

Grand Opening Celebrations were held at two of the new businesses at the Thornton Crossings Plaza on Saturday, September 16. Bubbles Cutting Edge Hair and Tanning Salon held a ribbon cutting ceremony with Essa Mayor Dave Guergis on hand to do the honours.

Proprietor, Beverly McLeod gave me tour of her new salon. They have two tanning beds to choose from either a stand up or lay down bed type. The designer of the beds has made special bulbs that don't emit the harmful UVB rays like the sun. If you want to keep your healthy glow from the summer or are going on vacation down south and want to avoid spending days with a painful burn, this is the place to start.

They also have four stations for hair cutting including a special child's chair shaped like a race car and use the hair care products from Schwarzkopf Professional. They demonstrated how good the products are by using the tiniest dab of product on my daughter's hair and it instantly straightened, and became smooth and soft. Beverly and her staff invite all Thornton and area residents to stop in and try their services.

Anyone who does in the next 30 days

will be entered into their grand opening draw. You can call for an appointment at 458-2761.

Also celebrating their Grand Opening next door to Bubbles Cutting Edge was inSPArations Spa and Wellness. Just to walk in their door is a calming and soothing experience.

The friendly staff led by Carol Brillinger offer many services from facials, manicures, waxing, and massages. Just give them a call at 458-1555 or drop in to pickup a flyer to see their full list of treatments and monthly specials.

I've already tried their Signature Facial and an Indian Head Massage, you could become addicted. For chocolate lovers there is the Chocolate Blitz Body Mask, doesn't it sound delightful? At their Grand Opening they treated everyone to tours of the spa, gave them mini manicures, a welcome gift and an entry into their Grand Opening Draw.

Everyone was also well fed with hotdogs, drinks, and cake. Welcome to the neighborhood inSPArations and Bubbles Cutting Edge, much success to both of you.

Both branches of Essa Centennial Library will be holding an Alzheimer Society's Coffee Break today, Wednesday, September 20. Stop in for a coffee and cookies make a generous donation to the

Alzheimer Society and receive a ballot for a prize. All proceeds go directly to the Alzheimer Society.

Thornton's Women's Institute will be holding their next meeting tonight, Wednesday, September 20 at the Thornton Library. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. with guest speaker, Judi Bolton, a member of "The Ladies of the Lake," a group dedicated to saving Lake Simcoe. All guests are welcome. For tonight only the library will close at 8 p.m. to accommodate the meeting.

The Essa Historical Society will be holding its first monthly meeting after the summer break on Saturday, September 23 starting at 1:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the Thornton Library on Robert Street. The guest speaker will be Mary Munnoch from Adjala. The topic of the meeting will be Genealogy. For more information call 458-9971. All are welcome to attend.

An Open House honoring retiring Deputy Fire Chief Mike Webb will be held at Essa Fire Station #1, Thornton on September 30. The event will start at 2 p.m. with presentations at 4 p.m. followed by food and refreshments. All are welcome. For more information call Don Wilson at 458-1022.

Registration began on Monday for the next Storytime at the library. With the increased hours at the library, they can now offer it on two days, either Monday or

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Tuesdays for the month of October. Each session costs \$2 per child and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The Community Access Program (CAP) also will continue at the library until the end of September. Call them at 458-2549 for more information or to register.

Make plans to attend the Roast Beef Dinner at Trinity United Church on Saturday, September 30. Reserved tickets are available by calling Pat at 424-9433 or at the door. Ticket costs are \$12 per adult, \$6 for children up to age 12 and preschoolers are free. As usual they will be serving up a full Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings of mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads and homemade pies. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Thornton Skating Club will hold a registration night on Monday, September 25 from 7 until 9 p.m. at the arena. Registration will also be held at the same time for Power Skating. For more information call Charlene at 739-9226.

If you have any news, meetings, weddings, anniversaries or special occasions, I'd be happy to write about them. You can email me at thorntonnews@rogers.com or by telephone at 458-0869, or drop it off at 25 Robert Street. Bye for now.....

# Scope's Susan Stein guest speaker at Boosters

by Susan Stein

Members and guests met on Thursday, September 14, for a catered dinner by Jean Reynolds.

I had the privilege to be invited to the dinner (delicious) and to be their guest speaker.

It gave me great pleasure to do it, as I could relive my trip with my whole family to our native land, the former Czechoslovakia,

now Slovakia and Czech Republic.

This trip was my dear late husband Peter's and my idea, once the children were mature enough to absorb the meaning of this journey.

Although Peter did not live to see his dream fulfilled, it was a wonderful thing to show our family of nine, the historic sites in our hometown Bratislava, the schools we went to, the

church where we married where our eldest son Mike was baptized, our homes, the Brewery, established in 1874 by Peter's grandfather and great uncle.

We visited our friends in Modra grape growers and wine makers and for three days we ate and tasted their

wine. A visit with Mike's godmother, who is 92 years old, was a very emotional time.

The visit in Prague, which in my opinion is the most beautiful city, was also very much admired by all: The changing of the guard at Hradcany Castle, the

residence of president Havel, the 600 year old bridge over the river Vltava (Moldau), the walk through narrow streets, the gothic and baroque churches which give Prague the moniker "City of 100 spires", watching the 12 Apostles coming out of the clock,

were just a few memories etched in our memories.

Many thanks, dear Boosters for having me, for presenting me with this great hand crocheted bag, made by Reta and to keep my feet warm with her knitted booties.

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The contest will run for five weeks with \$1,000 in prizes.

**Turkey Dinner:** Belle Ewart Legion: A Sunday dinner is scheduled for October 1st with turkey and all the trimmings starting at 5 p.m. It would be a good idea to call ahead and see about space availability. The office number is 705-456-6879.

Darts is starting up again @ Branch 547 on Monday, September 18th at 7 p.m. for the first couple of weeks so that everyone can have a chance to sign up and allow for practice. What a great way to join in and meet new friends.

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society meets at the Churchill Community Centre the second Monday of each month from March to November. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at 95-853-8785 for more information.

Churchill United would like to welcome all children from kindergarten to grade 8 to join them for Sunday school at 11 a.m. Call 705-435-4267 for more

information.

**Bus Trip to Rama:** Join the ladies of the Branch 547 Royal Canadian Legion, 1017 Robinson St., Belle Ewart for a bus trip to Casino Rama on Tuesday, September 26th. There is a \$5 fee. The bus leaves the Legion at 8:45 a.m. with pick up at Stroud Arena at 9 a.m. Please contact Myrtle Hastings at 436-4895 or Elaine Maynard at 456-6961.

**Smile:** A woman is driving home in Northern Arizona when she comes upon a woman hitchhiking. Because the trip has been long and quiet, she stops the car and the Navajo woman climbs in. During their small talk, the woman glances surreptitiously at a brown bag on the front seat between them. "If you're wondering what's in the bag," offers the woman, "it's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband." The passenger is silent for a while, nods several times and says, "Good trade!"

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One of Canada's most prestigious Studio/Jazz musicians has moved to the Barrie/Innisfil area and will be accepting new students in September.

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**Email: stuartsteinhart@rogers.com**

**Guides Canada REGISTRATIONS**

**Alcona District (Alcona)**  
 Thursday, September 14th - Innisfil Community Church 5 pm to 8 pm  
 Girl Guide store will be present - Contact Catherine Manson 705-436-9828

**Arrowhead District (Cookstown and Thornton)**  
 Tuesday, September 12th - Cookstown United Church 6:30 pm to 8 pm  
 - Contact Annie VanDyk 705-739-3633

**Cooks Bay District (Gilford and Lefroy)**  
 Thursday, September 14th - Gilford United Church 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
 - Contact Sharon Hurst 705-775-0746

**Innisfil District (Stroud)**  
 Thursday, September 14th - Innisfil Community Church 5 pm to 8 pm  
 Girl Guide store will be present - Contact Lisa Duivenvoorden 705-436-3674  
 - Additional Contact -  
 Ann-Marie Foote - Maple Leaf Division 705-436-6284

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**Saturday September 16, 2006 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Monday September 25, 2006 - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**For more information contact**  
 Malcolm Hachborn - 737 1419  
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