

LATCHAM TIMES

The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October... *A.A. Milne*



"And in this corner, still undefeated, Frank's long-held beliefs!"

President's Message

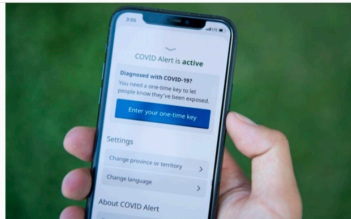
At this time of year I'm usually deciding what to pack, based on the weather, to drive up to my eldest daughter's family in Wilno, Ontario, a 3 1/2 hour drive from Port to spend Thanksgiving with them. This is not happening this year due to Covid-19 and that three of my grandchildren are back at grade school, high school and university.

Not being able to celebrate Thanksgiving in our usual way gave me pause to think how grateful I am for past family celebrations and to really look forward to future get togethers.

You and I may be at home alone, or with our partner, for Thanksgiving dinner but not alone as we have love from family. Celebrate how you can. I know my family from Wilno, Pickering, Brighton, England and Port Perry will be video chatting online.

Be thankful that we are healthy, have family and friends and live in Canada. Yes, we are still under many restrictions but we recognize this is to keep us safe. However you celebrate this year let's do our best to enjoy and be grateful. Hope you had a

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

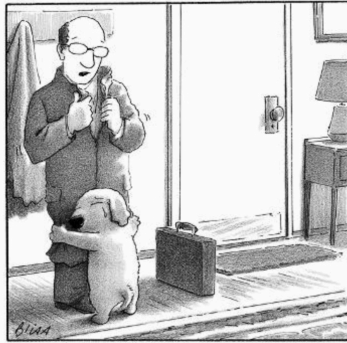


OPINION

The COVID Alert app is a key tool in our fight against the virus. But a profound mistrust in big tech is leading Canadians to avoid it

Compared to most of the apps we use on our phones, the COVID Alert app is extremely private. But even crucial technology like the app can get hijacked by the way big tech has become untrustworthy, Navneet Alang writes, and government must step up.





"Yes, I came back. I always come back."

Grant Committee

Your Grant Committee consisting of members Dianna Limb, Marg Miller and recruited husband Rod Miller and myself have been attending meetings to apply for the New Horizons Seniors Program for a grant. If we are successful the grant money will be used to keep our members engaged in speakers, workshops and other online projects while we are still battling with Covid over the winter months.

The Committee will also put forward programs for after Covid restrictions have been lifted. We are always hopeful. On a personal note, as President, I'm very

grateful to Marg, Rod and Dianna who volunteered to accept this endeavour. They really are a pleasure to work with (plus they're doing most of the work).

A couple of notes from the editor...

1. I hope you still have last month's newsletter because it has all the precautions we will need when we get back to the club- whenever.
2. If you have any ideas for the newsletter please send them in, I'm fresh out.
3. On the next page you will find a motion passed at the last executive meeting. It was a hard decision for all of us. Getting a teacher for some activities is very difficult. In order to offer these programs we have decided to try this approach. We'd like to think we could go on being a solely volunteer organization for ever, but that would make it impossible to try new things. I guess it was 'do without or pay up'.



"Of course you feel great. These things are loaded with antidepressants."

Now I have a reason not to rake! My neighbour will not be amused...



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scugolakestewards FREE! FREE! THE BEST NATURAL FERTILIZER FOR YOUR TREES AND LAWN! How do trees grow to be so tall and healthy in the forest? Every year they are fertilized by their own leaves and the resulting healthy soil life. Grass also can be fed with leaves mulched by your lawnmower. Garden beds? Leave the leaves there over the winter and provide your plants with a protective cover as well as a perfect home for overwintering butterflies, frogs, toads, turtles and salamanders. You can rake them out in spring when these little inhabitants are gone but if they are just left they inhibit weed growth and feed your perennials and shrubs naturally. 🍂🍁🌱

Here's something we can all help with!



Fill a Purse for a Sister 2020 Scugog Campaign



What is the Fill a Purse For a Sister Campaign?

Founded in 2015 by Social Worker, Angel Freedman, this campaign is dedicated to providing comfort to women through the collecting and sharing of new and gently used purses filled with personal necessities. Women are supported across Ontario, Canada and the United States.

When Will the Campaign Run?

The Scugog Campaign will run from October 1 – December 1, 2020.

Where Do the Purses Go?

Purses collected in Scugog are distributed to various services in our area including Adult Community Support Services in Port Perry, Family Services Durham, Community Living Durham North, Healthy Mother, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program in North Durham, Income and Employment Support Services in Uxbridge, via nurses and doctors to patients in Scugog, through Health Department home visits, and via Food for Thought.

How Can I Help?

Anyone can Fill a Purse for a Sister!

1. Donate a purse! Purses should be gently used and previously loved or new. Please do NOT donate purses that are worn out, soiled or ripped. A list of contents to include can be found on our Facebook page: feminine hygiene products, tissue, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, deodorant and soap. You may also want to include items such as gloves, hats, or a coffee shop gift card. It is always nice to add a handwritten card or note to the recipient. Drop off your purse at one of our three drop off locations.
2. Make a Financial Contribution! Send an eTransfer to **angelfreedman@rogers.com** OR mail a cheque to: Fill a Purse For a Sister Campaign, 6393 Main Street Stouffville, ON L4A 1G4. All donations of \$25 or more will be issued a tax receipt.
3. Simply ask your friends to join your efforts and collect even more!

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