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October, 2006

# IT'S A GO! (AGAIN)

September 27 2006, 9:00 AM sharp the president of the Washago Community Centre, Bill Wylie and his wife, a few concerned citizens and myself were all anxiously waiting for the Corporate Council meeting to begin. As expected things got started soon after 9:00 with a call to order and then first on the agenda being the presentation by the Steenhof Building Group concerning the re tendering of the renovation contract or the possible going ahead with the tenders as previously presented with some adjustments on materials and costs. Fortunately for us, most of the Steenhof presentation was geared toward the K. Knight Contracting tender, which was the closest to



the proposed money being made available by the township for the work involved. After doing some recalculations of some not so necessary upgrades to the existing structure, the final dollar figure was reduced by approximately \$100,000.00 to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$678,000.00, with the promise of not losing much at all as far as the quality of the finished product is concerned. Some not so important upgrades were excluded such as the curbs and sidewalks, minor landscaping details, not quite top of the line roof shingles and siding, and leaving the existing electrical wiring at single phase instead of replacing it with a triple phase system. Any and all of the work previously budgeted for in the tenders, that has now been excluded, is considered a community project for us to complete as users and supporters of the Centre when it is again up and running. There was much talk of volunteer labor and fundraising projects in the future to help with the finishing touches of the exterior of the building and landscaping, which would all be beneficial in holding down the costs. After the Steenhoff presentation a question period was open to council at which time all were able to clear up any confusion regarding the project. Then it

was discussion time. Mr. Couper, our ward 5 representative, first spoke in favor of getting on with this project and the need of the community for such a facility. He also expressed his concern that it is the responsibility of the township to provide some sort of recreation to the various communities of the township. Opposition quickly arose from another councilor as to the location and cost of this whole venture and adamantly opposed the whole procedure. Again Mr. Couper spoke on behalf of the community support and programs still running even though there is no building to house them, and the lack of use that other existing centres get. He expressed his belief that should the renovations be completed soon, that the programs, plans and fundraising would more than continue to provide all the needs of the residents in the area. At the conclusion of the first presentation there was no decision made and it was decided to hold the discussion over to the special council meeting being held that same afternoon. After the special wrap up lunch break with all the staff members, the council again reunited in their chambers to hash out every last detail of how this and a few other matters could be cleared up before this council disperses to make room for the next council elected. At the end of what Mayor Phil Sled referred to as the most difficult day of his political career, it was finally decided to accept the proposed tender put forth by K. Knight Contracting and move forward on the construction of removing and revamping various parts of the old building and recreate a beautiful Community Center right here in our booming metropolis called Washago. Original plans projected 18 to 22 weeks until completion, so if all goes according to plan (no laughing please) we should be opening our great semi-new facility in the early spring. Again YAA HOO!!!! Thanks Mayor Phil and Councilor Colin Couper

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**“ARE YOU AWARE?”**

Simply Special Originals in Washago joins FDJ French Dressing in Breast Cancer Fundraising Campaign.

FDJ French Dressing, the Montreal based manufacturer of women’s jeans and lifestyle apparel, is partnering with Simply Special Originals of Washago in a fundraising campaign titled “Are You Aware?” this October for Breast Cancer Awareness.

“Are You Aware?” is designed to heighten awareness and raise money to help fight Breast Cancer locally. Every shopper who makes a donation at Simply Special Originals will receive a special gift from FDJ (while quantities last) as a token of appreciation for supporting the cause. At the end of the month all monies raised will be donated to Breast Cancer Research in Orillia to further fight the disease in our community.

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**IJA-Canada???**

I thought I’d seen it all until the September 9th weekend when I was introduced to a completely new sport previously unheard of in these parts. I would have thought this sport to be quite popular in days gone by, but apparently the afore mentioned date was the first official tournament ever held in Canada, anywhere, anytime. Only since 1999 has International Jousting become a recognized sport world wide, and that’s too bad. Because after watching what type of skills are needed to participate in this event, and the physical condition one must be in to even finish a tournament, I would think that this very exciting art-sport could become very popular quickly. The amount of weight the horses carry can add up to 4 or 5 hundred pounds when the armor and rider are combined, then the saddle, jousting pole etc... It was amazing to me that with all that stuff on, the riders were able to hit a target (shield) about 1 foot square on the approaching rider to score points. And when they did hit the target the joust end being bamboo would shatter into a million pieces making a pretty neat looking spectacle. I will have to admit that after leaving the event field, there is definitely a new found respect for what our ancestors used to do for a hobby. Not only are these people in shape, the horses are a size of which I had never seen up to that day. Again to be able to control an animal that size as they perform a maneuver like they do has to be admired by all of us mere mortals. Thanks Severn Bridge Fall Fair committee for introducing us to this old but new sport of IJA-Canada. International Jousting of Canada will definitely be one to watch for in the future.



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**KIDS FOR TURTLES UPDATE**



MANY THANKS FOR EVERYONE RESPONDING TO OUR ARTICLE LAST MONTH! OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING.

This month we made deputation presentations to Oro-Medonte and Ramara Councils asking if their roads departments would install our TURTLE

CROSSING SIGNS in areas we noted had high turtle mortality rates. They approved our proposal. Thank you to Council!!! On October 5th we will be making a similar presentation to the Township of Severn. KIDS FOR TURTLES, together with Scienstational Ssnakes were at the Orillia, Ramona and Coldwater fairs. We are planning a co-exhibition at Georgian Mall this Christmas. We plan to visit schools in the County during the fall and winter as well as a field trip to the Turtle Trama Centre in Peterborough. KIDS FOR TURTLES is a non-profit charitable group of young people and adults interested in promoting public awareness about turtles. For more information please contact us. Cathie Patterson 689-5312 breck.design@encode.com or Bob Bowles 325-3149 rbowles@rogers.com

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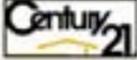
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Some of the candidates have already contacted us for an opportunity to introduce themselves. Let's read what they have to say!

**Ramara Township Election 2006**  
**Ward 1**

W.C. (Bill) White

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Dear Ward 1 Residents,  
 I have had the opportunity over the past few weeks to walk numerous streets in Ward 1. I have met and got to know many of the residents. It is my intention to cover the entire Ward 1 in the coming weeks.

I am a permanent resident of Ward 1. I feel living in the Ward you wish to represent is most important. Living in Ward 1 helps me to appreciate and understand the issues and concerns of the residents.

Ward 1 is at the top end of the Township. Our Ward needs a strong voice in the council. Let me use my over 30 years of business experience and professional accounting degree (CMA) to work for you! Generating fairness for Ward 1 is top priority for me. Ramara Township needs a Council that can work together. Local Governments are facing more issues than ever before: Taxes, Water Quality, Road Maintenance and Manageable Growth to name a few.

My goals are: to offer leadership and commitment to the growth of Ramara Township, to promote fairness and equitable expenditures throughout Ramara, to work at enhancing facilities for family recreational activities and to work towards stability in our taxation system.

I am looking forward to seeing you on your street or talking to you at one of the all candidate meetings. I assure you I will work for our Ward 1. Please call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

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**RAMARA TOWNSHIP DEPUTY MAYOR**

Loretta Dick



I have decided to run for office in the upcoming election, as we need a change on Ramara Council. We need council members who will work together

and negotiate decisions for a better Ramara Township.

I am retired and on a fixed income, but bring a lot of life experience which I feel can benefit the community. I am married for 51 years and, with the help of my husband, raised 7 very successful children who have given us 16 beautiful grandchildren. I have also worked most of my life, including during our marriage and while raising our children. I have had experience in office, Health and Safety, negotiations, employee assistance program and customer relations in many employment positions, including 20 years in a Rehabilitation Hospital as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. I have many years of volunteering with at present, Habitat For Humanity and The Washago Seniors Group. I was instrumental in working with the congregation of St. Francis of Assisi Church to build the addition. I also volunteered on the Community Centre board of directors and was on the building committee to help start the first additions of The Washago Gazette.

As you can see I have been a very active old girl, but am still very committed to working together with a new council for the betterment of Ramara Township and its residents. As I am on a fixed income and disabled, (walking) if anyone would like to assist me in my campaign, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read this announcement. Please make sure your vote counts. E-MAIL [loretta.henry@sympatico.ca](mailto:loretta.henry@sympatico.ca) or call 705-689-8447 There is no answering machine but I can see if someone calls and will return the call as soon as possible. You will not incur a long distance charge.

**Severn Township Election 2006 Ward 5**



Frank J. Coyle

Frank and his wife Mimi moved to Washago from Burlington approximately 3 years ago. Frank is a graduate in Civil Engineering Technology and has spent 30 years in the Municipal sector, both as a Design Construction Superintendent

and a General Manager of a municipal hydro.

Frank is a family man, daughter Jodie and her husband Alberto Cantarelli, and son John Coyle all of Burlington and the proud grandfather of 2 grandchildren; Christopher and Alexandra Cantarelli.

Frank's primary focus, while recognizing the genuine spirit associated with the people of Washago, is to see the Community Centre of Washago come to fruition so that it can act as a central activity centre for all age groups in Ward 5.

Being a new counselor of ward 5, once seated, Frank will respond positively and enthusiastically to the needs of the community as best he can while recognizing his overall duties as a counselor within Severn Township.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS RAMARA  
ALL CANDIDATES MEETING**

Come out and meet the candidates who are standing for office as Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, as well as School Board Trustees in the upcoming municipal election. This is your opportunity to voice your concerns and have the candidates answer your questions.

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DEPUTY MAYOR Judith Cox 835-2969  
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WARD 2 Douglas Beach 686-7721  
WARD 3 Shirley McDougall 325-6554  
WARD 4 Brian Humphrey 329-4799  
Karen Marriott 689-2742  
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**TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA 2006  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES  
as of September 22, 2006, at 4:10 pm:**

MAYOR: DUFFY, Bill  
BROOKS, Marilyn  
DEPUTY MAYOR: CLARK, William (Bill)  
CLARKE, Basil

COUNCILLORS  
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WHITE, Bill  
Ward 2: GOUGH, Joe  
O'DONNELL, John  
Ward 3: FERGUSON, John  
MASK, Jamie  
NEHER, Erika  
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**Blaines Automotive  
Auto Faxx**

The Future?!  
I've enjoyed placing articles together the last few months for the Soulvine. Thus far my writings have focused mostly on the importance of routine maintenance etc. I'd like to break from my habit and focus a couple issues on the near future of automobile technology. One of the benefits of my deep involvement in the automotive aftermarket is the opportunity to see first hand what the Automotive future holds, long before the general public. Last March while attending a conference in Detroit, I got a first hand look at whats going on with Hybrid technology. Hybrid you say? Let me explain.  
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Ramona Fall Fair

Friday sept 15th I'm sitting around the house asking myself what to do tonight? I happen to glance at the Ramona Fall Fair flyer and see there's a horse shoe tournament going on to-night. Not realizing the magnitude of this thing I figure I'll slip over and watch my son throw a few shoes and ca bit's a little. I had no idea this was the kick off to the Fair the next day and would be so well attended. 38 teams showed up to participate and they sure looked like they were having fun. I was surprised to see so many of the players at the grounds bright and early the next day to get the fair grounds in shape for the day's event's. And again there was a full day's worth. A half dozen or so cars showed up to the classic show and shine while 25 venders were putting up their stands to demonstrate and sell the arts and crafts of the day. The main hall opened at noon for viewing of the exhibits, then the official kick off took place with a number of designates appearing to speak and greet the many patrons who had gathered thus far. Chain saws then fired up for the woodsman competition at 2:00. Then this thing called an ATV-Mountain bike comp. Not all speed but skill and consistency are what makes the champion in this event. Then a walk around to take in the livestock show, silent auction and farmers market until 5:00 when the second biggest horses I've ever seen, appeared to prove their worth in the light and heavy horse pull. All I can say about that is WOW. The winner pulled some 12, 900 lbs. or something. Like I said WOW. Sure turned out to be a very educational day for a big city boy like me.



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Minister: The Reverend Toni Birtch

**St. Frances of Assisi Catholic Church**  
Masses: Sunday 9:00am  
May – Oct Saturday 5pm

**Caleb's Place**  
Service starts at 7:00pm  
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**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Saturday, October 7 at 7 p.m. – Gala Night of Music featuring the best of Broadway show tunes at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Washago. All welcome. Free will offering. More info from church office: 323-9106

Sunday, October 1 at 4:30 – Jazz Vespers -Theme: Francis of Assisi with music by jazz combo Spirit Connection. St. Paul's Anglican Church, Washago. Free will offering. All welcome. More info from church office: 323-9106

Monday, October 2 at 7 p.m. – Jazz Vespers -Theme: Francis of Assisi with music by jazz combo Spirit Connection. St. Luke's Anglican Church, Price's Corners. Free will offering. All welcome. More info from church office: 323-9106



Pastor/Minister's Message

SOULVINE

September 27, 2006

Years ago a friend of my parents gave them a gift of a wall plaque that read **“True Friends Like Diamonds Are Precious and Rare”**. I have often thought of the wisdom of those words and have valued the many friends I have been blessed with through the years. Yet not everyone enjoys those blessings. Our society today is full of lonely people. Often we think of these people as “shut-ins”, the sick or disabled or institutionalized yet although these people are often lonely as well, they are not exclusive to the affliction. I have found that many people who live in communities, hold down jobs, have neighbours and even have relatives can be very lonely as well.

Loneliness, can be your next door neighbour, that young mother struggling to make ends meet or the persons who hides away because they live in poverty or see themselves as unacceptable to other people because of the way they look or because of some label that they or someone else has placed on them. Our society elevates and extols those who are young and beautiful. But what if your excessively skinny, obese, different skin colour, strange ethnic heritage, some physical deformity, or any number of limitations either real or imagined. No matter what we look like on the outside, we all need friends and human companionship.

The question then begs to be asked, “How ?” “How does someone who fits the description above meet and find new friends?”

The first step is to be willing to take that risky step of getting out of your cocoon and begin to meet people. Will everyone be dying to meet you? Not likely. You no doubt will meet people who are to busy with their own lives or may not be open to you for one reason or another. That's their problem! It may be that you will dig through a lot of junk to find that treasure. That is what makes “diamonds so precious and rare”.

In Luke's gospel, chapter 15, Jesus tells the parables of the Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and The Lost Son. In each of these parables when the lost is found the excited finder wants to celebrate. Who do you think they asked to help them celebrate? In each case they invited their friends.

There is something special when friends get together.

That brings me to my point. As Pastor of Caleb's Place, that church in Washago that only a few know about, it has been brought to my attention, the number of people who are lonely and somewhat isolated in the community. So our congregation has decided to try and be a catalyst to bring our neighbours together. Please understand right off the top that this is NOT a recruitment for our church. We want to contribute to our community. So with that in mind, we decided to put on a **POT BLESSING SUPPER** for anyone and everyone who would like to come. **NO STRINGS ATTACHED!** Just come and meet us and the rest of your neighbours and who knows we might all make some new friends. You don't have to bring a dish but if it makes you feel more comfortable to bring something then please feel free to do so. We worship in the Fellowship Hall of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic on Sunday evenings. We will have the Pot Blessing Supper at 4:30PM to 6PM on October 15th. Then we will clean up and set up for our church service at 7 PM. That way you don't have to feel obligated to stay for church if you choose to leave after the meal.

Of course you are welcome to stay for church but as I said, there are no strings attached. So here's your chance to get out for a good meal and maybe meet some of those neighbours you have wondered about. Who knows you might even find a new “diamond” or two.

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**RAMONAS FALL BAZAAR**

On Saturday October 21st, Ramona Hall will be hosting their 8th annual Fall Bazaar and Luncheon. Doors open at 11am, and close at 3pm.

This event just keeps getting bigger and better every year.

The indoor and outdoor fall display has been compared to that at The Royal Winter Fair.

This is also the time for you to visit all our terrific vendors and start your Christmas shopping early. There will be a wide range of beautiful gift items available for you to choose from plus a huge baking table and the popular "Granny's Bargain Barn" is bigger than ever.

We also invite you to sit back, relax, and have a great lunch with us.

On the menu will be two kinds of mouthwatering homemade soup, a delicious sandwich, and a great desert. All this washed down with our "bottomless" cup of coffee.

Why not visit our bake table on your way out and take home some treats to enjoy at home. Fresh baked pies, bread and candy will tempt the taste buds. If preserving is too much trouble for you, don't despair. You can purchase from a wide variety of jams, jellies and pickles all made fresh thanks to nature's bountiful season. Jams and preserves also make wonderful Christmas or hostess gifts.

**Washago Community Centre Corp.**  
FALL PROGRAMS

*If you forgot to sign up, there is still room in the following workshops:*

October 14 – *Cooking & a Craft* – Enjoy a fun-filled class learning to cook a treat and create a craft to take home. Halloween theme. All materials supplied. Cost \$25.00

October 18 – *Build a Birdhouse in only 2 hours* with Washago's own resident birdhouse specialist. Materials supplied. Bring your own hammer. Cost \$15.00

October 22 – *Pumpkin Carving Workshop* Bring your ideas and design your own Jack O'Lantern. Prizes for "Spookiest", "Funniest" and "Most Original". Cost \$1.00 or donation to food bank.

October 28 – *Soapstone Carving Workshop* – Each participant will take home their own loon carved out of soapstone. Cost \$32.00 + \$20.00 for tools.

For all of the above, call 689-6424 to register and then fill out a registration form (except for Pumpkin Carving) at the Soulvine and leave it there with payment.



During your visit you will have the opportunity to get your name in for all the draws. The array of prizes that will be offered is phenomenal. You will not want to miss this.

To add some fun and excitement for our hardworking vendors (and for your amusement), they will be participating in our "Best Country Bumpkin Contest". They will all be rigged out in their creations for us to enjoy.

This contest is for vendors only, we will be judging their creations at 3pm, and awarding a great prize to the winner. Our "hats off" to all the vendors for being good sports.

As our way of thanking all of our patrons, we will be holding a lucky draw every half hour during the entire length of the bazaar. You

must be in attendance to win a prize, and will be given your draw ticket when you are greeted at the door.

So mark October 21st at 11am on your calendar and come on out to Ramona. We'll give you a good old Country Welcome.

Ramona is located three miles east of Washago on Fairgrounds Road.

Please call Eileen Cronk @ 705-689-6101 for further info Here are two of Ramonas famous Country Chicks, Olive Cooper and Isobel Cronk serving up the goodies at last years Bazaar

**The Washago Women's Institute**

September meeting included a full program.

Roll Call - Name a Good Health Tip! There were many suggestions.

Forewarned is Forearmed

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Look both ways before crossing the street Wash hands often.

All above tips were presented by Arline Hughes.

Ida Herbert was our Special Speaker.

She lives in Bayshore Village and spoke of times in her life when exercise was not a priority.

Her husband was very active and for two years she was always with him but never got too motivated.

When they moved to the Orillia area she joined some classes at the YMCA. She now teaches Yoga and also teaches at Bayshore Village. She recently celebrated her **90th Birthday**. She is still very active and a perfect role model for keeping fit.

Refreshments were served and a brief business meeting concluded the evening.

Our October meeting is Wednesday Oct. 11. The speaker will be Jim Ferry addressing The Emergency Response Service. Meetings are held at Heritage Church Hall. 7pm

A Special Invitation to Ladies in our Community.

For more information phone 689-5590

Marilyn Fowler P.R.O.

**John Sands**

Serene, nostalgic, warm and with a touch of swing...all apt descriptions of both the music and personality of John Sands. His style hints of contemporary, classical, Latin and original rhythms. Anyone who has experienced one of John's musical presentations can tell that he has a great love and enthusiasm for what he does. He is a master of the keyboards. His expertise at his Yamaha Concert Organ coupled with his distinctive styling allow him to create moods in music that have delighted his audiences on both sides of the Atlantic.

John hails from London, England, where he began his professional career as a pianist and organist almost four decades ago. His talent and finesse earned him considerable respect and a faithful following while performing a busy circuit in the concert halls of England.

Coming to Canada in 1977 for his first concert tour of this country, John was enamoured by "this lovely land and it's warm and wonderful people" and chose to settle in Nova Scotia where he now lives with his wife. He has established his reputation as an extraordinary entertainer; presenting music, arranged and orchestrated by him, that fosters an ambiance of peace and gladness.

"No one is complete without a feeling for music and an understanding of what it can do for them."

Join Us Tues. Oct 17, 2006, 7:00 pm. Heritage United Church Muskoka St., Washago Tickets \$12.00 Refreshments

For tickets call: Harry - 689-1700 Eric - 689-1033

**WASHAGO LIONS CLUB**

Month of October Events

*Saturday, October 14, 2006* – Karaoke With Sue - Lions Hall – Doors open at 9 p.m.

*Saturday, October 28, 2006* – Caribbean Halloween Party – Dress as if you were at a Caribbean Resort – wear an eye mask – midnight Caribbean snack – Entertainment by Knight Hawk's D.J. Service - \$10. per person - For Tickets call (705) 689-2984



On Saturday, September 9, 2006 the Washago Lions Club held a Classic Vehicle Poker Cruise at Deerhurst Resort where all profits were donated to The Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy.

As part of this fundraiser the Orillia Quilters' Guild donated a Crazy Quilt to The Washago Lions Club to be raffled off. Lions Club Members worked very hard selling tickets and raised \$1000.00 which has been donated to The Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy. The quilt was won by Bonnie Baye of Washago.

The photo is of Washago Lion's President Jim Smith presenting the quilt to winner Bonnie Baye.

**WASHAGO AND AREA LIONESSE CLUB**

The executive is off to a fast start with events already scheduled for the next couple of months. On October 21st 2006, we will be holding our Bazaar and then a Euchre party on the 7th of November.

We raise money for charity organizations and other groups we support. Money raised is donated to Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Camp Huronda, Camp Dorset, CNIB Camp at Lake Joseph, YMCA, Local Schools, families in need in our area.

We collect pennies, which support guide dog training for the blind and handicapped people. We cater dinners for different groups.

Vision screening is done at schools in and near our area by Lioness for children to see if glasses are needed. If they need glasses, a letter is sent home to the parents advising them that their son or daughter should see an eye specialist.

We hold our meeting the First Monday of each month at the Lions Hall 4343 Hamilton St, Washago at 7.30 P.M.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer group for work and fun please call Joan Hallett, Public Relations at 689-8883

**RAMARA SENIORS OCTOBER CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Ramara Seniors Association next meeting will be on October 19 at 11.00 am. The guest speaker will be Dr. David Town, his topic, "Getting The Most Out of Your Activity". Come early to renew your membership, to help set up, after the meeting all will enjoy a Pot Luck lunch, be sure to bring your favourite dish ( food that is ) & dishes to the Ramara Centre Hall, 2 km east of Rama Road, next to the Casino satellite parking lot.

EUCHRE every Friday afternoon held by Ramara Seniors Association at the Ramara Centre, 2 km. east of Rama Road, at 1.00 PM, cost is only \$2.00, everyone welcome. Come join the group and have some fun. For further information call Mary 705-325-8053.

BID EUCHRE sponsored by Ramara Seniors Association at the Ramara Centre every Monday afternoon begins at 12.30 pm sharp, cost is only \$2.00. For additional information call Liz 705-325-3571 or Harold 705-325-8053.

**WASHAGO SENIORS OCTOBER CLUB ACTIVITIES**

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING AS SOME NAMES & PHONE NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT Lady's Golf sponsored by Washago Area Senior Citizens Club is every Monday and Tuesdays, members only, at the Evergreen Golf Centre, Hwy. #11 and Sparrow Lake Road. Please come before 8.15 am, for further information please contact Lynda Miller 325-3615 & Nadine Shaddock 689-9590.

Men's Golf sponsored by Washago Area Senior Citizens Club, everyone welcome, 9.15 am Mondays, 8.45 am Thursdays at the Evergreen Golf Centre, Hwy. #11 and Sparrow Lake Road. For additional information re Monday call Larry Williams 689-2568, Thursdays call Jim Davidson 689-0597

Washago and Area Senior Citizens Club's General Meetings are on October 4 and 25, note the second meeting is one week later at 1.00 pm. The first meeting at noon members will enjoy a Pot Luck lunch, so bring your favourite dish (food that is) and dishes. All meetings take place at Ramona Agricultural Hall, 2 km east of Washago, for additional information re Monday call Larry Williams 689-2568, Thursdays call Jim Davidson 689-0597

Washago and Area Senior Citizens Club's Computer Club meets at St. Francis of Assisi at 10.00 am the second and fourth Thursdays every month, cost is only \$2.00, everyone is welcome. For additional information Please call Jerry Brown 689-1826.

Washago and Area Senior Citizens Club's Harmony Singers meet every Monday at the Lion's Hall on Hamilton Street, Washago at 1.00 pm, everyone welcome. For additional information call Doreen Philip 684-9373 or Joan Johnson 689-8036.

**SENIORS**



Ramara Seniors Association recently had their first meeting of the new season. Prior to the meeting, 87 renewed their memberships. It was reported Bid Euchre played over the summer at Longford Mills had been quite successful. Flowers were presented to Sylvia Head, Past President for her efforts and dedication during her terms. The speaker, Louise Kosberg Program Chair, gave a report on her attendance at the United Senior Citizens of Ontario Convention. She said USCO in trying to make great changes quite often must settle for small changes to the Senior's landscape. Of the 95 resolutions to be presented to Queens Park 26 came from the Orillia area. The resolutions covered problems from drug benefits, eye care, implementing the Romanov Report, to clean water being a right, not a commodity for profit. Louise also went on to say she was very impressed with the dedication of the delegates, and Marie Smith, a member of the Club is the new President of USCO.

Picture L to R Kay Prince, Vice President, Linda Robertson, President, Sylvia Head, Past President



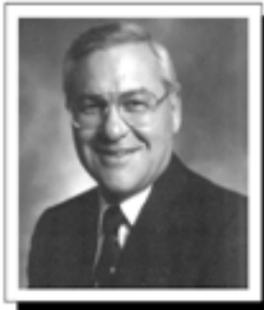
A couple of days before the end of summer 57 members and guests of Washago Area Senior Citizens Club enjoyed a Four Person Best Ball Golf Tournament.

**SUNSHINE SENIORS**

Tuesday, October 10th, 2006 @ 5:00 pm  
Georgian Downs Race Track  
Bus, Dinner, Program  
\$42.00

Wednesday, October 25th, 2006 @ 1:30 pm  
MEETING – Refreshments  
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Saturday, November 4th, 2006 @ 9:00am  
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