

## Celebration and Open House Update – May 27-2024

First a little business – instead of an email we will be using the message board on the front page of the website (under picture) to advise if bowling has been cancelled due to rain, etc. Please check there if the weather is unsettled and/or for current updates. And, no unfortunately we will not bowl today – the green is wet and they are calling for thunderstorms this morning/early afternoon.

### Celebration Update

Well the weatherman did not co-operate as much as we had hoped but we had a good turnout. I saw lots of people – members and guests trying out the new bionic arm and pusher.

Did you expect the banter and comradery between the dignitaries or expect the comedy improv? I did not. Nor did I expect them to go to such great lengths to come. MP Dowdall, MPP Saunderson and Mayor Measure all had to change their schedules to be with us at the same time. Mayor Smith, Wasaga Beach\* unfortunately could not so Joe Belanger came. Joe is a great supporter of short mat at the beach so quite appropriate.

Very special – a number of the club's former executive members come out – Alinda Bishop, Corrine & Wayne Brownridge, June Hartley, Alice Redpath and Gerry Cox and Elizabeth. They have so many stories to tell, I could have spent the whole time with them jotting down notes to fill in the blanks in club history. And it was heart warming to know they have been keeping an eye on the club and are happy to see the changes and how it has grown.

We also had friends from the Collingwood club come. The Barrie Club and Beth Willoughby sent congratulatory letters; both are posted on the window.

But this event would not have been possible without the support of members. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the preparations for Saturday – from the initial spring clean up, the garden work, the work around the green and club grounds right up to the Friday before. For all the help setting up the displays and pictures – I would never have finished if Lyn had not spent the last couple of days with me. And to everyone who came out to assist on the day. Thank you on behalf of the executive to one and all – for coming out, for helping and for being a member.