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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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of Southeast Oakville and Old Oakville

of Olde Oakville

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MEET RAY AND JOAN PEACOCK

PRANCING WITH THE STARS UPDATE

SHEILA E. TUCKER'S *RAG DOLLS AND RAGE*

SETTING NEW-YEAR GOALS

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Hello Neighbours,

Happy New Year. Can you believe it's almost 2020! The January issue of *Neighbours of Olde Oakville* has a heart-warming story about Ray and Joan Peacock. Originally from Port Sunlight, England, the Peacocks came to Canada in 1971. The family purchased a small home that dates back to 1946 and was constructed from a Sears Catalogue kit and they have been together for 60 years. We also have an update on Prancing with the Stars, an article about local charity Beads for Africa celebrating its 10th anniversary, and learn about *Rag Dolls and Rage*, a memoir written by Sheila E. Tucker that is garnering attention.

If you have a suggestion for a feature resident or family, a recipe you would like to share or a beautiful photograph of Oakville, email deveresthill@bestversionmedia.com.

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year!



Deborah Everest-Hill, Content Coordinator

What's the Buzz?

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

By Janet Haslett-Theall and Dave Gittings, Ward 3 Councillors
 Photos provided by Town of Oakville



You and your family are invited to celebrate and welcome another year at the Annual New Year's Levee on Sunday, Jan. 5 from 1 to 3 pm at Town Hall. There will be light refreshments, musical performances and an opportunity to meet with friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you there.

From our families to yours, Happy New Year!

In other news, with last month's completion of Phase 1 of the major infrastructure rebuilding and beautification of Lakeshore Road, we would like to share this update and invitation from Sharlene Plewman, Executive Director of the Downtown Oakville BIA.

A new year is upon us and we're so grateful to not only be able to reflect back on all that we are thankful for this past year, but also look forward to another year of new beginnings. On behalf of the merchants of Downtown Oakville and the BIA, we are eternally grateful to this amazing community that has pulled together and continued to support Downtown Oakville throughout the first phase of the construction project. Despite the fences and construction work, you still came out to frequent your local shops, restaurants and services, and it made a difference. We enjoyed seeing the transformation of the first phase alongside you, celebrating each milestone. And now that we can see the beautiful outcome with so many pedestrian-friendly attributes it makes it easier to get through Phase 2. We are looking forward to this year, enjoying the newly completed section and seeing the exciting progress on the next phase. With our signature events about to kick-off for the season, 24 new businesses to serve, plus your longstanding favourites and continued free parking on Saturdays and first hour free throughout the week (using Honk), there's always a great reason to visit Downtown Oakville. We look forward to seeing you throughout 2020. Happy New Year!

For further information, or to be kept up to date on Ward 3 issues, please email ward3@Oakville.ca to receive Dave & Janet's e-newsletter.



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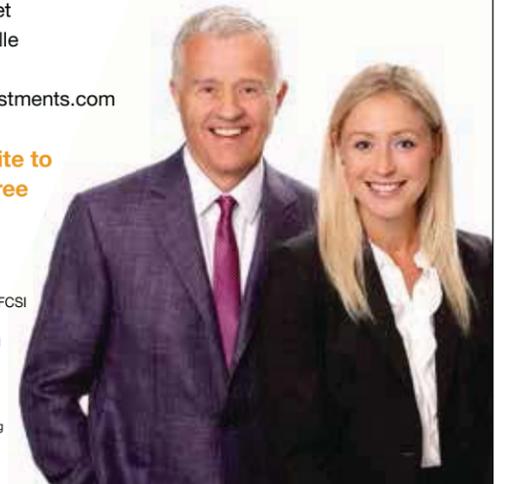
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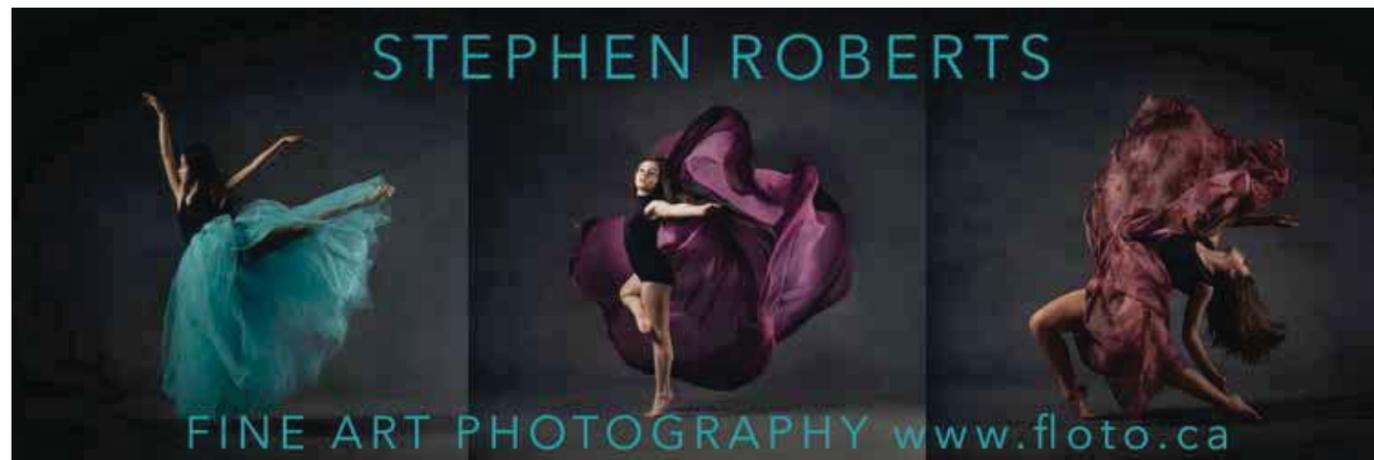
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Author Spotlight...

Memoir in Support of Local Charity Garnering Great Reviews

By Author Sheila E. Tucker

My new book, *Rag Dolls and Rage*, is the true story of a turbulent childhood filled with betrayal and trauma, and yet, to me, it's so much more than this. Interwoven between hardships is humour, love, resilience and victory.

Through my eyes, you will experience a year of visits to someone I consider a brilliant psychotherapist, in Oakville. Sit next to me in Dr. Beal's clinic as I wade knee-deep into emotions I have stifled for decades. Follow me back to England as I revisit experiences ranging from broken promises and shattered trust at age four to being crowned festival princess at age ten. Watch me grow into a defiant teenager battling cruelty at school, and then moving to a big city to meet new friends and start a new life.

Most importantly, listen in to intimate conversations between doctor and patient. Dr. Beal scribbles away as I pour it all out. In the last third of the book, based on what I have revealed, Dr. Beal's feedback causes me to have revelations that exorcise my anger, guilt and grief. I learn to perceive the past in a new way and I am at peace.

Launched with great success by A Different Drummer Books in September, *Rag Dolls and Rage* has been the topic of discussion at various events, and the memoir is getting good reviews. Profits from the sale of the book are being donated to charity. To learn more about the memoir and the charitable work it supports, visit www.ragdollsandrage.com.

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