The Kahshe Krier



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Spring 2017



Let's celebrate



on Kahshe Lake

Mark your calendars

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Plus Sunday August 6th Kahshe Boutique

August 12th

Kahshe Boutique

Nagaya Beach The Craft Show Rockhaven

Kahshe Regatta

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PRESIDENTS' MUSINGS

Greetings from your co-presidents, Bob Reyburn, and Margaret Taylor. We hope you all had a relaxing winter. By the time you are reading this, the first long weekend of the summer will have passed. We imagine that many of you opened your cottages recently. On a safety note, the water is still cold, and everyone needs to be aware of the risks of hypothermia.

This is a significant year in Canada's history. Come out to Rockhaven and enjoy Flea Fest 17 on Canada Day. More in-depth information available on this event on page 6.

As in past years, we are planning on a number of events on the lake this summer. A list is available on the front page As always, these events do not run without volunteer support. If you would like to help out, please contact us.

See the contact list on page 7!

Marg Taylor and Bob Reyburn,

Joint-Presidents, KLRA

Very brief **Summary of the 2016 Lake Steward's Report**

Based on the 2016 environmental monitoring of Kahshe and Bass Lakes, no major issues in terms of environmental quality have been detected.

Although there are no major environmental issues, the KLRA needs to continue with the sampling efforts and practice overall lake stewardship to delay the onset of nutrient enrichment and its impact on lake health.



How can we make a difference?

Each of us can do our part to maintain the quality of the water by:

- managing our septic systems properly and having tanks pumped out regularly;
- avoiding the use of products containing phosphorus (detergents and cleaners);
- disposing of toxic wastes (batteries, paint, oil, old gas, pressure-treated lumber and other construction waste) at approved land fill sites (1052 Beiers Road —Muskoka 19 off Hwy 11 South);
- minimizing near-shore removal or management of vegetation and ensuring that any shoreline disturbance is conducted in compliance with permitted uses;
- avoiding the use of any chemical fertilizers or pesticides in areas close to the shore;
- taking precautions to minimize the potential for introducing both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

<u>Drinking water and e-coli</u> (coliform contamination).

If you are drinking water from the lake – which is strongly not recommended - and want to ensure that your filtering system is functioning properly, you should submit a sample of water from your faucet to the **Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit** for coliform analysis: 2-5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst, ON, P1P 1Z3 — 705-684-9090

Septic systems

Anyone who suspects that a neighbouring septic system is in need of pumping or improved management can also take a lake sample and submit it to the **Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit**.

Given the importance of maintaining fully functional septic systems, check your KLRA **Good Neighbour Resource Handbook** article on septic systems. If you do not have a copy, read it on the <u>kahshelake.ca</u> website by clicking <u>here</u>.

Go to pages 22-24, especially 24.

Ron Dearson, Kahshe Lake Steward

May 2016

A summary of the findings will be presented at the 2017 AGM.

The full 46 page **2016 Lake Steward Repor**t will be posted on the KLRA web site shortly. *This is an amazingly thorough and comprehensive report.*

Kahshe Lake Stewardship Mandate

The Lake Steward is a permanent sitting member of **KLRA Conservation Committee**.

The roles and responsibilities of the Lake Steward are as follows:

- to educate the residents and other users of Kahshe and Bass Lakes on how to preserve and improve
 the quality of the lakes and their shorelines;
- to monitor the environmental quality of both lakes and to keep the association members up to date on the results of the analytical and biological monitoring programs.

The Kahshe Boutique...

coming soon to an event near you!

Are you ready for it? This year, the **KLRA Boutique** will be offering some new items for you to enjoy. As well as the popular t-shirts, coffee and beer mugs, hats, calendars and books we are have some new items for you to consider. These include bold and exciting new colours and new designs. Be sure to check out the beautiful new coffee mugs made exclusively for us. They are easy to hold and look great!

New

Our t-shirt offerings now include an adult version of the word "KAHSHE" proudly displayed vertically. We also have a throwback version of the t-shirts that feature the stone-washed popular colours of years ago. We only have a few of them, to test if our customers like them. So be sure to visit us early, before they run out.

Another new item is our hat collection. These come in two different styles. The classic version, in a variety of colours, has "Kahshe" embroidered above the brim. We are also offering a premium hat, that will be sure to please hat aficionados. It features a two-tone brim and looks great! We only ordered a small number of these, so see us soon to buy yours.



All clothing items supplied by Woods Clothing.

Do you like postcards? Check out our new Kahshe ones. Featuring 3 breathtaking photos from the lake, these make wonderful souvenirs or a way to reach out to friends or relatives. You can see and purchase them at the **Boutique**. As well as offering you a selection of fine products, we also have a membership desk, a place where you can purchase or renew your KLRA membership.

The **Boutique** will be present at most KLRA lake events. It is operated by

volunteers and any profits made are entirely directed to the work of KLRA. We are always looking for additional volunteers to help us. We will gladly provide the training and while there is no pay, you will earn our genuine gratitude.

Please visit us and show your support by purchasing items from your official KLRA **Boutique**.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!!

Please be a new volunteer this year!

Keep Your Membership Current

Show your ongoing support for KLRA by keeping your membership current. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. To see when your membership comes up for renewal, simply log on to the KLRA website at kashelake.ca. Once there click on your "profile" and view your membership details.

Social Media

Last year saw the successful launch of our Facebook page and Twitter account. These nicely complement our already vibrant webpage. We are delighted with your response and support. If you haven't seen them yet, please take a few moments to visit:



@kahshelakera

Facebook:



Twitter: kahshelakera



Webpage: kahshelake.ca

If you are new to Facebook and Twitter, you can access them through our website. Just click on the address and you will automatically be directed there. Enjoy!



News from Rockhaven - Judy & Dennis Ring 2017 Kahshe Country Crafts Show & Sale.

The not-for-profit annual **Kahshe Country Crafts Show** will be taking place on the grounds of **Rockhaven Inn** on **Sunday August 6th** from **10 am to 3 pm**. Since 1983, this show has raised over \$93,000.00 for local organizations and we would like the "giving to the community" to continue. The bake sale will be discontinued

unless someone volunteers to revive it. Let us know and we will help you with the startup.

The **Muskoka Victim Services** will be the main recipient again this year. We hope that the **Gravenhurst Fire Department**, the secondary recipient, will attend again this year.

We are also hoping that **Sawdust City** will return after the excellent attendance at their booth last year. The music from **Tom Schepp** was very well received and we are hoping they will once again play for us this year.

My sister, Kathleen, who travelled 5 hours to run the very successful "Kids' Zone" will be happy to run the Zone again, but only if she has at least one volunteer to help her. This would be good for anyone who babysits and/or would like to receive school volunteer credits. Kathleen does this out of her own money.

Volunteers needed - to deliver flyers to cottagers around the lake and the local communities, to man different booths (raffle, silent auction, etc), to direct the parking, to help the vendors with requests, etc. Please let us know how you are willing to help,

THANK YOU!

Dennis and Judy Ring

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Do you know an outstanding volunteer?

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who deserves a bit of recognition? We are pleased to announce that we are accepting nominations for the

Fifth Annual KLRA Outstanding Volunteer Award.

The **Outstanding Volunteer Award** is designed to recognize extraordinary people in the Kahshe Lake and Bass Lake areas whose volunteer efforts have

contributed to the well-being of their community and fellow community members. This award will be presented at the KLRA AGM on July 10.

Essentially, nominees should have:

- contributed to life on Kahshe Lake including but not limited to protection of the lake and its surroundings, promoting community good will, promoting and/or supporting safe practises on and around the lake, and fostering communication.
- made a significant investment of his/her time and talent for the Kahshe Lake community.

A complete description and explanation of the nomination process can be found at our website. Once you log in, scroll down the left side of the home page and click on "Outstanding Volunteer Award". Or simply type in: http://www.kahshelake.ca/OutstandingVolunteerAward

so.....volunteer a volunteer this year!

by downloading the nomination form (in either PDF or Word format), completing it and mailing it to our secretary at the address shown at the bottom of the form.

<u>or</u>

by copying and pasting the form into your word processor. Complete it and then e-mail it to us at the e-mail address shown at the bottom of the form.

Please note that we will be accepting nominations only until June 15, 2017. so ACT SOON!

Door and Dock Drop

The KLRA will again be undertaking its annual Door and Dock Drop between June 17 and June 25.

This involves the delivery of important KLRA information to every cottage on Kahshe and Bass Lakes — to your door/tree/gatepost, if you have road access, — or to your **mainland** dock (i.e. Denne's or Rockhaven), if you are water access cottagers. As in past years, the package will include an invitation to join us at the **Annual General Meeting**, to be held again this year at the **Muskoka Bay Golf Club** on **Sunday July 16th** from **10 am to noon**.

The package will also include a list of all the **KLRA Events**, including the **NEW FleaFest2017**, with dates, and contact info for those who might wish to help out, and a KLRA membership form to encourage you to join the association if you haven't already done so.

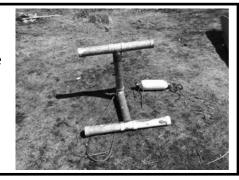
If you do not receive your package by June 25th, please contact keithonkahshe@bell.net

Submersible Pump Cradle

Does anyone wish to claim ownership of this "contraption". I believe it is for holding a submersible pump.

It drifted all the way to the east end of Deep Bay and finished up 20 feet off my dock.

Call me: Keith Price 705 687 7108 or 416 272 1486 (cell)





This summer, we're expecting a flea infestation on Kahshel

As part of KLRA's Canada 150 celebrations, Muskoka Seaflea is proud to host their seventh annual

"Fleafest" in association with The Kahshe

Lake Ratepayers Association. This familyoriented fun-filled day will take place on Canada Day, Saturday July 1st, at

Rockhaven Inn where over 50 vintage and home-built seafleas will be in the water or on land displays. The focus of the event will



be the celebration of seafleas and hydroplane racing that has been a part of this lake since the 1950's. Kluey's Bay, once a hub of racing during the Golden Age, will again see new and vintage hydro's participating in a variety of **non-competitive** events and demonstrations: the sharing of information among our members; model boat building for kids; in-water demonstrations of boat performance and handling; a "ride-a-long" seaflea-experience; land displays; a "flea-market" with vendors and antique



outboard motors; guided lake tours with our "flea-tilla" of small boats. These are just a few of the activities scheduled for the day. Also on display will be a number of seaflea designs in various stages of construction for the novice builder. There will be food and we hope to get a flea band together for entertainment.



The highlight of the day will be a seaflea drive-by parade in front of the docks at Rockhaven Inn. So drag out that old Mini-Max from under the cottage and join us, or if it's not ready to go back in the water, bring it along and get some advice on how to fix it or to find a new home for it.

If you want to participate in the events, register here:

http://muskokaseaflea.ca/Fleafest2017/,

but everyone is welcome to come out and watch.

And check out the great AN ITCH FOR SEAFLEAS article in the June 2017 issue of





The Canada 150 Housey's Rapids Picnic Saturday July 15 1 - 5pm **Bass Lake Park**

Bass Lake Park will again be the site of the Housey's Rapids Picnic (#56 and counting). Kids will love the games and the Craft Table, adults will love the Horseshoe Tournament and the chance to catch up with friends not seen since the last picnic, and everyone will love the barbecue and the prize table.

So come on out and join the fun or.....be a volunteer this year!

The CANADA150

Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

Saturday July 22nd from 9 - 3.
Trophies will be presented at 3:30 on Denne's Dock

Canada150 Cake will be served after presentation of prizes

Kahshe Boutique from 1:00 - 4:00

The 8th Annual Kermit Long Kids Fishing Derby



For over 60 years this has been a tradition on Kahshe Lake. Started by Reverend Kermit Long in the mid-1950's, and continued by Nick Swirla, Peter Dykstra, Don Knight and Johnette Ollman, and now run by Ken and Karen Long with help from Sandra Moad and Toivu Madrus, it has grown from 15 participants catching fish for an entire week to a one day event with over 50 children taking part. It is a much anticipated event for all cottagers and permanent residents with children from 1 years old to 16.

It is held at the Government Dock at Denne's so that not only can boaters participate, but those without a boat can fish from the Public Dock. Many good fish have been caught from there — walleye, bass, (large and small), pike, pickerel, perch, blue gill and crappie. **AWARDS**

All participants are given a loonie and then trophies and money are given for the largest fish in each category. Plus Special Tiny which could be the tiniest child or smallest fish. Also a fun award for unusual catches i.e. rubber boots, crawfish, dragonfly.

This year, in honour of Canada's 150th birthday, all participants will be presented with a **Canada150** souvenir pin and flag, and everybody involved (kids, parents, volunteers) will get a slice of a **Canada150** birthday cake after the distribution of prizes. We also hope to have extra prizes to give out. We hope to see even **more** than 50 competitors this year.

Volunteer for "What's on on Kahshe in 2017".

See the front page

All the events on Kahshe need volunteer help. So......be a volunteer (again) this year!

To offer your services contact the following:

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I	for FleaFest2017	Gord Robinson	gordrobi@gmail.com	705 687 4584 416 546 5485
I	or	Chris Taylor	chris@muskokaseaflea.ca	705 487 1735 705 790 0367
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I	for the Picnic	Keith Price	keithonkahshe@bell.net	705 687 7108 416 233 7688
I	for the Fishing Derby	Ken Long	kklong97355@yahoo.com	705 687 8645
I	or	Sandra Moad	sandramoad1@gmail.com	705 689 8778 416 221 7253
I	for the Craft Show	Judy Ring	rockhaven@bellnet.ca	705 689 6080
I	for the Regatta	Steve Wild	steve-wild@dxc.com	705 689 4628



What's on in Gravenhurst?



Music On The Barge Gull Lake Park, Gravenhurst

Every Sunday evening from June 19th to August 14th.

This unique venue with its picturesque backdrop of Gull Lake is the perfect place to spend a Sunday evening enjoying music ranging from Big Band Era to Country & Bluegrass to the Rock & Roll music of the 50's and 60's featuring the finest artists this country has to offer.

Music On The Barge concerts begin at 7:30 pm.

Gravenhurst Bifocals Concert Band	June 18th
Orillia Silver Band	June 25th
Tribute to Roy Orbison & The Everly Brothers	July 2nd
Pauly and The Goodfellas:Jersey Nights	July 9th
Tribute to Johnny Cash & Tammy Wynette	July 16th
The Liverpool 4	July 23rd
Freddy Vette and The Flames	July 30th
The Sawdusty City Music Festival: Lineup tba	Aug 6th
The Good Brothers	Aug 13th

Collection for donations to support the Music on the Barge is taken during the concerts. In the event of inclement weather - such as rain or lightning - concerts will be CANCELLED. For more information, please contact Fred Schulz at **fjschulz@cogeco.ca**.

The Opera House

Old Wives' Tales June 13 to July 14		\$40 (reg) \$20 (student)	
Swing!	July 19 to August 25	\$40 (reg) \$20 (student)	
Sexy Laundry	September 12 to September 29	\$40 (reg) \$20 (student)	

Summer Season Flex Pack: All three plays + One Concert = \$120

Concerts include

Whiskey Jack: Stories & Songs of Stompin' Tom!

Friday, June 9th Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM \$35 (reg) | \$20 (student)

Arrogant Worms

Friday, June 30th Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM \$35 (reg) | \$20 (student)

Liona Boyd

Saturday, July 15th Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM \$35

Sawdust City Music Festival;

The Jim Cuddy Family Band with Harrow Fair, Bet Smith & The Currie Brothers

Saturday, August 5th Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM \$59

Soulsville: The Music of STAX Records

Saturday, August 26th Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM \$35 (reg) | \$20 (student)

Happy Birthday Canada! from Jack Hutton & Friends

Saturday, Sept 2nd Doors 6:30 PM | Show 7:30 PM \$25

2017 Summer Season Wrap-Up Concert

Saturday, Sept 30th Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM \$35 (reg) | \$20 (student)

For a full listing of all the other shows at the Opera House,

go to www.gravenhurst.ca, click on Discover us, and scroll down to Opera House.

2ND ANNUAL KAHSHE IBE-OUT BONTEST

This year's Ice-Out Contest was a huge success, with official ice-out called as: **April 4**, **2017 4:36:00pm**.

Congratulations to our contest winners:

- First Place (50/50 prize of \$122.50) --> Theresa Pritchard (April 4, 4:20:20pm)
- Second Place (\$100 gift card for Woodmill of Muskoka Inc.) --> Austin Ball (April 4, 3:31:59pm)
- Third Place (\$100 gift card for Northland Recreation Ltd) --> Alison Smithers (April 4, 3:30:00pm)

Shout out to John Kuropatwa. who had the 4th closest guess of April 4 @ 2:37:00pm

Winners were determined by having the times closest to official Ice-Out, KLRA Sailboat floating, without going beyond.

Thanks to Hayley and Steve Wild for providing the sailboat and a live webcam stream, making it easy to check in on weather and ice-conditions.

Of course, thanks to our sponsors – **Northland Recreation Ltd** and **Woodmill of Muskoka Inc.**

Finally, huge thanks to everyone who bought tickets and helped support the KLRA Annual Regatta and Nagaya Beach.

Next year we hope to repeat the success of this event. Watch the January Krier for details..





8th Annual Kahshe Lake Photo Contest

Final submissions by 4:00 pm, July 28, 2016 in jpeg format only.

Kahshe Nature: Landscape Kahshe Nature: Wild Life Life on Kahshe

Kids on Kahshe Kids' Eye View (photographers 12 and under only

For more details and rules go to www.kahshlake.ca -> 2017 Photo Contest

And a special

one-time-only "CANADA150 ON Kahshe" Photo Contest,

run by COM-Com.

Please note that this is **not** part of the main Photo Contest above.

Send me your best picture (1 only per contestant) of friends and family celebrating Canada's 150th at the lake. Photos should have an <u>obvious</u> **Kahshe or Bass Lake** <u>and</u> **Canada150** content, should be in jpeg format and

should be sent to

keithonkahshe@bell.net

by midnight on August 31st.

Please include your name and your contact number

Winners will receive a prize from the **Kahshe Boutique**. Results and winning pictures will appear in the September Krier. All other pictures will appear in the September, January and May Kriers as space permits.

Drone images in support of the KLRA!

The beauty of Kahshe Lake is now being photographed by Randy Craig using a state-of-the-art drone, compliant with Transport Canada safety guidelines. If you would like **your** property photographed from above, Randy will provide up to three hi-res images from various heights and angles.

Imagine your cottage as the focus of a picture like this. ->
The cost?



A minimum donation of \$100 to the KLRA Rock Marker fund.

Randy is able to take on a maximum of 25 requests for now, on a first come, first served basis For more details, contact Randy directly at: rcraig3366@gmail.com

INMEMORIAM

Trevor Herbert Baker 1929 - 2017

Trevor passed away peacefully on his 88th Birthday this April. His cottage on Bass Lake at the eastern end of Kahshe Lake was always a great source of pride and joy. He was first initiated to the charms of Kahshe Lake as a young boy when his family took vacations renting a large cottage at Moad's on Kahshe near Kluey's Bay, probably back in early 40's. They returned year after year, and somewhere in those treasured family times the seed was planted for his love of Kahshe Lake.



Trevor was very active in the (then) Housey's Rapids Cottager's Association, serving on many committees, conducting and submitting regular water quality samples, and eventually serving as HRCA President for 2 years. A lifelong educator, he eventually took on the role of Business Studies Coordinator for the Scarborough Board of Education, which he held until his retirement in the late 80's. During this time, along with his wife Beth, he acquired the means to purchase a very modest 2 bedroom cabin on Bass Lake in 1971, complete with no running water, which meant outdoor facilities! Over time and with the help of local contractor Cliff Fitchett, plumbing and then 2 additions were added creating a unique gable windowed 3 bedroom cedar cottage. Trevor, with some help from his sons, completed much of the interior work with "professional pride" over the years as time allowed outside of all the usual cottage leisure activities. These included golfing with the family at Bracebridge G.C. and then Thursday Men's Days at Kirrie Glen, and much time spent with his children, Lorri, Ken & Steve, and eventually his 5 grandchildren; on the water, playing horseshoes or card games played into the evenings.

They all treasured their time spent at the cottage with Trevor, and they continue to look forward to their summers at the cottage every year with special thanks to the legacy left behind by Trevor.

Walter (Wally or Mooey) Bell Moore, January 16 1918 - January 18 2017

Walter was born in Bangor, Ireland, a seaside town 22 km east of Belfast. He was the youngest of 5 boys and 1 girl. His father, John, was killed on the last day of the war in 1918, so in 1920, his mother decided to come to Canada with 6 kids – by herself. What a trip that must have been. Having known my uncles and aunt, I suspect they were little rascals, especially Ivy. I'm sure Wally, even at 3 years old, must have been the least of her problems. They ended up on Rogers Road in



Toronto and later on Caledonia Road, on the slope that plunges from Eglinton Ave. to Gilbert Ave. Also on that slope lived the Kehl family, also immigrants and my father became good friends with Ab Kehl. In the mid-30s, Ab took my dad up to Kahshe Lake with his family. His mother was Irish, so that was another bond.

The Kehls had a cottage there across from the Tuero family, whose parents were also immigrants, from Spain. That cottage was built by Von Alma and Frank Kidd and still stands today. That's where he meet my mother Ana Tuero. He inevitably ended up permanently visiting across the road and they were married in 1943. He was a 48th. Highlander all his life and was enlisted from 1935 to 1945. He worked his way up the ranks from Corporal through Sergeant Major to Lieutenant. He came back to Canada from Italy for Officer's training and then was sent back to Italy in August 1944. He was then seriously wounded in the back in September and the bullet remained there all his life. When he recovered, he was at Kahshe Lake and made a deal to buy the property next door for \$75. It was a Sunday in 1945, and he made arrangements to meet the owner in Toronto that night to pay him. Unfortunately an acquaintance overheard the deal and when my dad left, he offered \$76 and my dad lost the deal. Many years later the property came on the market for a 3rd time and my dad finally bought it. He spent the summer of 2016 there before he went into Sunnybrook where he died peacefully and without pain. He is greatly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

Roger John Pearce, 1950 - April 24, 2017

Roger Pearce was a talented artist, and the painting doctor who could restore most any painting. Over the years he also had a hand in the murals which used to be prominent in downtown Gravenhurst. He passed away from cancer on April 24, 2017 at the age of 67. He was a great one for philosophical conversations on the beach, or wherever one would encounter him. He will be missed by his neighbours in the vicinity of Nagaya Beach, and the friends, far and near, he had made through Facebook, and via his webpage (http://www.rogerpearce.com/index.shtml). Rest In Peace, Roger.

[Although I never met Roger Pearce, I can safely say that he was a remarkable man, not only for his artistic talent (check out his website at http://www.rogerpearce.com/index.shtml), but for his philosophizing. The following is a passage he posted on Facebook on March 7, 2017, knowing that the end was near. I wish I had known him. Ed.]

For the past few months I have been through a series of symptoms, diagnoses and preparations for the treatment of cancer. It seems I have been in good company with many well known stars, and right here with people I know first hand. It started with a fairly optimistic prognosis but, as it can be for many, my overall health has deteriorated while the cancer has become more aggressive.

I now find myself at the last phase of this journey, and with the help of the wonderful people at Princess Margaret hospital, who have been so kind and supportive throughout all of this, I am now getting things organized for the final phase of this journey which is palliative care. As David Bowie put it on his final album Black Star, "When you know, you know", and I find myself facing the most mystical part of this long voyage we call life, that event we know we must all face someday and which only happens once in a lifetime, my death.

In my mind and conscious soul, that spirit which is me, I have known this for some time, and have come to terms with it all as best one can. The fear of the unknown still lingers, but when I look back over my 67 years, I am very happy with and appreciate all the opportunities, support, freedoms to pursue my passions, and success with achieving the goals I set in early life.

In my search throughout these years "I stood on the shoulders of giants" as Newton put it and, with the help of many friends, my dear mother, and the communities I've lived in, I feel that I have achieved a great deal in unravelling the mysteries that puzzle our minds about the true nature of the reality we live in and the possibilities to make the world a better place, something we all need in these troubling times and for the sake of our children and theirs.

Well I'm feeling a little tired now so let me offer my hopes for peace and love to you all and hopefully I'll have more time to communicate some more with you all before it runs out.

I will say I've always been quite curious about the final mystery and when I recall the near death experience I had a few days ago after minor surgery at Toronto General, which was profoundly amazing, coupled with all angles of study on the subject, theology, science, spirituality, and most recently quantum mechanics, I realize that none of the above know anything for sure about what is the truth in this matter. I'll be happy to tell you that I believe we are much more than just a brain in a skull with a body attached. We are a mind, a spirit, a soul, we are life and consciousness in a universe of life and consciousness, but as Bowie said,"when you know, you know".

Yours sincerely with love,

Roger John Dearce

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