changes reflect many of the concerns CARP raised about the outgoing seniors' licensing program, which unduly relied on age to determine licensing, rather than experience, driving record, and ability to drive. In an open letter last February and meeting last March, CARP called on the Minister of Transportation to end outdated licensing protocols that unfairly target older drivers and instead implement driver improvement programs and interventions that pro-actively increase safety measures for all drivers. CARP's message was heard – the new changes provide a balanced approach to ensuring the public's safety and protecting people's ability to drive. Currently, the

renewal process requires drivers aged 80 years and older, every two years, to take a vision test, undergo a driver record review, attend a group education session, and take a written knowledge test, and if it is necessary, take a road test. The whole process, prior to the road test, takes approximately three –and-a-half hours to complete. The written knowledge test causes unnecessary stress and anxiety and it is an unfair assessment that does not actually tests people's ability to drive.

The changes to the program provide a fairer evidence-based approach that tests people's ability to drive with safeguards and checkpoints to ensure public safety.

Under the new changes, the whole process will be shorter, approximately 90 minutes to complete. Instead of the knowledge test, two non-computerized cognitive screening assessments that are commonly used to assess cognitive ability, such as visuo-spatial and psycho-motor ability, will be administered in group settings. Older drivers will no longer be tested for the rules that they already drive by, and sample tests will be made available so older drivers will know what to expect. Therefore, under the new changes, the process will include: A vision test A driver record review A shorter group education session Two, brief, non-computerized in-class cognitive screening assessments If necessary, a road test or medical exam.

Older drivers will still need to go through the process every two years to renew their licence and the cost will remain the same, prorated at two-fifths the costs of a five-year renewal. There will be no additional cost for the process above, and if one fails, the process and/or road tests can be retaken numerous times at no additional cost. However, if one's licence expires be-

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There were agencies trying to help you find jobs. Hurdon put in his name at one called Third Quarter. "They may be the only useful connection I made," he emailed me later. "Nothing available on their site right now, but better to be registered than not."

Angelina Hamangoda is a lawyer who has worked around the world. Her last job before becoming unemployed was part-time at an after-school daycare, and she could find nothing at the CARP event.

"I feel very frustrated right now," she said. "I think all my education is down the drain."

The experiences of Hurdon and Hamangoda are right in line with a February report from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on the national labour market.

It says people 55 and older are getting work and the participation rate has soared, nearly doubling since 1994. In fact, the unemployment rate of older workers who say they are looking is lower than the rate for all Canadians. But the jobs are not good, consisting of lower-wage part-time work.

It doesn't feel like a revolution.

But that does not shake Lisa Taylor's conviction. She says demographics and growing lifespans mean that to be successful it is essential for businesses to learn not to cast off older workers, but instead to learn how to make them useful.

Many businesses currently see their existing older workers as a cost rather than a benefit, and getting rid of them as a cost savings. And as the experience of everyone I spoke at this job fair showed, companies are generally reluctant to hire older workers and invest in their training. But Taylor says managers must adjust to the fact that a realistic working life expectancy needs to accommodate an 82 year lifespan, and that hiring and training older workers is not the short-term investment it might have been in the past.

She says successful businesses will inevitably figure this out.

"The people who get it, the employers that start to recognize that this workforce is tal-

ented and committed and flexible and ready to continue, they are the ones that are going to win the day in this revolution," says Taylor.

"The ones that right now are really resisting, they are going to be the ones that have to catch up as the talent revolution continues to roll."

UPCOMING CARP EVENTS FOR 2014

Kempfenfelt Community Players

May 1st, 2014

The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee
(comedy)

8:00 p.m.

The Mady Center, 1 Dunlop Street Barrie
\$19.25 for a group of 10 or more

Huronion Players, Brunch and Theatre

June 1st, 2014

I'll Be Back Before Midnight
(suspense/thriller)

11:00am pick up at Bayfield Mall behind Canadian Tire. Enjoy a delicious brunch at Brooklea Golf and Country Club then on to the Midland Cultural Centre.

Return to Barrie by approximately 5pm.

\$50.00/person (includes theatre ticket, brunch including gratuities and bus)

Show starts at 2:00pm

Durham Region Wine Tour

Sept 18, 2014

Departing from

Barrie at 9:30am,

a luxury coach bus will take you to Frankie Tomatoes Buffet Lunch, Willow Springs Winery, Ocala Winery and White Feather County Store.

Return to Barrie 7:45 pm

Price \$75.00 / person



WILLARD KINZIE LEAVES A LEGACY – ‘THE MILK MAN’

Barrie, ON – Feb. 13, 2014 – He’s a man with vision, tenacity, and spunk. He’s known as the city of Barrie’s first mayor, a successful entrepreneur, and an adventurer who climbed mountains and still curls at the age of 94. He is Willard Kinzie – The Milk Man.

“Everyone has stories they treasure and like to retell,” exclaims Willard in the opening of his life story video legacy. Willard chose to record his stories so future generations will know the stuff they’re made of, where they came from and how to navigate the challenges ahead.

Willard reminisces about the love of his life and Barrie’s “first lady” Ruth, his favourite family stories and recipes, the dairy, and his time in politics. One story that comes to mind is Willard’s idea to change the lights at the five points to an “all walk.” He says with a chuckle and twinkle in his eye, “The headline in the Barrie Examiner was, ‘Kinzie Scheme: Run Don’t Walk!’ But eventually everyone got used to it. There’s no better way.”

Willard shares his ideas around the importance of having a vision and being an entrepreneur through prosperous and tough times, and his involvement in the development of Barrie’s waterfront from swampland to tourist attraction.

“We were told Barrie would never see another duck at the waterfront!”

The video also gave Willard the opportunity to leave a message for his great grandchildren and future great, great grandchildren of the values he lived his life by and his hopes for them in the future.

COMMUNITY

“Willard is an amazing man and as an entrepreneur myself, I’ve learned a lot from him. I feel a strong connection to my clients partly because I spend typically around 100 hours either with them in person or staring at them on screen as I edit their biography,” Says Debbie Marks.

Willard worked with Debbie from Marks in Time which specializes in capturing and preserving life stories. Debbie loves the opportunity to get to know her clients while they share some of their most intimate thoughts and memories.

“It has been a pleasure and an honour to help Willard leave a lasting legacy for his family,” adds Debbie

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ZOOMERS: HOUSE- WIVES OF WHITE ROCK

By April Lewis

(April is the local

communications director for CARP in BC)

I have a confession to make.

I will unburden my soul to you, tireless Zoomer readers, and I know I shall immediately feel absolved. I watch *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*.

I get a vicarious thrill seeing how the other half lives, perched on their magnificent hilltops with the requisite expansive views and the swimming pool.

I ogle at the cougar-esque adornments surrounding these divas in the guise of bartenders, which serves as soothing eye candy for this viewer.

I am in awe as each fashionista presents themselves in a meticulous, manicured manner, which camouflages their personal angst and turmoil.

I am envious as I look at their bodies which once housed a child therein. No sign of any stretch marks as far as I can see. None of them is having a hot flash either for that matter.

I look incredulously at their well-coiffed blonde hair extensions and false eyelashes and marvel at their sculpted cheekbones, Botoxed faces and their perfectly tanned bodies.

I pay homage to their implanted lips, which now resemble sausages, and wonder if they have any feeling left in them. Ditto for the breasts but replace the word sausages with grapefruits.

I commend these drama queens for their survival skills as they always seem to be in combat mode, whether it be with their ex-husbands, their

lawyers or each other.

Mostly each other.

I admire them for their ability to multi-task, whether it be gushing over their lap dog of a husband, stepping out of a limousine or deciding on what to wear.

I applaud their ability to carry on a conversation, which consists mostly of monosyllables and the F-bomb. I am not convinced they can put a noun, verb and object together in one complete sentence.

And their mothering skills! Spoiling their privileged daughters to the point whereby it is guaranteed they will grow up to be obnoxious denizens of Beverly Hills themselves.

"I wish I was rich," lamented one housewife, "so I could afford to buy my daughter more than one horse!"

Ah, I am in reality television heaven as I munch away on my salsa and chips.

Now you are probably wondering why I don't support the home team and watch *The Real Housewives of Vancouver*. Well, those women are absolutely unwatchable. They are vicious, catty, nasty ...I can't use the "B" word as this is a community newspaper.

At least my gals in Cali have some endearing qualities...well, sort of.

So I decided to bring the concept home to beautiful White Rock/South Surrey and present our Zoomer version of *The Real Housewives of White Rock*.

The show featured real women wearing real clothes. The models were all CARP members and ranged in age from 59 to 74. They came in all shapes and sizes and there was no silicone in sight.

We revelled in the beauty of real women.

There was no cat-fights, no claws out... and no need for absolution.



JOHN'S JOKES

Submitted by John Rodgers,
Board Member and joke extraordinaire!

Q: Where does the Easter Bunny get his eggs?

A: From Eggplants.

Q: What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?

A: He was eggspelled!

Q: Did you hear about the lady whose house was infested with Easter eggs?

A: She had to call an eggs-terminator!

Q: What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A: Bugs Bunny!

Q: Why was the little girl sad after the race?

A: Because an egg beater!

Q: What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?

A: a hot cross bunny

Q: What kind of bunny can't hop?

A: A chocolate one!



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tween re-assessments, a temporary G1 driver's licence with the conditions of a regular G1 licence will be given until the next re-assessment. Once the driver passes the process and/or road exam, the full G2 licence will be reinstated. At no point in the process will older drivers fear the risk of having their licence removed.

(Article courtesy of www.carp.ca)



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When: June 7th, 2014

Time: 9am-5pm

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